

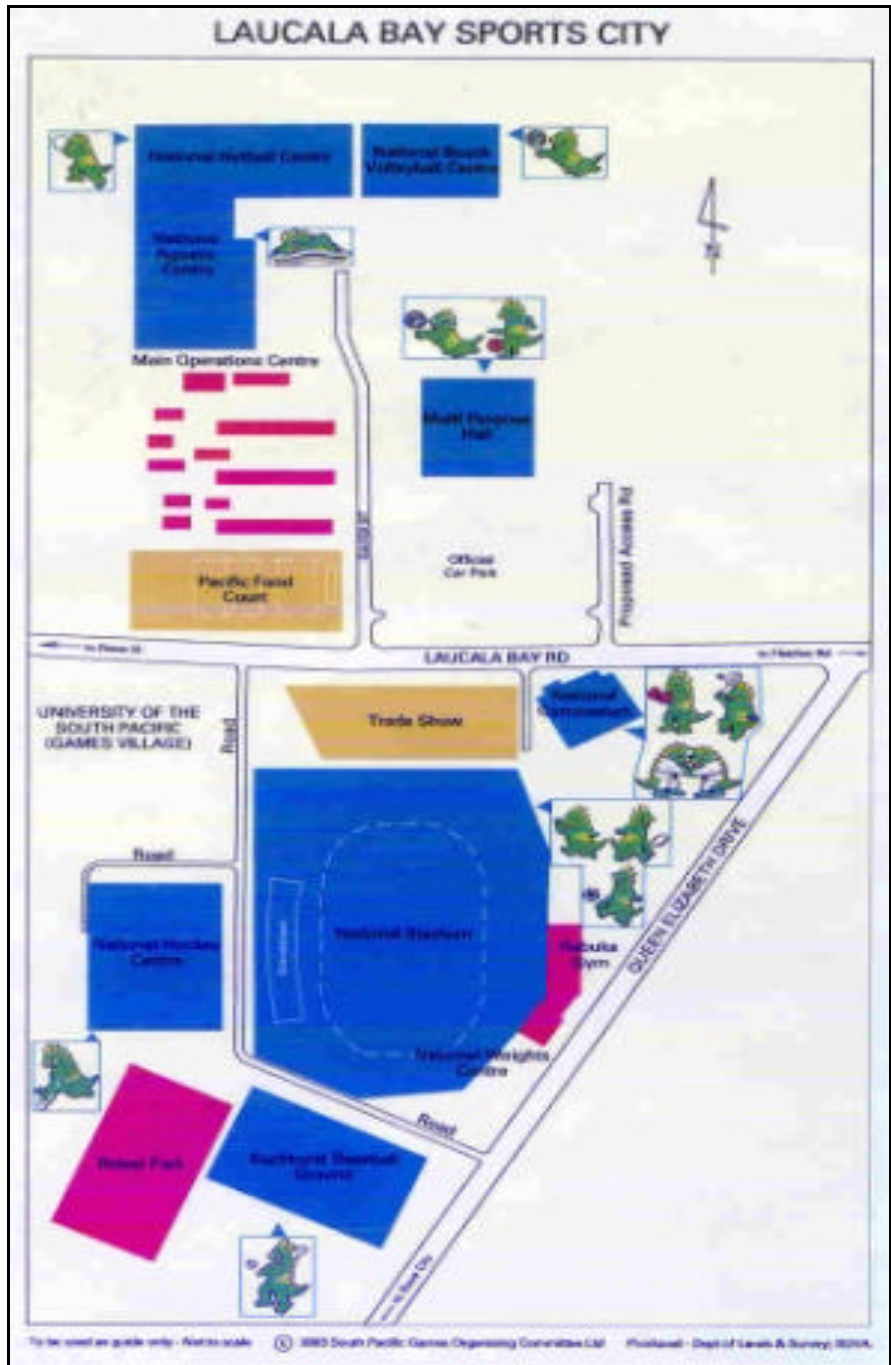
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FLIS news

