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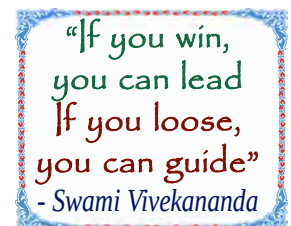
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### Message by President Capt. Nitin Hiralal

As President of the Aavjo Nadi 2018 Committee it gives me great pleasure in welcoming Fellow Kshatriya Community members from around the Globe. Many of you are former Fiji Citizen's and quite a few of you are newcomers to Our Beautiful Shores of Fiji. We hope you will take this opportunity to explore the Country beyond the confines of Nadi.

Aavjo Nadi 2018 is historic for several reasons. Firstly, it is the last leg of inaugural series that has travelled Australasia unless of course London wants to be the last leg, we shall know in time. Secondly it will be the largest gathering of the series as its popularity has increased with each leg. Thirdly with the success it brings considerable costs to the Host District and as I stated in my acceptance speech in Melbourne a form of levy will be needed for future legs of the tournament and I am confident that such a proposal will be accepted at the KISA meeting. Failure to do so will perhaps be the cause of Smaller districts to avoid hosting. Such an occurrence would destroy the growing popularity of the Series.

As I have stated previously our forefathers had the foresight to build Hall's for our Community with incidentally Nadi having the first Samaj Hall outside India. We as current leaderships would be failing in our duties if we did not foresee the imminent need for Age Care facilities for our community. Our forefathers have been Businessman and looking after the elderly meant taking time off business which were run by several siblings was not an issue. With our current generations being of working class such an opportunity would not be available. My thoughts hopefully will bring debate to the matter and perhaps our communities in Australia and New Zealand could look at.

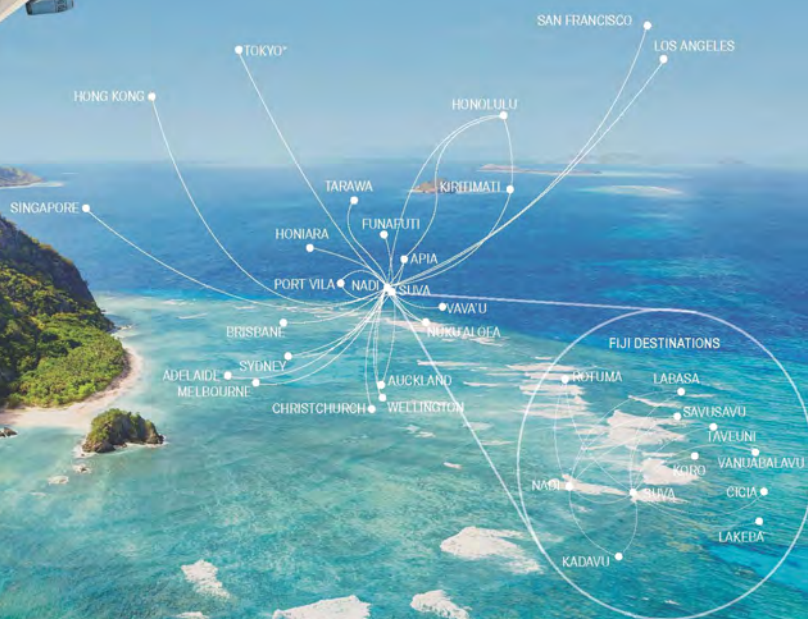
On an event of this Magnitude I am sure we could have done better in certain aspects and for that I hope you will forgive my Team if we fail in certain aspects of our Hosting. May the best Team win bearing in mind that the Community getting together is bigger than the Game.

Best Wishes

*Capt. Nitin Hiralal*

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**Message by the Hon. Minister  
for Youth & Sports  
Hon. Mr Laisenia Tuitubou**

It is a privilege to have been invited to contribute a message for the World Cup Kshatriya Soccer championship and Cultural event at the Prince Charles Park hosted by Nadi Kshatriya. I consider it a privilege because it offers me an opportunity to inspire and be inspired by like-minded, disciplined and patriotic individuals who have spent months, if not years, preparing themselves, putting their bodies on the line to bring glory to National Kshatriya Society and foster relationship with global Kshatriya communities.

On behalf of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, sportsmen and women and also the sports loving fans in Fiji, I convey our warmest congratulations on your selection to represent Kshatriya Soccer teams; from Brisbane; Auckland, Lautoka, Sydney, Ba, Suva, Melbourne, other areas I did not mention and Nadi. 'Practice does *not* make perfect'. If the old saying were true, there'd be thousands of perfect athletes out there.

It's "deliberate practice" that allows you to steadily progress with whatever skills you're looking to improve. "Deliberate practice" is one of the key differences between the most successful athletes and the average ones. You have gone past that and are deliberately prepared now for the World Cup Kshatriya Soccer championship and Cultural event.

The Government regards Sports as multi tools; it is a career; it keeps you fit; it brings us teamwork; discipline; integrity; leadership; will to win; make healthy nations; and keeps you away from Non Communicable Disease [NCD]. The last tournament was held in Melbourne in 2016 and was attended by 1300 people from all over the world but predominantly from Australasia. Based on the response thus far, we expect a record turnout for 2018 Kshatriya World Cup. I am confident that you will not only excel in Soccer but also will be true Ambassadors of your Country and Province you represent and be a better citizen when this event come to the end.

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind always be at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face and rains fall soft upon your fields.

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*Laisenia Tuitubou*

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As we set forth another year in committing to the progress of our communities and in turn our country. With the sponsorship of this year's Kshatriya Tournament, our commitment and passion for our Vanua grows.

Together with the organizing committee, we are ready to set the grounds for this year's clash between the local and international teams in the celebrated sport of Football. The tournament is bound to add more flavor to the build-up for the upcoming FIFA World Cup.

The gathering as such is a great initiative that engages our youth. It is a good ground for learning, networking, and above all teamwork. The annual event has grown over time and we believe that with our support, this year's event will also be a great one.

On behalf of Vodafone, we acknowledge the efforts of all that have played a part in organizing the tournament. We wish all the teams' par taking in the tournament the very best and encourage all to wear a badge of good sportsmanship as they go into battle to snatch the title.

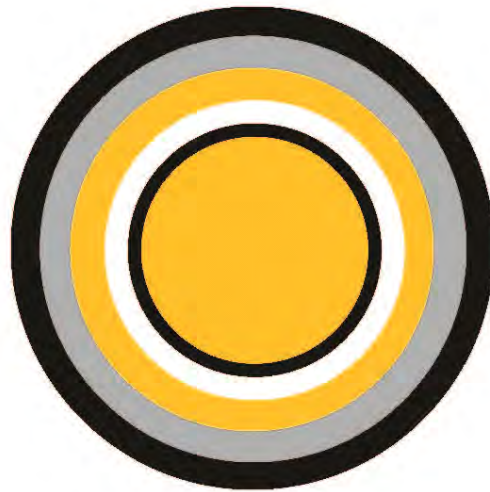
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On behalf of the Fiji Football Association family it is my immense pleasure to share a short message for the 2018 Vodafone Kshatriya World Cup Soccer championship.

This year the tournament will be held from June 28 to July 1 2018 at the Prince Charles Park hosted by the Nadi Kshatriya Sewa Samaj.

The tournament has undoubtedly produced a host of close, exciting matches, featuring players whose performances have epitomized football at its finest in their pursuit of winning a major tournament. In the past, this tournament has been captivating and has reminded us why we love this sport.

The tournament underscores the cordial relationship that exists among all the Kshatriya's from around most of the countries.

Over the years, we have seen this championship grow in stature since its inauguration in 2003 which was hosted by Brisbane when clubs from Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand made their name in the tournament.

Football belongs to anyone who approaches it with joy and a competitive spirit. It belongs to all of us who can endow it with values such as respect for others. I know football fans everywhere will agree with me when I say football is a unifying force. It has a pure nature and we celebrate the way it brings people together. Football continues to be a force for unity all over the globe and the Kshatriya World Cup is an example of this.

To all players and officials, I would like you to take professional approach towards the game. Develop your talents, fine tune your game, innovate and bring in the best tactics to take your game to the next level.

I wish Nadi Kshatriya Sewa Samaj all the best in their organization of the tournament and May the best team win.

May the spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship prevail.  
Thanks

***Rajesh Patel, JP.***

**President, Fiji Football Association,  
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### Message by Trustee Dhansukhlal Malarao



On behalf of the Trustees of the Nadi Kshatriya Seva Samaj, I take this grand opportunity in welcoming one and all to the Kshatriya World Cup 2018 (AavjoNadi2018) event. We are feeling very proud of our society members whom we are watching and carefully following in their preparatory works in making sure that everyone participating in this event will surely go home with great memories.

The Trustees have been following the Samaj activities from their very early days when our community was very small which later turned into its peak numbers during the 1990's and later after a few political upheavals in Fiji, our society numbers decreasing with migrations and younger generations looking at other avenues then joining family businesses. We feel very proud that even after all this, our society has maintained all the cultural values and family understandings.

We have been very mindful of the growth of our society and with it their needs and expectations and we feel proud that we were able to respond accordingly with all the committees who worked tirelessly in the past and the current one today in fulfilling these needs. Migration has had tremendous effect in shaping the size of our society to its very small number now but still has not been able to weaken our spirits towards the goals and even today our society remains equally bonded.

Certain events that once used to be annually observed and enjoyed like the Mahotsav's are no longer possible but we look forward to enjoying the same at locations where our people have moved to and are still continuing these traditions.

In conclusion, we Trustees thank the AavjoNadi2018 committee, Samaj Committee, Mahila Mandal and the Youth Mandal for all bonding together in making this grand event a reality and successful one where all will take back lasting memories which will remain with them forever.

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*Dhansukhlal Malarao*

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## **Message by President Paresh Parshotam**



Jay Shree Krishna! Kia Ora!

Thank you Nadi Kshatriya Seva Samaj for your invitation to participate in the Kshatriya World Cup 2018.

It is indeed a time of great anticipation where Khatri from all over the world get the opportunity to meet in one place. This gives us an opportunity to meet with old friends and make new friends, a time to bond with our fellow community members, relive past memories and create new ones which are unforgettable and cherished forever.

The Kshatriya Society of New Zealand has been proactively encouraging members of the community from juniors, youths, adults and seniors to actively participate in sports such as Badminton, Volleyball, Touch Rugby, Soccer, walking group etc which is a great way of identifying hidden talents, keeping up their fitness levels and making new friends.

Our Kshatriya Society of New Zealand soccer squad has been training hard for months and is looking forward to defend its title of the Kshatriya World Cup Soccer Champions. Special thanks to our hardworking management team and coach for their time and efforts in preparation for this talented team. The team will bring a high standard of soccer to Nadi with great team spirit and a strong desire to make the Kshatriya Society of New Zealand proud.

