

**Chapter 6 Giving Back To The Community**

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**KOROIPITA COMMUNITY WEEKEND**  
**May 30 – June 01 2008**

Bula everyone,

We will be building a home at the Koroipita Settlement on the Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna long weekend Friday 30 May to Sunday 01 June (3 days).

On Friday and Saturday, we will have some of our overseas Tour Wholesalers and our partners from the Cook Islands.

If you are free on one of the days or all three, and eager to help build a new home for a family at this settlement, please email Sunil: [operations@rosie.com.fj](mailto:operations@rosie.com.fj) . Volunteers from Rosie and Ahura Resorts.

Completed projects 2007 and 2008 :

- The construction of 2 new homes, Lot 71 and Lot 82.
- One full home renovation for the U.S.A. Peace Corp volunteer.
- Renovation and enlargement of a “sewing room”.
- A new concrete path wheelchair access for Mr Deo.
- Concrete slab connecting the kindergarten, sewing rooms and Town Hall.
- Construction of 2 kitchen showers and toilets for Lot 16 & Lot 17.
- Construction of kitchen shower & toilet Lot 3.
- Concrete steps to the Day Care Centre.
- 55m concrete pathway at Ami Chandra Memorial School.
- New Children’s Park (slides, monkey bars, swings).
- Construction of 6 Chicken Pens.

Regards  
Tony Whitton

**Community Day at the Koroipita Settlement, May 31 2008  
with Rosie Travel Agents, Project: Build a New Home**



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**KOROIPITA COMMUNITY WEEKEND  
March 15 – 17 2008**

Bula everyone,

This is just a short note to thank all the volunteers from Rosie Holidays, Ahura Resorts and the community who joined us at Koroipita Saturday 15 Mar to Monday 17 Mar 2008.

Volunteers worked for 3 days in the hot sun to service this Community outside of Lautoka.

Over the last two years, many volunteers from Rosie and Ahura Resorts have been giving up their long weekends to serve at Koroipita.

Koroipita is a settlement established by Peter Drysdale, outside of Lautoka of low income earners who have in the past been homeless. The town provides a new home, running water, sewerage, child education and a secure environment for families to raise their children.

The main project was the construction of 6 Chicken Pens. These Chicken Pens provide valuable income to the residents who can earn some cash by selling eggs and live chicken in Lautoka.

Attached are images taken over the weekend. What we have done in the last two years at Koroipita :

- The construction of 2 new homes, Lot 71 and Lot 82.
- One full home renovation for the U.S.A. Peace Corp volunteer.
- Renovation and enlargement of a "sewing room".
- A new concrete path wheelchair access for Mr Deo.
- Concrete slab connecting the kindergarten, sewing rooms and Town Hall.
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- Concrete steps to the Day Care Centre.
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- New Children's Park (slides, monkey bars, swings).
- Construction of 6 Chicken Pens.

To all our volunteers from Rosie, Ahura & the Community, THANK YOU !!  
Your continuous acts of kindness are changing peoples' lives at this settlement. Our goal is to see the Tourism dollar circulating to all in the community, and ensure that all our citizens can enjoy rights of a shelter, basic services and education.

Regards  
Tony & Brigid Whitton

# Koroipita Community Weekend 15-17 Mar 2008



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**KOROIPITA COMMUNITY WEEKEND**  
**Oct 06 - 08 2007**

Bula everyone,

84,000 people in our islands live in sub-human conditions classed as "squatters or shanty towns".

These people make up about 10% of the population, spread over 187 settlements who wake up each morning without basic shelter, running water, sewerage and electricity.

For some, this is acceptable. For the team at Rosie Holidays & Ahura Resorts, this is not acceptable as we believe that citizens of our country should be offered the basic tenants of shelter, basic services, education and safety.

There is a solution that is quick, affordable and works.

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What we do ?

1. With a team of 10 people working long hours in the hot sun, we can build a brand new home from scratch, in 3 days.
2. Construction is generally over the long weekend.
3. Hours will be from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm with lunch and beverages provided by Rosie Holidays. The construction will be coordinated by a foreman.

Stage One (K1) has seen 83 homes already built. There is no more land to build houses on K1. However, Stage Two (K2) will come early next year after a lease has been issued by NLTB. When K2 is available, it will free up 200 lots, during which time we will commence building more homes. But there is still a lot to do.

This weekend a team from Rosie Holidays gave up their long weekend and for three days [Sat 06 Oct-Mon 08 Oct], serving the community at Koroipita.

The principal project was to build a [new Kids Park & Playground for the children of Koroipita.](#)

This involved the construction of a new retaining wall and assembly of playground equipment donated by Rotary Tasmania in Australia. The new Kids Park would take three days.

In addition, we had another team set up a new orchid nursery which is becoming an important source of cash for the residents who now sell orchids to hotels. Attached are images taken over the weekend. We took over a vacant lot of land and in three days created a new park. At the opening yesterday, we had over 50 children coming to enjoy the new slides, monkey bars and the new swings.

