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## Serve Fiji Foundation Inc.

*Supporting Educational, Medical & Relief Services of Ramakrishna Mission, Fiji*

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### Report on the Activities of the Association for 2018/19

#### 1. Committee Meetings

Committee meetings were held on the following dates:

13 October 2018

8 December 2018

10 February 2019

7 April 2019

5 May 2019

In accordance with the requirement of SFF Constitution, the Committee has met the minimum requirement to meet at least 3 times in a 12-month period. The Committee Meetings were generally well attended by most Committee Members.

#### 2. Reporting to Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC) and NSW Department of Fair Trading (DFT)

The Committee met all its statutory reporting requirements to ACNC and DFT within the required time frames.

#### 3. Fund Raising

##### 3.1 Membership Drive

The Committee welcomes all new members and expresses its thanks to all members, donors, and supporters for their support. Thanks to all the Committee Members for their efforts in introducing many new members or donors.

Being a member does not impose any additional burden on your personal time.

However, as a member, you are most welcome to attend AGM and to lend support to the activities of the association.

All members are reminded that the Annual Membership of \$10 per person and your Annual Donation for 2019/20 are now due. So, please elect to pay your Membership Fee and your Annual donation by 30 November 2019. However, Members who elect to pay their Membership Fee and Annual Donation at the annual Fundraising Dinner Event, please make your payment by 2 May 2020 (proposed date for the next Annual Fundraising Function).

### **3.2 Donations (\$201/\$501/\$1001+)**

The main source of revenue of the Association is from donations. In this regard, SFF thanks all annual donors of \$101 (single), \$201 (couples), \$501 and \$1,001+ and above. A few donors generously donated \$1,000 or more at the Annual Fundraising dinner in May 2019. The Committee is most grateful for all your support and generosity.

SFF is continuing to seek support from Members, who are not already doing so, to consider making an Annual Donation, and receiving Tax Deductible receipt for your contribution. Donation may be made at any time during the year.

Furthermore, the Committee would like to encourage Members to continue to seek support from business houses, Ramayana Mandali's, and the like to consider making financial contributions in support of the activities of the Association.

### **3.2 Annual Fundraising Dinner/Social Night function**

The other main fundraising activity is the Annual Fundraising Dinner event.

A dinner/social night function was held on the 18th of May 2019 at the Le Beach Hut Restaurant, Dolls Point. By all accounts, the function was a considerable success and a brief report on the function was forwarded to all members/supporters/well-wishers of SFF. Please also see Serve Fiji Foundation Sydney Facebook page for some beautiful photographs of the evening guests and performers.

The Committee would like to thank:

- All attendees at the function
- All the helpers (mainly Committee Members and their families) during the evening
- All financial donors who donated so generously at the function or earlier
- All sponsors of items for raffles, auctions, Jack Rattan (of Lion Brewery for sponsoring beer for the function, and Daksesh Patel for once again sponsoring top quality wine, and our DJ, Robert.
- And specially acknowledge the support of Mr Jatinder Singh Jabbal, President, Supreme Investment Solutions Australia Pty Ltd his generous contribution.

It should also be acknowledged that all Committee Members (and their families) paid \$100 per person for the tickets for the evening, and so willingly provided all the support at the function throughout the night.

#### **4. Activities at RKM in Fiji**

A separate report by the Manager of the Sarada Medical Centre is attached (Attachment 3A).

##### ***4.1 Advisory Group Meeting***

In accordance with SFF's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ramakrishna Mission Fiji, the Secretary met with Swami Tadananda in July 2019 in Nadi. The officials were satisfied that the funds provided by SFF to RKM have been expensed in relation to supporting the benevolent and advancing health activities of RKM. As per previous agreement, the funds will be split 2/3 for Advancing Education and 1/3 for Sarada Medical Centre for advancing Medical Services, after deduction for any relief services and deduction for donations specifically ear-marked for Education or Health.

Following extensive negotiation with the Ministry of Health (MoH), MoH has agreed to provide 2 doctors and a nurse to the SMC on the condition that all patients are to be seen free. Thus, all future remittances by SFF will be used towards the cost of management, day to day operational costs, cleaning, disposals, and other expenses relating to provision of diagnostic services of a professional medical centre.