In addition to our soccer squad, our keen golfers will also take part in the golf tournament to be held at the same time. They have been practising consistently and I wish them all the best.

Thank you to the organisers for assisting us with our team accommodation and transportation needs. Large events like these do take up lots of personal time and efforts without any financial gains but the reward in terms of greater and stronger community spirit is priceless. Kshatriya Society of New Zealand truly appreciates the effort of Nadi Kshatriya Seva Samaj to organise this event.

On behalf of Kshatriya Society of New Zealand, I wish Nadi Kshatriya Seva Samaj all the best for hosting this event, also my best wishes to all the participating teams and may the spirit of soccer and true sportsmanship thrive on.

*Paresh Parshotam*

**President  
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## Message by President Amit Solanki



### Congratulations to Nadi Host Committee 2018

On behalf of the Ba Kshatriya Mitra Mandal and the Ba community as a whole, I would like to congratulate the Nadi Kshatriya Seva Samaj for hosting the Kshatriya World Cup 2018 Nadi tournament this year. This tournament has been growing over the years and it has now become a major event in the Kshatriya calendar around the world.

Hosting such a large and growing event requires lot of hard work and commitment by the Host Committee and I am sure Nadi would turn out to be magnificent host this year.

Event such as the Kshatriya World Cup tournament gives us Kshatriya's around the world an opportunity for the families & friend to reunite, strengthen relationships and preserve our culture for future generation.

I would like to express my gratitude to the organising committee and the members of Nadi Community for hosting a sporting tournament of such a magnitude and encourage all the Kshatriyas in the community to get involved and support this prestigious event.

All the teams taking part in this tournament have put in many months of hard work and training so I wish all the teams and participants best of luck and hope that true sportsmanship is witnessed to make the event a huge success.

On behalf of the BA Community as whole I would like to wish Nadi as a host and all participating district the all best for the tournament.

*Amit Solanki*

**President  
Ba Kshatriya Mitra Mandal**





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**Message by President**  
**Anisha Kaba**  
**Brisbane, Australia**



On behalf of the Brisbane Kshatriya community, I would like to give my heartfelt congratulations to the organising team behind Aavjo Nadi and the Nadi Kshatriya community on hosting this year's Soccer World Cup! It is undoubtedly, the event of the year in the 2018 Kshatriya calendar. The anticipation for this tournament has been building up significantly since the last World Cup hosted by Melbourne in 2016. The passion for soccer and great intent of bringing the global community together is evident through the excitement created by the Nadi community.

Our Brisbane teams and all of our spectators are super excited to be here for what promises to be a memorable event. The Brisbane boys have been training tirelessly for the past 6 months or so in preparation for this very tournament. It is always inspiring to see the dedication and enthusiasm they have for the sport. The Kshatriya Youth Club (KYC) also hosted a Kshatriya soccer tournament in December 2017 to encourage involvement from Brisbane players, both old and new. I would like to thank my fellow KYC committee members and the Brisbane Soccer Committee of 2018 for working collaboratively to lead the organisation and preparations for this World Cup. A huge thank you to our sponsors for supporting us on our road to Nadi, the sponsors behind Aavjo Nadi and its organising team in making the event what it is!

The Brisbane community greatly look forward to hosting the next Kshatriya World Cup in the year 2020 as the World Cup completes its full circle and returns to its origin grounds in Brisbane, Australia! Best wishes to all teams participating in this year's tournament. Let's do this, Brisbane!

*Anisha Kaba*

**Kshatriya Youth Club President**  
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The 2018 Kshatriya World Cup Soccer tournament is being held in Fiji. Nadi is the proud host for this great event.

On behalf of the Lautoka Kshatriya Yuwak Mandel, I wish the NADI HOST COMMITTEE all the best for an exciting and successful hosting. Let it be a memorable event for us all and serve as an encouragement to all the future host.

Best Wishes

*Vinay Makanji*

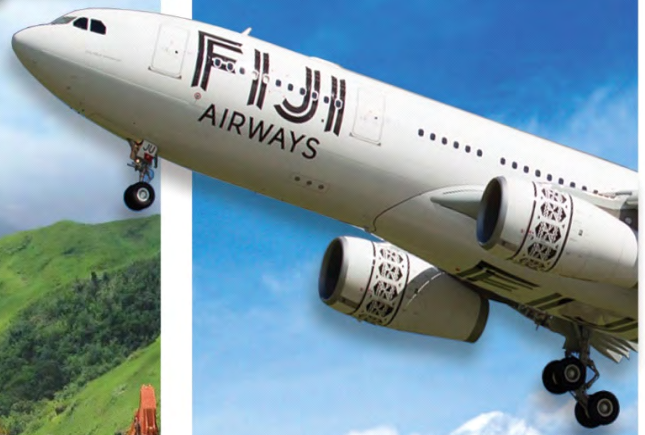
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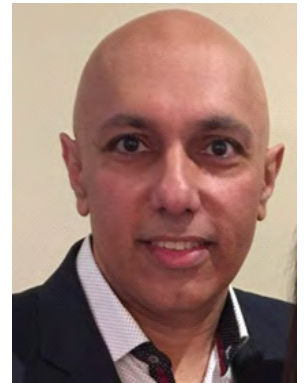
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**Message by President  
Ranjit Ratilal**

Greetings to all fellow Kshatriya's from the ***Kshatriya Community in Melbourne.***

It gives me great pride to see how the Kshatriya communities in the South Pacific and beyond have been galvanising our bonds through the regular Soccer and Cricket tournaments on a rotating basis. How we meet, reconnect with old friends and forge new friendships have certainly been helped by these great tournaments. This is certainly unique to our small but very passionate group of Kshatriya communities, and envied by many others!

I would like to congratulate and wish all the best to Avjo Nadi Organising Committee, Nadi Kshatriya Sewa Samaj and the Nadi Kshatriya Community for hosting the **Kshatriya World Cup 2018 Nadi** and continuing to help strengthen the Kshatriya bond.

As the hosts of 2016 Soccer World Cup Tournament, the Melbourne Community is well aware of the commitment and effort required for such a large undertaking.

I am confident that the Nadi Community will host a fantastic tournament and will offer a great experience for all attending, leaving fond memories for a long time.

The Kshatriya Soccer World Cup is underpinned by very dedicated players, their supporters and families. Over the years, we have witnessed continuous improvement in the standard of play and competition — this is a testimony to the passion and commitment of the players from all districts... a BIG thank you and all the best to the participating players and their teams.

On behalf of the ***Kshatriya Community in Melbourne***, once again all the best for the tournament.

*Ranjit Ratilal*

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### Message by President Jigar Khatri



### Congratulations to Nadi Host Committee 2018

Bula to fellow Kshatriyas,

The Kshatriya World Cup tournament is a very prestigious event which harmoniously allows members of the community to not only engage in and witness competitive football but to also mingle and socialize with friends and families from abroad.

This event provides an opportunity for the younger members of our societies to participate in sporting and other activities which fall out of their academic schedules. On behalf of the Suva Kshatriya Yuwak Mandal, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Nadi KWC host committee an exciting and successful hosting.

Let this event be a memorable one and serve as an encouragement for proceeding hosting committees.

Best wishes

*Jigar Khatri*

**President**

**Suva Kshatriya Yuwak Mandal**



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## **Message by President Darshan Lal**



On behalf of the Kshatriya Society of New South Wales, we would like to congratulate the Nadi Kshatriya Mandal and Host Committee on the hosting of the 2018 Kshatriya Soccer World Cup in Nadi.

We understand and appreciate the planning and organizing that is required to enable such a large event to succeed, and we wish Nadi all the very best in making this event memorable, successful and special.

We thank you for your kind invite and we are honored to be attending such an event, and our members look forward to support and participate in the festivities associated with the soccer tournament.

Having been part of previous many tournaments, we are heartened to see how the event has evolved from being just a soccer tournament to a broader forum for the kshatriya community. Importantly the event provides an opportunity to unite and grow the Kshatriya community around the world.

We would also like to recognize the efforts by the players that dedicate time to put into training in order to prepare for this tournament, with support from their families.

We all look forward to meeting up with some family or friends whom we have not seen for a long time.

All the best!

*Darshan Lal*

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### Message by President Anita Narottam



Bula from the SKA UK

On behalf of the Shree Kshatriya Association of UK and its members, I would like to congratulate Nadi for hosting the 2018 Kshatriya Football World Cup.

I am delighted to say that for the first time a team from outside the Oceania region is participating and I am proud that it is the London team. Really delighted that we are competing in this fantastic tournament which brings our community members together from all over the world.

This is a great achievement for our UK community and I would like to thank our London Team Management led by Nilesh Patel, Mayur Mohanlal, Kiran Jadav, Nitesh Khatri for their commitment and hard work in making this a reality. As you are all aware London can have three different weathers in one day. The team has endured the snow, rain and very cold conditions during their training. Unfortunately we have not had the Fiji heat conditions to train in. Wishing all of Team London players ever success in the tournament.

Organising this mammoth event is not an easy feat. I would like to take this opportunity to say to the organising committee that they are doing a fantastic job in making this event awesome.

The Shree Kshatriya Association of UK wishes Nadi a successful 2018 World Cup and the best of luck to all teams taking part.

May the best team win!

All the best from:

*Anita Narottam*  
**SKA President**





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# Team London



## Message by Manager Mayur Hazratwala

Firstly I would like to congratulate Nadi for putting together the 2018 Kshatriya Football World Cup. It is a huge achievement to put an event such as this together, to host thousands of people from all over the world!

Team London have never participated in any tournament of this magnitude, this will be our first ever and we relish the opportunity you have brought to us in enabling us to do so. 20 months ago a London team was just an idea and concept between a few of us and today, here we are with a squad of 19 dedicated, hardworking and passionate players.

I thank the players for their attitude and desire to compete at the highest level and also our Coach and management team. Without any of these sets of people this would only just remain a dream for us. I must also show appreciation to each and every one of our supporters who have been behind us 100%, some have also travelled to support us further!

This tournament will bring us wonderful long lasting memories and I hope there will be some opportunity for London to host a World Cup in the future and will hope to see you all there.

Final note: Best of luck to all teams participating.

*Mayur Hazratwala*

**Team London  
Manager**





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## From the Editor:



I was approached by the organising committee of the AavjoNadi2018 to take charge of the Souvenir Magazine for this grand event to be held over four days at the Prince Charles Park in Nadi from 27th of June to 1st of July 2018.

Nadi's event is very special in many ways, one that it is the last leg in the Kshatriya World Cup journey that started in Brisbane in 2002 and has been growing with each leg and Nadi expected to have the largest patronising. Secondly with time our community numbers have also shrunk quite a bit making the hosting of this event a very big task. Lastly to look for material for this magazine became a huge ask as most records have been destroyed with all the major floods that Nadi has gone through. This also makes this publication very special as it will be an eye opener for a lot of people with a lot of history told in a nut shell.

