



Mother reimbursed for her sacrifice

By Joel Sahai

The JP Bayly Trust has reimbursed a total of \$4,440.00 which was spent by Rovina Devi to put her daughter Aanchal Payal Kumar into the Fiji National University (FNU) to complete her tertiary studies and who graduated with a Certificate in Culinary Arts in 2018. This was done after receiving the relevant official documents from the two institutions.

Ms Devi withdrew \$2,200.00 of her funds from the Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF) and put another

\$2,240.00 of her personal savings to fulfill her daughter's goal to attain a tertiary qualification and make her mother proud. A single mother, Rovina Devi was then and continues to be, the sole breadwinner in a family of three daughters and works at the Fiji Dairy Limited, formerly Rewa Dairy Cooperative, at a very low weekly income.

When the Trust became aware that in addition to her personal savings, her Mother also used



Aanchal Payal Kumar

her FNPF money to provide for Aanchal's tertiary education, it was of the strong view that FNPF funds are effectively, for the welfare of the member after retirement and in her old age and decided to reimburse the total funds spent.

The Suva Bayly Welfare and Education Center provided for Aanchal's education up to year thirteen but did not assist with her Tertiary education fees. It however, gave her other needs such as books, stationery, bag and safety boots.

She is currently on a three month attachment at the Tanoa Plaza in Suva, arranged by the Trust which continues to assist her younger sister who has entered the sixth form in 2019.

65 years serving the less fortunate



This year marks 65 years since the JP Bayly Trust was established in 1954 to provide much needed assistance to the less fortunate families in Fiji, by the late John Percy Bayly OBE and the late Rev. Dr. George Hemming CF, OBE.

It operates Medical Clinics, Welfare and Education Centers in Suva, Lautoka and Labasa. The Clinics provide free consultation as well as medication to just over 400 families who are registered with each Center while the Welfare Center gives out monthly food rations and clothes throughout the year.

The Education Center assists their children with Kindergarten, Primary and Secondary schooling needs by way of fees where applicable, uniforms, shoes, bags, stationery and exercise books.

Also, several of their children in Tertiary institutions have their fees and other needs paid for by the Trust.

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Handing over the \$4,440.00, from left are Manorma Chandra, Manager Central of Bayly Welfare & Education, John Yee, General Manager of the JP Bayly Trust, Rovina Devi and Dr. Sarika Chandra, Chairperson of the Suva Welfare & Education Committee.

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65 years of service

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Although assistance with Tertiary education has been in place for the past year with just a selected few being assisted, this has now become an annual award from 2019 and is being offered to those with exceptional academic results in year thirteen and who are keen to pursue higher studies.

Tertiary qualifications are now a pre-requisite in securing a decent employment and the Trust believes that deserving students should not be deprived to further their studies in their chosen field. This assistance will initially be offered for Certificate and Diploma courses and depending on the results of the student, may extend to a Degree level.

The geographical boundaries in all three divisions have recently been extended in order to assist more families.

Keeping her side of the bargain

By Satishwar Chand,
Manager Northern



Malika Shadiya (left) with her grandmother Hasima Bi.

Malika had promised the Bayly Welfare Manager Northern that she would top her class in 2018 and did so with flying colours. When she visited the Center with her grandmother Hasima Bi last year, I encouraged and motivated her to come first and that we would help with her school supplies.

“My grandfather passed away 13 years ago and my mother left me in my grandmother’s care when I was seven months old. The Trust has been supporting my 56 year old sick grandmother since 2013. She suffers from a rare disease and often needs my help to call the ambulance as she can’t walk to Labasa Hospital,” said Malika.

Mrs. Hasima Bi, with tears in her eyes said that she struggled to send Malika to

Rain does not dampen Fun Day

By Sarojani Michael, Manager Western

“Let there be rain but let’s all still have fun”!

We all share in the laughter, the joy and the cheers. The Fun Day was finally here. The van was loaded and the first trip to the Children’s Park was set to depart but while we were packing and moving and lifting, the skies were darkening and a storm was looming.

With the blink of an eye and a worrying sigh, the heavens opened up and all our big plans came crashing down. Raindrops as large as marbles fell and we all knew there wasn’t anything else we could do but set up at the Bayly Center and conclude the day safely.

Our guests arrived and lent a hand to ensure things were ready and the program was on time. Prior to the Fun Day and over several weeks, we worked so hard and the gifts were all sorted and parceled with much love.

They lay in slumber waiting for the children’s fingers to unravel the wrap. Will they like this or will they like that? To please them all had been our utmost task!

We got ready the games, the snacks and the treats, given so generously by those who hold the less fortunate than us dear to their hearts. I can’t imagine when we had to ask them a second time and being true to their word they delivered at once. When lunch

time rolled around everyone was ready to gobble down the BBQ.

