



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

10 March

Pacific Island Women – Lifestyle Challenges

This week at Friday Environment Forum – Guest speaker at Noosa Parks Association's Friday Environment Forum this week – **10 March** - will be local environmentalist **Diane Goodwillie**. Having spent her working life involved in **projects that improve both the world's environment and the lives of Pacific Island women**, Ms Goodwillie will share those experiences using artefacts and anecdotes to enhance her presentation.



As Canada Fund Co-ordinator for community projects in Fiji, Diane Goodwillie (left) meets with a local traditional healer.

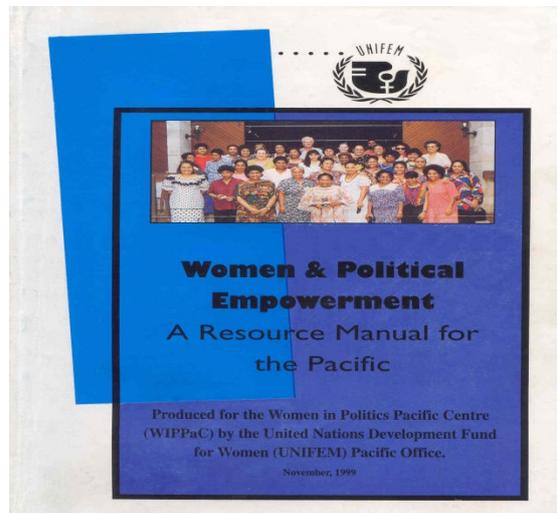
In the 1970s many Pacific Island nations were gaining their independence but leadership and power rested firmly in the hands of men. Women were beginning to find their voice and had spoken out loudly against nuclear testing around the Pacific, particularly that which affected French Polynesia and the Marshall Islands.

Ms Goodwillie arrived in 1978 and initially worked with the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association).

Her projects included the establishment of training services for Early Childhood Educators, providing technology training to lighten the load of village women as well as developing community nutrition education materials using faxes and audio satellite communication for the first time. By the 1990s Ms Goodwillie had become responsible for assessing Pacific Island communities to receive development grants from the Canada Fund. Eventually she managed the Pacific Environment Program for World Wildlife Fund throughout the South Pacific.?

With a long history of assisting Pacific Island women to deal with the challenges of their environment and lifestyle, Diane Goodwillie will discuss past and current issues confronting these communities. With this fitting topic on 10th March. Friday Environment Forum will celebrate the United Nations declared International Women's Day and the achievements of women working to advance the world's environment. Arrive early on Friday March 03 to enjoy coffee at 10.30am. For those interested in an interpretive birding walk before the forum, meet Valda in the Environment Centre car park at 8.30am.

All welcome.



International Women Day