For these reasons, the plan for setting out the magazine became very simple and that is to collect as much information from the community in what so ever little form they would have and make this publication a collector's item.

I have to admit that engaging in a task of this magnitude is not an easy thing and therefore I am very grateful to everyone who has helped in whatever way possible. I must thank the AavjoNadi2018 committee who has helped me in collecting most of the material for the magazine. I also would like to express my appreciation and thanks to everyone who has provided this publication with their messages. I also thank all the districts for providing their team materials. Lastly, I sincerely appreciate and thank one and all for the advertisements they have provided without which producing a publication like this is not possible. Once again my sincere thanks to anyone I may have missed to acknowledge.

After many weeks of putting this magazine together, editing, designing and refining I wish to give the Kshatriya community a magazine with a hope that it will always be treasured for many many years to come.

*Arun Kumar*

**Editor for Souvenir magazine  
2018 Kshatriya World Cup**

## Program Brief:

### **Thursday 28th June 2018: Venue – Prince Charles Park**

Soccer starts at 9.30am

**Bar will open from 11.30am to 1.00pm**

Lunch 12noon to 1.30pm

Afternoon Tea 3.00pm to 4.00pm

**Opening Program 5.30pm to 6.45pm**

**Evening Bar will open at 6.45pm to 8.30pm**

Dinner 6.45pm to 9.00pm

### **Friday 29th June 2018: – Prince Charles Park**

Soccer starts at 8.00am

**Bar will open from 11.30am to 1.00pm**

Lunch 12noon to 1.30pm

Afternoon Tea 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Soccer finishes at 6.15pm

**NOTE FRIDAY IS A FREE NIGHT (NO DINNER).**

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018: – Prince Charles Park**

Soccer starts at 8.00am

**Bar will open from 11.30am to 1.00pm**

Lunch 12noon to 1.30pm

Afternoon Tea 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Soccer finishes at 6.00pm

**NOTE SATURDAY IS A FREE NIGHT (NO DINNER).**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018: – Prince Charles Park**

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Lunch 12noon to 1.30pm

Afternoon Tea 3.00pm to 4.00pm

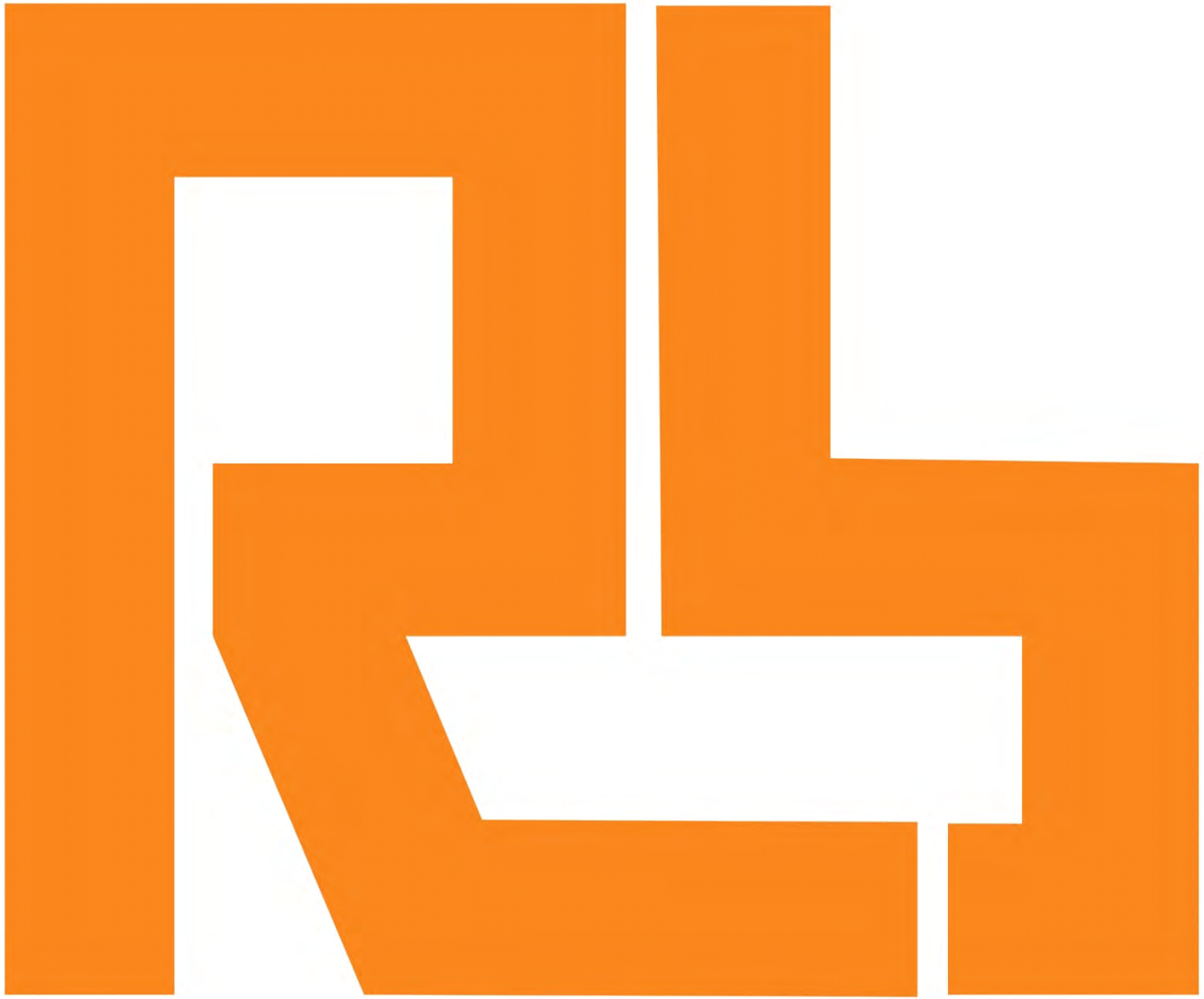
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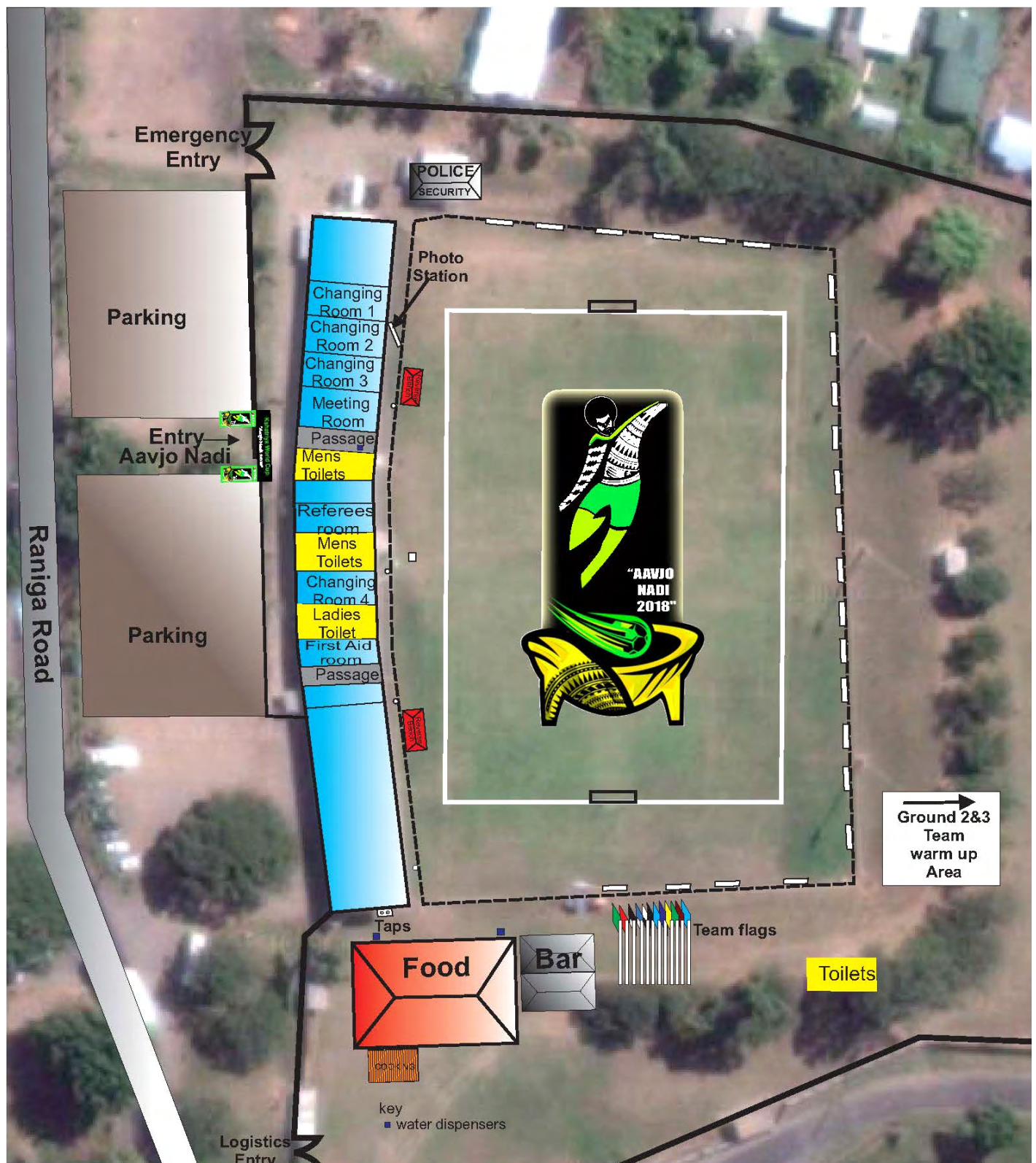
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| B5     |  |