What we have done in the last 18 months at Koroipita :

- The construction of 2 new homes, Lot 71 and Lot 82.
- One full home renovation for the U.S.A. Peace Corp volunteer.
- Renovation and enlargement of a "sewing room".
- A new concrete path wheelchair access for Mr Deo.
- Concrete slab connecting the kindergarten, sewing rooms and Town Hall.
- Construction of 2 kitchen showers and toilets for Lot 16 & Lot 17.
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- Concrete steps to the Day Care Centre.
- 55m concrete pathway at Ami Chandra Memorial School.
- New Children's Park (slides, monkey bars, swings).

To all our volunteers from Rosie & Ahura, THANK YOU !!

Your continuous acts of kindness are changing peoples' lives at this settlement. Our goal is to see the Tourism dollar circulating to all in the community, and ensure that all our citizens can enjoy rights of a shelter, basic services and education.

We also thank many of our overseas Tour Wholesalers who continue to provide financial support to the Koroipita settlement to build new homes. And finally, to Peter Drysdale and his team whose vision and determination has shown us all that a fully functional town like Koroipita can be built quickly and with minimum money.

**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead.**

Regards.

Tony & Brigid Whitton.

**KOROIPITA COMMUNITY WEEKEND Oct 06 - 08 2007**



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**KOROIPITA COMMUNITY WEEKEND**  
**July 07 2007**

Bula Everyone,

Refer attached.

Last weekend on Saturday 07 July, volunteers from the Rosie Group of companies (Rosie Holidays & Ahura Resorts), spent the weekend serving the community at Koroipita.

Koroipita has been the major focus of Rosie's community work this year, and last year, constructing new homes for families who have in the past been homeless.

The town is 15 minutes outside of Lautoka and is a settlement of low income earners.

We are assisting by building new homes, providing running water, sewerage, electricity, education, and a safe environment for families.

Our focus this weekend was Ami Chandra Memorial Primary School which is about 2 kms from Koroipita. The bulk of all the children from Koroipita receive their primary education at this school.

The project for the weekend was to:

1. To carry out improvements at Ami Chandra School who provide valuable education to the young children from Koroipita settlement.
2. To construct a 55m concrete pathway for students to use. In times of rain, children find it difficult to access the school and in the past, many children have been injured walking to school.

The volunteers were broken into two teams, Concrete Supply and Timber Framing. We completed the concrete pour using 20 cubic meters of concrete.

We were very fortunate to have builders from Rosie Holidays and Saten from Koroipita, providing expertise and leading the teams.

This has now brought our work at Koroipita over the last year to:

The construction of 2 new homes, Lot 71 and Lot 82.

One full home renovation for the U.S.A. Peace Corp volunteer.

Renovation and enlargement of a "sewing room".

A new concrete path wheelchair access for Mr Deo.

Concrete slab connecting the kindergarten, sewing rooms and Town Hall.

Construction of 2 kitchen showers and toilets for Lot 16 & Lot 17.

Construction of kitchen shower & toilet Lot 3.

Concrete steps to the Day Care Centre.

55m concrete pathway at Ami Chandra Memorial School.

The funds for this project that totaled close to \$8,000.00 was donated by P.S.I Group from USA that visited Koroipita in January 2007. The visit was arranged by Rosie Holidays. Our service at Koroipita has meant new homes, running water, sewerage, child education, employment and a secure environment for a community that in the past was homeless. Now education services are being improved.

To all our volunteers from Rosie, Malolo and Likuliku, THANK YOU. THANK YOU! You gave up your weekend for hard, dusty work in the hot sun. Your kindness, sacrifice and concern for people continue to be an inspiration. Your service and acts of kindness is changing people's lives at the settlement.

Also, big thank you to Sunil Kumar and his team, who worked very hard co-ordinating all the logistics and Lucy Ho for all the nutritious lunches.

Remember, one of the founding principles of our organization is to give back and share the many blessings we enjoy with those who are less fortunate.

Finally, a word of appreciation to Mum and Dad who continue to be an immense support for our work at Koroipita. And to Saten, our foreman, Peter Drysdale (The founder of Koroipita), whose vision to eradicate poverty continues to spur us all on.

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Regards. Tony & Brigid Whitton.

**KOROIPITA COMMUNITY WEEKEND July 07 2007**



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**KOROIPITA COMMUNITY WEEKEND**  
**April 28 – 29 2007**

Bula Everyone,

Refer attached.

Last weekend on Saturday 28 April and Sunday 29 April 2007, volunteers from the Rosie Group of companies (Rosie Holidays & Ahura Resorts), spent 2 days serving the community at Koroipita.

Koroipita has been the major focus of Rosie's community work this year, constructing new homes for families who have in the past been homeless.

The town is 15 minutes outside of Lautoka and is a settlement of low income earners.

We are assisting by building new homes, providing running water, sewerage, electricity, education, and a safe environment for families.

