

LAE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC.

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

RABAUL QUEEN DISASTER

The survivors of the MV Rabaul Queen are still being sorted out at the Morobe Disaster Centre and the care centres that have been set up. Some of the survivors have already been sent to their own Provinces by way of air charters and normal flights, with assistance from their home Provincial Governments. Counselling has been provided to the traumatised victims and counselling services have been set up in their home provinces, so that they can continue to be treated.

As usual the Private sector has come good with supplies of food and water, utensils, clothing, and assistance to the Red Cross etc. Laga Industries, Morobe Mining Joint Venture, Express Freight Management, Paul Barker from the Institute of National Affairs, the Lae Chamber of Commerce and Daltron staff have all assisted plus many individuals have dug deep to provide help. Wendie and Nellie from the LCCI have attended daily and nightly meetings, as well as shopping and cooking for the survivors.



LAE ROADS

Many of our members are becoming more than perturbed by the lack of progress on the Lae Roads. They state that they were happy to put up with the inconvenience when the roads were being constructed, but now most of the work has come to a halt, and we are still unable to travel freely around the City.

The simple fact is that the contractors that have been working on the Lae Roads Rehabilitation Project have not been paid, most since August last year, and hence have been forced to halt the work on the roads and lay off staff. The contractors met this morning and agreed to send a delegation to Port Moresby to meet the respective Government Ministers involved in the Lae Roads Project, to get a commitment to pay them for outstanding work, and the work to finish their contracts. We hope that this is no more than a hiccup and will be resolved soon.



HOTEL

Visit the Lae International Hotel new website.

Book Online at www.laeinterhotel.com

For more information call us on phone 472 2000.

PNG RESOURCES

REPORTING ON PNG'S PETROLEUM & MINERAL INDUSTRY ISSUE FOUR 2011

Reporting on PNG for the last **20 Years**. The latest edition of this highly sought after magazine is now available at the Lae Chamber of Commerce. Please arrange to collect your free copy by visiting the Chamber in the Professionals building in Fourth Street Lae, or book a copy from Wendie on telephone 4722340.

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Objectives of the LCCI

- To promote the business interests of the private sector;
- To further the economic development in Lae;
- To ensure the provision of services and utilities essential to such development;
- To provide a representative body for business people, which government can consult;
- To promote support or oppose legislation; or take any other measures to improve the business community;
- To provide a forum for discussion of private sector goals;
- To pool the strengths of business people so that together, they can accomplish tasks that each one alone cannot achieve;
- To promote the economic viability of the area, so those current businesses will grow and new ones will be developed locally;
- To provide business with a common voice.

PORT STORAGE CHARGES DURING TELIKOM NETWORK FAILURE

I have already distributed this circular from PNG PORTS CORPORATION, where they agree to grant a 50% reduction in storage charges, for cargo that built up at the Port, due to Customs being unable to access their Ascyuda ++ system, during the recent Telikom Network failure. PNG Ports have further advised that these reductions will show on invoices for this period. If the charges have already been paid, then the companies concerned are asked to raise this at the PPL Office.



CIRCULAR

SUBJECT: TELIKOM RELAY STATION FAILURE 215T JANUARY TO 14TH FEBRUARY 212

PNG Ports Corporation Limited are aware of the impact of Telikom relay station failure has had on the Assycuda System operated by Customs as they were unable to clear cargoes during this period.

In recognition of the impact of this on the storage charges, PNG Ports Corporation Limited is granting a 50% reduction in storage for cargoes that has been landed in the Port of Lae after the 21st January and up to the 14th February 2012. Cargo outside this time will attract normal charges.

Graham Proud SENIOR BUSINESS MANAGER -LAE



WATER PNG 24 – HOUR NUMBERS FOR WATER & SANITATION SERVICES IN LAE AND MOROBE

24 Hour Number	Title	Division	Location
7190931	MOL	Operations Lae	Lae
7190932	MCS	Customer Services Lae	Lae
7190933		Lae	
7190934	Mutzing Operator	Mutzing	Mutzing
7190944		Lae	Lae

TVET Trade Mission

As advised earlier this week, Austrade is running a TVET Trade Mission in Lae on 19 -21st February. Simon Tundua from Austrade Port Moresby will be accompanying the mission. A list of the TVET facilitators was included with the circular sent earlier.

The mission members will arrive in Lae on Sunday 19 February and depart for Port Moresby at 12noon on Tuesday 21 February

The program in Lae is:

Monday 20 February Lae International Hotel Haus Win

9.00am – 12 .00pm	Mini Expo	
12.00pm -1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm – 3.00pm	Invited Corporate guest speakers on training needs in Lae	
5.00pm – 6.30pm	Cocktail function around the table display area	
Tuesday 21 February		
Am	Follow up work by mission members	
12.00pm	Depart for Port Moresby	

I have already RECEIVED CONFIRMATION from companies wishing to participate. Please feel free to come along and if you have time please reply or contact Simon on - <u>Simon.Tundua@austrade.gov.au</u>



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A FOCUS ON THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA RESOURCE SECTOR

PNGREPOR

The latest edition for January 2012 of this magazine is now on display at the Lae Chamber of Commerce. Read their report on the Lae Riots when you get your free copy of this January edition, which can be reserved by contacting Wendie on 472 2340 or by emailing us at <a href="https://www.lccimetersecond-commutation-co



MARKHAM BANANA FESTIVAL 2013

Celebrating the Cultural Traditions of the Markham Valley.

