



**Suva Juju Association**

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To Juju Members and Supporters,

The 2017 Secretariat of the Suva Juju Association wishes to thank you all for your tremendous support and participation during the past weekend at the celebration of Rotuma Day in Suva.

Fai'aksia to all the SJA children and you gave us the best that you had and we are so, so, so very proud of you all! Our gratitude to all the children and young people that made the *mak' ouvea* and you made we, your leaders, parents and elders so very proud when you elevated the spirits of all those present. It was when we thought that we could not revive this ancestral dance that you children proved us your elders wrong! For many that gathered including Juju decentants, they were seeing the *mak' ouvea* performed for the first time and some after many years and they witness the dance again!

We want to thank the elders, parents and members for your support and in particular Joan Wiliame, Makarita Fuata, Perao & Mere Valarino, Aterana Nakaora, Herena Mose, Bernadete and Etika Sefeti and Annie Paulo for preparing our children and allowing them to learn so fast and so vast!! The output was tremendous and aweasome!

To all who participated at the Formal Dinner, Island Night, Farmers' Show, Women's Craft, Storytelling, chanting, poetry recital – your efforts were what made us proud!

**Acknowledgment:**

- To Jacinta Tonga, Makarita Fuata, Sharon Veu and Agatha Paserio for bringing home the Contemporary Trophy and making Juju proud with the
  - Overall Individual Contemporary Winner Trophy
  - 3rd in the overall district contemporary category
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes in Sulu and Jamba category
  - 1<sup>st</sup> in the Mumu Category,
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Mom Muom category
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Cushion Cover category
- To Paserio Furivai and his attainment of 4<sup>th</sup> place in one of the yam categories at the farmers' show!
- To Gina Sefeti for her prize award in the student's competition and all students that participated from Juju!

**Noa'ia 'e garue!**



Juju district youth with the amazing performance of their ancestral dance – the *mak uvea*!



Far Right – FRA Chairperson Paserio Furivai with the Chief Guest Ms Aliti Makrava and other invited Guests namely the Chief from Malha'a (Far Left) and Chief from Oinafa (behind left) at the celebration on Saturday 13/05/17.



Nana Aterana Nakaora with old time friend Suliana Cavuilati



Agatha Paserio with model Kanansau wearing the winning mumu of the Contemporary Category



The media coverage - Fiji Times picture of our youths in action!

