

**ECONORFOLK FOUNDATION PRESENTS SUSTAINABLE ISLAND BUSINESSES
EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS TO PACIFIC ISLAND FELLOWSHIP AWARD WINNERS**



During the week 10th—17th May 2013 EcoNorfolk Foundation received a second round of funding from AUSAid to educate Leaders of the Pacific. Australian Leadership Awards Fellowship winners came to Norfolk Island to attend educational workshops after they attended a two week intensive training in Triple Bottom Line calculus at the ISA, School of Physics, University of Sydney.

EcoNorfolk has proven through science that businesses in Norfolk Island are sustainable. Included in the week long activities was an exchange of cultural diversity and social cohesion with other islanders from the Pacific.

Above: Manfred Lenzen, Professor for Sustainable Research, ISA, School of Physics, University of Sydney with Fellow Ms Christina Fillmed, Executive Director, Yap State Environmental Protection Agency, FSM Island of Yap, Fellow Pelenatita Kara, Programme Manager for Civil Society Forum of Kingdom of Tonga, Fellow June Hosking, Lagoon Day Coordinator Mauke, Cook Islands. Jodie Quintal, Program Manager, EcoNorfolk Foundation Inc, Fellow Alissa Takesy Assistant Secretary, Division of Resource Management and Development FSM Island of Pohnpei, Fellow Andrew Hoskings, Assistant Manager, Lagoon Day, Mauke, Cook Islands, Dr Joy Murray, Senior Research Fellow, ISA, School of Physics, University of Sydney, Phil Evans, Biological Soil Manager, Farmer Lou's Sustainable Farm, Norfolk Is-



The opening ceremony was at Governors Lodge which provided time for the AUSAid Fellowship Award winners to mingle with L to R: Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly, The Hon. Lisle Snell, NICHE coordinator, PJ Wilson and Fellow Andrew Hosking Cook Islands. Below Left: Fellow Christina Fillmed and Fellow Alissa Takesy from the Federated States of Micronesia enjoyed meeting Frances Evans



Central to Islanders beliefs is Christianity. The Fellows joined other Christians for a night of evening worship followed by a time of singing popular Pitcairn and Norfolk hymns at All Saint's Church, Kingston, Norfolk Island and were extremely impressed with organist Peter Randall, Minister Chris Clerke, Church Warden and Service leader David Buffett MLA and song leader Tom Lloyd.



EcoNorfolk has successfully benchmarked a number of island businesses with the Cascade Soft Drink Factory Norfolk Island featured in the University of Sydney 'Partnering With Industry' which was presented to all participants at the Future Summit in 2008 and provided a forum for Australia's leaders to participate in discussions on key issues and challenges.

Instructor Brad Forrester can prove that he is a Sustainable business. Brad has received further funding through AUSAid to instruct the Pacific Fellowship Award Winners on how they could do the same on other Pacific Islands.



Above: Prof. Lenzen provided an educational presentation to four NI Central School Students as well as community members and Fellowship winners on how to calculate and capture waste heat from the Norfolk Island Electricity Department and how to do the same on other Pacific Islands.



Part of the Sustainable Island Businesses week includes a site visit to Lou Evans Sustainable farm and information sharing on his Methane Digester. Farmer Lou's farm has been identified as a sustainable business through Triple Bottom Line assessments by EcoNorfolk with the aim to assist in advancing the science of sustainability. Farmer Lou is financed by AUSAid to showcase his business to fellowship Award winners from other Islands of the Pacific. During their time with Farmer Lou they were educated on how they can lower their carbon emissions on their Islands by using a methane digester to capture pig waste. Already Farmer Lou has been approached about visiting another island to assist in the implementation of a methane digester.

Right: Phil Evans has a passion for healthy soils. Over morning team he explained what the family does to monitor the health of the farm soils.



Not only did Cascade Soft Drinks assess their business a number of years ago they also had Forrester Court accommodation assessed. During the week the Fellows enjoyed a wonderful luncheon with Brad and Ariane Forrester at Forrester's Court. At that time they took away the idea of using glass as a road base on their islands.

A number of years ago assessments were undertaken by EcoNorfolk Foundation Inc.

The methodology used in the assessments is the result of research at the Centre for Integrated Sustainability Analysis (ISA) at the University of Sydney, funded by the NSW Environmental Trust. The Star-Rating has been carried out in accordance with a pilot TBL study on Norfolk Island as documented on the ISA website.

Below Left to right: Norfolk Island Administration Manager of Electricity Department, Mochie Christian provided information on how they can capture the waste energy at the Norfolk Electricity department. Norfolk Island Administration Conservator of Public Reserves, Mr. Peter Davidson explained to the Fellows our special zones, a visit to the Waste Management Centre, and an outstanding dialogue with Mr. Neil Tavener on the Sewerage Plant.





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During the week of activities time was set aside for the Fellows to be briefed by Dr. Coral Rowston, Director of Norfolk Island National Park and Botanic Garden. Below are a few comments made by some of the AUSaid Fellowship Award winners.

Above: L t R: Fellow June Hoskings, Director National Park , Dr Coral Rowston, Fellow Alissa Takesy, Fellow Pelenatita Kara, Fellow Christina Filmed, and Fellow Andrew Hoskings.

“Great hike tour between Mr. Pitt and Mt Bates—learnt about National Park Governance and Management.” *Alissa Takesy*

“Very interesting to hear and see the development of the National Park history by Dr Coral. I enjoyed the nature walk along the track from Mt Pitt to Mt. Bates. Observed the variety of Flora and Fauna displays. Beautiful walk with nature.” *Andrew Hoskings*



Above top Left: Ms. Mikiela Christian-Reynolds with her father Mr. Don Reynolds.

CULTURAL DINNER ENHANCES PACIFIC ISLAND PARTNERSHIP. . .

A cultural dinner was held in the Polynesian Room at Foot Nort, a private residence, through the kind permission of Mrs Anne Foote. There were a number of diverse community members who dined with our pacific partners and displayed social cohesion by entertaining the guests with island culture, history, song and dance. The highlight of the evening was the performance by local dancer Mikiela Christian-Reynolds and further by Norfolk Island Fijian community singers.

Above: The Hon. Robin Adams, Fellow Christina Filmed, Ms. Denise Quintal , Fellow Pelenatita Kara, Fellow Alissa Takesy, and Fellow June Hoskings guests of the Cultural Dinner at Foot Nort ,Private Residence, Norfolk Island.

Right: Guests from Norfolk Fijian community Mrs. Vunise Kotobalam and Mrs. Losana Ratulem warmed the hearts of our pacific guests with song.



Below: Ministers and Members of Norfolk Island Government with Fellows including EcoNorfolk Founder and EcoNorfolk Sustainable Islands Project Manager, Jodie Quintal . May 2013 .

NORFOLK ISLAND OFFERED— BE the FIRST in the PACIFIC to calculate your TBL before the other islands beat you because the race is on!

Prior to the Fellows departure Norfolk Island they were guests of the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly. Discussions about the advantages of understanding the science of sustainability and a question by EcoNorfolk to NI Community leaders—***Do you want to be the first island in the Pacific to know your TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE?***

