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24 teams to compete for \$4000

Teams from all over Fiji will be competing for \$4000 in prize money in the Vodafone National Rugby League Sevens tournament on December 23.

And the Fiji Bati will select 16 players after the Vodafone Sevens to attend camp in preparation for the NZ Maori XIII Test in Coffs Harbour in January.

The selected players will also compete in the Orara Valley Axemen Sevens from January 25-28.

Twenty-four teams have confirmed their participation for the

event at Churchill Park No 1 & 2 starting from 8:30am.

The tournament was to be held earlier this month, but was postponed due to unavailability of the ground.

Vodafone Fiji earlier this year announced a \$300,000 sponsorship of the Fiji Bati and rugby league in Fiji.

The timely sponsorship allowed the Vodafone Fiji Bati to travel to Australia to participate in the World Cup qualifying rounds.



Vodafone Fiji's Chief Financial Officer Pradeep Lal (left) and Vodafone chairman Lionel Lee presenting the cheque to Fiji Rugby League CEO Peni Musunamasi and the Fiji Bati Rugby team earlier this year.

Vodafone ATH Foundation supports environmental programme in Rotuma

THE VODAFONE ATH Foundation is supporting efforts by the Rotuman community to safeguard and protect the islands natural resources with a donation of around \$30,000.

The Laje Rotuma project is an initiative of a group of young Rotumans, who live in Suva, who are concerned about the erosion of marine life and natural resources on the island. Since it was initiated in 2002, the first phase of the project has been completed which included raising awareness on the importance of the environment and a socio-economic survey.

Laje Rotuma Coordinator, Monifa Fiu, said the assistance from the Vodafone ATH Foundation was a major contribution to the successful implementation of the second phase of the project.

"Our objective is to create a more environmentally conscious population and the funding will greatly support the community action programmes that we have organised," Fiu said.

"Through the funding we will be able to conduct training in the islands on waste management practices, support the community in coastal rehabilitation and introduce best beach practices. The project also expects to create more awareness on the damage caused by irresponsible dumping of household waste."

Since its inception, Laje Rotuma has identified environmental concerns that has a negative impact on subsistence fishing on the island. These concerns include smaller sized and reduced catch to date (inshore fisheries), a reduction in fishing holes within the lagoon, clogged by an unknown fast-growing coral species, a local phenomenon called kama, irresponsible dumping of household rubbish to the foreshore and the vulnerability of coastal areas to adverse impacts of climate change such as coastal erosion and bleaching of coral reefs.

Fiu said the idea behind the initiative is to protect a people's heritage for the future and to mobilize a community to manage their natural resources well.

"For many of us who are directly involved in the coordination of LRI, have been privileged to experience life lessons whilst interacting with our own kinsmen, as well as share that knowledge with others by learning from different cultures."

People snap up mobile phones as Muani connects

MORE than 260 people snapped up mobile phones as the Muani community in Kadavu got connected to the outside world with the early Christmas gift of mobile communications from Vodafone Fiji.

The Muani base station, the company's 110th, around Fiji was welcomed by the community as the gift of mobile communications meant saving both time and money.

"It's like a miracle," said Methodist Christian Fellowship Pastor Joji Tuiyaga. "Work which took me a whole day and cost a lot of money in truck hire is covered quickly through phone."

"I am able to contact members of my congregation from as far Muani, Muanisolo, Wailevu and Nabukalevu i Ra."

Businessman Kavivati Naisoro of Ravitaki says he can now do business from home. "I am no longer travelling long distances to make a call."

Local truck drivers say mobile phone access means they can sit and wait for people to call them rather than waste fuel driving around looking for business while others say they can now call relatives in Suva and, very importantly, make radio dedications.

"The new site will certainly help people of the province in communicating from Muani and surrounding villages in Kadavu to the rest of Fiji and the world," Vodafone executive Ligavatu Gukuisuva

Vodafone Fiji now has a total of 110 base stations, providing mobile coverage for over 65% of the population.

Another 15 new base stations, based on increasing coverage and capacity in the greater Suva area as well as better rural coverage and taking access to tourism resorts on outlying islands, are to be put in place in the next few months.

The Muani site covers a wide area including Matavo, Namara, Galoa, Muani, Ravitaki, Dravuvalu, Vukavu and Joma villages, plus the Airstrip, and Kadavu Lailai and Makanuku Islands.

Coverage has also been extended to Matava Resort whereas guests previously had to take a boat ride two kilometres out to sea to get coverage. Other areas with coverage include parts of Burelevu & Burelevu-i-Ra and parts of Soso.

The base station also enables customers in the area to browse the Internet using GPRS Mobile Connect Cards.

Vodafone staff donate food to Poor Relief and Bayly Welfare

VODAFONE FIJI staff has brought some Christmas cheer to the community by donating over \$2180 worth of food packs.

A total of 73 food packs were distributed to Bayly Trust Welfare and the Poor Relief Society for distribution to the needy in the community.

"Each year, Vodafone Fiji staff raises money for charity and gives to a variety of good causes," says Vodafone Fiji executive assistant Manorama Singh.

"In this small way, we can help the community we live in and the community Vodafone Fiji serves," she said. "We hope that we have been able to make a difference to at least 73 families lives this Christmas with this small donation."

The staff raised the money through voluntarily contributions. This is an annual event, with last year staff donating personal items to the Suva Old People's Home and other groups.



Above: Vodafone staff donate food packs to the Bayly Trust Welfare
Below: Vodafone staff donate food packs to the Poor Relief Society



Share ur story with us n win

AT VODAFONE, we've heard so many stories of how our products and services have saved the day.

These include the story of how someone's Vodafone helped save a group of people from drowning to stopping a crime to just plain enabling people to better their lives such as starting a new business from home or being able to stay in touch with family all around the world because mobile phones brought communications access to previously unwired areas.

Now your story can win you the latest mobile phone. Each week we will give away the featured handset in this newsletter to the person who submits the best true story of the week.

All you have to do is email ligavatu.gukuisuva@vodafone.com.fj.

* The judges' decision is final.

GET UR PHONE CONFIGURED

VODAFONE FIJI mobile phone customers, if your phone has not already been set up to receive screensavers, themes or wallpapers and polyphonic ringtones, just call 123 and get your mobile rocking.

You will get a pre-configured setting on your mobile which you will have to activate. The instructions are simple and the customer care rep will advise you what to do depending on the model of your handset.

Alcatel, Sharp and LG handsets have to be set up manually by bringing them to one of our shops while Nokia, Sony Ericsson, Motorola, Panasonic, Samsung and Sagem can be set up by the customer care representatives.

HANDSET UPDATE



Manufacturer: Sagem
Colours: Silver
Weight: 86 grams
Size: 105 x 46 x 14 mm
Standard battery: Lithium Ion 2.5G, Standby: (max) 350 days**, Battery 2.5G maximum talk time: 240 minutes**

Sagem MY 400V

Features: Alarm Clock, Data Capable, Colour Backgrounds, Colour Backlights, Colour Screen, Downloadable Ringtones, Handsfree, Icons, Infra-red, Internal Aerial, Java Capable, Polyphonic Ringtones, Predictive Text, PXT - Integrated Camera, Tri-Band, Vibrating Alert, Video, Capable WAP

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