The best thing to be seen was that Santa had sent his Christmas fairy to add sparkle and shine to the dark, damp and very humid day. “She” arrived in all her splendor, making for more cheery weather and the laughter and delight we shared that day, nothing could ever measure to that.

The event made it possible to reward those who achieved excellent academic results during the 2018 school year. We also gave two special awards to the Best Mother and Best Grandmother. These were the ones always supporting their children and turned up whenever called upon.

The Fun Day is an annual feature when the Center rewards the children for their hard work throughout the year. They came from Lomolomo (towards Nadi) to Tuvu (towards Ba) and were accompanied by their mothers or guardians.

The Bayly Welfare and Education Centre has been providing regular assistance to families and their children in the greater Lautoka area since its inception 31 years ago. We would like to thank everyone who helped us prepare and surely our goals have been met with fine fare! Wish you all the happiest of New Years.



Part of the children with Santa Claus, Committee members, Volunteers and staff at the 2018 Lautoka Fun Day.

school. “I sold whatever chickens I had, begged for money from neighbours and relatives over the years, just to help my granddaughter to go to school.

“She had only one pair of uniform which I would wash so that she could wear it again the next day and even wore torn, worn out shoes because I didn’t have enough money to buy a new pair. Now she has two pairs

of uniform, a brand new school bag, shoes, stationery and books.” Despite taking care of me when I was sick, she was still able to top her class.”

“I am really proud of my granddaughter for lifting the burden and I would also like to thank Mr. Chand and the Bayly Welfare for their continuous support,” concluded Mrs. Hasima Bi.

It's back to a new School year

By Sarojani Michael, Manager Western

Year 2019 was off to a good start. The Lautoka Center was filled with parents and students anxiously waiting to receive their new bags, stationery, shoes, books and uniforms.

Welfare staff Simione Turagaca had to set more benches outside for them to sit and wait their turn. While it was okay with the existing students but for the new ones this was something very exciting. They were running around with joy, telling each other that they will be going to school with all their new stuff.

As their number was called they ran in and picked bags of their own choice, making me so happy and this is when I got another good chance to do some counseling with their parents/guardians and told them again how important education was and they had to

do their part in ensuring a secure future for the children.

I told them that this is where the root begins and children are to be told from the very first day of school about their responsibilities and how one day they will grow up to be a big strong tree.

With the issue of school necessities well underway, it has been very busy indeed. Our children on education assistance should count themselves lucky and be so privileged.

The Bayly Trust has certainly catered to the needs of its registered cases and we are extremely proud of the great work carried out over the years by the Trust.

The children with Bayly Education are very fortunate and they must really work hard if they want to see their dreams become a reality.



It's all smiles from a mother and her children at the Lautoka Welfare Center after they received their school bags and shoes.



The smiles indicate the students' eagerness to start a new school year. They turned up to collect their requirements from the Labasa Welfare Center which included books, bags, uniforms, shoes and stationery.



Children at the Lautoka Welfare Center with their footwear for the new school year.

Grandmother couldn't hold back her tears

By Manorma Chandra, Manager Central

Vitila Vakaotia's husband passed away in 1994 and she was left with the responsibility of looking after her three grand children as no support whatsoever, was coming from the children's parents. The family has been assisted by Bayly Welfare Suva since 2008.

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Ilaisia Ravu, the youngest grandson was 10 years old and in Class 2 at Bishop Kempthorn Primary School in 2008. He is now in Form 7 at Wesley College and has been receiving all his school requirements as well as one to one counseling.

I told Ilaisia and his grandmother that they no longer have to run door to door looking for assistance for his Tertiary education next year as the JP Bayly Trust has now

commenced its new program towards assisting with the higher level of education. His exam results were impressive and I told them that Ilaisia can achieve his ultimate goal. Glimpsing at both Ilaisia and his grandmother's face was so encouraging and it was an emotional moment for all of us. The overjoyed grandmother said, "Sa Vinaka" and was then speechless with tears of joy.

Ilaisia took a deep breath of relief and said, "Mrs. Chandra I will work really

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Trustee Queet laid to rest

The last monthly meeting of the Board of the Trust was held on Friday January 4th 2019 and two apologies were recorded. One was from Trustee Albert Queet who was admitted in the Lautoka Hospital. Later that afternoon news was received that sadly he had passed away.

The funeral was in Lautoka the following week and attended by a delegation from the Trust which included Trustee Viti Whippy, the Chairperson of the Lautoka Welfare Committee Stella Smith, Central and Western Managers Manorma Chandra and Sarojani Michael, Suva Welfare staff Kusum Lata and Lautoka Committee members Ana Serau and Mary Newton.

