



## **NEWS RELEASE – 27 JANUARY 2018**

### **SIR MICHAEL JONES – GUEST SPEAKER AT FIJI EXCELLENCE IN TOURISM AWARDS**

The ANZ Fiji Excellence in Tourism Awards Committee is gearing up to host another exciting Awards night in February recognising and rewarding individuals and businesses in the tourism industry for their contributions and excellence in 2017.

To commemorate the Awards 21st anniversary, FETA will feature Sir Michael Jones as the keynote speaker for the evening. The rugby great and Pacific community leader became a knight companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit, for his services to the Pasifika community and youth. He is renowned for his contribution to the Pacific in the field of rugby as a player, a coach and a mentor.

The former All Black, also holds a chiefly matai title in Samoa, and is widely respected in his beloved Samoa. A beacon for the Pasifika community on and off the rugby field he has dedicated his knighthood to the *aiga* who raised him.

The annual tourism industry's night of nights will be attended by the Hon. Prime Minister Rear Admiral J.V. Bainimarama as the Chief Guest.

"We expect this year's Awards evening to be outstanding, with the presence of our esteemed Guest Speaker, Sir Michael Jones," said Olivia Mavoia the Chair of the Organising Committee and Trustee.

She added: "Our theme for the Awards night is "Sustaining our Resources" to raise the awareness of the need to protect our environment and the Industry can take a leading role in this."

Final preparations are well underway for this year's event with ticket sales available from FETA website: [www.feta.com.fj](http://www.feta.com.fj)

#### **Event Information**

##### **Chief Guest**

Hon. Prime Minister Rear Admiral J.V. Bainimarama

##### **Special Guest Speaker**

Rugby Great & Pacific Community Leader Sir Michael Jones

##### **Event Information**

6pm Start includes

- Complimentary Welcome Cocktails
- Award Presentations
- Live Band Entertainment

##### **Ticket Price**

\$200 VIP per person OR \$2000 VIP per table of 10 people

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