

## **FETA gives Dennis and Whiting Lifetime Achievement awards**

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The ANZ Fiji Excellence in Tourism Awards (FETA) has given the prestigious Lifetime Achievement award to two individuals, Michael Dennis and Bill Whiting while the late Patrick 'Paddy' Doyle was given the Visionary Award.

FETA Trustee Dixon Seeto said both Dennis and Whiting have contributed immensely towards the growth of our tourism industry.

Seeto said the board of trustees also wanted to remember the late Paddy Doyle as a pioneer of Fiji's tourism industry.

"Tonight we are giving the highest FETA accolade, the Lifetime Achievement award to two individuals who deserve to be recognised for their gigantic contribution towards tourism. Both Dennis and Whiting are mentors for our tourism leaders for the work they have done and for the work that they continue to do," Seeto explained.

"The Visionary Award is deservedly given to the late Patrick 'Paddy' Doyle who was the first General Manager of the Fijian Resort. This award is given in his memory for his trail blazing work in tourism starting from the 1960's."

Other individual awards were given to Britney Turaganikeli who was recognised as the Fiji Pride Champion, Akuila Batiweti is the Emerging Tourism Leader and Rosie Holidays Eroni Puamau received the Tourism Leader Award.

The Hall of Fame awards were given to Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort and Rosie Holidays.

There were two winners in the Culinary Services which was given to Castaway Island Fiji and Maqai Eco Surf Resort while Malamala Beach Club won the Destination Marketing award.

Another big winner on the night was Vatuvara Private Islands scooping the Accommodation Luxury and Tourism Sustainability Awards.

Aquarius on the Beach received the Accommodation Budget award, Accommodation Quality went to Malolo Island Resort and Accommodation Deluxe to Wyndham Denarau Island.

Specialised Tourism Services and Support to the Industry went to Port Denarau, South Seas won the Transport and Tour Operators award and Ecotrax won the Visitor Attractions and Activity award.

**WINNERS:**

**LIFETIME ACHIVEMENT**

Michael Dennis  
Bill Whiting

**VISIONARY AWARD**

Patrick "Paddy" Doyle

**HALL OF FAME**

Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort  
Rosie Holidays

**FIJI PRIDE CHAMPION**

Britney Turaganikeli - Ecotrax

**EMERGING TOURISM LEADER**

Akuila Batiweti – Pacific Bedbank

**TOURISM LEADER**

Eroni Puamau – Rosie Holidays

**ACCOMMODATION BUDGET**

Aquarius on the Beach

**ACCOMMODATION QUALITY**

Malolo Island Resort

**ACCOMMODATION DELUXE**

Wyndham Denarau Island

**DESTINATION MARKETING**

Malamala Beach Club

**ACCOMMODATION LUXURY**

Vatuvara Private Islands

**CULINARY SERVICES**

Castaway Island Fiji  
Maqai Eco Surf Resort

**SPECIALISED TOURISM SERVICES & SUPPORT TO THE INDUSTRY**

Port Denarau

**TOUR & TRANSPORT OPERATORS**

South Sea Cruises

**VISITOR ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITY**

Ecotrax

## **TOURISM SUSTAINABILITY**

Vatuvara Private Islands