

# BILO BAR Update

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Bula Vinaka to all our Bilo Bar Members where ever you are.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce this update from Shangri-La's Fijian Resort & Spa to keep you in the loop on new developments here including new appointments, happenings and anything we think may interest you. We look forward to seeing you all here at the May as well as October Reunions or during your annual visit to Yanuca Island and if you have any items you would like posted on the website please contact us at [fij@shangri-la.com](mailto:fij@shangri-la.com)

We look forward to welcoming you back and see you soon! Vinaka.

## MANAGEMENT & STAFF

### **New General Manager at Shangri-La's Fijian Resort & Spa Celebrates Earth Day with Guests and Staff**



Ms Agnes Pacis is the new Director of Sales & Marketing. Ms Pacis has extensive experience in the hospitality industry and has worked at major hotel chains before joining the Shangri-La group's hotels in the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand and Cairns, Australia.



Ms Pacis has been with Shangri-La for almost fifteen years. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of the Philippines with a major in Tourism and has attended numerous corporate training workshops.

On her appointment, Ms Pacis said she was looking forward to working in a new environment and learning about the culture and people of Fiji. "The Fiji experience is only something I have heard about and I look forward to this assignment and learning as much as I can about my new home," Ms Pacis said.

Ms Pacis replaces Mr Gavin Weightman who has moved to the Shangri-La Hotel in Cairns, Australia.

Shangri-La's Fijian Resort has a new General Manager, Mr Daniele Vastolo.

Mr Vastolo has worked in the tourism hospitality industry for 16 years in Africa, Europe, Malaysia and the Philippines. He joined the Shangri-La group six years ago and has previously worked at the Shangri-La hotels and resorts in Kuala Lumpur, Cebu and Boracay in the Philippines and the Seychelles.

Mr Vastolo is multi lingual, and besides his mother tongue Italian, he is fluent in English and French and is a scuba diving and sailing enthusiast.

On his appointment to Shangri-La's Fijian Resort and Spa, Mr Vastolo said he was very much looking forward to the richness of working in a new culture.

"I have worked in culturally diverse places and I enjoy learning about new communities and the Shangri-La has had a long-standing relationship with the community here," Mr Vastolo said.

"Fiji is a well known destination and the Shangri-La has had a presence here for a long time and I look forward to learning and finding ways of maximizing our presence in Fiji and in our source markets."

Mr Vastolo replaces Mr David Hopcroft, who has moved to the Shangri-La Hotel, New Delhi, India recently.

*The Bilo Bar Update is being put together for all members and we will update issues at the end of every month.*