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*Thank you*

### FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK



### LCCI WISHES A MERRY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, THEIR EMPLOYEES AND FAMILIES

We advise all members that the LCCI Office will be closed from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2011 and will reopen on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011. Whilst the office will be officially closed, we will monitor the mail during this time with any crucial items or events attended to as well.

Please use the email – [lcci@global.net.pg](mailto:lcci@global.net.pg) - if you have any matters of concern or if you wish any form of assistance from the LCCI.

We wish all members, staff, associates and families of the Lae Chamber of Commerce a safe and happy Christmas leading onto a prosperous New Year.

We take this opportunity to advise members to keep in mind the following:

- If you drink make sure you have someone to drive who is sober. Make sure the car doors are locked when driving and do not stop or pick up unknown passengers.
- Drive only along well known roads and avoid going into areas that you are unsure about. Try to avoid crowds that assemble along roads.
- When you park the vehicle double check that all doors are locked.
- If you leave your house make sure it is as secure as possible, and if there are alarm systems make sure they are armed. The best option is to leave someone in your property in your absence.
- Beware of pick-pockets, whether at a supermarket, the food markets or generally when walking through the city.

The City is full of people at the moment, many of who have come from distant locations and provinces. Many of these people will want to return to their own homes after Christmas and into the New Year, and will not have the means or the funds to do so. Some will turn to crime by stealing cars or robbing individuals, or break into homes and offices so we all must be on our guard at all times.

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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.



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## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The official Holidays over the Christmas period are as follows:

Christmas Day, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Boxing Day, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Public Holiday, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2011

## GAZETTED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2012

The 2012 holidays as per Government Gazette No. G197 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2011 are shown as follows: (Please note that there is no mention of a holiday for the National Day of Repentance which was declared at the last minute on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011. This Holiday may be declared at a later date and if so will most likely be set for August 2012).

### PUBLIC NOTICE

As declared by Sir Michael Ogio, G.C.M.G., K.St.J., Governor-General -

- Appoint Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 to be the day to commemorate the Birthday of the Queen; and
- Appoint Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012 to be the day to commemorate the attainment of Independent Sovereign nationhood; and
- Appoint Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 to be the day to commemorate the PNG Remembrance Day; and
- For general information notify that the following days shall be observed as Public Holidays throughout Papua New Guinea :-

New Years Day, Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2012
Public Holiday, Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2012
Good Friday, Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> April, 2012
Easter Saturday, Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> April, 2012
Easter Sunday, Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> April, 2012
Easter Monday, Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> April, 2012
Queen's Birthday, Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> June, 2012
National Remembrance Day, Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2012
Independence Day, Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2012
Public Holiday, Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> September, 2012 (in respect that Independence Day falls on Sunday)
Christmas Day, Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> December, 2012
Boxing Day, Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> December, 2012

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2011

Sir MICHAEL OGIO, Governor-General

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Christmas

New IRC Office

Report on LCCI HIV  
and AIDS Project

By Chairman of the  
Lae Port Committee

## WATER PNG

Would like to advise the public that they are closing for the festival season, from Thursday 22/12/2011 and re-open again on Tuesday 3/01/2012.

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### INTERNAL REVENUE COMMISSION

Wish to advise that they have found a new office at the Consort Express Lines Building – upstairs opposite the Customs Office.

Contacts are:      Phone:            472 7511  
                                 Fax:                472 7474

The IRC Office will be closing on **Friday 23/12/2011**  
and will re-open on Tuesday **3/01/2012**

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## LCCI HIV/AIDS Project

*The following is a transcript of a report by the Chairman of the Lae Port Committee, who has been working very closely with the Lae Chamber of Commerce HIV and AIDS Team.*

**Re: 2009 – 2011 Activities Under the Lae Chamber of Commerce as the Coordinating Office on the Hiv/Aids Awareness Programs with the Lae Port Rehabilitation Projects.**

***Brief Report by the Chairman of the Lae Port Committee – December 2011.***

I wish to submit this brief report on the activities programs as had been carried out during the periods of 2009 – 2011 by the Lae Chamber of Commerce as the coordinating office on the issues of Hiv/Aids with the related effects awareness.