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| THURSDAY          | 9.30AM - 10.45AM  | POOL A         | A1               | vs | A2           | 12.00PM - 1.30PM<br>LUNCH<br>3.00PM - 4.00PM<br>AFTERNOON TEA<br>6.45PM - 9.00PM<br>DINNER                                    |
| 28TH JUNE<br>2018 | 10.50AM - 12.05PM | POOL B         | B1               | vs | B2           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 12.10PM - 1.25PM  | POOL A         | A3               | vs | A4           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 1.30PM - 2.45PM   | POOL B         | B3               | vs | B4           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 2.50PM - 3.45PM   | VETERANS       | VA1              | vs | VA2          |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 3.50PM - 5.05PM   | POOL A         | A1               | vs | A5           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 5.30PM - 6.45PM   |                | OPENING CEREMONY |    |              |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 6.50PM - 8.05PM   | POOL B         | B1               | vs | B5           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 8.10PM - 9.25PM   | POOL A         | A2               | vs | A3           |                                                                                                                               |
| FRIDAY            | 8.00AM - 9.15AM   | POOL B         | B2               | vs | B3           | 9.30AM - 10.30AM<br>MORNING TEA<br>12.00PM - 1.30PM<br>LUNCH<br>3.00PM - 4.00PM<br>AFTERNOON TEA                              |
| 29TH JUNE<br>2018 | 9.20AM - 10.35AM  | POOL A         | A4               | vs | A5           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 10.40AM - 11.55AM | POOL B         | B4               | vs | B5           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 12.00PM - 12.55PM | VETERANS       | VB1              | vs | VB2          |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 1.00PM - 2.15PM   | POOL A         | A1               | vs | A3           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 2.20PM - 3.35PM   | POOL B         | B1               | vs | B3           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 3.40PM - 4.55PM   | POOL A         | A2               | vs | A4           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 5.00PM - 6.15PM   | POOL B         | B2               | vs | B4           |                                                                                                                               |
| SATURDAY          | 8.00AM - 9.15AM   | POOL A         | A3               | vs | A5           | 9.30AM - 10.30AM<br>MORNING TEA<br>12.00PM - 1.30PM<br>LUNCH<br>3.00PM - 4.00PM<br>AFTERNOON TEA                              |
| 30TH JUNE<br>2018 | 9.20AM - 10.35AM  | POOL B         | B3               | vs | B5           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 10.40AM - 11.55AM | POOL A         | A1               | vs | A4           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 12.00PM - 1.15PM  | POOL B         | B1               | vs | B4           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 1.20PM - 2.35PM   | POOL A         | A2               | vs | A5           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 2.40PM - 3.55PM   | POOL B         | B2               | vs | B5           |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 4.00PM - 4.55PM   | VETERANS S/F   | WINNER VA        | vs | RUNNER UP VB |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 5.00PM - 5.55PM   | VETERANS S/F   | WINNER VB        | vs | RUNNER UP VA |                                                                                                                               |
| SUNDAY            | 8.30AM - 9.45AM   | SEMI FINAL 1   | WINNER A         | vs | RUNNER UP B  | 9.30AM - 10.30AM<br>MORNING TEA<br>12.00PM - 1.30PM<br>LUNCH<br>2.30PM - 3.30PM<br>AFTERNOON TEA<br>6.00PM<br>GRAND BULA NITE |
| 1ST JULY<br>2018  |                   |                |                  |    |              |                                                                                                                               |
|                   | 9.50AM - 11.05AM  | SEMI FINAL 2   | WINNER B         | vs | RUNNER UP A  |                                                                                                                               |
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|                   | 11.30AM - 12.25PM | VETERANS FINAL | WINNER SF1       | vs | WINNER SF2   |                                                                                                                               |
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|                   | 2.00PM - 3.15PM   | GRAND FINAL    | WINNER SF 1      | vs | WINNER SF 2  |                                                                                                                               |
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# HISTORY OF THE WORLD CUP

The Kshatriya communities in Australia had grown from a handful of pioneering families who arrived in the 1970s and 1980s. As Fiji's political and economical situation became unstable after the 1987 coup, there was large migration to overseas nations which led to a rapid growth in the number of Kshatriya members in Australia in the 1990s.

Soccer was an integral part of the Kshatriya youth's lives in Fiji. Whether it was weekend matches, Gujarati tournaments, or just a kick-around after school, soccer was ingrained as part of the Fiji lifestyle. Early migrants to Australia brought this soccer-loving lifestyle with them. Initially many joined local clubs or other casual ethnic teams for their weekly fix.

As the population grew, there were sufficient numbers to form a team of keen players. Casual weekend soccer, often augmented with other Gujarati and Hindustani players became common. Through this commitment to the spirit of soccer, the Sydney and Brisbane teams became the founding members of what eventually became the Kshatriya World Cup.

The first soccer match between Sydney and Brisbane was held at Coffs Harbour (NSW, Australia) in 1992. Kshatriya's from either side of the border were able to meet at a mid-point, and catch up with family and friends. The Thakorlal family donated the trophy for the winning team to symbolise the commitment, hard work and determination shown by all participants. The trophy also stood for the unity and togetherness our community experiences at each of these events.

Sydney and Brisbane played a number of soccer matches in the early 1990s under the Thakorlal Cup. Melbourne began to send representatives to the Sydney/Brisbane games from the mid-1990s onwards. In 2000, with Sydney as a host, Kshatriya soccer went international with the arrival of Auckland where like Australia, our Kshatriya members from Fiji had settled and carried the soccer legacy with them.

In 2001, Brisbane came up with the idea to expand the Thakorlal Cup into a "World Cup" and in discussions with Sydney, it was agreed to invite teams from Fiji as well as other nations. Thus, **THE KSHATRIYA WORLD CUP WAS BORN!** As part of the formalisation of the World Cup, the Thakorlal family upgraded the original trophy to a larger one that reflected the increasing importance of the event. In 2002, Brisbane hosted the first Kshatriya World Cup.

The Thakorlal family further upgraded the trophy to the present cup for the Auckland 2005 tournament to symbolise the important place of the soccer tournament in the Kshatriya calendar – one that brings together the Kshatriya diaspora to celebrate kinships/friendships in a physical contest.

Since then, the Kshatriya World Cup has been played every two years (in Lautoka, Sydney, Ba, Suva, Melbourne and reaching its final leg in Nadi) with increasing fanfare and participants eagerly in preparations and attendance.



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In the early years, competition for the trophy was tough and the teams involved were, Nadi, Suva, Lautoka and Ba. Some years later, Labasa, Tavua, Lami and Nasinu joined and the tournament got bigger and more interesting. The players in the teams of Lami and Nasinu were from Suva as at that time Suva's population was so high.

The H P Bulsara trophy also travelled to Vanua Levu in 1984 when Labasa hosted its first and only tournament and for this reason most people took this as an opportunity to socialise and make the best of time while on that Island. For many of our youth's, this was their first trip out of Viti Levu. Tavua, being a small district also hosted the tournament once.



After the Coup's in 1987, our community members started migrating mainly to Australia and New Zealand and the number of teams playing for the trophy started reducing and came down to only four namely Ba, Lautoka, Nadi and Suva. In recent years, only Suva, Nadi and Lautoka have been regularly taking part in the competition.

The recent tournaments have only been a single day affair where each team played no more than 2 matches. The hosting of the tournament is still done on rotational basis and the host district organises lunch for the teams and supporters.

We pay tribute to the original planners of this Fiji Khatri's Premier Tournament namely Kumud Bulasara, Jitendra Maganlal Narsey, Yashwant Solanki, Jitendra Thakorlal Narsey and Dayanand Solanki and not forgetting Harikisun Parshotam Bulsara who put in this legendary cup for this event that proved all it's worth in getting the Kshatriya communities from all districts together. This event or tournament also seeded the idea of the Kshatriya World Cup with our people having spread over several countries. Now we can see this premier event of World Cup getting so big that this year for the first time a team from London is participating with an expected gathering of more than 1500 people.

## PAST TOURNAMENTS

| YEAR | HOST    | WINNER  |
|------|---------|---------|
| 1973 | Suva    | Nadi    |
| 1974 | Nadi    | Lautoka |
| 1975 | Lautoka | Suva    |
| 1976 | Ba      | Suva    |
| 1977 | Suva    | Lautoka |
| 1978 | Nadi    | Suva    |
| 1979 | Lautoka | Lautoka |
| 1980 | Ba      | Lautoka |
| 1981 | Suva    | Nadi    |
| 1982 | Nadi    | Lautoka |
| 1983 | Lautoka | Nadi    |
| 1984 | Labasa  | Suva    |
| 1985 | Ba      | Nadi    |
| 1986 | Lami    | Suva    |
| 1987 | Nadi    | Suva    |
| 1988 |         | Nadi    |
| 1991 |         | Lautoka |
| 1992 |         | Nadi    |
| 1993 |         | Suva    |
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| 1996 |         | Suva    |
| 1998 |         | Nadi    |
| 2002 | Suva    | Suva    |
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| 2009 | Nadi    | Nadi    |
| 2010 | Suva    | Nadi    |
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# TEAM NADI



Nadi Kshatriya team, this years host has always been a very strong and competitive team and has taken part in all the Kshatriya World Cups so far. Most of the players are still the same since the Kshatriya World Cup began in Brisbane in the year 2002.

Since Nadi has lost a lot of players through migration, it is always very difficult to form a large squad. A lot of these players have played in all the world cups till date and this tournament will surely be the last for most of us.

This group consists of Rajesh Morriswala, Dharmesh Motiram, Hitesh Shivilal, Hitesh Morriswala, Hemal Motiram, Nilesch Kumar and Kapil Bhagwan who have kept Nadi team going. Our management team of Hitesh Shivilal, Kapil Bhagwan and Captain Hitesh Morriswala have been able to manage the team with lot of passion and are able to bring the best out of them.

Nadi, the 2 time winners of the Kshatriya World Cup are yet again made up of the same senior members with a few younger ones now making their way into the team and taking responsibility.

The new inclusions like the brothers Dilpesh and Varun Kumar, Mikhil Kumar, Nilpesh Morriswala, Tejes Lallu, Viral Hiralal and Current Team Capitan Nikul Khatri are being groomed not only to take Nadi forward but also to better our records!!!

*Best Wishes*  
**Rajesh Morriswala**

# THE NADI SQUAD



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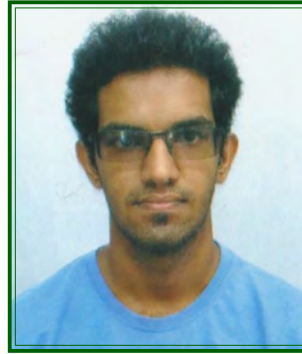
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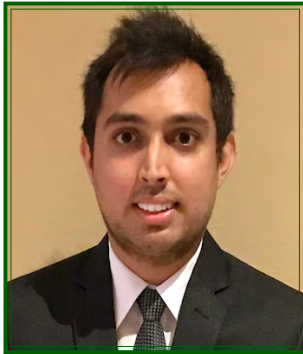
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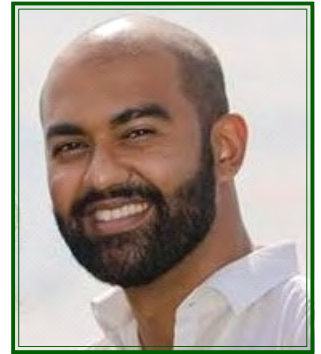
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# TEAM AUCKLAND



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The Auckland Khatri soccer team is looking forward to take part in the tournament in Nadi. We hope to catchup with friends and family and also look to play the beautiful game in a fair & competitive manner.

The Kshatriya Society of New Zealand is very supportive of all sports involvement by the community and soccer is certainly one of those.

The Auckland team has won the tournament in 2002, 2009 and at the last tournament in Melbourne in 2016. Auckland has also taken part in a number of Gujarati tournaments with local & overseas teams and were in the finals in 2018.

