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Labasa/Savusavu Airport survey work

In October 2025, *Erasito* was commissioned as a sub-consultant to Airports Fiji Pte Limited to undertake surveying services for the Design and Construction supervision of upgrades to the runways and aprons at Labasa and Savusavu Airport. The survey program incorporated a combination of RTK-GNSS surveying and drone-based photogrammetry to provide comprehensive topographical data for both airport sites. The survey team comprised Feret Finiasi and Tulia Katafono from *Erasito's* Nadi office. Mobilisation to the project commenced on 24th October, 2025, with the team travelling to Labasa to undertake the field topographical survey.



PHOTOGRAPH 01: *Trig Station Setup at Wailevu hill, Mulomulo, Labasa, VanuaLevu, Fiji.*

At Labasa Airport, the survey scope included the capture of the runway, car park, fire station and its surrounding areas, as well as the southern cane field area located outside the airport boundary. For the Savusavu Airport, the survey focused on the apron and runway areas adjacent to the terminal, the terminal precinct and its surrounding, including the nearby creek, sections along Hibiscus Highway, and the southern end of the runway encompassing the full extent of the seawall.

At Labasa Airport, the survey team located the survey control point associated with the trig station known as *Mulomulo*, situated within the Wailevu hills. Access to the trig station required a hike of approximately 10–20 minutes from the roadside. Once established, the trig station was used as the primary reference point for the localisation and control of the survey works across the airport and surrounding project areas.

At Savusavu Airport, the survey team successfully identified an existing survey control mark in the form of an iron pipe located a few meters from the airport terminal. This control point was verified and subsequently utilised as the primary reference station for the localisation and coordination of all survey activities undertaken at the site.

The field survey work at Labasa Airport was completed over a period of six (6) days, while the survey at Savusavu Airport was completed within four (4) days. The differing site conditions and environmental factors at each location presented unique challenges that required careful planning and adaptation by the survey team.

At Labasa Airport, the survey was undertaken during the dry and humid season. One of the primary challenges encountered was the dense vegetation covering portions of the southern project area, particularly within and around the cane field beyond the airport boundary. The heavily vegetated terrain restricted visibility and access, requiring additional effort to establish survey control, collect ground data, and ensure adequate coverage for the drone photogrammetry operations.

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Labasa/Savusavu Airport survey work (continued. . .)

In contrast, the survey works at Savusavu Airport were affected by adverse weather conditions, which differed significantly from that which was experienced at Labasa. Periods of heavy rainfall and persistent downpours interrupted field activities and necessitated temporary postponement of survey operations to safeguard survey equipment and maintain data quality.

Despite these challenges, the survey team successfully completed all fieldwork within the allocated timeframe, delivering comprehensive and accurate topographical data for both airport sites in support of the proposed airport upgrade projects.



PHOTOGRAPH 02: *Drone Imagery of Savusavu Airport.*

Author: Fereti Finiasi

Allergies to Proposals

What started as a joke now seems to be quite a common occurrence after all. My immune system seems to have developed the ability to detect when I am assigned a new proposal to compile or project to develop an offer, as I start to feel flu like symptoms! The worse tends to hit on proposal due dates. Despite all the body aches, itchy throat and massive headaches I experience, I cannot seem to be able to take a day off for sick leave. Just the thought of the quantum of work that I will have to complete on returning to the Office should I decide to stay home, seems to be a magical medication system which boosts my body to enable me to get back into the Office .

Fighting the on set of the allergies is extremely difficult especially when your body says one thing and your mind says another.

Something I did not realise until Terence pointed it out was that I was coughing again. Whilst thinking about it, I decided to inform my Director about the symptom's most common denominator 'i.e. . . *when I am assigned a proposal or multiple proposals with a tight deadline or a comprehensive scope of work*'.

But like all allergies, once acknowledged and the appropriate medication is administered (i.e. time and experience), they become manageable.

Author: Larvon Fiu

My Toastmasters Journey So Far

Every Tuesday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, Erasito Consultants employees gather for Toastmasters, a commitment to professional and personal development that has become a key part of my journey with the Company. Having been with *Erasito* for 1 year and 3 months, I can confidently say that Toastmasters has significantly contributed to my growth as a communicator and hopefully, a leader.

What began as a Company requirement quickly became a challenge I was eager to embrace. I am currently on Level 3 of the Dynamic Leadership Pathway and have delivered a total of eight speeches so far. While Toastmasters is designed to help everyone improve at their own pace, my competitive nature has motivated me to stay consistent and progress ahead of schedule. As a result, I am currently one of the most advanced members in the organisation, with many colleagues still working through Level 1.