On the night before the funeral a delegation visited the family home in Lautoka and

made its presentation on behalf of the Trust to Mrs. Maria Queet, wife of the late Albert Queet. The funeral service was held at the Lautoka Catholic Church.

The late Albert Queet joined the Board as a Trustee in 2002 and served for nearly 17 years. A Surveyor by profession, he made a valuable contribution over several years, in sorting out the Trust's land and estate matters. He spent most, if not all of his working career with the Ministry of Lands & Mineral Resources and retired as its Director following, which he became a Trustee of the JP Bayly Trust.

Trustee Queet and his expertise will be greatly missed by the Trust, Management and all who knew him. May he rest in Peace.

Engineer Waqa Bauleka joins the Board of Trust



Waqa Bauleka brings years of Engineering experience.

The JP Bayly Trust is pleased to announce the appointment of retired Civil Engineer Waqa Bauleka as a Trustee who joined in February 2019.

Mr. Bauleka graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) degree from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand and is a member of the Fiji Institution of Engineers and Australian Institute of Engineers.

From 1975 he was Engineering Assistant for a Civil & Structural Engineering company in Wellington, New Zealand for 2 years, following which was site Engineer at the Monasavu Hydro project and Senior Engineer with IMEL, an engineering company in Suva.

A Principal Civil Engineer with the Fiji Electricity Authority and Senior Engineer in a firm of Structural Consulting Engineers in Sydney, Australia in the late 1980s, he later became Port Engineer with Ports Terminal

Limited in Fiji and Director of Engineering with Maritime & Ports Authority of Fiji where as a major assignment, was involved with the rehabilitation of the Suva and the extension of the Lautoka Wharves, both of which were funded by the Asian Development Bank for just over \$50 million.

With the reform of the Fiji Port Industry Mr. Bauleka was appointed General Manager, Infrastructure & Services of Fiji Ports Corporation Limited in 2005 and also acted as its Chief Executive Officer from 2007 to 2011.

In 2012 he moved to Papua New Guinea to join the PNG Ports Corporation as its General Manager Infrastructure and was Chief Infrastructure Officer until 2017.

Mr. Bauleka was also Chairman of the Fiji Sports Council for five years from 1999 and was involved in the planning of the infrastructure and services for the 2003 Games in Suva.

In welcoming the new Trustee, the Chairman of Trustees Digby Bossley said, "Mr. Bauleka is a Civil Engineer by profession and has spent many years working for the Ports of Fiji and Papua New Guinea in a range of senior management positions."

"His experience in Civil Engineering will be of great assistance to the Trust as we have significant property investments in Suva, Lautoka and Labasa."

the three Managers in Labasa, Lautoka and Suva prior to approval by the Board of the Trust.

"Education is the constructive, consistent and compelling system of values around which social life should be built. It is not only about acquiring skills but also acquiring and developing values and attitudes."



Trustee Viti Whippy, 2nd from left and the Chairperson of the Lautoka Welfare Committee Stella Smith on the extreme right. In the middle are the Manager Central Manorma Chandra and Manager Western Sarojani Michael at the burial.

Tertiary assistance awarded

As the JP Bayly Trust rolled out its higher level education assistance, eight students from Lautoka and Suva have been granted funding for Certificate, Diploma and Degree courses commencing from this year.

These include Trade Diploma in Hospitality & Hotel Management, Trade Diploma in Culinary Arts and Certificate of Attainment in Beauty Therapy, all at the Fiji National University.

Two others have been awarded assistance for a Degree in Tourism and Politics & International Relations at University of the South Pacific. Others on a TELS scholarship will be assisted with enrolment fees, travel expenses and equipment.

In the meanwhile the Trust has advertised in the media calling for applications from other interested students who wish to pursue further studies. They will be put through a thorough assessment by

Riya is an achiever

“The harder you work for something, the greater you’ll feel when you achieve it.”

By Riya Prasad, a student at Drasa Secondary School, Lautoka.

Our achievement is that by the grace of the Almighty Lord and with the support of the JP Bayly Trust family, we have finally made it through our Year 12 Certificate examination by achieving a great result.

Coming from a broken family, it was tough to cope with studies but my brother Rinesh and I made up our minds to tackle our problems. We are very grateful to have the Bayly family guiding us through these hard times. Our family joined the Bayly Welfare in 2009 when Rinesh and I were in year 3 and now I have successfully made it through and entering into the final year of my high school life.



Successful siblings from left, Rinesh Prasad, Riya Prasad and Nilesch Prasad with their school bags and shoes at the Lautoka Welfare Center.

I am very thankful to my Almighty Lord for always showering his blessings upon me and not forgetting my Mum, my teachers, my friends, my relatives and the Bayly family especially the Manager Western Mrs. Sarojani Michael, for always motivating me and giving me words of encouragement.