The team has a good mixture of experience and youth and is coached & managed by our team of Prakash Lal, Chetan Solanki, Mitesh Killa, Kalpesh Bhikabhai and Prashant Kalyan.





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## TEAM BA



Still licking our wounds from the 2016 defeat in final seconds, the players are determined to break the hoodoo in 2018. With a good mixture of Young and Experienced players, we have more of a father / son team assembled again. While the old boys are training hard to get rid of the tyre tube around their waist, the young bachelors are training hard on their looks and hair style. We are looking forward to participating and enjoying the game we love to play.

**- Hitesh Parmar, Manager Ba**



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# TEAM BRISBANE



Brisbane is well known for turning up to Kshatriya World Cups in strong numbers. The most obvious reason for this is the sheer population of Khatri's in Brisbane and its continuing growth. However, the passion shown in the players and the spectators forms part of the rich culture and bond that has been developed over a long history that is founded upon a 27-year history of Brisbane Khatri soccer. Brisbane soccer started in 1991 and the first Brisbane team was formed in 1992 to play in the inaugural Thakorlal Cup against Sydney in Coffs Harbour.

Over the next 10 years, the desire to play soccer with fellow Khatri's around the world continued to grow in Brisbane and with this drive it was Brisbane that hosted the first Kshatriya World Cup in 2002. The foundation of what is now a landmark event in the Khatri calendar come to fruition in Brisbane and that has only strengthened Brisbane's passion to ensure the event continues, and what better way to show it but to turn up to these World Cups in numbers. That is shown in this tournament with Brisbane registering 3 teams, 2 teams in the main tournament and 1 in the Over 40's tournament.

It is not an easy feat to bring over 60 players from one district to a Khatri World Cup. The financial, managerial, and logistical support required is monumental but with the tight bond within the Brisbane community, and the common goal to have Brisbane show its support to the host and continue to see Kshatriya World Cup succeed, the community came together to get the job done. A big thanks to all that have provided their support in whichever way to get the boys to Nadi. Thanks must also be given to those community members that have travelled from Brisbane to support all our teams. It is great to have so many of our fellow members here in Nadi with us.

The teams compromise of all levels of age and skill. There are many within our community that are excited not only to see the seniors still booting up, but the pool of young talent that is coming through recently which will only continue to grow in the years to come. The future of Brisbane soccer remains strong and we look forward to seeing this young talent grow into the future.

On behalf of Brisbane soccer, we congratulate Nadi as host. As previous host of Soccer and Cricket World Cups, we appreciate the enormous effort that is involved in organising the event. We wish all the teams a safe and enjoyable tournament, and look forward to meeting old and creating new friendships, on and off the field.



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# TEAM LAUTOKA



I would like to commend all the persons involved in making up the Lautoka Team.

However, the following persons in the Lautoka Team I would like to point out especially as they are young and growing to become leaders of the Lautoka Team in the near future.

We commend them as they take out time from student lives, and make huge efforts in participating in events such as the KWC Soccer including all the training sessions and fundraisers.

The persons are:-

1. **Aryan Kalyan**, attending Natubua High School, playing Left Wing position.
2. **Vishal Kapadia**, attending Central College, playing Right Back position.

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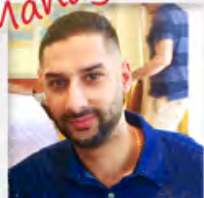


# TEAM LONDON

## *Fiji 2018*



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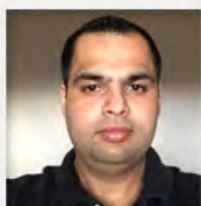
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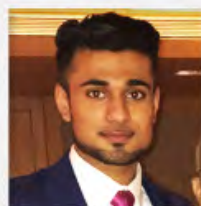
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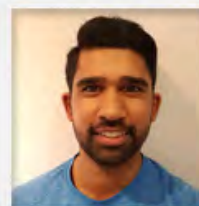
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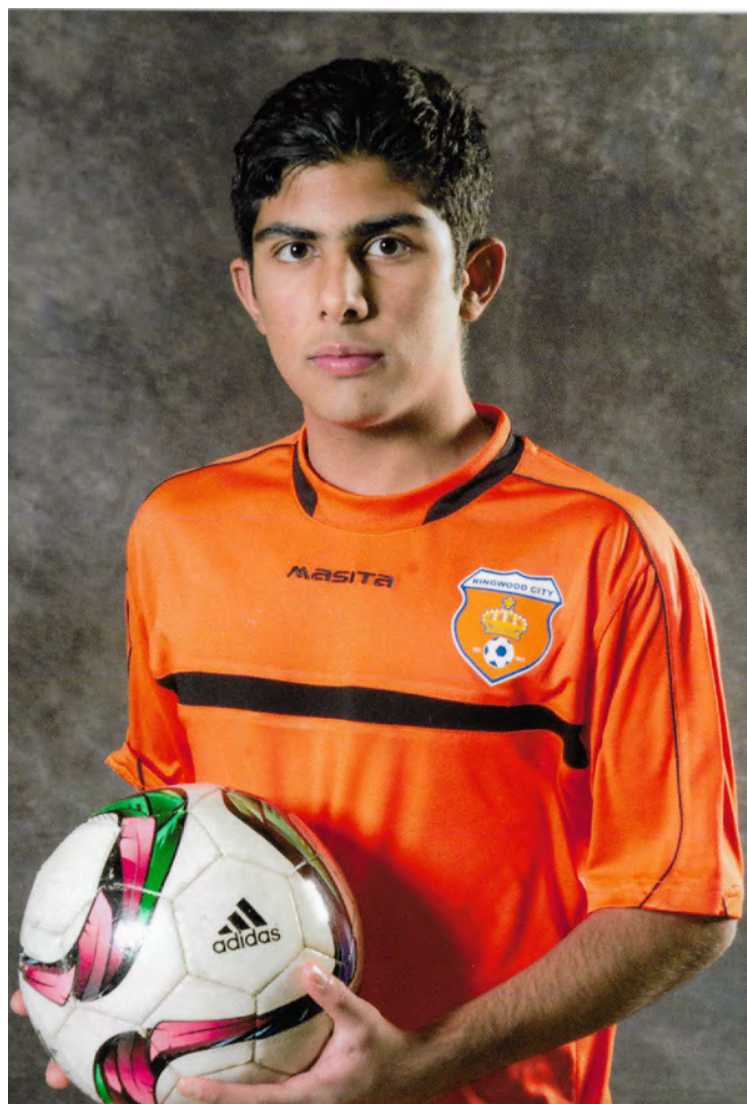


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## **MELBOURNE - PLAYER PROFILE**



### ***KAYUR GULAB***

Absolutely obsessed with soccer, Kayur has been playing club soccer since the age of 10. He played his first Kshatriya Soccer Tournament 2 years ago in Melbourne. At age 14, Kayur was one of the youngest players in the tournament. His impressive goal at the last second of the semi final qualifier game, earned him the Rising Star Award. His passion for the game and his impressive footwork makes him a force to be reckoned with.



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## TEAM SUVA



Suva will again be participating at the 8th Kshatriya World Cup. Apart from the last tournament Suva has reached the Semi Finals of each tournament and have also reached the final twice but have not been able to win the World Cup so far. Suva teams rebuilding is continuing as the team has changed considerably over the last few years with a lot of young players given more opportunities and responsibilities in the team with many of them still in High School. However, a core of senior players still remain and Suva will be counting on the experience of senior players such as Sundeep Balia, Diren Kapadia and Jigar Khatri to lead the team.

Expectations are not too high but Suva has been training continuously over the last couple of months and will hope to give the other teams a good run for their money!!!

### PLAYER TO WATCH:

VEERAL KUMAR, AGE: 17  
POSITION: STRIKER  
EXPERIENCE: 2ND WORLD CUP

COMMENTS: Veeral did not get much game time in his First tournament in Melbourne. However he has grown in the team and will be playing a key role in Suva's Attack. He continues to develop as a Player and will be hoping to showcase his talent and help the team improve on their performance from the previous tournament.

*Best Wishes*  
***Diren Kapadia***



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# TEAM SYDNEY



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Sydney last won the Kshatriya World Cup in 2007, and now a decade later, in 2018, getting a mix of youth and experience brings new life to the team. The squad is well poised with Vipal Killa and Devesh Gokal bringing experience to the team and the likes of Devin Khatri, Neil Khatri, Pranil Kapadia and Abhishek Kapadia bringing youthful flair to the squad.

Devin Khatri, Vipal Killa and Harshik Jamnadas have been taking the lead on training/coaching to prepare the Sydney team for KWC 2018, taking an inclusive approach whereby the team are encouraged to share their knowledge from club soccer and/or their tournament experiences. Training comprises of high intensity fitness drills, set plays, ball work and practice matches.

Additionally, Sydney (in collaboration with Melbourne) will also participate in the veterans tournament, and include many veteran players who have played in and contributed extensively to past Kshatriya World Cup events since the 1990's.

We thank Nadi for hosting this event and look forward to participating and making it a success.

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| Highest Scoring Team  | Hemant Hazrat Trophy                                      |        |
| Highest Goal Scorer   | Mr Ambaram & Mrs Umiaben Kalyan                           |        |
| Best Goalkeeper       | Vinay Bhagwandas Solanki                                  |        |
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Mr. Hira Solanki was very passionate sports follower and a Soccer loving fan. He was in regular attendance to our Khatri Soccer IDC and other tournaments held around Fiji. He was so bonded with soccer that he also attended all Fiji Football events held. The spirit of his soccer love is very clearly also seen in his second son, Mr. Ramesh Solanki who even today is known as 'Soccer Solanki'.

He was always ready to donate trophies and whatever else he could and whenever he was approached by various organisations.

Mr. Hira Solanki passed away in 2010.

