

The Thirteen 25 Report – January, February 2018 Edition **World Radio Day 2018!**

by Sharon Bhagwan Rolls – Executive Producer-Director, femLINKpacific, and Station Manager, FemTALK89FM.

It all started in 2003. I found the ‘Suitcase Radio’ in Kathmandu in Nepal at my first conference of the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters. It was early days of femLINK and we wanted to take radio to women in their communities, to link women in communities, contributing to extend the work of the Blue Ribbon Peace Vigil, as a women-led multiracial, multifaith and intercultural dialogue following the May 2000 crisis.

It was about women speaking to women for peace.

It’s been a long journey since discovering the suitcase radio technology all those years ago. We started small – with monthly weekend broadcasts with a team of fifth form students from St Joseph’s School at the Ecumenical Centre for Research, Education and Advocacy (ECREA) office.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-world-radio-day-2018/10156202443289295/>



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Women amplify solidarity for ATS workers

by Sharon Bhagwan Rolls

There was a strong show of solidarity in Nadi Town today as the trade union movement came together with community groups, political parties and diverse human rights activists.

They walked, they sang, they locked arms and chanted peacefully through the 'jet set town' - the hub of Fiji's tourism sector.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-women-amplify-solidarity-for-ats-workers/10156104530289295/>



16 Days, 4 Countries – Voices for Peace

by Sian Rolls with Vanessa Heleta, Ender Rence and Carolyn Kitone

“Achieving peace and justice can only (happen) when there is no violence, abuse (or) corruption,” says 13 year old Lilyan Falemaka from Tonga.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-pacific-16-days-4-countries-voices-for-peace/10156128066234295/>

Women in Politics - A look at Tonga

by Carolyn Kitione

With Fiji and the Cook Islands set to go to the polls later this year, Tonga's November elections has brought the issue of women in Pacific politics back to the forefront.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-pacific-women-in-politics-a-look-at-tonga/10156182940409295/>



Raising The Voices of People through Community Media

by Ender Rence

"I have seen a lot of enthusiasm displayed and it brings hopes to the work of rural movements," shared Janet Aihari, Founder of Hearts of Hope in the Solomon Islands.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-pacific-raising-the-voices-of-people-through-community-media/10156170186859295/>

MASI and FSC – Highlighting the Family Protection Act

by Ender Rence

The 16 Days of Activism was a time that the Media Association of Solomon Islands and Family Support Center organised an information sharing forum on the Family Protection Act (FPA) for its members.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-pacific-masi-and-fsc-highlighting-the-family-protection-act/10156175651184295/>

Solomon Islands Forum Examines Gendered Challenges

by Ender Rence

A mother of Shortland Islands has called for the Solomon Islands-Bougainville border to be urgently protected.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-pacific-solomon-islands-forum-examines-gendered-challenges/10156191141074295/>

WARA - Investing in Financial Independence, Health Access

by Ender Rence

The West Areare Rokotani Keni Association (WARA) has launched a third product called Haiamasiha - in English its means 'WARA cares' - on the 25th of November during the 2017 Solomon Islands Women's Forum at Heritage Park Hotel.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-pacific-wara-investing-in-financial-independence-health-access/10156199403134295/>

Radio With Pictures and 2017's 16 Days of Activism

by Carolyn Kitone

As femLINKpacific concluded its 2nd National Consultations for 2017, it produced a new series of Radio With Pictures focusing on Women's Weather Watch and the 16 Days of Activism.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-radio-with-pictures-and-2017s-16-days-of-activism/10156202427674295/>

Putting Rural Women in the Forefront of Development

by Carolyn Kitione with Sian Rolls

“Development to me is the increased women’s participation in local government and district... participation in leadership of women, in all levels of leadership,” said Bulou Yavala, President of the Soqosoqo Vakamarama iTaukei of Tavuki in Kadavu. “Our nation, as one of our policies it is to have... 30-70% participation. That’s impossible because resources are limited for women.”

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-putting-rural-women-in-the-forefront-of-development/10156210794229295/>

Breaking Barriers through Sports

by Carolyn Kitione

“Lord, I want to be a champion in this sport.”