The Bayly Trust has provided for all my school needs, my text books, bags, stationery, shoes and school uniform as well as welfare assistance. Apart from all this Mrs. Michael has made special visits to my home for motivating me always and doing counseling either at her office or at home, which have been done firmly but politely and it was all worth it.

Moreover, the Bayly family has always acknowledged our efforts by giving out prizes and Certificates either for attendance or for academic achievement. I am so proud to be part of the Bayly family and I will keep making you all proud by getting excellent results.

Thank you so much JP Bayly Trust and my sincere appreciation to Mrs. Michael, my Mum and to others who have guided me through my path of education so far. My brother and I are both aiming for higher marks in Year 13 as well.

To become a Business Lawyer is my ambition while my brother is aiming to be an Auditor. Thank you very much once again.

It’s time to say “Good Bye” but also, “Thank You”.

By Shagufta Nikhat Ali

To think of it I live a simple life but live with a loving family. I was born in Labasa in 2000 and my childhood was spent in the Valebasoga area where I finished my primary education from 2006 to 2013 and then moved to Labasa Sangam College to gain better results in my Secondary education.

My dad passed away in 2002 and my mum kept on looking after me and my three sisters. Being the youngest in the family I worked hard and the only income we had was \$70.00 from the Social Welfare department and \$20.00 from the Muslim League each month but we never slept with an empty stomach.

However, as time passed my mother somehow knew about the Labasa Bayly Welfare providing assistance and she made her way to them seeking help for food and educational needs. Me and my two other sisters have benefited from the Labasa Bayly Welfare and I was assisted from Class 1 up to Form 7.

What I am today is just because of the Bayly Welfare and have received the Toppers scholarship to pursue a MBBS degree course specializing in Surgery. On behalf on my



Shagufta Nikhat Ali, awarded Toppers Scholarship to do Medicine in 2019

family I would like to express my feelings and say that I am really very thankful to the organization for their great support towards my family. I must admit that Bayly Welfare has fulfilled my dreams towards the field of Medicine and thanks to all involved.

Bayly Welfare Manager Northern Satishwar Chand told *Bayly News* that Shagufta Ali is the only Form 7 student of last year to be offered a scholarship to pursue the MBBS degree course.

“We provided assistance to her from Year One to Thirteen where she achieved 353 marks out of 400. A staggering 88.3 %”.

Donors can receive a Tax benefit

If a Fiji registered company makes a donation to us it is entitled to use this as a legitimate expense to reduce its tax liability. The **Bayly Welfare** is an approved charitable organization with the Fiji Revenue & Customs Service for tax purposes.

We welcome your comments or suggestions on any of the articles published in this Newsletter. Please send these by email to gm@baylytrust.org

Media publicity

The Fiji Times has offered to publish stories of education assistance provided to students by the Trust. The first in this series was the reimbursement of \$4,400.00 by the Trust to the mother of tertiary student Aanchal Payal Kumar which was published in December 2018.

Christmas Cheer

By Sarojani Michael, Manager Western

With Christmas around the corner, we could feel the Center filled with the spirit of joy of the season. Colorful Christmas decorations were hanging everywhere, making all who visited get more excited with each passing day. Everyone was waiting anxiously for the day of the distribution.

Staff and volunteers were busy as bees, packing for the very special day. Each pack contained tinned fruit, sweet biscuits, soft drinks, Christmas cake and chicken sausages.

Most of the goodies were donated by our generous donors and once again our heartfelt gratitude goes to them who are always there for us and the less fortunate who we assist.

When the day of the distribution came, just seeing everyone with their best clothes coming to receive their packs was so lovely and heart-warming and it was an exciting day for us all. With the music playing and all the gang meeting each other and enjoying the Christmas mood, this is the time we staff and volunteers enjoy with them as well.

The end of the year always makes me happy when I see my Bayly families with beautiful smiles on their faces and mingling around, shaking hands, saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thanking us all for taking care of them the whole year around.

It also brings tears to my eyes and I thank God for giving me the chance to be the best that I can be and to keep assisting those who seek our help.

A very special thanks to the Trust, without whom nothing would have been possible. And to our donors, once again we thank you for all your contributions over the years and especially at this beautiful time of Christmas.

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hard and want to take up Maritime Studies next year.

He left with an assurance that his education will surely be looked after by the JP Bayly Trust and the team.



Joyful mothers and children at the Lautoka Christmas Hamper distribution.



Mothers and guardians gather at the Labasa Welfare Center for the Christmas Hamper distribution.

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Haisia Ravu with his school supplies and his grandmother Vitila Vakaotia. On the left is Manorma Chandra.



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