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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



APTC reaches milestone of training 10,000 graduates

More than 10,000 Pacific islanders from 14 Pacific Island Countries now hold internationally-recognised Australian qualifications through training provided by the Australia-Pacific Technical College (APTC) since the college began in 2007. This milestone achievement was celebrated during a graduation ceremony in Suva on 25 November. Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade graduate Amit Sharma is APTC's 10,000th graduate. [Read more](#)



APTC graduates receive Queen's Young Leader Award

We are very proud of our Youth Work graduates, Mary Siro from Vanuatu and Nolan Parairua from Solomon Islands, who were awarded the prestigious 2016 Queen's Young Leader Award by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace on 23 June 2016. [Read more](#)



Vanuatu President awards APTC plumbing graduate

APTC plumbing graduate, James Matariki has received a silver jubilee medal from the President of Vanuatu, His Excellency, Mr Baldwin Lonsdale, for contributing towards the development of the first-ever trade qualification module for the plumbing industry in 2011. [Read more](#)

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Solomon Islands Chapter

The Solomon Islands Alumni Chapter has held a number of activities, including a networking and information session at the Honiara High School, which was attended by more than 70 APTC graduates. This was an opportunity for the graduates to interact with each other and provide key information to their fellow alumni such as on employment. [Read more](#)



Fiji Chapter

The Annual General Meeting for the APTC Alumni Fiji Chapter was held on 26 November. More than 20 alumni attended the event to elect the 2017 Chapter Leadership Committee, discussed activities and networked with fellow alumni. [Read more](#)



Kiribati Chapter

The Kiribati Alumni Chapter has carried out a number of activities benefitting the community. In early August, they planted mangrove seedlings at the Ananau Causeway near Bonriki. This was part of their campaign to raise awareness about climate change in Kiribati. The alumni also conducted a successful clean-up campaign in Betio and visited the Kiribati School and Centre for Children with Special Needs (KSCCSN) in Bikenibeu. [Read more](#)



STORIES IN BRIEF

APTC holds professional development workshops for Alumni

APTC has been delivering professional development workshops for APTC alumni across the Pacific region. This included a series of workshops in Fiji, PNG, Samoa and Vanuatu that focused on developing coaching skills for those who mentor colleagues in their workplace.

In August, alumni in Fiji attended a Writing Business Proposal workshop conducted by APTC. The workshop focused on developing the writing skills of alumni who are interested in engaging in entrepreneurship.

APTC has also hosted small business workshops for students and alumni, where they met with representatives from the business community and stakeholders such as financial institutions, who provided advice on how to smartly plan and budget within a business.



Nauru alumni meet

APTC alumni in Nauru got together early September and met with visiting APTC representatives. The alumni shared their career developments since graduating from APTC and discussed how the alumni in Nauru can stay connected through organising various activities. APTC has over 60 graduates in Nauru.



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