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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

LAE ISSUES

Alan McLay has been asked to address the fund raising dinner for the PNG Party Morobe Branch tomorrow night at the Lae International Hotel. Whilst we normally stay clear of Political events, we decided to use the occasion to bring forward important Lae issues that have an impact on the development of Lae City and the Morobe Province. This is particularly relevant because of the fact that this Party is a senior member of the O'Neill led Government, of which the member for Wau/Bulolo Open Honourable Sam Basil is a High ranking Minister.

Without much elaboration I intend to raise the following issues:

1. Crime and the need to build up the Police capacity in the city. I have two documents that have been prepared to hand to Minister Basil. The Minister has promises to look into the possibility of assisting with funds for these requirements –
 - a. The Police have prepared a list of equipment and manpower that are required for the Urban and Provincial Police Stations.
 - b. The LCCI has plans and costings for the construction a new Eriku Police Station to be located near the Basketball courts. Some Eriku companies have pledged financial support and support with materials for this project.
2. The need for an Urban Commission or Authority for Lae and to extend beyond the current city boundaries, to take in the development areas as far as Nadzab and Tikeling.
3. The Power problems in Lae – the need to provide more power to Lae so as to attract the expansion of businesses and eradicate the constant blackouts.
4. Availability of more Land for Urban development – there is no system to free up land for new developments in Lae.
5. Road infrastructure – discuss the current road works in Lae, the need for upgrading further roads and maintaining the roads that have been damaged when used as access roads during the current reconstruction work.
6. The Port of Lae – it has long been recognized that the Port needs to be expanded and this is the reason why the ADB have funded the Tidal Basin project. But there is need to up-grade facilities, and the capacity to handle the extra cargo, containers etc (much to do with the LNG and future Wafi-Golpu mine developments).

I also intend to raise the issue of the diverse nature of Lae's Manufacturing Industries and the need to stimulate these businesses so the State can enjoy the increasing benefits they provide. These industries have become very efficient operations and thrive on healthy competition. The Manufacturers provide the foundation for Lae's employment, and the balance of a good proportion of these industries could be upset by the current business proposal on rice that is before the Government is approved.



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- 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.



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PNG UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

There will be a handover/Takeover of Vice Chancellors Ceremony on Tuesday 31st January at the Taraka Campus of Unitech.

The University Council has formally approved the appointment of Dr. Albert Schram as the New Vice Chancellor to succeed Professor Misty E. Baloiloi.

Dr. Schram was previously the Research and Policy Advisor to the Vice Chancellor of Maastricht University in the Netherlands and takes over from Professor Baloiloi who has been VC of Unitech for the past 16 years.

Communication For Development Students for Industrial Training

The Department of Communication & Development Studies at Unitech is looking for placements for their requirements for industrial training as per set out below, which is a part of their course towards earning a Bachelor of Technology in Communication for Development degree. The students are studying development issues and communications theory and practice. Public and community relations and industrial relations are the core subjects.

Student Name	ID Number	Province of Origin	Current Address & Ph.
1. Miss. BADUI Julie	0840096.4	East Sepik	
2. Miss. HAMAU Mirriam	0650137.9	New Ireland	Digi: 71862814
3. Mr. JAMAICA Ovex	0940092.8	Eastern Highlands	Digi: 72655599
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8. Mr. SOMA Nick	0940101.2	Eastern Highlands	
9. Mr. TALIAN Mark	0940102.9	Enga	
10. Miss. TAULA Garthruth	0940015.1	New Ireland	
11. Miss. TOMALA Vesna	0840112.3	Morobe	Digi: 72744107

Added to this, Jonathan Tegabwasa is among 11 Final Year students of the Communication for Development Studies at Unitech who are all looking for placements for their industrial training attachment, a part of their course towards earning Bachelor of Technology in Communication for Development degree. They are studying development issues and communications theory and practice. Public and community relations and industrial relations are the core subjects.

Jonathan, from Milne Bay is a smart student but if he can't complete the industrial training requirement, he may not even graduate. Give Jonathan and his other fellow students the opportunity to gain work experience and put them on the road to earning their degrees.

The list of students needing placements is included above. I know some companies or organizations that have already got some of the students for this. The period for the placement is four months, from February to May, 2012.

If any company or organization can assist, please let us know. The coordinator for Year 4 Industrial Training for Communications for Development Studies is Mr Michael Winuan, and he can be contacted on 4734753 or email: mwinuan@lcs.unitech.ac.pg or mobile phones 73182944/76956440. Or you can contact me through this medium to channel your interest.

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UPDATE ON THE LAE ROAD WORKS

LAE ROADS

NME Head Office advises that the Lae Resident Engineer Ananda Kempitiya has deferred his return from his break as his wife is undergoing medical treatment in Sri Lanka. The Company's Senior Engineer will travel to Lae next week and we will discuss with him developments on the roads that are undergoing re-constructive works. Current information for our members on the developments on the Lae Road-works is scarce. Most of the contractors are back on the job, but work is progressing slowly.

Finally the roundabout at the Huon/Seventh Street junction (Foodmart Corner) has been opened. Part of the delay was to fulfil a requirement of placing a central water fall on the cemented roundabout.

Work at Eriku is proceeding and access to Pelgens and Papindo stores is now easier. The Roundabout at Anderson's corner has not yet been commenced. The designs are for the roundabout to be done in Bitumen but I have requested that Concrete be considered, as there is tremendous stress on this roundabout as it will still have a small turning circle (even though it will be larger than the previous one). If my request is entertained then the re-design may delay the work.

The Police have discussed the dreadful congestion at the bus stop near the Eriku roundabout, and they have requested the contractors to remove the earth mound that is preventing the buses from parking properly. It is hoped that this will be sorted out tomorrow.

NME head office in Port Moresby is currently in discussions with Cameron Construction and hopes to get the delayed work on 5th & 6th Streets and Central Avenue recommenced shortly.

We hope to be in a better position next week to provide a more extensive report on the road upgrades.

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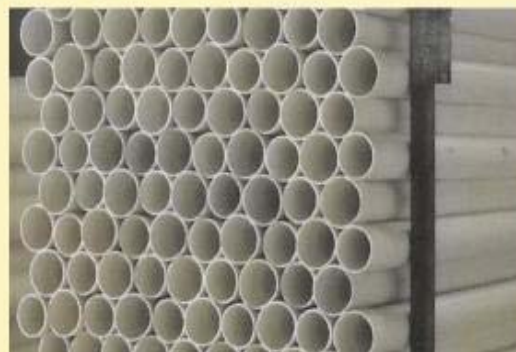
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