One of the highlights of my Toastmasters journey was being selected to facilitate and conduct a Speech craft training program for staff at the Reserve Bank of Fiji. This opportunity allowed me to apply the communication and leadership skills I had developed through Toastmasters in a real-world setting, while helping others build confidence in public speaking. Being entrusted with this responsibility was both an honour and a testament to the growth I have achieved through the program.

Each speech has presented a unique opportunity to improve my confidence, presentation skills, and ability to engage an audience. The constructive evaluations and supportive environment has helped me continuously refine my strengths and address areas for improvement.

My Toastmasters Journey So Far (continued. . .)

Looking back on the eight speeches I have delivered and the opportunity to lead a Speech craft training session, I am proud of how far I have come. However, I recognise that this is only the beginning. As I continue progressing through the Dynamic Leadership Pathway, I look forward to taking on new challenges, delivering more speeches, and further developing the leadership and communication skills that will support my professional growth.

Toastmasters has become much more than a weekly meeting, it is a journey of continuous improvement, and I am excited to see where it takes me next.



PHOTOGRAPH 03: Presenting Toastmasters Certificate to a RBF Staff.

Author: Lorenzo Savea

First Christmas Dinner with Erasito Consultants - 2025

Erasito celebrated the festive season with a lively Christmas party and dinner at the Novotel Hotel Lounge in Lami, bringing together Staff members for an evening of fun, connection, and celebration. The event created a joyful atmosphere where colleagues could step away from their daily routines and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed setting.



PHOTOGRAPH 04: *Erasito Staff Team at Novotel.*

The night was made even more special with a 1920s-themed dress code. Most Staff embraced the theme, arriving in stylish vintage outfits that reflected the elegance and charm of the era. From classic suits with suspenders to flapper-style dresses and accessories. The effort everyone put into their attire added a unique and exciting touch to the celebration.

While the event was enjoyable for all, it was particularly meaningful for me as it was my very first Christmas party with the Company. I felt welcomed from the start, and it was a great opportunity to connect with colleagues outside of work. The friendly and inclusive environment made it easy to engage with others and truly be part of the celebration.

Erasito also showed strong consideration for Staff's wellbeing by arranging hotel accommodation for employees who lived far away or planned to enjoy drinks during the evening. This thoughtful gesture allowed everyone to relax and fully enjoy the night without worrying about traveling home late at night. As someone who lives far from Suva vicinity, I especially appreciated this arrangement.



PHOTOGRAPH 05: *Christmas Awards for Erasito CAD Team at Novotel.*

After the main event, the celebration continued as I joined my colleagues for a night out at a club—another first-time experience for me. It was an exciting and an unforgettable part of the evening. We enjoyed music, dancing, and plenty of laughter, making it a perfect ending to an already incredible night.

Overall, the Christmas party was not just a festive gathering but also a reflection of the strong sense of unity within the Company. It brought people together, strengthened relationships, and created lasting memories.

The night at Novotel Nadi will remain a special experience for me, marking my first Christmas celebration with *Erasito* and a memorable introduction to the Company's vibrant and supportive culture.

Author: Anujh Chand

Work Never Stops

Working through the Annual Company Closure period is not a new thing for me. However, the year 2025 was historical for both Erasito Consultants Pte Limited and myself (professionally). This is the year both the Company and I commenced work on our very first Design & Build Project. It is worth noting that the Company started operations 30 years ago whilst I joined the Company 10 years ago. The project involved upgrading water infrastructure along Princess Road in Suva to satisfy current and future demands. Our Client for this Project was Flame Tree Developments (Fiji) Limited (Flame Tree) whilst the Principal was Water Authority of Fiji (WAF).

The Project was broken down in 5 parts. These parts are detailed below:

i. WM01 – A 1.0km long Gravity Main from the existing Viria water system to a new pump station at Sawani.

