



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### **Twenty-nine police prosecutors graduate from Prosecution Course**

Twenty-nine police prosecutors graduated from the Basic Prosecution Course facilitated by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) last week Friday (12.08.22). The graduation ceremony was held at Fiji Police Training Academy, Nasova, Suva.

The six-week course was designed to equip police prosecutors with the basic trial preparation and advocacy skills at the bar table. The six-week course covered rules of evidence, legal ethics and analysis, filing of the charges, bail applications as well as mock trial.

Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Lee Burney reminded the police prosecutors of their role and the need to work together with the ODPP.

“Our role as prosecutors is very crucial and the threshold that we have to meet in the court of guilt beyond reasonable doubt is very high. We know that not all cases can make it but that should not stop us from trying to ensure that every investigation and prosecution is completed with the same perseverance as the last one. We are in this together so we must work together and if you need assistance, the doors of the ODPP are always open.”

After successfully completing the basic prosecution course, these officers will now participate in the ODPP Advanced Prosecution Course later in the year.

The Basic Prosecution Course was facilitated by ODPP Principal Legal Officer, Ms Pauline Madanavosa and other prosecutors from the ODPP.

***NB:** Pictures are attached below*

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*The Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Lee Burney, addressing police prosecutors during the closing ceremony of ODPP Basic Prosecution Course at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva on Friday (12.08.22).*



*Participants of the ODPP Basic Prosecution Course at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva, on Friday (12.08.22).*



*(Seated: L-R) (Fourth) Course Facilitator, ODPP Principal Legal Officer, Ms Pauline Madanavosa, the Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Lee Burney, with participants of the ODPP Basic Prosecution Course at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva, during the graduation ceremony on Friday (12.08.22).*