The project for the weekend was to:

1. Pour external concrete steps to connect the Sewing Room and the Community Hall/Kindergarten.
2. To build an outdoor kitchen shower and toilet for one home.

The volunteers were broken into two teams, Concrete Supply and Timber Framing.

We completed the concrete slab using a small portable concrete mixer, 14 bags of cement, and 79 wheelbarrows full of concrete that was poured in situ.

The wooden framings for the kitchen/shower and toilet were all completed up to cladding. These structures will be completed by end of this week. We were very fortunate to have builders from our new resort, Likuliku, providing expertise and leading the teams.

This has now brought our work at Koroipita over the last year to:

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One full home renovation for the U.S.A. Peace Corp volunteer.

Renovation and enlargement of a "sewing room".

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Concrete slab connecting the kindergarten, sewing rooms and Town Hall.

Construction of 2 kitchen showers and toilets for Lot 16 & Lot 17.

Construction of kitchen shower & toilet Lot 3.

Concrete steps to the Day Care Centre.

Our service at Koroipita has meant new homes, running water, sewerage, child education, employment and a secure environment for a community that in the past was homeless.

All the building materials were supplied through kind donation of Rosie and our overseas Tour Wholesalers.

To all our volunteers from Rosie, Malolo and Likuliku, THANK YOU. THANK YOU! You gave up your weekend for hard, dusty work in the hot sun. Your kindness, sacrifice and concern for people continue to be an inspiration. Your service and acts of kindness is changing people's lives at the settlement.

Also, big thank you to all the International School students, HOPE Christian volunteers, Siteri Puamau, Sunil Kumar, who works very hard co-ordinating all the logistics with Bill, Jeanette, Lucy Ho for all the nutritious lunches.

Remember, one of the founding principles of our organization is to give back and share the many blessings we enjoy with those who are less fortunate.

Finally, a word of appreciation to Mum and Dad who continue to be an immense support for our work at Koroipita. And to Saten, our foreman, Peter Drysdale (The founder of Koroipita), whose vision to eradicate poverty continues to spur us all on.

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**KOROIPITA COMMUNITY WEEKEND Apr 28 - 29 2007**



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**KOROIPITA COMMUNITY WEEKEND**  
**October 14 – 15 2006**

Bula Everyone,

Last weekend on Saturday 14 October and Sunday 15 October, volunteers from the Rosie Group of companies (Rosie Holidays & Ahura Resorts), spent 2 days serving the community at Koroipita. Koroipita has been the major focus of Rosie's community work this year, constructing new homes for families who have in the past been homeless. The town is 15 minutes outside of Lautoka and is a settlement of low income earners.

We are assisting by building new homes, providing running water, sewerage, electricity, education, and a safe environment for families.

The project for the weekend was to:

1. Pour external concrete floor to connect the Sewing Room and the Community Hall/Kindergarten. This floor would be used for Koroipita cultural performances and outdoor craft display.
2. To build 2 outdoor kitchen showers and toilets for two homes that had already been occupied by families but who were sharing with their neighbours.

The volunteers were broken into two teams, Concrete Supply and Timber Framing.

We completed the concrete slab using a small portable concrete mixer, 35 bags of cement, and 105 wheelbarrows full of concrete that was poured in situ.

The wooden framings for the 2 kitchens/showers and toilets were all completed but we could not install as the heavens opened up at about 2.00pm on the last day, bringing heavy rain which continued all day.

These framings will be mounted later this week, with roofs and fitout.

We were very fortunate to have builders from our new resort, Likuliku, providing expertise and leading the teams.

This has now brought our work at Koroipita this year to:

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One full home renovation for the U.S.A. Peace Corp volunteer.

Renovation and enlargement of a "sewing room".

A new concrete path wheelchair access for Mr Deo.

Concrete slab connecting the kindergarten, sewing rooms and Town Hall.

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All the building materials were supplied through kind donation of Rosie and our overseas Tour Wholesalers.

In August, we also presented a cheque of F\$16,000.00 to Peter Drysdale (the Founder of Koroipita), that was money raised by Rosie wholesalers from Australia, USA and Canada. This money will go towards providing electricity to 71 homes and another new home.

To all our volunteers from Rosie, Malolo and Likuliku, THANK YOU. THANK YOU! You gave up your weekend for hard, dusty work in the hot sun. Your kindness, sacrifice and concern for people continue to be an inspiration. Your service and acts of kindness is changing people's lives at the settlement. Remember, one of the founding principles of our organization is to give back and share the many blessings we enjoy with those who are less fortunate.

Finally, a word of appreciation to Mum and Dad who continue to be an immense support for our work at Koroipita. And to Saten, our foreman, Peter Drysdale (The founder of Koroipita), whose vision to eradicate poverty continues to spur us all on. Our last project for the year will probably be a Christmas party at Koroipita with Santa.

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**KOROIPITA COMMUNITY WEEKEND Oct 14 – 15 2006**