*The report went on to mention the assistance from the project to promote sporting activities, by providing Sporting equipment, as a means of bringing communities together and for the committee to disseminate information and awareness on issues of HIV/AIDS and STI's with other related issues such as drugs and alcohol abuse.*

*This awareness led to the Peer Education Training courses to be conducted for the Port Committees and middle management workers for other Port Related Industries. The training programs were drawn up and the invitations went from the LCCI team, to Management of companies to release their staff to attend the Peer Education Workshops.*

The tutors were also hired to give the lessons from the various established organizations. The courses would run for 4-5 days and the subject matters covered were Hiv/Aids & STIs, Drugs and Alcohol, Basic Human Rights, Violence against Women and Children (Family violence).

There were seven (7) workshops on the Peer Education Training carried out so far in this education programs with a total of one hundred and forty three (143) participants of both males and females. They were enrolled in from the various communities, private business sectors, NGOs, Government officers, Disciplinary forces (Defence, Police and Security Personnel). Those 143 who had attended comprise of 89 males and 54 females and all came out with certificates of attendance of Training on the Peer Education. The number of Training , date and participants are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Course – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2009 – 24 participants  
2<sup>nd</sup> Course – 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 – 23 participants  
3<sup>rd</sup> Course – 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010 – 22 participants  
4<sup>th</sup> Course – 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010 – 19 participants  
5<sup>th</sup> Course – 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 – 20 participants  
6<sup>th</sup> Course – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011 -17 participants  
7<sup>th</sup> Course – 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 – 18 participants

The courses were professionally conducted and I surely do hope that the participants had not wasted their time attending to pick-up some valuable information to pass on to others as a tool to empower them into making the right choices when they come across social hick-ups along the ways of life.

To conclude this brief report on the Lae Port activities programs under the ADB funding on Hiv/Aids and related issues. The idea to have the Lae Chamber of Commerce to oversee and coordinate the activity programs on these issues was a very ideal choice. Apart from the maintenance and control of the balance sheets of Trade and Commerce the Chamber is also in direct contact with the managers of the business houses and may have some form of influence to allow the workers to attend these educational programs. As the saying goes “to be informed is forearmed” and that is what the training is all about. It is not an easy thing for an employer to release employees on full pay to attend workshops that does not bring in direct profits to the company of business houses. But to get 143 persons (most of them workers) under this grim view at a short period of time is a very commendable achievement. The programs coordinators were very keen and energetic and very active in their responses to the tasks and that itself is very, very admirable as it is a remarkable performance indeed, thank you.

**Special Note:**

In summary with the number of persons as had attended the courses. The number of informed persons should be increased tenfold by now. That is if those who had attended the “Peer Education” courses are actively performing the tasks of Peer Groups or one on one discussions within their communities they reside, work place, clubs or family at home with relatives.

But even so I am quite sure you may have something else in your selves to produce in your next programs for the coming year 2012 calendar. With that I would like to say thank you once again to you and the Committees for the job and time with you all in 2009 – 2011, a job well done.

Wishing you all the best of the seasons.

***“Merry Christmas and a very Happy Prosperous New Year 2012!”***

Thank you and good bye. May God bless us all in our lives always.

Yours faithfully  
Outgoing Chairman

**Milford Tiriwa** – Lae Port Committee – PGM & TWU



<p><b>NADZAB REHABILITATION</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NADZAB DEVELOPMENTS</b></p> <p>It was extremely pleasing to read in today's newspapers, that Nadzab will be upgraded in early 2012. In the article the Minister for Civil Aviation Puri Ruing said that for Nadzab there will be a full upgrade, extension and expansion. Hopefully this work should commence in the first week of January 2012. The upgrade is part of an ADB funded project for rehabilitation of 22 airports in PNG. We trust that the Road into Nadzab will be part of the rehabilitation works.</p> <p>The National Airports Corporation has provided a copy of their presentation for future development of Nadzab titled NADZAB CENTRAL that was made to the Chambers members early last month. If you want a copy of this presentation please send a flash drive or blank CD to the Chambers and we will copy it for you.</p>
<p><b>NADZAB CENTRAL PRESENTATION NOW AVAILABLE</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>POLICE ACTION IN LAE</b></p> <p>The Police Commanders in Lae have advised the LCCI that there have been no Lae Police sent to Port Moresby for special operations to deal with the current political situation, even though this was reported in the press as late as yesterday. All of the Lae Police are committed to keeping Lae as safe and peaceful as possible over the Christmas and New Year period. Divisional Commander Labi will be resigning on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and his Deputy Allan Kundi takes over the command. We have every confidence in Mr. Kundi as he has a thorough knowledge of his Command, and has a good supporting group of Officers. Mr. Labi has requested that the Police Commissioner leave the current Morobe Commanding Officers in place and not to effect the well publicized transfers, in all fairness to Mr. Kundi and the role he takes on.</p> <p>The Lae Police will mount a special Christmas and New Year Operation, to make sure that Lae remains as peaceful as possible over this period. With the Fighting Zone still in place and the restricted sale of liquor we are hopeful that we will have a quiet festive season.</p>
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<p><b>LAE ROADS REPORT</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UPDATE ON THE LAE ROAD WORKS</b></p> <p><b>LAE ROADS</b></p> <p>As previously mentioned, all of the contractors will be closing down for Christmas. Most contractors will re-commence on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012.</p> <p>The main obstruction remains the roundabout construction at the Huon and Seventh Street intersection being done by East West #1. This will not be completed until the after the New Year.</p> <p>The closure of the Central drain on Huon Road at Eriku will also not be completed and will still provide an obstacle to traffic.</p> <p>The bypass road near Angau Hospital, diverting traffic to the old airstrip is becoming difficult to navigate and this stretch of road should only be used if really necessary.</p> <p>Shorncliffe have worked hard to open the whole of Fourth Street for Christmas.</p>