2003 SPG – LAUCALA BAY SPORTS CITY

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Special points of interest:

The following policies are incorporated into the development of the Fiji Land Information System Support:

- Data Custodianship
- Metadata
- Charges Policy
- Standards
- Data Sharing
- Licensing Agreement

**2003 South Pacific Games Locality Map of Laucala Bay Sports City.
Prepared By: Lands & Survey Department, Suva Fiji.**

SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES MAPS

Mrs. Akata Takala and her team at Cartography Section, - Lands Dept. have completed the preparation and printing of 82 Locality maps, (thematic maps) showing different venues of various sports for this year's South Pacific Games.

These maps contain locality diagrams of the 32 sports, that will be played during the tournament. Mrs. Takala said that they also have prepared more detailed complex maps, that shows where each game / sport is housed & specifically showing the sitting arrangements with other available facilities within the complex. These are well defined locality and complex maps that can be easily read by the athletes and the general public.

The Editorial team wishes our Fiji contenders "All the best in their performances during SPG. Tournament."

COVER PAGE- LOCALITY PLAN OF LAUCALA BAY SPORTS CITY.



Mrs. Akata Takala , Technical Officer I – Cartography Section, Lands & Survey Department.

FIJI TELECOM GIS TEAM WINS LOGO COMPETITION

It is very encouraging to note the vast improvement in understanding and appreciation of GIS & Remote Sensing as important tools for development. Prior to last year's GIS and Remote Sensing User Forum Annual Conference, a competition on designing the "Logo" for future conferences, amongst the user member agencies, with the theme: **GIS/RS for Pacific Island Development**, was held in Suva, Fiji.

Telecom Fiji GIS team comprising of Manoa Ravutia, Ritesh Daji & Laisiasa Ginigini, designed a logo which later earned them prize money in the Team Award category, of their Company's "Employee Of The Month's Award". Their team effort was recognised by their company, Telecom Fiji and also the GIS/RS User forum group. "CONGRATULATIONS!"



L – R: **Manoa R., Ritesh D & Laisiasa G** with the team award during the Fiji Telecom November Award.

THE WINNING LOGO



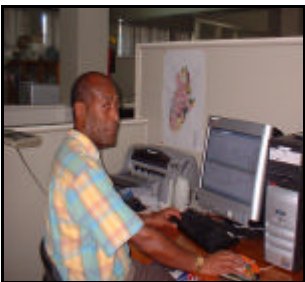
FLIS STAFF PROFILE



Sitiveni Gauna, [System Analyst Programmer] Mr. Gauna joined FLIS Support Centre, early this year after he spent a year as a lecturer at the Fiji Institute of Technology. He graduated with a Diploma in Electrical Engineering (Electronics) at FIT, 1994-1996; and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Computing Science & Information Systems from the University of the South Pacific, 1999-2001. Mr. Gauna accepts challenges as he performs duties, such as System Analysis & Design; Software Development; Maintenance etc. as assigned to him, by his manager.



Shivnay Naidu, [System (Application) Analyst Programmer], at FLIS. The position he held since January, 2003. Mr. Naidu graduated with a B.Sc., Computer Science and Information Systems from the University of the South Pacific in 1999. Prior to his appointment, Shivnay was already acting on this position as a temporary Programmer, at FLIS for approximately a year. Mr. Naidu has been assigned with projects such as: Crown Lease Rental System; Land Valuation and Lease Admin System; Image Indexing and Viewer System, Data Quality etc.



Mr. Mosese Baravilala [Acting FLIS Project Manager], is now heading the project team at FLIS. Mr. Baravilala joined the service in 1982 as a Technical Assistant. He worked in various sections of the Technical Division at Lands Dept. until he went abroad for further studies at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, where he gained a Bachelor of Applied Science (1995-1998). Mosese's proven ability will no doubt, allow him to perform at his best, on his new designated post.



