



PORTDENARAUMARINA



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**MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT**

*Monday the 20th of January 2020*

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**PDML APPOINTS INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR**



Port Denarau Marina Limited (PDM) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Bruce Whewell Phillips as an Independent Director of Port Denarau Marina effective Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.

A Citizen of Fiji, Bruce Phillips was born in Wellington, New Zealand, where he attended Lower Hutt Primary and Hutt Valley High Schools. In 1961 he started an apprenticeship and trained as an Electrical Refrigeration tradesman and worked for McAlpines Ltd and Tip Top Ltd in Wellington and Hastings.

In 1970 Bruce relocated to Fiji and was employed by Burns Philp (SS) Ltd in Suva as the Service Manager for Fiji, Tonga and Samoa. After two years he took the opportunity to sail to the British Virgin Islands to run the 52 ft charter vessel “Taku Tori” for the owner. Two years later, at the owner’s request, he sailed the boat to Europe.

In 1976 Bruce returned to Fiji with his wife Lesley to start a refrigeration and air-conditioning service business located in Lautoka, where he successfully ran his company, Kooline Refrigeration (Lautoka) Ltd, for the next 40 years.

In 2008 he moved the company to Denarau. During the next several years he worked closely with Fletchers Construction Ltd and Tabua Investments in building The Regent Hotel, The Denarau Villas, The Radisson Hotel, Golf Terrace Apartments and the Shopping Centre; also, the Denarau Marina Terminal and Denarau Yacht Club buildings.

Over the years Bruce has been President of the Northern Club Lautoka (for 6 terms) and Flag Officer at Royal Suva Yacht Club and for the last 40 years has been an active member of Fiji Yachting Association. Bruce has taken teams on four occasions to the South Pacific Games and twice to the Olympic Games – both as a participant and a Sailing Team Manager.

For eight years and during the 2000 coup, Bruce and Lesley ran a very successful bed and breakfast accommodation in the historic home of Sir Ratu Edward Cakobau with 8 guest rooms catering to tourists and businesspeople, running at very high occupancy.

In 2017 Bruce sold Kooline Refrigeration and retired.

Bruce lives in the Cove, Denarau and now travels and spends time maintaining properties on the island.

Bruce represents the Cove for Denarau Residential Estates Limited (DREL) and has previously represented Mariners Reach and The Links. He has also represented DREL at Denarau Corporation Limited (DCL).

Bruce has been married to Lesley for 45 years and they have two grown up children, Nicholas who now lives in Dubai and has children, and Lisa who lives in BC, Canada.

“We welcome Bruce as an independent director for PDM and look forward to the valuable contribution he will make to the strategic direction of the company.” David Skeggs, Chairperson.

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Yours faithfully,

  
David Skeggs  
Chairperson

  
Nigel Skeggs  
Director



### **About Port Denarau Marina Limited**

Established in 1999, Port Denarau Marina Limited owns and operates a world-class multi-use marina facility on Denarau Island in Nadi. It strives to be the leading marina facility in the Pacific, providing exceptional customer service with safe and healthy facilities, ensuring the enhancement of Fiji's nautical tourism industry while protecting her distinct marine environment for future generations.

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