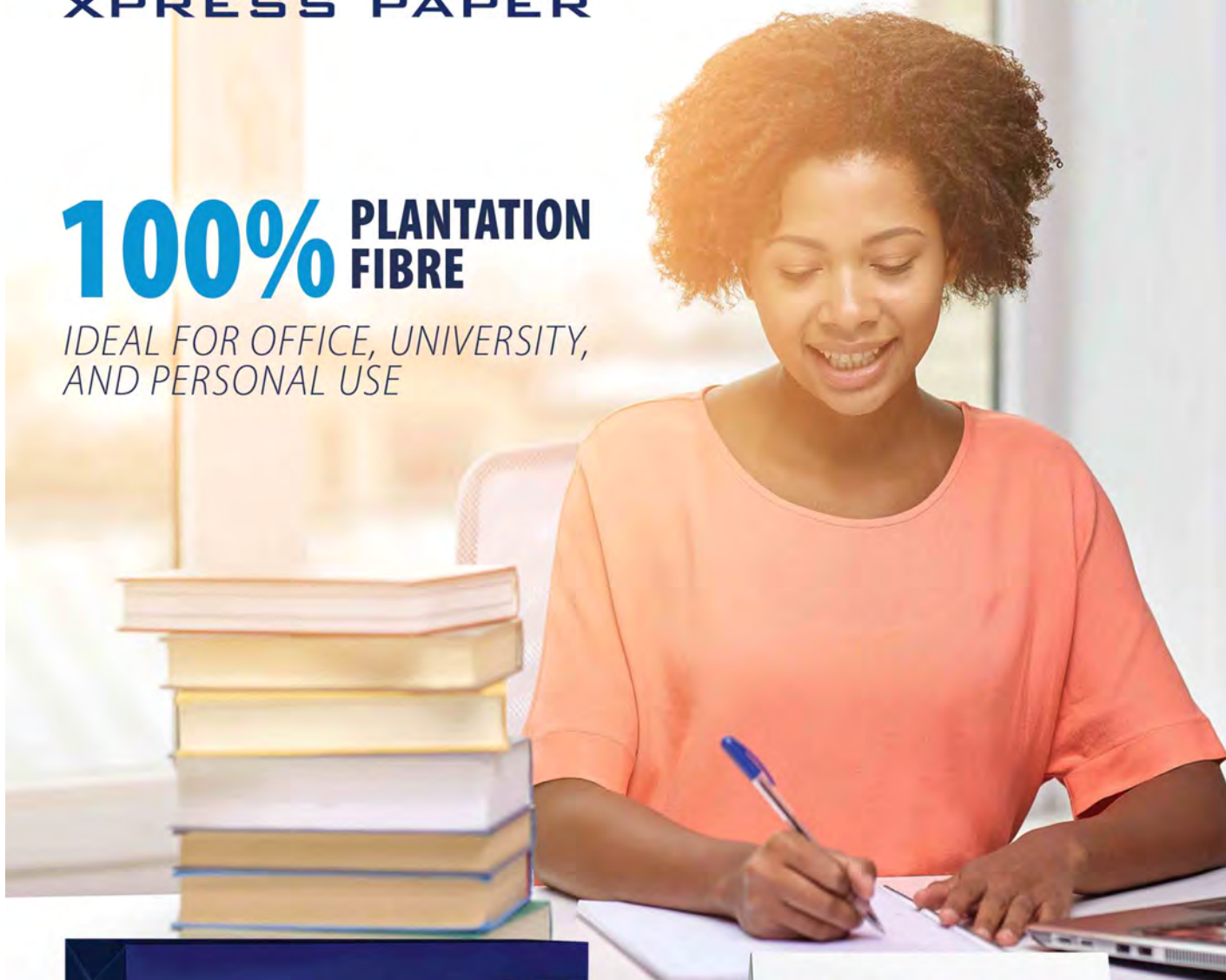
His youngest son, Capt. Nitin Hiralal is the current Chairman of the Nadi Kshatriya World Cup Committee.





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Vinay Bhagwandas Solanki, loving son of Bhagwandas Narottam Solanki and Vasumati Bhagwandas (previously of Nadi Town), loving husband of Priti Vinay Solanki and loving father of Pranay and Nina Vinay Solanki really needs no introduction as he touched the heart of every person he met with his aura and genuine personality.



Vinay developed his passion for soccer from a very young age. He was selected as a Goalkeeper to represent his school, Nadi Sangam School, in the inter-primary school soccer tournament. Vinay went on to continue his further studies in Auckland, New Zealand where he initiated the formation of the Kshatriya Mandal in Auckland by getting all his friends together. While in Auckland, New Zealand, Vinay also played the lead role in the formation of the first ever official Auckland khatri soccer team named "Kshatriya Raiders". This name was given by Vinay after his favourite rugby league player, Mal Meninge's team, Canberra Raiders.

Vinay's love for community and community service ran in his genes, through similar work and services offered by his father and dada (grandfather) Narottam Narsey Solanki. Vinay has also served as a president of the Brisbane Kshatriya Society in 2012.

Vinay's love towards his family and his efforts to bring everyone together in Brisbane is also commendable. Vinay was a loving son, a loving husband, a loving father and a loving brother. Vinay helped settle his two younger brothers Vipul Solanki and Rajul Solanki in Brisbane and Gold Coast and later also settled his elder sister Dipika Narsey and brother-in-law, Dinesh Narsey, in Sunshine coast. Vinay also settled his parents in Sunshine Coast.

"Home is always where the heart is" and that place was always "Nadi" for Vinay. From the moment Aavjo Nadi was first promoted at the last World Cup in Melbourne, Vinay's heart was set on helping out in whatever way to make this event a success. Vinay was very passionate about Aavjo Nadi and as a result he started putting together a group of Nadi people in Brisbane to get together on a regular basis and discuss ways to help assist the tournament in any way possible. Vinay also took the opportunity to invite the whole of the Brisbane society at the annual mohatsav 2017 in Brisbane by including a special "Aavjo Nadi segment". Vinay was nominated by Aavjo Nadi to sell event tickets for the World Kshatriya Soccer Tournament 2018. He took this opportunity with pride and pleasure, and with the help of his fellow Nadi boys Prakash Morriswala and Yogesh Kapadia, they sold a record number of tickets for this event going door to door and through personal and business friendships. The hometown event sparked Vinay's desire to play for his team Nadi once again. He was very excited that he could be a part of such a great event which brought the community together. Vinay may not be here with us today, but his presence will always be felt. Rest in Peace Vinay, you will always be in our hearts. We love you. Go Nadi!!! Go Nadi!!! Go Nadi!!!.





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# **RAJESH MORRISWALA**

## **Khatri's most Lethal Striker**

Rajesh Morriswala, also known as 'Nattu' started playing soccer at a very young age while he was only in class 8. Rajesh, in his school days played soccer from the primary school to his high school and represented all school soccer teams which won many trophies in those days. Right from the young age, Rajesh started shining in Khatri and Gujarati soccer teams scoring goals out of nowhere. His exceptional talent of making something out of nothing situation was what made him totally different from others. In his 30 years of playing Khatri soccer, he won many Khatri IDC and Gujarati soccer titles. Rajesh has scored countless goals, and has been named player of the tournament several times and highest goal scorer in the local IDC as well winning the golden boot.



Rajesh, like his father Harish Ratanji (who was an excellent sportsman) carried forward the legend of great sporting personality. Beside playing soccer he has played Cricket with full heart as well representing from the Club level to the district level and finally representing the Fiji National Cricket Team. In 2003, while at his peak, Rajesh represented the National team to South Pacific Games and won silver medal. He was also Player of the tournament in the first ever Kshatriya World Cup T20 cricket tournament in Melbourne 2008. Tennis was another sport in which he also excelled equally well and here also he represented the Fiji National Juniors.

Rajesh standing 6 foot 2 inches tall was instrumental in Nadi's win at Kshatriya World Cup Soccer in Auckland in 2005 and also in Ba in the year 2011. He was awarded player of the tournament in 2005 (Auckland) and golden boot (highest goal scoring) in 2005 and 2011. Rajesh has banked over 20 goals in all Khatri World Cups, which seems to be the highest by any individual.

People still remember and talk about some of the goals he has scored throughout his career. He is known to create goals out of 'nothing' and that is what made him known as the lethal striker.

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*Morriswala Brother's, Rajesh and Hitesh has made Nadi Kshatriya community proud by their achievements in various sports by representing not only our community but Gujarati teams and then onto District Teams and finally made it to the National Fiji Teams as well.*

*Following is the list of some that come to mind:*

## **Representations & Achievements:**

### **Hitesh Morriswala: TENNIS PLAYER**

1991 – South Pacific Games in PNG – Bronze Medal

1993 – Mini SPG in Vanuatu – Bronze Medal

1994 – Pacific Oceania Davis Cup – Dubai

1995 – SPG in Tahiti – Bronze Medal

1995 – Pacific Oceania Davis Cup – Dubai

1996 – Pacific Oceania Davis Cup – Qatar

1997 – Pacific Oceania Davis Cup – Jordan

1998 – Pacific Oceania Davis Cup – Pakistan

1999 – Fiji Davis Cup – Brunei

1999 – SPG in Guam – 2 Bronze Medals

2003 – SPG at Suva Fiji

*From 1990 to 1994, Hitesh was the number 1 Junior Tennis Player of the Oceania Pacific and has won 21 Gold and 4 Silver medals. In 1990 Hitesh was ranked 120<sup>th</sup> Junior player in the World by the International Tennis Federation. He was also ranked number 2 tennis player in Fiji for several years.*

### **Rajesh Morriswala: CRICKET PLAYER**

2003 – South Pacific Games at Suva, Fiji – Silver Medal

2004 – Member of Fiji Cricket Squad for the ICC tournament in Japan

2005 - Member of Fiji Cricket Squad - played 2 matches against MCC of England.

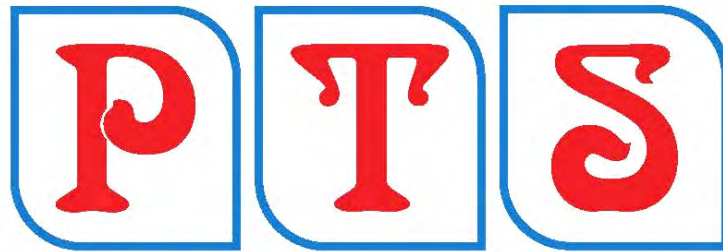
*Rajesh with his brother Hitesh were not only the two Khatri's but Gujarati's as well to represent Fiji in the 2003 South Pacific Games held in Suva.*

*I have intentionally not mentioned their achievements on Soccer field in Khatri and Gujarati tournaments as that is well known to everyone.*

*Morriswala must be happy that the legend of their Sportsmanship is carried forward by their next generation, refer to article on Yash Morriswala. We wish him all the success !!!*







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## **YASH MORRISWALA - AN UPCOMING STAR**



Yash and Krish participated in the International Tennis Federation West Pacific championship played during the week in, Lautoka. Yash won the final under 12.



*Young Yash Morriswala is 12 years old and is from Nadi . Yash comes from a sporting family and recently represented Fiji in the International Tennis Federation West Pacific Junior Championship winning both singles and doubles final .*

*He has been selected to represent Fiji to play in the Pacific Oceania Junior Championship in New Caledonia (August) and Vanuatu (24th Nov -2nd Dec) Yash has a keen interest in Tennis and wants to represent the National team in future.*

*He also likes to play Chess and participates in the local tournaments organized by the Fiji Chess Association .*



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## LEGENDS OF NADI IN SOCCER!!!

