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## Australia will be tough, says Potter

By ELENOA BASELALA in Brisbane, Australia

AUSTRALIA will be a tough team to beat having conceded only two tries during the 2017 Rugby League World Cup, says Vodafone Fiji Bati coach Mick Potter.

"It's a real challenge trying to find a weakness in the team, it's going to be difficult," Potter said at the Suncorp Stadium yesterday.

Potter, who said today's match was the pinnacle of his coaching career in playing against the world's best, added Fiji had spent time studying Australia's game to see areas where they could "break them down".

"It's a two-horse race, the odds are stacked against our team, it could possibly be a good score line for Australia ... I don't know what's going to happen but it is going to be a good scramble," he added.

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Kill Bill target ... secondrower Viliame Kikau (centre), Mikaele Ravalawa, left, and Eloni Vunakece, right, in action during the team's captain's run at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane, Australia yesterday.

Picture: JOVESNA NAISUA

# 5pc pay rise

## FSC rewards workers despite operational loss

By REPEKA NASIKO

THE Fiji Sugar Corporation has awarded a 5 per cent pay increase to its staff members despite suffering an operational loss of \$39.6 million in its 2017 financial year.

At a press conference after its annual general meeting in Lautoka yesterday, FSC chief executive officer Graham Clark

said the pay increase was a way to appreciate workers of FSC.

"Our board was able to approve a 5 per cent cost of living increase for all FSC staff.

"That has been communicated across the organisation and I would like to see that as the first sign of what the new management can do for our people in FSC.

"It has been a long time since they've had an increase and we believe they need it to address the high cost of living."

Mr Clark said after the increase, staff members would then be put under a performance-based system for further increases.

"We look forward to now taking this in to a performance-based system where we will measure their performance going forward.

But I think it will be a happier Christmas this year for our staff and we want to have them appreciated and they would continue to be committed to our work."

FSC chairperson Vishnu Mohan highlighted the corporation's performance in 2017 and its forecast for 2018.

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