During the week 10th—17th May 2013 EcoNorfolk Foundation received a second round of funding from AUSaid to educate Leaders of the Pacific. Australian Leadership Awards Fellowship winners came to Norfolk Island to attend educational workshops after they attended a two week intensive training in Triple Bottom Line calculus at the ISA, School of Physics, University of Sydney.

EcoNorfolk has proven through science that businesses in Norfolk Island are sustainable. Included in the week long activities was an exchange of cultural diversity and social cohesion with other islanders from the Pacific.

The opening ceremony was at Governors Lodge which provided time for the AUSAid Fellowship Award winners to mingle with L to R: Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly, The Hon. Lisle Snell, NICHE coordinator, PJ Wilson and Fellow Andrew Hosking Cook Islands. Below Left: Fellow Christina Fillmed and Fellow Alissa Takesy from the Federated States of Micronesia enjoyed meeting Frances Evans.

Central to Islanders beliefs is Christianity. The Fellows joined other Christians for a night of evening worship followed by a time of singing popular Pitcairn and Norfolk hymns at All Saint’s Church, Kingston, Norfolk Island and were extremely impressed with organist Peter Randall, Minister Chris Clerke, Church Warden and Service leader David Buffett MLA and song leader Tom Lloyd.

EcoNorfolk has successfully benchmarked a number of island businesses with the Cascade Soft Drink Factory Norfolk Island featured in the University of Sydney ‘Partnering With Industry’ which was presented to all participants at the Future Summit in 2008 and provided a forum for Australia’s leaders to participate in discussions on key issues and challenges.

Instructor Brad Forrester can prove that he is a Sustainable business. Brad has received further funding through AUSAid to Instruct the Pacific Fellowship Award Winners on how they could do the same on other Pacific Islands.
Part of the Sustainable Island Businesses week includes a site visit to Lou Evans Sustainable farm and information sharing on his Methane Digester. Farmer Lou’s farm has been identified as a sustainable business through Triple Bottom Line assessments by EcoNorfolk with the aim to assist in advancing the science of sustainability. Farmer Lou is financed by AUSaid to showcase his business to fellowship Award winners from other Islands of the Pacific. During their time with Farmer Lou they were educated on how they can lower their carbon emissions on their Islands by using a methane digester to capture pig waste. Already Farmer Lou has been approached about visiting another island to assist in the implementation of a methane digester.

Not only did Cascade Soft Drinks assess their business a number of years ago they also had Forrester Court accommodation assessed. During the week the Fellows enjoyed a wonderful luncheon with Brad and Ariane Forrester at Forrester’s Court. At that time they took away the idea of using glass as a road base on their islands.

Below Left to right: Norfolk Island Administration Manager of Electricity Department, Moochie Christian provided information on how they can capture the waste energy at the Norfolk Electricity department. Norfolk Island Administration Conservator of Public Reserves, Mr. Peter Davidson explained to the Fellows our special zones, a visit to the Waste Management Centre, and an outstanding dialogue with Mr. Neil Tavener on the Sewerage Plant.
During the week of activities time was set aside for the Fellows to be briefed by Dr. Coral Rowston, Director of Norfolk Island National Park and Botanic Garden. Below are a few comments made by some of the AUSaid Fellowship Award winners.

“Great hike tour between Mr. Pitt and Mt Bates—learnt about National Park Governance and Management.” Alissa Takesy

“Very interesting to hear and see the development of the National Park history by Dr Coral. I enjoyed the nature walk along the track from Mt Pitt to Mt. Bates. Observed the variety of Flora and Fauna displays. Beautiful walk with nature.” Andrew Hoskings

**CULTURAL DINNER ENHANCES PACIFIC ISLAND PARTNERSHIP.** . . A cultural dinner was held in the Polynesian Room at Foot Nort, a private residence, through the kind permission of Mrs Anne Foote. There were a number of diverse community members who dined with our pacific partners and displayed social cohesion by entertaining the guests with island culture, history, song and dance. The highlight of the evening was the performance by local dancer Mikiela Christian-Reynolds and further by Norfolk Island Fijian community singers.

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Prior to the Fellows departure Norfolk Island they were guests of the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly. Discussions about the advantages of understanding the science of sustainability and a question by EcoNorfolk to NI Community leaders—**Do you want to be the first island in the Pacific to know your TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE?**