Soccer has always been very close to the hearts of the members of the Nadi Kshatriya Society. Those days there were no internet, computers and electronic gadgets that we have today which keeps the new generation a lot indoors. Those days outdoor sports were everything and this was one reason the community those days were very healthy. Our community members like a ritual would meet at the Nadi Sangam School grounds every Sunday to play soccer from 3.00pm till 5.00pm. After that everyone would socialize till 6.00pm and then head home. Some of the names that come to mind who would come to play social with us but never made it to the teams were Venilal Morriswala (Goalkeeper), Raman Narottam Solanki, Ishwarlal Ranchhod, Hasmukh Malarao, Mohanlal Solanki, Chabildas Ranchhod and many many more. All sorts of subjects would get discussed here. Later when the idea of competition games came in, the social matches were played between Nadi and Lautoka for the R Mack Trophy. With our players getting more competition, they improved very well and several of our Nadi Khatri boys started representing the Nadi Gujarati Team. The first names that come to mind that represented the Gujarati Team were Harish Ratanji who was regarded as the best goal keeper in Fiji and Late Shantilal Solanki who played as the center forward and was known for his goal scoring killer instinct.



**Harish Ratanji sitting in the centre with all the trophies!!!**

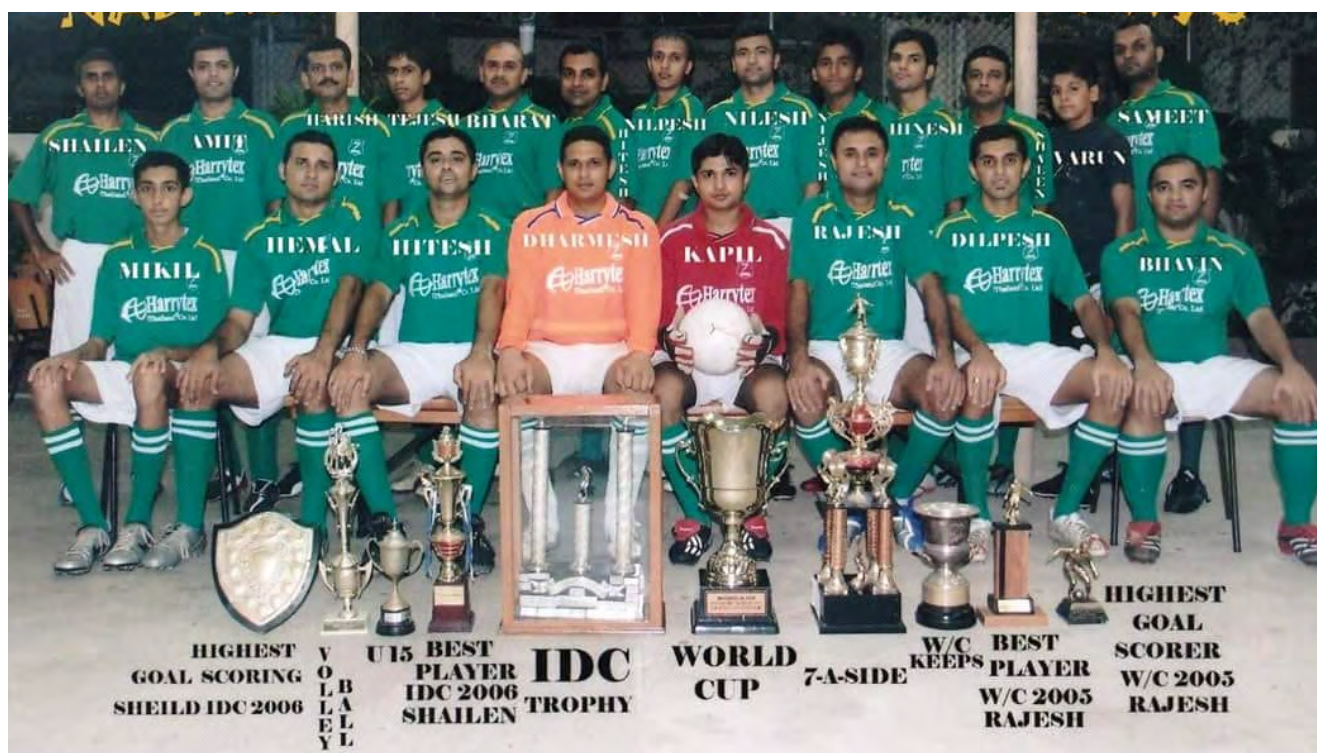
Later when soccer started getting very competitive, H P Bulsara Cup came in and this started the Fiji Khatri Inter District Soccer competition and the first tournament was hosted by Suva and this was won by Nadi. Some of the names that come to mind who represented the first team of Nadi to the H P Bulsara Cup were Dhansukh Malarao, Ravin Malarao, Narendra Ranchhod, Umesh Shivilal, Indrawadan Shivilal, Kiran Laxmidas, Uma Kant, Shashi Kant, Hemant Kapadia, Kishore Ratanji (Kookie), Yashwant Khatri, Suresh Ratilal, Hemant Ratilal and many more. Ravin Malarao (known as the grader with no breaks) was the first player to officially get a red card as he had taken out the opposition player without a ball. This was because he could not stop after the ball had been cleared and Nadi had still won this match with 10 players. The elder community members who could not make it to Suva for the tournament were equally involved and when they heard of our Victory, a big 'bhandara' was already ready at the Khatri Hall and our bus was received from the Korovuto School junction and taken straight to the Hall. This is how much the whole community was involved those days.



## LEGENDS OF NADI IN SOCCER!!! - CONT'D

The initial team had very high result rates and this trend was maintained by the next lot of players who took over and they were Dilip Mackrani, the Kapadia brothers of Satish, Dinesh and Bhupen, Girish Morriswala, Hemant Shantilal, Arun Kantilal, Prakash Morriswala, Anil Khatri, Jagdish Solanki, Harish Solanki, Atul Laxmidas and many more. During this time, also the Nadi team was a force everyone feared to play with. Our keeper, Dilip Mackrani was then known as the steel keeper as for anything to pass him was very difficult. Then with the backline of Dinesh Kapadia, Bhupen Kapadia and Arun Kantilal, the wall was very difficult to break and our goal scoring machine were fed the ball very well with our 'Mainboy' Satish Kapadia.

Apart from the very competitive attitude that the teams would have for winning the cups, Nadi's cultural and family bonding's still were very close to heart of everyone. This was very clearly demonstrated when the team travelled to Labasa for the IDC tournament in 1984. The 'batris' – (32) Nadi Khatri's spent the night on board the chartered boat 'Ariadni'. When we arrived in the morning, we had to play the opening game. Even when we were still feeling the travel sickness, no team could defeat us. Without losing any game, we did not qualify for the play offs. A Team came up to Nadi and made a big offer for us to protest against another team that they wanted out as they had evidence on film of the wrong decision by the referee against Nadi. Our boys refused this and said we wanted to make the best of time while in Labasa and meet families and go out for site visits. This made our seniors very happy that our team respected cultural values more than just winning the trophies as more opportunities would come in future for this.



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## **LEGENDS OF NADI IN SOCCER!!! - CONT'D**

*Later the newer group of players came in, they did even better and the names that come to mind are the Rainbow Store brother's Shailen, Jitu and Sanjay, Rajesh and Hitesh Morriswala, Bharat Kantilal, Dharmesh and Hemal Motiram, Rajesh Malarao, Hitesh Malarao, Vinay Solanki, Minesh Bhagwan, Dilip, Bhupen, Jilesh and Jatin Shantilal, Hitesh Shivilal, Amit Khatri, Dilpesh Mackrani, Varun Mackrani, Hinesh Dilip Shantilal, Bhavin Khatri, Hemant Lallu and many more that carried the same legend and kept Nadi's dominance in the sports very strong. Dharmesh who took over from Dilip Mackrani, the steel keeper, surely did not let the position down and proved equally good and with time became even better. The Rainbow Store brothers added a totally entertaining flavor to the sport while Rajesh Morriswala started getting known for his goal scoring killer instinct and is regarded as the best goal scorer Nadi has ever produced. Bharat Kantilal has always been known as the best impact player and he does the most damage to the opposition in the shortest time.*



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*One has to commend the contribution from two players who have gone to represent Nadi for the longest period of time and in this category, the first name is Umesh Shivilal who played with almost 3 sets of Nadi Team players and whose presence alone on the ground would keep all the players bound together. In the newer group, Rajesh Morriswala is the longest playing member and is still going strong (must have got the recipe from Johnny Walker).*

*The same high level of sports spirit is carried on by our latest generation of players and they are all mentioned on a separate team page so I am not repeating them here but do recognize that they are able to take time out with all these new modern gadgets that keeps them so busy.*

*In conclusion, all I can say to all our past and present players who have represented and are still representing the green machine, be proud of Nadi and always keep its name high as has been held for so long by everyone from the start till today.*





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- 5. Ratanji & Co. Partners Gangaram Fakir Morriswala & Ratanji Gangaram Morriswala (Harish's father) & Parshottam Vithal.*
- 6. Maneklal Jiwan Malarao and Laxmidas Narsey (Darr) they came initially from Levuka Fiji.*

Our First Mahotsav was held in around 1954 or so, in Harry Virraiya's former NADI Theatre (which was located near the current Nadi bridge). The First Pramukh was Late Ranchhod Bhagwan. There were a few dances performed by Narsey (Goggaro)- Vinod Guruji's grand father. The Dance was called DO BUDHIYA NAACH. From this humble beginnings, the idea of a Khatri hall emerged. The leaders of the Kshatriya community in Nadi started to collect donation and preformed stage show in Lautoka, Ba, and Tavua and they also collected donation from Suva, Lautoka, Ba & Tavua. The community support was very encouraging.

Nadi is proud of the fact that the first Kshatriya Samaj organised in Fiji was and is ours. Our Samaj was also the first in building a Hall. The pioneers who had the vision of setting such an organisation included the Late Mr Laxmidas Narsey, and the Late Mr Narottam Narsey Solanki. The founding members when the Samaj was established were Late Mr Narottam Narsey Solanki, Late Mr Laxmidas Narsey, Late Mr Ratanji Gangaram Morriswala, Late Mr Dayaram Solanki, Late Mr Devidas Fakir Morriswala, Late Mr Jekishan Khatri, Late Mr Ranchhod Bhagwan, Late Mr Parshottam Solanki and Late Mr Brijbhukan Fakir Morriswala.

Nadi is also proud that it is not only the first Kshatriya Samaj organised and built in Fiji, but also believed to be the first Kshatriya Samaj and Khatri Hall built outside of India. What a vision by our pioneers !!!



Photo (L-R) – Devidas Fakir Morriswala, Ravin Malarao, Pravin Bhikhabai Bagwan, Ratilal Malarao, Narottam Narsey Solanki, Jekishan Khatri, Laxmidas Narsey.

