

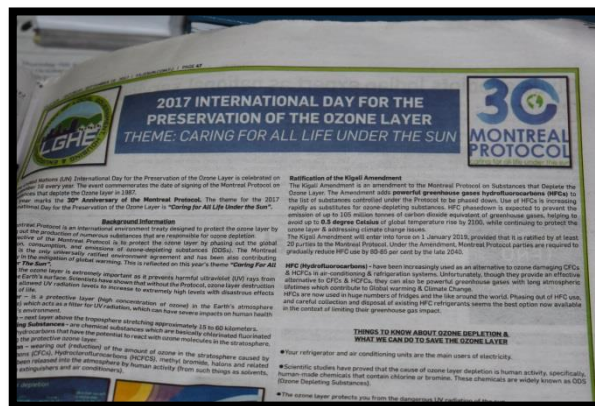
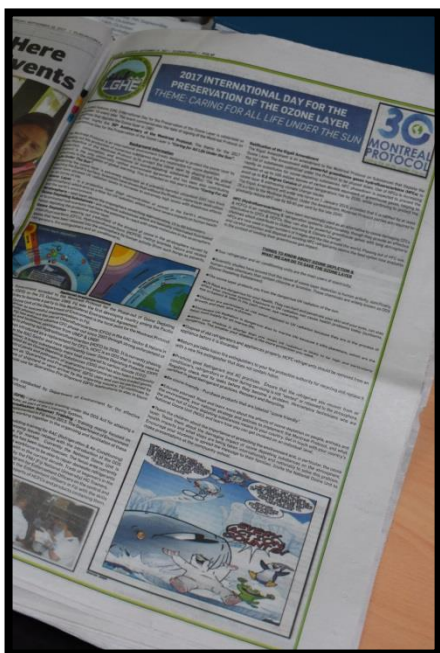
International Ozone Day- Fiji

September 16, 2017

September 16th, 2017 fell on a Saturday and Fiji celebrated the Ozone day on the 26th of September 2017. The celebration was with government and non- governmental stakeholders, Refrigeration & Air- conditioning sector, the fumigation sector, enforcement agencies and other public and private private sectors. It was a celebration to commemorate the International Ozone Day and the 30 years of successful implementation of the Montreal Protocol.

Supplementary Newspaper Article

The National Ozone ensured that a supplementary on the newspaper was published on the 16th of September to commemorate the special day.



Caption: Newspaper Article on 16th September 2017

Public Awareness

Ozone Day celebration in Fiji fell on the same week the country was celebrating the National Climate Change Week. It was a week- long of events and activities in Fiji, designed to raise awareness on climate change issues, educate the public on Fiji's Presidency to the COP and also highlight experiences relating to climate change.

The ODS Unit was part of the public awareness raising speaking on ozone depletion and climate change and how the ozone layer was being depleted by ozone depleting substances and at the same time contributing to global warming. It was an opportunity to inform the public on the obligations that the country had on the Montreal Protocol and what practices could be done to promote and save the ozone layer and also minimise global warming.



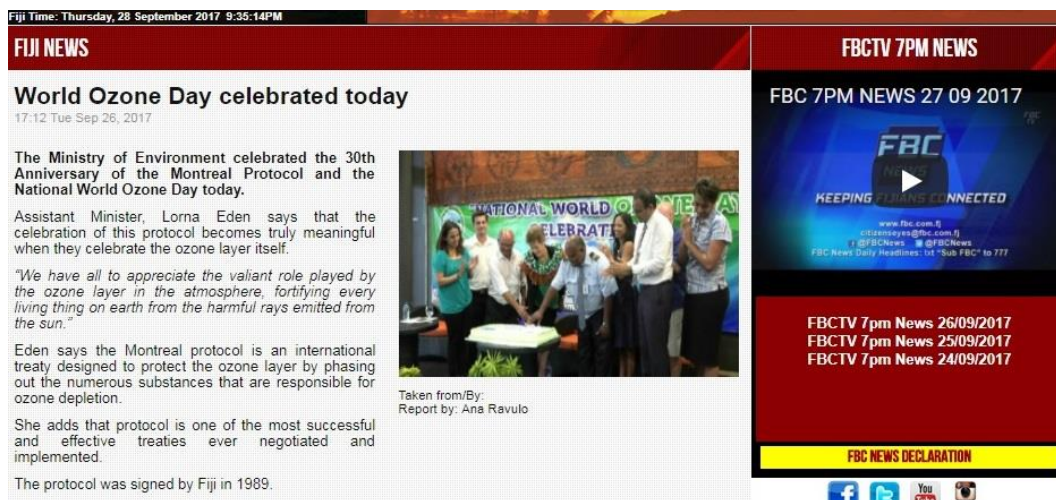
Caption: Ozone Awareness at the Sukuna Park (Public Park) during Climate Change week

30th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol Celebration

The International Ozone Day & 30th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol was focused on celebrating with key stakeholders, enforcement agencies, industries and line governmental organisations that had greatly contributed in the implementation of the protocol at the national level. The Assistant Minister for Local Government, Housing & Environment, Hon. Mrs. Lorna Eden was the chief guest for the occasion. She spoke on the importance of the ozone layer emphasizing that the protocol becomes truly meaningful with the celebration of the ozone layer itself. She also highlighted that the Montreal Protocol was one of the one of the most successful and effective environmental agreements in the world which Fiji is fortunate to be part of. A presentation by the Ozone officer (Ms. Alisi Kamaiwaqa) also was presented, looking through the brief history of the Montreal Protocol and its 30 years of successful implementation along with the national implementations done for the last 28 years

since its ratification in 1989. It was also an opportunity to also speak on the new amendment to the protocol, the Kigali Amendment.

Contribution of all previous ozone officers and stakeholders that had assisted in the implementation of the Montreal Protocol in Fiji were recognised during the occasion. The occasion was also special as we also had the first Ozone Officer for Fiji, Ms. Seema Deo, present. Stakeholders present travelled from all over Fiji to celebrate International Ozone Day & 30th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol at Albert Park, Suva.



Caption: Part of the Fiji Broadcasting Corporation (FBC) News on 26th September 2017



Caption: Celebrating 30 years of implementation of the Montreal Protocol, Ministry of Environments with its stakeholders.

