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Anzac traditions honored at Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort and Castaway Island, Fiji



Top row: ANZAC Day ceremony – Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort | Bottom row: ANZAC Day ceremony – Castaway Island, Fiji

FIJI ISLANDS -- Hundreds of guests gathered at Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort and Castaway Island on April 25 for Anzac Day memorial services.

Outrigger Fiji General Manager Peter Hopgood said it was the eighth year the ceremony had been held and that each year it proved more and more popular with guests.

A wreath-laying ceremony was followed by the playing of the *Last Post* and a moment of silence. The singing of the national anthems of Australia, New Zealand and Fiji by the Outrigger choir was followed by a recitation of the poem *In Flanders Fields*.

Castaway Island Fiji General Manager Steven Andrews said it was the first time an Anzac Day service had been held at the resort and its popularity with guests ensured it will become an annual event.

“The highlight of our program was the floating of the wreaths into the ocean. One wreath was laid by guests Richard Dihmans and Sandra Viol representing Australia and another by Esther Turley and Sophie Tripp representing New Zealand.

“We also were very fortunate to have a bugler from the Royal Fiji Military Force Band to play *The Last Post*,” Mr. Andrews said.

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Mr. Hopgood said that Anzac Day was a time to reflect on the qualities of past generations of Australians and New Zealanders who in hardship displayed courage, discipline, self-sacrifice, self-reliance, resourcefulness and friendship.

“Today we remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice so that we, and the people of other nations, can live in peace.

“We remember those who continue to suffer through their physical or mental scars, including those next of kin whose grief and sense of loss can never be eased.

“This is also a day of thanks and quiet reflection on what wonderful nations in which we live,” said Mr. Hopgood.

ABOUT OUTRIGGER FIJI BEACH RESORT

Located on the Coral Coast of the main island of Viti Levu, Outrigger Fiji delivers culturally authentic guest experiences where guests can connect with each other, their beautiful Fijian hosts and the destination. The accent is on providing five-star, beachfront accommodation while retaining authentic elements of the traditional Fijian village. One of the trademarks of the resort is the Meimei nannies program, an affordable service staffed by trained, professional nannies which allows parents to enjoy time together, safe in the knowledge that their children are in caring, capable hands. It is supported by an extensive daily activities schedule, two kids’ clubs and a teens’ program. The resort features a large, family-oriented pool and an adults-only pool with swim-up bar and bistro. Adults can also relax at the resort’s Bebe Spa Sanctuary located high on a hill overlooking the resort with views across the coral fringed lagoon. In addition to a number of family-friendly restaurants, the resort also features its signature, adults-only restaurant Ivi, the ideal choice for parents looking for that special dining occasion. Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort is that place where families find themselves at one with their destination and its people.

ABOUT CASTAWAY ISLAND

Castaway Island, Fiji is a private island resort located in the Mamanuca Islands region. Surrounded by white-sand beaches and vibrant coral reefs the resort is accessible by a scheduled ferry service, water taxi, helicopter or seaplane. Newly refurbished, traditional-style bures with vaulted tapa-lined ceilings offer air-conditioned comfort and spacious layouts for couples or families. Activities include snorkelling off the beach, PADI 5-star Gold Palm diving, jet skiing, catamarans, kayaks, windsurfers, parasailing, hand line fishing, speedboat champagne island hops, two stunning freshwater swimming pools and more. There are four restaurants and bars, a kids’ club and baby-sitting service, tranquil massage huts and a retail outlet.

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