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We are proud to announce that Port Denarau Marina has earned both the **International Marina of the Year** and the **Community Support Initiative** awards through Marina Industries Association (MIA) for 2017. Port Denarau Marina were also runners up for **Innovation by a Marina**. No stranger to the MIA Awards, Port Denarau Marina was in the spotlight taking home the most awards and putting Fiji on the map once again, retaining our title for International Marina for 4 years in a row.

These awards were presented at the Marine17 Conference in Sydney and Fiji was the buzz around this internationally attended event. This is great for Fiji, something all of Fiji can be proud of, and bodes very well for the future of the country's fast expanding yachting industry.

Winners - International Marina of the Year 2015 – 2018



Our constant strive for excellence and advancement helps to set Port Denarau Marina from other marinas both nationally and internationally. We are not talking here of purely financial gains from berthing and hauling out

boats or customer satisfaction, although of course these are important. We are talking about our integration into the community, creating a sense of belonging and family within our staff, improving the lives of those we can in Fiji and assisting the Government and Non Government Organisations with our knowledge to move Fiji forward.



Winners – Community Support Initiative 2017-2018

After assisting and working closely with Sea Mercy US since its inception, in December 2015 Port Denarau Marina became the founding partner of Sea Mercy (Fiji).

Sea Mercy (Fiji) is a Fiji registered charity with a simple vision and mission to "stand in the gap" with service delivery vessels, trained volunteers, support equipment, and services as our island nation partners develop their "outer island" infrastructures. Sea Mercy has been instrumental in being first responders for assistance to the remote Lomaiviti Group following Cyclone Winston and has continued to provide assistance within the South Pacific through their Floating Health Care Clinics, Disaster Response and Recovery Fleets and Global Mercy Armada.

Our goal moving forward is to continue to improve the lives of the people of the South Pacific.

As well as continuing to administer our Floating Health Care clinics we have teamed up with the Organic Matters Foundation to develop our RISE (Remote Island Soils Education) program, which begins in August this year as a trial. The program will consist of soils and farming training to ensure sustainable livelihoods, economic development and self-sufficiency for remote islands while preserving their cultural heritage.



Finalist – Innovation by a Marina 2017-2018

Port Denarau Marina operates because tourists want to come and experience Fiji's beautiful marine environment. For this reason, the protection of this environment is constantly at the forefront of our decision making process.

In May 2017 Port Denarau Marina was the first marina in the South Pacific to be awarded a Level 3 International Clean Marina and Fish Friendly Program accreditation. The Clean Marina Programs are designed to bring awareness to marine facilities and boaters regarding environmentally friendly practices intended to protect and preserve the natural environment. Port Denarau Marina has demonstrated a commitment in implementing and maintaining a host of best management practices. In partnership with Sunergise out of NZ, Port Denarau Marina has installed the largest solar power plant marina installation in the World. Port Denarau Marina is closely involved with an Australian based charity called "It's Time Foundation". Through this foundation we have been able to provide solar power to fourteen island schools to date under the heading, "replacing CO2 with education".

Cynthia Rasch, Port Denarau General Manager was present to receive the awards at Marina Industries Association Gala dinner in Sydney on the 31st of July.

Cynthia Rasch said, "It is gratifying to be recognized amongst our industry peers. The awards are a testament to the dedication and hard work put in by our team to continue to excel in customer service and to be able to give back to the community. We feel it is a reflection of the values we uphold at Port Denarau Marina."



Photo: MIA Chairman Andrew Chapman (left), General Manager Port Denarau Marina Cynthia Rasch (middle), Club Marine CEO Simon McLean (Right)

Nigel Skeggs as Board Director congratulated the team “What a proud night it was for myself, our staff, the marina and Fiji. Being honoured in such a way by our industry peers really vindicates the huge amount of work and the struggles we have had, and are still going through, to get to where we are today. We have shown the industry and the international yachting community that Fiji can do it just as well, if not better, and I am proud of our teams huge effort over the years to develop not only world class infrastructure, but best in practice services and techniques focused around minimising our impact on the environment. We have a great team who go above and beyond to ensure exceptional levels of customer service and this award against such fierce competition, for the second awards in a row, is a real credit to their commitment and hard work. Four years as 'Best International Marina' is huge for us all.”

Nigel Skeggs as President Sea Mercy Fiji, “To be recognised for our work with Sea Mercy is also a great honour. When the people of Fiji needed our help after Winston, our customers, friends and staff stepped it up and made a huge difference to many peoples lives. The results on the field were praise enough but I hope this award will

assist in highlighting Sea Mercy's fantastic ongoing work as the organisation ramps up to the next stage of our growth, expanding our assistance projects throughout the Pacific. We are very proud of our strategic partnership with Sea Mercy and encourage all to find out more and get involved."

As the premier marina facility in Fiji, Port Denarau continues to raise its standards internationally, as well as add to its list new and exciting products.

