



ROSIE HOLIDAYS KOROIPITA COMMUNITY PROJECT

Background on Koroipita

Koroipita is a special model township located 50 minutes outside of Nadi where Rosie Holidays in conjunction with the Model Town Charitable Trust has assisted in the construction of homes, and community facilities for the past decade. Koroipita is a settlement of low income earners who in the past have been homeless. The town provides a new home, running water, sewerage, electricity, child education and a secure environment for families.

Koroipita is a model project where tourism can help to provide a proper home and a stable environment for displaced and homeless families.

Koroipita Mission

To give impoverished families an opportunity to break free from the cycle of poverty and provide an improved quality of life for them and their children, by designing and developing fully serviced subdivisions, with affordable and durable housing, supporting their education and providing long term development programmes for self-sustainable communities.

The Koroipita Project is best summed up by a volunteer who has worked with the community people on the project a number of times – ***“It’s a project that gets right under your skin, and once you’ve spent a couple of weeks with the crew on-site, you’ll have made friends for life!”***

Koroipita is an on-going project to built low cost housing to alleviate subhuman living conditions for impoverished families. Volunteers working with community residents have built **705 homes** in country areas and 111 homes at Koroipita community, Lautoka Fiji. Around **3600 people** have been housed.

The project has two distinct areas of focus:-

- Providing cyclone proof homes
- Providing a comprehensive community development program.

Since 2006, our Tourism partners from Australia, New Zealand, North America, United Kingdom, Europe and Asia have consistently contributed in raising funds and also providing active volunteers towards the development of Koroipita. This contribution continues to make a vital

difference in the community development of the people at Koroipita and also giving hope for a sustainable future.

Apart from the construction of homes, we have also been working on a range of projects designed to help develop the skills of the people of Koroipita through home craft teaching programs etc that would help them earn income.

It approximately takes 3 full working days at a cost of USD 5,000.00 to provide a homeless family with a completely built 1 bedroom house with all facilities including a kitchen, toilet, bathroom, and a lounge area.

Our objective is to build 5 new homes every year. During selected Public Holidays (Bank Holidays), Rosie Holidays organizes a community working weekend at Koroipita where our team of staff spends their long weekend volunteering their time to build homes, improve facilities and also get involved with community development work.

The next key phase of development at Koroipita will involve the extension of this model township to cater for the influx of refugees from the Pacific Island nations of Tuvalu and Kiribati where people have lost their homes and livelihood due to the impact of climate change and the rising sea level which has claimed their island homes.

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