Pratima Geeta Anjani : [Acting Technical Officer I - FLIS] Miss Anjani was transferred from Cartography Section to Fiji Land Information System Support Centre, early this year. Geeta obtained a Bachelor of Applied Science (Geomatics) with Honors First Class from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University, Melbourne, Australia in 2001. Geeta says she looks forward to working with the FLIS team, especially with the Project Unit which she's a member of.

TRAINING



Miss R. Rita

Training / Education is important to Fiji Land Information System. (FLIS)

FLIS needs skilled and trained people to cope with its dynamic and increasing work demand. FLIS has once again produced its 2003 Training Programme. This is a clear indication of its continued commitment towards the development of Human Resources. Early this year, FLIS has also acquired training such as Project Management, Training Instructors,

MS Project (Level 2), Image Rectification by SOPAC, etc.

FLIS is proud to announce the acceptance of one of its staff, Miss Rashmi Rita who is on further studies abroad.

Miss Rashmi Rita is sponsored by ACIAR John Alwright Fellowship, and administered by AUSAID, to do a Masters Environmental Management and Development (EMD) at the National Centre for Development Studies, Australian Universities.

The Programme is for a duration of 2 years – 4 semesters.

Miss Rita says that she will do a GIS. thesis applying GIS to EMD, and for her final sub-thesis research, she is hoping to carry it out here in Fiji.

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FIJI LAND INFORMATION SYSTEM SUPPORT CENTRE WORK PLAN PROJECTS- 2003

- Develop State Land GIS
- Develop Vanuaview - Property & Customised Systems
- Develop Pilot Projects
- Develop Qoliqoli Mapping & Information System
- Re-design of Land Rental System
- Develop Survey Plans Imaging
- Develop Website for the Department
- Develop Valuation Mapping
- Complete Migration of FLIS System from Arev to SQL Server/VB
- Develop Vanualink
- Update FLIS Systems
- Improve Data Quality & Consistency
- Develop & Implement FLISSC 2003 Work Plan & Training Programme
- Prepare Year 2004 FLIS Budget
- Establish Local Area Network for Div. Surveyor - Northern & Western Divisions.

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The idea behind the **FLISNews** is to provide an avenue for the dissemination of information amongst the many varied groups interested in the Land Information Systems, both in Fiji and overseas.

It is also the intention of the editorial staff that the newsletter be informative to the user community at large especially the many allied agencies.

Contributions on local, national and international news will always be welcomed and serious attention will be paid to constructive criticisms.

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2002 AURISA CONFERENCE

The Australian Urban and Regional Information System Association [AURISA] Conference 2002 was held in Adelaide from 25th - 30th November 2002 at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The Fiji Government was represented by **Mr. Pauliasi Waqanokonoko**, the Principal Scientific Officer at the Department of Mineral Resources and **Mr. Kemueli Masikerei**, the Assistant Director Mapping and Land Information of the Department of Lands and Surveys.

The theme of the Conference was **"e-future: into the mainstream"** and the program was developed to focus on the theme and the key areas within the spatial sciences industry including: 1) Urban environment, 2) Communities and societies, 3) Survey and geomatics 4) Emergency management, 5) Spatial application in government, 6) Risk assessment, 7) Spatial education.

The Conference included Workshops and Technical Tours. It was organized jointly by AURISA, the Institution of Surveyors Australia and the New Zealand Institute of Surveyors.

The combined effort was aimed at promoting the role of the spatial sciences in the mainstreams of business and

society. This is significantly symbolized by the Conference Theme - **'e-future: into the mainstream'**.

One of the highlights of the Conference was the proposal put forward that the five [5] existing institutions to unify to form a high representative body known as the "Spatial Sciences Institute" which would service practitioners in Australia.

The five [5] participating institutions are:

1) AURISA 2) Institute of Engineer and Mining Surveyors, Australia 3) The Institute of Surveyors, Australia 4) Mapping Sciences Institute, Australia 5) The Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Association of Australia.

The first conference that would be organized by the new institute would be held in Canberra from 22nd to 27th November, 2003.



Mr. K. Masikerei, one of Fiji Government representative to the AURISA Conference, 2002