The latest addition to Port Denarau Marina has been the extension of our private jetty, extension of our hardstand facility and soon to commence with the addition of check-in counters for our commercial operations.

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About Port Denarau Marina:

Only 20 minutes drive from Nadi International Airport, Port Denarau Marina is Fiji's premier marina facility. As the hub of the integrated Denarau Island Resort, Port Denarau Marina is the gateway to exploring our idyllic sun drenched tropical isles of Fiji's West Coast.

Provisioning is easy – with a supermarket, pharmacy and bakery at the end of the dock and Nadi and Namaka only a short bus or taxi ride away.

Port Denarau Marina is walking distance to several international hotels, offering a vast array of recreational pursuits including an international 18 hole golf course – not to mention, being part of the largest retail/restaurant complex in the Nadi area.

Port Denarau is ideally positioned to provide a stopover for rest, recreation and provisioning during your cruising of the Fijian Islands.

The fast developing marina complex is the centre of yachting activity in Fiji, located on Denarau Island, it is accessed through a well marked

channel that is 5 metres deep at zero tide.

The marina is well protected from all weather.

The basin contains 63 commercial and 56 fully serviced private berths and 16 swing moorings including 20 berths capable of taking Superyachts up to 85 metres in length with 5 metres draft.

Fuel, water, single and three-phase power and wifi are all available at the dock. The complex contains a 50 tonne travel lift, a hardstand area and marine workshops.

Port Denarau Marina is by far Fiji's newest haul out facility and provides the latest up to date equipment. See our Facilities & Services for more detailed information about what we provide.

We are part of Skeggs Group Ltd, a private company based in New Zealand. (www.denaraumarina.com)

About Marina Industries Association:

Marina Industries Association (MIA), the peak industry body for the marina industries in Australia, Asia and the South Pacific regions.

Marinas provide many benefits for boaters and their local communities. The majority of marinas provide recreational and social opportunities and deliver an attractive public waterside leisure interface. Marinas provide a safe environment for boat storage and many are a hub for economic activity and the provision of boating facilities and services. Australia's 347 marinas provide employment for over 23,000 people and generate AU\$ 1.4b p.a. in gross turnover.

Who MIA represents: marina owners, developers, managers and operators of berthing, mooring, storage and slipway/workshop/boatyard facilities connected to sailing, cruising and recreational boating and the suppliers of goods and services to marinas.

Where MIA is active: MIA has members in many countries and has a growing influence in the marina industries across the wider Asian region.

What MIA does: MIA's mission is to support the sustainable development of the marina industries through education, accreditation and research.

MIA memberships and alliances: MIA is a partner in the Global Marina Institute; a partner of The Yacht Harbours Association with the Global Gold Anchor Scheme and a member of the ICOMIA Marinas Group. MIA is a partner with the Boating Industries Association in Marine17 and the Marine Industry Foundation. MIA has a long-standing research partnership with the Recreational Marine Research Centre based at Michigan State University.

(www.marinas.net.au)

Awards Press Release Marina Industries Association:

The Marina Industries Association (MIA) Club Marine Marina Awards have been announced at the Marine17 Gala Dinner. The Awards are for the 2017/18 period and are based upon performance over the previous financial year period. MIA President, Andrew Chapman CMM, said the Awards have been very well supported by industry both in Australia and internationally.

The award winners for the Club Marine Marina of the Year Awards 2017/8 are as follows:

Commercial Marina - Under 140 Boats: The Reef Marina Port Douglas, QLD

Commercial Marina - 140 Boats and Over: Abell Point Marina, QLD

Club of The Year: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW

International Marina: Port Denarau Marina, Fiji

Best Public Boat Harbour: Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour, WA

Best Marina Restaurant: D'ALBORA Marinas The Spit – ORMEGGIO At The Spit, NSW

Best Environmental Initiative by a Marina: Gold Coast City Marina, QLD

Best Innovation by a Marina: Abell Point Marina, QLD

Best Community Support Initiative by a Marina: Port Denarau Marina, Fiji

Best Boat Yard - Up To 20 Boats: White Bay 6 Marine Park, NSW

Best Boat Yard – 20 Plus Boats: Rivergate Marina and Shipyard, QLD

Best Dry Stack Facility: D'ALBORA Marinas Pier 35, VIC

Outstanding Contribution by an Individual to the Industry: Trenton Gay

People's Choice Award – Best Marina Employee Winner: Steve Sammes (Gold Coast City Marina)

MIA President Andrew Chapman congratulated all the winners and finalists as well as all entrants in these awards that have attracted such strong support.

Simon McLean, Club Marine's CEO, said the growth in awards' participation once again was excellent. "As an industry insurer we see the Awards as an effective vehicle to encourage and promote good business practices and procedures as well as supporting the goals of the MIA."

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