

Part 4 - 1989 - 1992

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Late Dr Sefanaia Tabua was soon installed as the President of WPMPA. He was a Rabuka supporter and we used him to get permissions to have our mini seminars as well as meetings to once again look at the College inauguration or the national body of GP's.

Sunday Observance Decree came into force soon after second coup which stayed until Oct 1995. The decree prohibited any trade, business, public meetings and sporting activities. All the essential services were allowed to operate including GP's for emergencies only. Pharmacists were also allowed to open but they needed permission from the respective police stations.

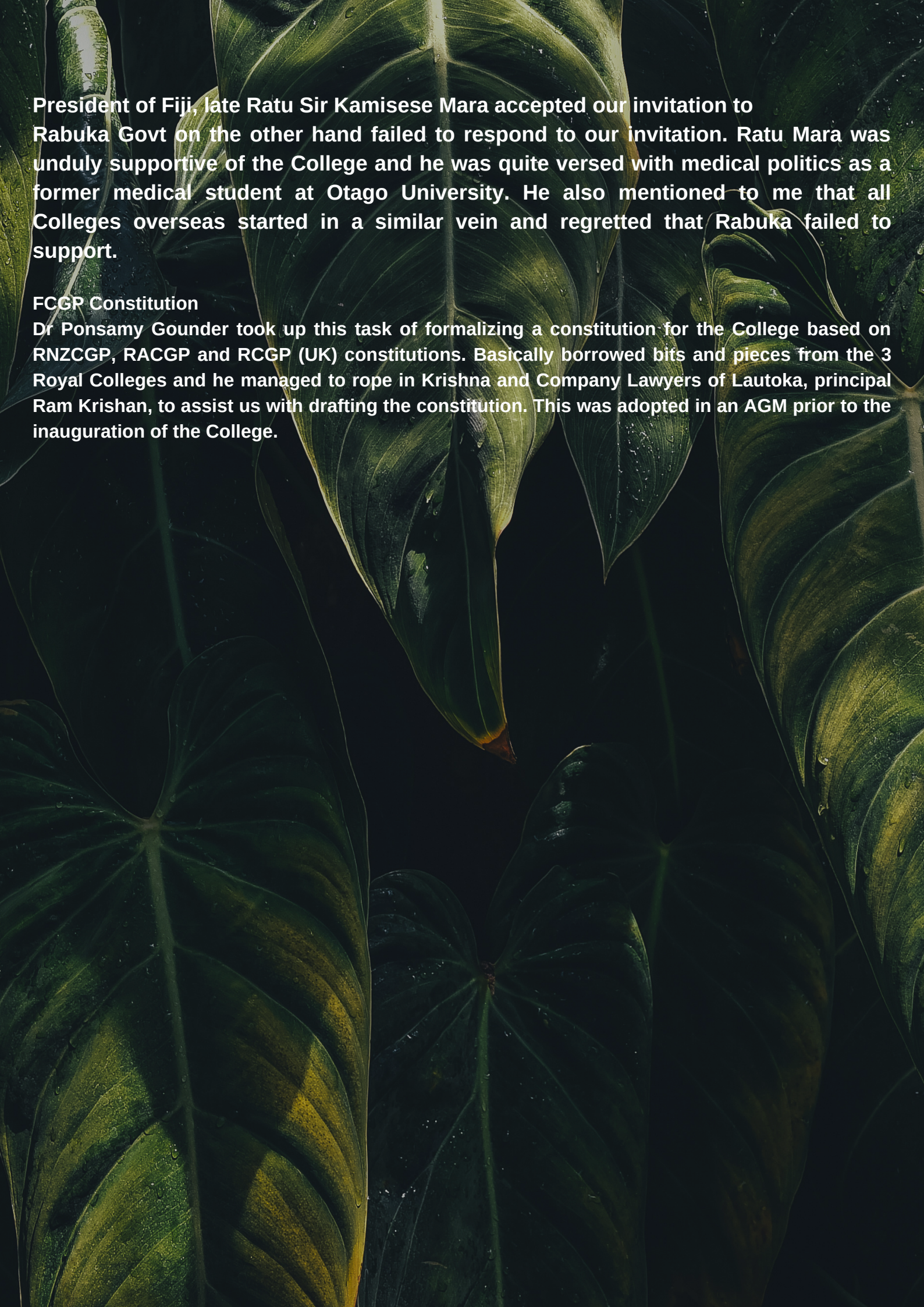
Late Dr Subarmani Govendar took over as President of WPMPA in 1990/91 and sometimes later in 1991 or 1992 we dissolved WPMPA renaming it FCGP Western Faculty. Central based PMPA unfortunately were not prepared to dissolve their organization. They doubted motives and were not convinced about the idea of the College or the National Body of GP's.

Another set of officials were elected who believed otherwise to lead the Central Faculty notably John Fatiaki, Neil Sharma, Sachida Mudaliar, J K Marolia and Nelle Van Buuren .

PMPA continued to exist even after the College was officially inaugurated in Feb 1993 as they were still skeptical but a couple of years later they folded up.

Meeting at Hideaway Resort

The interim committee meeting at the Hideaway Resort attended by reps from the west and central was the final get together before the grand inauguration close to 60 GP's had applied to become foundation members of the College, special membership gowns, certificates and Presidential Chain was ordered from Wellington (Ponnu had contacts there).



President of Fiji, late Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara accepted our invitation to Rabuka Govt on the other hand failed to respond to our invitation. Ratu Mara was unduly supportive of the College and he was quite versed with medical politics as a former medical student at Otago University. He also mentioned to me that all Colleges overseas started in a similar vein and regretted that Rabuka failed to support.

FCGP Constitution

Dr Ponsamy Gounder took up this task of formalizing a constitution for the College based on RNZCGP, RACGP and RCGP (UK) constitutions. Basically borrowed bits and pieces from the 3 Royal Colleges and he managed to rope in Krishna and Company Lawyers of Lautoka, principal Ram Krishan, to assist us with drafting the constitution. This was adopted in an AGM prior to the inauguration of the College.