THE FESTIVAL

The Markham Banana Festival aims to showcase the unique food cultures, artisan works and traditional performances of Markham Valley communities in Morobe Province. The festival managed by locally based organisation, SAVE PNG INC. will encourage the sharing of local knowledge, plant varieties and agricultural skills in food culture and associated traditional arts. Leading up to this event we will engage school children in a festival advocacy drive through a traditional talent pageant, art contest and short story writing competition. We are expecting between 8,000 to 10,000 people to attend this first of it's kind event and for the festival to be publicised through all PNG media networks.

ORGANISERS

SAVE PNG INC. is a non-government organisation set-up for Papua New Guinean's to protect and embrace cultural identity, biodiversity and natural resources in a changing world environment. We encourage our people to maintain a Melanesian way of life that promotes sustainable living. Successful Project and Event Management includes World Environment Day (Port Moresby 2007), World Wetlands Day (Port Moresby 2007), Ela Beach Clean-up campaign (Port Moresby 2008), PNG and Australia Indigenous Oceania Exchange (Madang, 2009) and Café Niugini Project (PNG 2010-11).

Partnership Opportunity | Markham Banana Festival 2-8th April 2012 | SAVE PNG

MARKHAM BANANA

FESTIVAL



The INA and the PORT MORESBY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Invited YOU to attend this seminar on

Delivering Public-Private Partnerships in PNG

This seminar focuses on the practical development of Public-Private Partnerships in Papua New Guinea. The objectives of this workshop are to:

• Build a common understanding of PPP concepts and the possible role of PPPs for delivering infrastructure and related services in PNG

• Familiarize participants with the National PPP Policy and draft PPP bill

Holiday Inn, Port Moresby 22 February 2012				
Provide stakeholders with a forum for discussing the requirements for successful PPPs				
Subject	Timing	Presenter and Description		
Welcome and introductions	8:45-09:00	Minister, Department of Treasury		
Opening Remarks	9:00-9:30	Ron Seddon, CEO, POM Chamber of Commerce		
Public-Private Partnerships: Concepts and Application	9:30-10:00	Presenter: Michael Regan, Director, Master of Infrastructure Management pro- gram at Bond University, Queensland Overview of public-private partnerships as a method of delivering public infra- structure and services and Sectors of application		
Morning Tea	10:00-10:15			
PPP Potential in PNG: The investors' Perspective	10:15-11:30	 Chair: POM CCI Panelists: PNG SDP / Curtain Brothers / National Airports Corporation, Morobe JV, MRDC, What opportunities lie ahead for PPPs in PNG? How do potential investors view these transactions? 		
International Experience with PPP Programs: Success, Failure and Key Lessons	11:30-12:45	 Presenters: Michael Regan, Bond University; David Asteraki, KPMG (former Head of Partnerships Victoria) What have we learned from international experience with PPPs? What are the essential elements of a successful PPP program? Are institutional arrangements important? Is a PPP law necessary? 		
Lunch	12:45 - 13:30			
PPP Potential in PNG: The Financiers' Perspective	13:30-14:30	 Chair: David Asteraki, KPMG Panelists: ANZ, Westpac, / NASFUND / NAM-BAWAN / Landowners How do financiers view the potential for PPP transactions in PNG? How can risks be mitigated? 		
Progress on Developing a PPP framework in PNG	14:30 - 15:15	Presenter: Treasury Overview of PPP Policy and draft PPP law		
Plenary Q&A	15:15-16:00	Chair: Paul Barker, Institute National Affairs		
Closing	16:00-16:15	Anthony Yaieub, Acting Secretary, Department of Treasury		
Wednesday, September 23				
Subject	Timing	Presenter and Description		
Recap & Introduction	08:30 - 09:00	 Presenter: Laure Darcy (ADB) Summary Day 1 & Agenda for Day 2 		
PPPs in the Utilities Sector	09:00 - 10:30	 Presenters: Mike Barrow (ADB), Edgar Saravia (IFC) Overview of key issues and illustrative PPP structures in the utilities sector Power, Water, Telecommunications 		
Morning Tea	10:30-10:45			
Delivering PPP Projects within a tight fiscal framework	10:45 - 11:45	Presenter: Glenn Maguire, Director, Commercial Division, Department of Treasury and Finance, Victoria • Government Perspective on the fiscal context of PPP programs		
Assessing the bankability of PPP projects	11:45 - 12:30	 Presenter: Glenn Maguire, Director, Commercial Division, Department of Treasury and Finance, Victoria Practitioner's perspective on the essential elements of a bankable PPP pro- ject; illustrated with case studies 		
Lunch	12:30-13:30			
Financing PPPs	13:30 - 14:30	Panel: Paul Reddel (PPIAF), Rod Mitchell, NASFUND, Ross Hammond, MD Westpac, Ian Clyne, CEO BSP, Jim Yap, Head of Commercial Banking, ANZ Transaction advisor and institutional investor's perspective on options for fi- nancing PPPs •Project finance structures •PNG Superannuation Fund / Bank perspective		
Supporting PPP Programs: Donor roles and capabilities	14:30 - 15:30	Presenter: Mike Barrow, ADB; Edgar Saravia, IFC; Paul Reddel, PPIAF; Dave Vosen, AusAID Discussion of the roles and support to PPP Programs that can be provided by donor agencies		
Afternoon Tea	15:30:-15:45			
PNG PPP Process: Way forward in PNG	15:45 - 16:15	Presenter: Juliana Kubak, PPP Task Force Co-Chair Discussion of the status and next steps in completing the PPP framework; over- view of ongoing TA needs to implement PPP's		
Plenary Q&A	16:15-17:15	Panel of Presenters: Paul Reddel (PPIAF), Glenn Maguire, Raj Kannan, Edgar Saravia (IFC), Julia Brickell (IFC), Dave Vosen (AusAID)		
Closing	17:15 - 17:30	Secretary, Department of National Planning and Monitoring		