Inception of Nadi Kshatriya Seva Samaj

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Has anyone wondered why the word 'Seva' is part of the name of our organisation? There are 2 versions told, first is because the Samaj started importing utensils, chairs etc and hired to the community and also were running a kindergarten, Gujarati Library, looking after the crematorium ground and so on. The second is thought to be for the purpose of serving the community of Nadi and particularly the underprivileged. In those days the 4 businesses owned by the founding members were known as 'Mahajans' and for this reason, they were individually asked for help. Then when this group who use to mostly sit under the tree in the area which is today known as Koroivolu Park and play cards and have a few drinks realised that sometimes they were helping the same people and duplicating the donations so at this point the idea about the Samaj came up. The idea about the Samaj being a Seva Samaj and that all requests should go through this channel.

At this time also the CSR Company who had total control of the sugar industry was owning quite a bit of land as well (which included today's Wailoaloa Crematorium area) and when this was being transferred to be under control on the Native Land Trust Board, Late Mr Narottam Narsey Solanki negotiated with the Government of the day to allocate the area which has been used by Hindus for so long as crematorium ground. He then build the structure so that rain would not affect cremation. Mr. Maneklal Malarao took the initiative to have the compound cleaned through a contractor through Samaj. Later the Samaj took the whole responsibility of maintenance of the Cremetorium For a long time our Samaj members would organise picnics in Wailoaloa and while at picnic would at the same time work to maintain the crematorium grounds. It was later in the 80's when the attacks started in the Wailoaloa area on those people who came for picnics, this trend eventually died and the control of the crematorium went to the current board.

Likewise Mr Narottam Narsey Solanki also played a very strong role by donating the land for a structure to be build what today is known as the Khatri Hall in Vunavou Lane, Nadi Town. This place was developed to assist our community members get together, have functions like weddings and parties and so on which for individual to organise would become a lot of work.



Picture of our current hall from inside when decorated for a function

Inception of Nadi Kshatriya Seva Samaj

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After this Hall was built, the seniors of our community moved from Koroivolu Park to our Hall for their every Saturday afternoon round of playing cards and enjoying a few drinks. When the Hall was getting used for all weddings and parties, the idea about setting up the 'Mahila Mandal' came up and the primary role they played was to look after all the cooking for the functions at a minimal cost that would generate enough income to pay for all the religious functions they organised annually as well. At the same time the idea about setting up the 'Yuwak' mandal also originated. This was primarily for the purpose of providing helping in serving during the functions but to keep the young generation interested the works of the Samaj, sports was introduced for them as well. Without sports interest there was never any doubt that the 'Yuvak Mandal' was going to die. When the Hall area was becoming very small for the growing Samaj population the land behind the current Hall was donated by the Jack's family (Jekisun Khatrii & family). However before anything could be built, migration of members started due to coups in Fiji and the Hall again became adequate so the land still remains undeveloped.

Since the establishment, our Samaj has just grown stronger and stronger. We use to have a lot of annual functions and the pinnacle use to be our Mahotsav's to which people from all over use to come and enjoy. However after the 1987 coup and a few more that followed our community numbers started going down due to migrations particularly in the younger generations. Today we still very strongly hold our culture but the annual events have reduced to once in a couple of years.

Nadi is also proud that our Samaj was the first one to float the idea of forming the National Body of all Samaj's in Fiji and the main objective was to keep our community united which has been quite successful.



**Nadi Kshatriya Samaj's
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Some memories from our Samaj's 20th Mahotsav !!!



Community supporting the Mahotsav



Inception of Nadi Kshatriya Seva Samaj cont'd

Some memories from our Samaj's 20th Mahotsav !!!



Rita Mukesh Vrajlal (nee Chabildas Ranchhod)
and
Nita Deepak Rathod (nee Ishwarlal Ranchhod)

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Lahni being received by Nita Deepak Rathod (nee Ishwarlal Ranchhod) from Narottam Narsey Solanki. Announcer is Devidas Fakir Morriswala.



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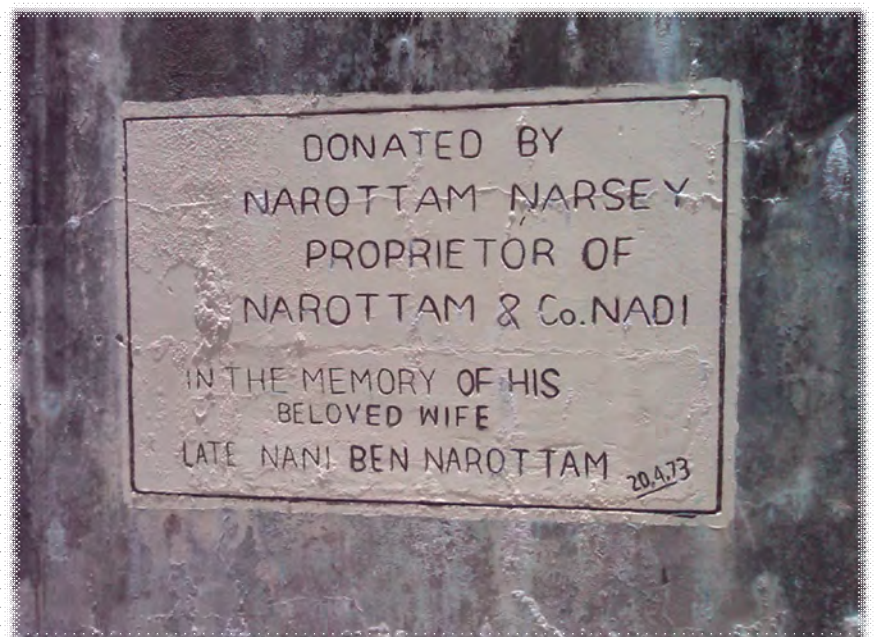


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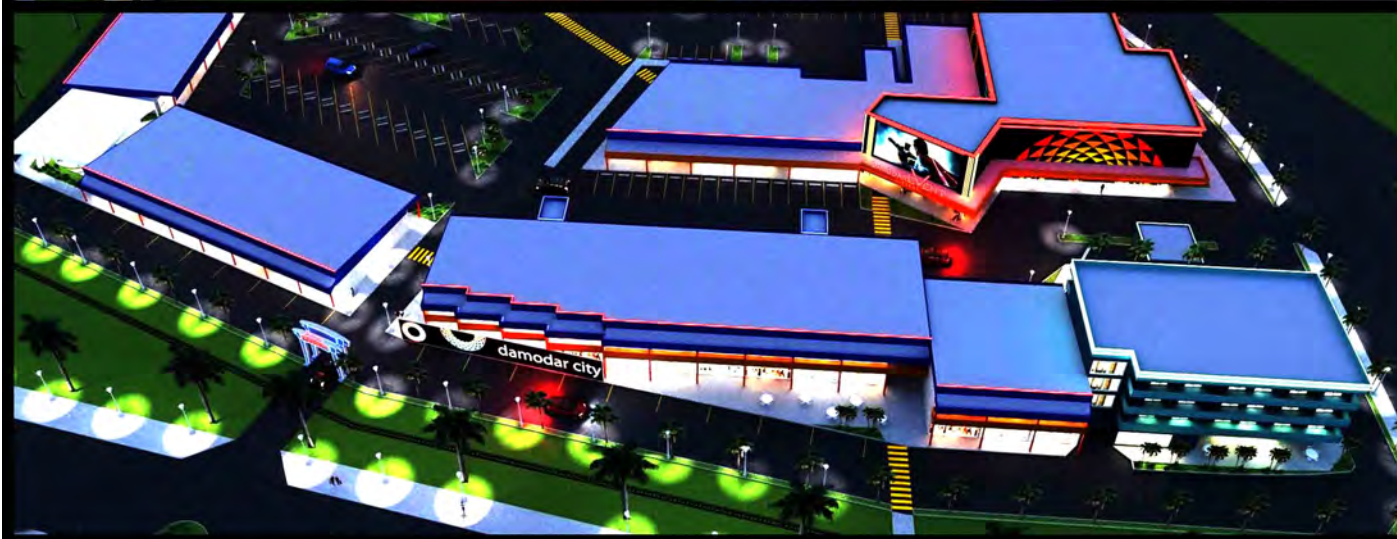
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Committee picture
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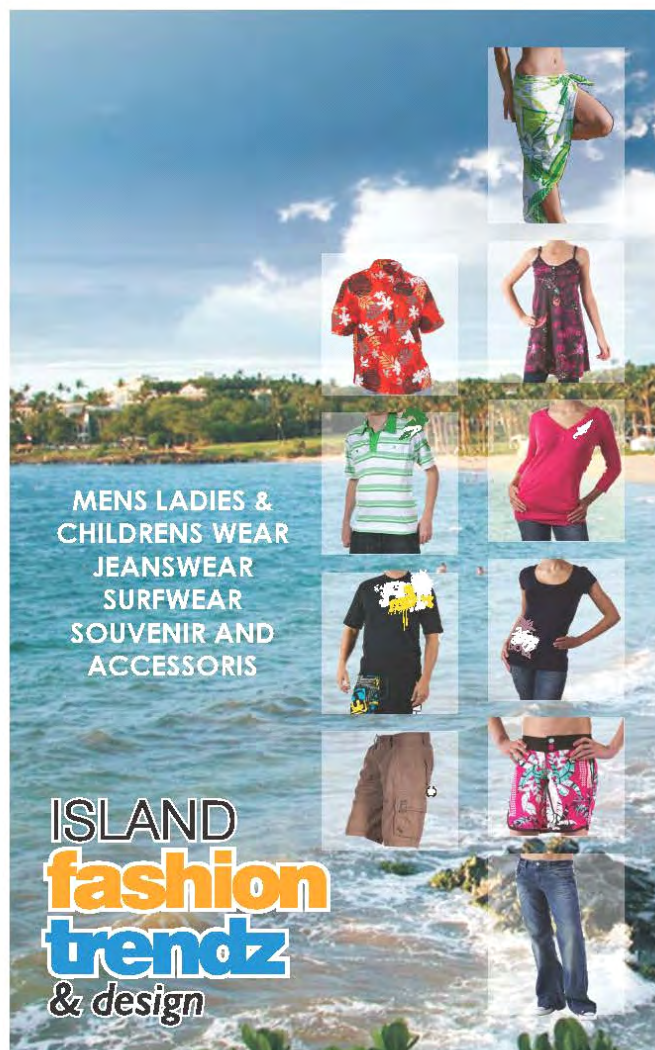
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Even after major floodings that Nadi was experiencing in the early days, the spirit of all was very high

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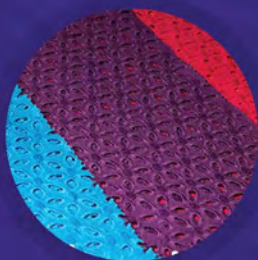
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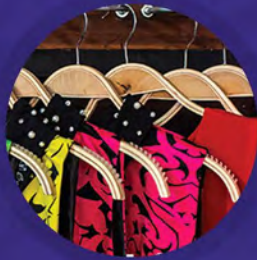
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