This was the thought running through Mere Roden’s head when she first tried table tennis in 2014 after being introduced to it by a friend.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-breaking-barriers-through-sports/10156199709309295/>



Walking with Confidence

by Sian Rolls

“The ability for a blind person, any blind person to be able to walk independently and with a lot of confidence from one point to another is pretty much ensured by the use of a white cane and our proper training,” underscored Senimilia Seru at a recent United Blind Persons of Fiji (UBP) event.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-walking-with-confidence/10156233403589295/>

Listen to the podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/look-at-my-abilities-feb18-walk-with-confidence-handover>

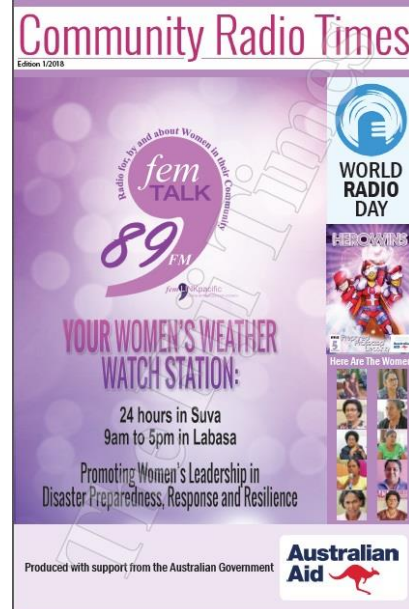
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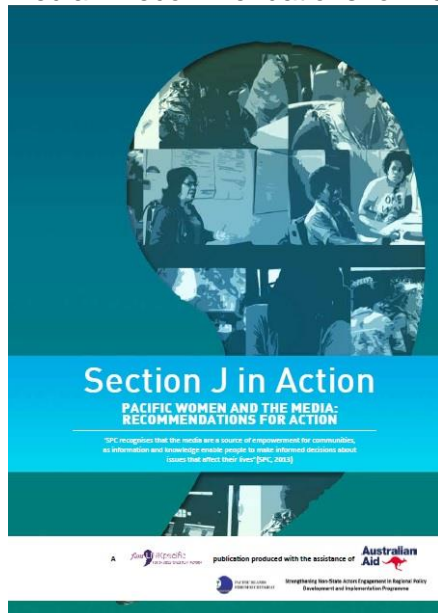
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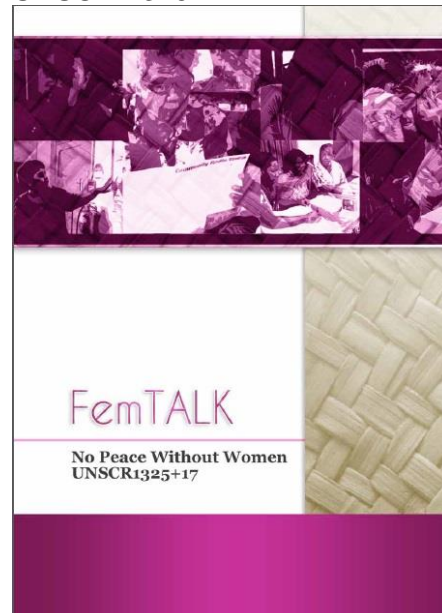
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Section J in Action: Pacific Women and the Media - Recommendations for Action



<http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/policy-documents/600-section-j-in-action-pacific-women-and-the-media-recommendations-for-action>

FemTALK: No Peace Without Women - UNSCR 1325+17



<http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/policy-documents/601-femtalk-no-peace-without-women-unscr-1325-17>

Women's Weather Watch

Visit our hub page for updates:

<http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/archive/602-women-s-weather-watch-updates-2018-january-and-february>



Supporting women to prepare

by Carolyn Kitione

“Because of Women's Weather Watch, important information comes to us personally,” said Losana Derenalagi, femLINKpacific's convenor in Nadi and Lautoka. “It empowers us rural women leaders to be more aware of how to make our community more resilient to disasters.”

