

## **Press Release**

## Daylight Saving begins tomorrow morning

There has been a major shift in the Daylight-Saving Time for this year due to the changes forced by the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our programmed activities for the year. Last year, DST started on the second Sunday in November and ended on second Sunday in January. Accordingly, all electronic devices such as laptops and mobile phones in the Fijian market still carry the DST software patch that was applied last year.

Now that DST start day this year has been moved to Sunday (20<sup>th</sup>) December 2020, the DST software patch applied on devices last year will still get activated at 2.00AM on the second Sunday in November 2020. Accordingly, if your device time setting mode is set to "set automatically", the device time will automatically move one (1hr) ahead at 2.00AM on the second Sunday in November 2020. To avoid this situation, it is advisable that you disable the automatic mode to prevent your device time moving forward by an hour. Similarly, on the second Sunday in January based on last year's DST end date, if your device is still set to automatic, the time will move back by an hour. To avoid all the confusion, it is advisable that you switch off the automatic mode and adjust the time on your electronic devices and mobile phones manually during the DST period.

Vodafone wishes to advise its users to be aware of potential changes in their device time since many users depend on their mobile phones to keep up with time and appointments. The unexpected change in device time due to DST changes could potentially catch them of guard.