

## APRIL PRESS RELEASE



### Fiji TRC Logo launch

The Fiji Truth and Reconciliation Commission (FTRC) has announced that they are embarking on a public outreach campaign to facilitate contact with the Commission from individuals or communities who have been impacted by past political upheavals.

The mandate of the FTRC is to examine past political upheavals and their impact on people's lives. The Commission is looking at physical and emotional harm, loss of life and property and systemic injustices on people. This is being done to foster unity and social cohesion in society to ensure everyone feels safe, equal, included and able to thrive.

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The Commission today released a contact form for anyone who wishes to contact them and register interest in the process of truth-telling for healing and reconciliation. The forms are available online through the FTRC social media pages and will be available at Post Offices around the country in the near future.

Individuals who wish to contact the Commission can do so on telephone number 9908346.

The Commission also announced its visual branding as part of efforts to build recognition, to communicate the values of the FTRC and to create a cohesive and memorable visual identity for the work of the FTRC going forward.

Designed by the Greenhouse Studio in consultation with the Commission, the visual brand depicts the mat, an item that brings people together in a communal space to hold meetings and talanoa and in some regard show utmost and respect and gratitude. The design reflects the Commission's role in fostering truth telling, reconciliation, healing and unity.

At the heart of the design is the triangle motif representing a person standing strong. When placed together, it forms a community and ultimately these triangles or people form a radiant sun, representing a new day, hope and healing. On its own, the triangles signify power and resilience but together it demonstrates the strength that comes from unity.

The outer layer inspired by the 'kula' (woolen decorative edges of some Fijian mats) showcases its vibrant displays of colors. This represents the diversity of people from all walks of life, coming together to shape a brighter future. The use of Holi-inspired colors-rich oranges, yellows, purples and reds show renewal and the celebration of cultural harmony.

For the Commission this logo is not just a design, it is a statement of hope and reconciliation, a visual representation of the nation's journey towards healing. As the nation comes together, weaving our stories and experiences into a collective narrative, to form a stronger unified society, just like the interwoven strands of a mat.

The Commission is encouraging the people of Fiji to submit their interest through the contact form and the provided email address and phone numbers.

### **About FTRC:**

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The purpose of this work is to foster unity and social cohesion in a society where everyone feels safe, equal, included and able to thrive. The Commission seeks to honour the lived experiences of survivors by providing a platform for voices to be heard, validated, and acknowledged.

The Commission emphasises that truth-telling is not about retribution. It is about recognition, healing, to ensure that history is not repeated. Through reconciliation, the Commission aims to build a stronger, more just, and peaceful Fiji for future generations.

**Note:** The Commission is encouraging members of the public to contact us in relation to any of the above. We look forward to hearing from you.

Reach us by phone, email, or through our Facebook page, where a contact form is also available.

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