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/womens-weather-watch-supporting-women-to-prepare/10156172925329295/>

Always Be Prepared

by Carolyn Kitione

In a Women's Weather Watch update with the Director of Fiji Meteorological Services, Ravind Kumar, has echoed calls to be prepared.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/www-always-be-prepared/10156182907979295/>

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Women's Weather Watch has given us all the early warnings of disasters coming in, the correct and accurate information that we can share with the community - **Shakuntla Permal, Advisory Councillor in Lautoka**

Women's Weather Watch is a great help by building women's resilience and disaster awareness in our communities - **Sera Waqalevu, Naqai Women's Group in Labasa**

Women's Weather Watch... is our voice piece to stakeholders, it empowers us to stand up and participate - **Vani Tuvuki, Koronubu Women's Fellowship in Ba**

We women have an important contribution during natural disaster. We prepare the (everything) for the family to move them to evacuation centres. I am really grateful for the Women's Weather Watch because I am informed of the weather and the changes in weather patterns - **Vikatoria Tuivanualevu, Naweni Women's Group in Savusavu**

No one was prepared (before TC Winston) because, at that time, we didn't get enough information... (through Women's Weather Watch) I'm now prepared to send the message to women's groups - **Sarojani Gounder, Advisory Councillor in Tavua**

On Air and Online

Radio With Pictures – Season 2 (2017)

Now online, listen to our latest season of Radio With Pictures:

<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/sets/radio-with-pictures-season-2>

Coming to YouTube soon!

Day In The Life Stories

Sulueti Waqa - femLINKpacific's Programme Associate in Labasa - speaks to women leaders of all diversities about what they do on a day-to-day basis, reflecting on their leadership roles as well as economic contributions. She's spoken to Rev. Angela Suruj Prasad, Mareta Tagivakatini, Saras Wati and Amra Wati. Coming soon to the series are the reflections of women from the Navakai Community in Nadi speaking to Sokoveti Lutumailagi and the Vuqele Settlement in Tavua speaking to Fane Boseiwaqa.

Listen to the podcasts: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/sets/day-in-the-life-stories-2018>

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Look At My Abilities

For the Look At My Abilities show, Sulueti Waqa - femLINKpacific's Programme Associate in Labasa - speaks to women of all diversities with disabilities. She has spoken to Elenoa Kaisau, Savita Devi and Jay Nasilasila.

Also, on the 26th of February, the United Blind Persons of Fiji marked the special occasion of receiving 200 white canes which will be distributed to people with visual impairment across Fiji. The canes were financed through an Australian Government DFAT grant, with the funds for distribution of the canes supported by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation's Disabled Peoples Organisations grants. For FemTALK89FM, Sian Rolls filed a special 'Look At My Abilities' report.

Listen to the podcasts: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/sets/look-at-my-abilities-2018>



Section J in Action – FemTALK89FM: Suitcase Radio Her'Story

Ahead of World Radio Day 2018, femLINKpacific held a half day learning exchange with FemTALK89FM broadcast personnel as well as femLINK's team of community media correspondents and convenors from around Fiji.

Reflecting on the organisation's 14 year her'story, Adi Vasu and Lucille Chute from Labasa, Fane Boseiwaqa from Tavua and Losana Derenalagi from Lautoka took the young women broadcasters of all diversities took a trip through time to when FemTALK89FM started with weekend community radio broadcasts from the only suitcase radio in the Pacific.

They discussed the role of community radio, the value of a woman's voice and the power of telling one's own story as well as the valuable link that the community radio network plays as a bridge between rural communities and the urban administrative hubs that make decisions that impact the lives of everyday people.

Listen to the podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/femtalk-jan18-section-j-in-action-suitcase-radio-herstory>

Women in Sports

For FemTALK89FM and in line with the theme for World Radio Day 2018 - 'Radio and Sports' - Mereani Nawadra spoke to Matelita Buadromo, a member of the national swim team, about some of the challenges that she faced and how she's overcome it.

Listen to the podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/women-in-sports-feb18-matelita-buadromo>

For FemTALK89FM and in line with the theme for World Radio Day 2018 - 'Radio and Sports' - Carolyn Kitione spoke to Lavenia Yalovi, a woman with many experiences across various sports as well as the field of education.

Listen to the podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/women-in-sports-jan18-lavenia-yalovi>

The NGO CEDAW Shadow Report

For FemTALK89FM, Carolyn Kitione speaks to Executive Director of the Fiji Women's Rights Movement, Nalini Singh, about the Shadow Report findings and process for the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Listen to the podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/femtalk89fm-feb18-the-ngo-cedaw-shadow-report>

FemVids Ultimo: November and December (2017)

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