

BIOGRAPHY

Ratu Sir George Cakobau
Governor General

(pronounced "Thakobau")

Governor General since 1973, Ratu Sir George Cakobau is the first Fijian to hold this position. As the Vunivalu of Bau he holds the most important position in Fijian customary society. Aged 67, he was educated in Fiji, Australia and New Zealand (Wanganui Technical College). His civil service career, in Fijian Affairs, extended from 1936 to 1968. During World War II he served in the Solomon Islands. His political career covered the period 1954-1973 and he held ministerial portfolios from 1968 to 1972. His first marriage ended in divorce and he married again in 1957. He has seven children from his two marriages.