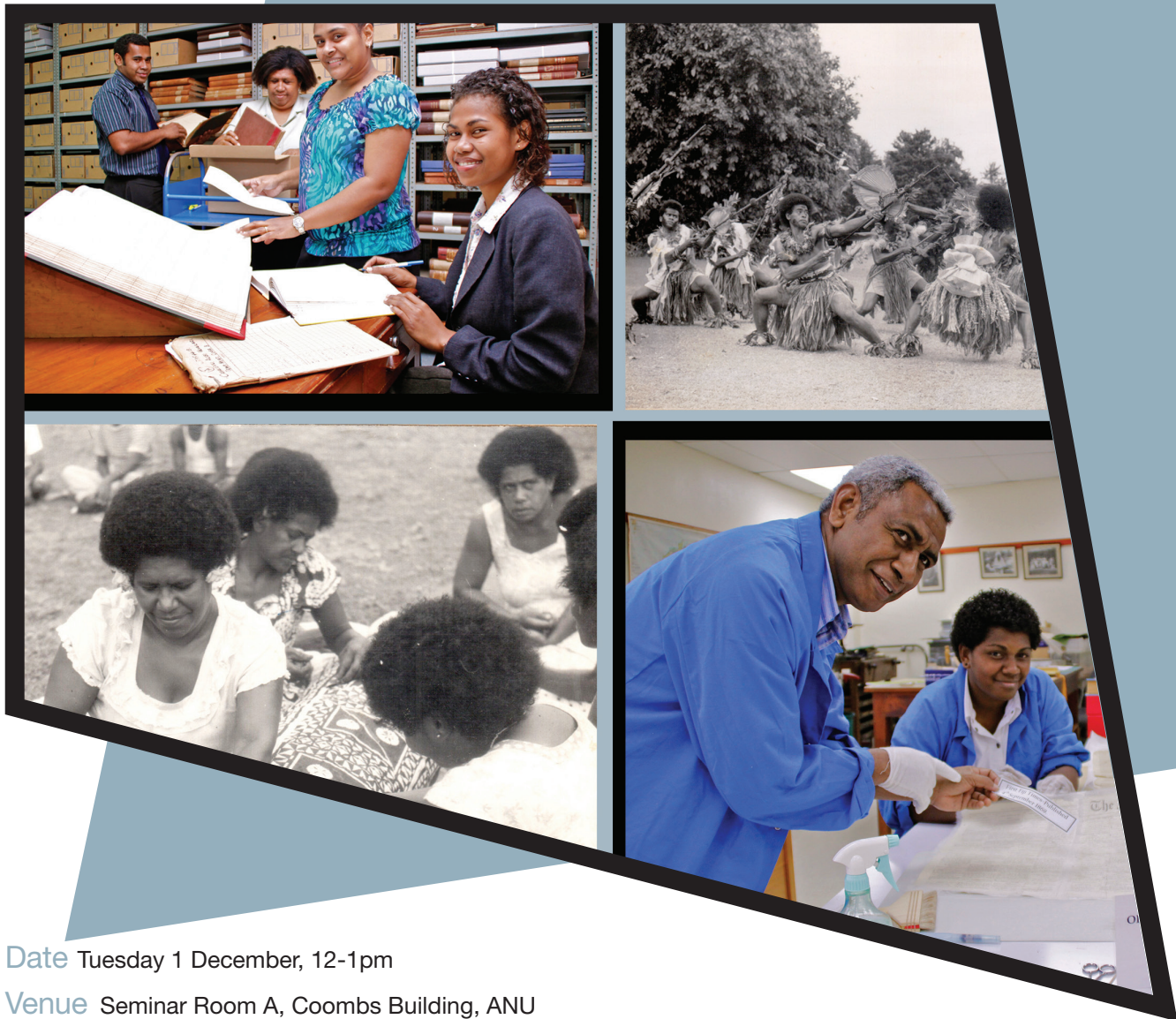


National Archives of Fiji update building trust, salvaging heritage, and shooting for the moon



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Abstract The climate for Pacific island recordkeeping is extremely harsh and the stakes are rising at an alarming rate. Unforgiving tropical conditions, limited public awareness of collections, technology escalation and other factors can combine to grind Pacific archives to a halt. In this environment, professional associations and collaboration are crucial to ensuring the successful preservation and promotion of Pacific Island recorded heritage. Using the National Archives of Fiji (NAF) as a case study, we will examine the value of these networks and discuss the projects and steps that have generated some momentum for NAF to connect with the public on a larger scale; examine how we support academic researchers throughout the region; and look at our future plans for whole of government information management.

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