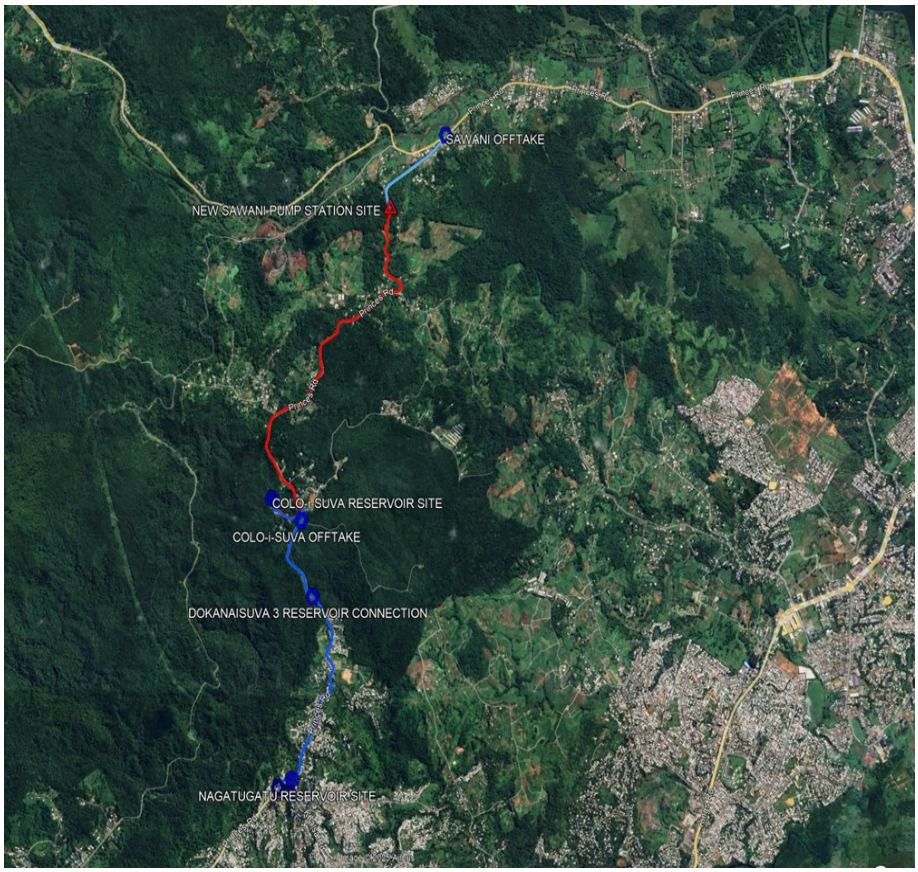
ii. WPS01 – A new Water Pump Station at Sawani.

iii. WM02 – A 4.4km long Rising Main from the new Pump Station at Sawani to the new Reservoir site at Colo-i-Suva.

iv. RS01 – A new reservoir site at Colo-i-Suva.

v. WM03 – A 3.5km Gravity Main from the new reservoir site at Colo-i-Suva to the Nagatugatu Reservoir interception point.

An illustration of the 5 project parts is provided in Photograph 06.



PHOTOGRAPH 06: Elevated Princess Road Water Infrastructure Upgrade Project Area.

Initially, I was assigned the Structural Engineer's role which involved conducted structural calculations, organising drawing compilation, reviewing drawings and compiling Design Report. As the Project progressed, I was asked to take on the role of the Consulting Engineers Project Manager in addition to the role that I already had.

Fulfilling the Structural Engineer's role itself is quite demanding as it involves a lot of thinking, literature review, number crunching and ultimately ensuring life-safety of those that will be within the vicinity of the structure that has been designed. Taking on the Project Manager's role meant that my time was being used up on administrative tasks such as communications (i.e. reports, emails, calls and meetings) with my team members, sub-consultants, Client, Principal, suppliers, etc.

As a Structural Engineer, life safety is always something I think of when I am doing design work. Keeping this in mind, I knew that during the Company closure period I would not need to perform Project Management related administrative tasks. This is what brought me to work during the Company closure period. I was able to think in peace and conduct structural calculations for a large number of items. I was joined by Anujh Chand and Simione Nalawanivonu who assisted in compiling the drawings.

In hindsight, the decision to work during the break was correct because we were able to submit our deliverables to the Client (Flame Tree) in a timely manner and at the same time conduct structural calculations without being inundated by Project Management related administrative tasks. At the time of writing this Newsletter Article, we are at the end stages of the Project. We are currently addressing comments from the Principal (WAF) and we are adjusting our design to accommodate items which were previously not finalised (for example, Pump Station electrics, Roller Shutter Doors, etc.).

Author: Krishmal Dutt

Directors Corner



We've successfully reached the end of 2025 and have had a tremendous year. Significant projects which we completed and new opportunities for which we were commissioned during the year include: the FRA 40 Bridges and 3 Jetties; Tropik Wood Industries Limited Mahogany Timber Mill; Taveuni Hydro EIA; Post Fiji Limited OE Facility, Nadi; Nadi Airport Solar Design; Cakaudrove Provincial Council Commercial Building; Vioala Hospital Sewerage System, Tonga; FSC Eastern Mooring Dolphin; Tonga Power Structural Assessment and numerous others. It is not until one takes a step back and look at what has been completed does one realise the enormity of the tasks that have been achieved and accomplished.

Like all years gone by, our relative success for 2025 is predominantly attributed to our most valuable asset – our Staff. Our highly talented and competent Erasito Staff have come from all parts of Fiji and the Pacific region. Thank you for the service you have provided and the dedication which you have portrayed in your work.

This is a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at Erasito to all our valued clientele and those who have sought advice from our Company.

Author: Terence Erasito

