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Press Release

New staff brings new targets for Captain Cook Cruises Fiji!!!

Captain Cook Cruises Fiji is delighted to announce the appointments of Simon Estella as Master of the Reef Endeavour, Scott Wade as Hospitality Manager onboard the Reef Endeavour and Vanessa Young as General Manager Sales based in the Sydney Office.

Simon re-joins the Captain Cook Cruises family after previously working as a Master for the company based in Fiji on the Reef Escape in 1998 and 1999 and prior to this as Second Officer on the Reef Endeavour based in Cairns.

After leaving Captain Cook Cruises, Simon spent many years at sea in the Pacific, the Mediterranean and Caribbean. He came ashore in 2000 and has spent a number of years in the corporate world mentoring Captains and other deck officers, before he decided to return to one of his favourite places, Fiji.

"I love Fiji, especially the weather and working with the Fijian people. I am really passionate about the beauty of Fiji and I'm determined to ensure my passengers have a terrific experience and love Fiji as much as I do". Says Simon.

Scott Wade comes to Captain Cook Cruises Fiji with an excellent background in hospitality. After completing a Bachelor of Applied science in Melbourne, Scott attended the Hilton University and held a number of positions in Hilton Hotels in Australia and Japan.

Scott is a Dive instructor and member of the Melbourne cricket club and although born in Melbourne, Scott spent many of his early years growing up in Fiji, a country he has always held close to his heart.

"Having grown up in Fiji I have a strong affinity with the people and understanding of their culture. I can't wait to return and help visitors experience the true culture of Fiji which is what the cruises onboard the Reef Endeavour are all about." Explains Scott.

Experienced Senior Aviation and Travel Management Executive, Vanessa Young brings a wealth of experience and proven success in the development and execution of sales strategies across international markets and multi channels including; Retail, TMC, OTA, Corporate, Government and Inbound Tourism.

Vanessa joins Captain Cook Cruises from HRG where she held the role of General Manager Sales, prior to this Vanessa spent seven and a half years at Virgin Australia where she played a pivotal role in launching the Virgin Australia brand and executing the Game Change program to attract high yield corporate and government business to the airline. Before Virgin Australia Vanessa held the position of Director of Sales at Carlson Wagonlit Travel for over four years and prior to this had a ten year career at Qantas Airways working in a variety of sales positions including inbound tourism.

"I am excited to be working for Captain Cook Cruises Fiji and I believe my experience will help achieve all of mine and the company's performance goals. Captain Cook Cruises Fiji is a prestigious brand with a beautiful culture and unique product offering. I look forward to working with the agents and wholesalers in promoting it further." Says Vanessa.

Captain Cook Cruises Fiji, Australian Managing Director, Jackie Charlton, welcomes Simon, Scott and Vanessa to the team and looks forward to working with them both.

“I’m delighted to welcome Simon, Scott and Vanessa to the Captain Cook Cruises Fiji team. They bring to their roles a wealth of skills, experience and knowledge, which will be a great asset to the company. I am delighted to join with our Executive Chairman, Semi Koroilavesau, in extending a big Bula welcome to them all.” Says Jackie.

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