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RE-OPENED?**

## Abbott offers PNG option but no one is 'talking turkey'

Kirsty Needham, Tom Allard – *The Sydney Morning Herald*

December 22

THE Opposition Leader (Australian), Tony Abbott, has said Nauru isn't the only option for offshore processing and the Coalition would be "perfectly happy for boat people to go to Manus Island".

Speaking on radio yesterday, Mr Abbott nominated **re-opening the Manus Island centre** in Papua New Guinea as common ground with the federal government on border protection. It is understood that the Immigration Minister, Chris Bowen, is willing to negotiate with the opposition on a compromise deal that would include both Nauru and Malaysia.

As both sides refused to bow to the other's first demand - that the Prime Minister put a proposal in writing before Mr Abbott considers it; and Mr Abbott allow his immigration spokesman, Scott Morrison, to negotiate directly before Ms Gillard commits to paper - a crucial meeting to solve the asylum seeker impasse remained elusive.

Mr Abbott and Mr Bowen pledged they were prepared to work through Christmas Day if that's what it took to strike a deal to deter dangerous boat voyages, but this appeared unlikely.

"My holidays are not as important as sorting this out, but we can only sort it out if the government is prepared to take a position," Mr Abbott said.

Mr Bowen said: "I'm happy to have turkey with Tony Abbott on Christmas Day, but first we've got to talk turkey."

A frustrated West Australian Premier, Colin Barnett, whose state is the front line for sea rescues of asylum boats, said the situation was "becoming petty".

"Both sides are playing the same political game. I think most Australians think this is not an issue for politics. They are looking for national leadership on it. Most people, myself included, want to see some agreement about this ... You are talking about men, women and children drowning at sea," Mr Barnett said. He called for the two major party leaders to sit down together.

The Greens deputy leader, Christine Milne, proposed a multi-party committee to resolve the issue, but Mr Bowen, who has described the Greens refusal to support offshore processing as "naive", dismissed the idea.

### A FOCUS ON THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA RESOURCE SECTOR



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## Strengthening aid to deliver a blow to gender based violence

Posted on [December 16, 2011](#) by [ausaidwebpublishing](#)

By [Penny Williams](#), Australia's Global Ambassador for Women and Girls.

One in three women will experience violence at the hands of men in their lifetime. In the Pacific this is as high as two in three – two-thirds of the female population experiencing violence from husband, partner, family or friend.

Violence against women is a fundamental social and development issue.

Gender equality is the focus of my visit to the Pacific this week. I will be one member of a [bipartisan delegation](#) led by the Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs, Richard Marles. Deputy Leader of the Opposition Julie Bishop, Coalition MP Teresa Gambaro and Government MP Bernie Ripoll will also take part in the trip. Our delegation will visit the Solomon Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Tuvalu and Samoa.

As well as meeting heads of government and other ministers, we are holding talks with women parliamentarians, women's groups and will visit Australian-funded programs to promote women and girls' empowerment.

Gender inequity and the violence that attends it must be tackled head on for developing nations to reach their full potential. As long as violence against women continues, women, their children, their families, whole communities and whole nations are at risk of entrenched poverty and suffering.

Australia has taken a [leadership role](#) in strategies to address gender inequality across the globe. It is both the right thing and the smart thing to do. If we don't address gender inequality, we cannot deliver a more effective aid program. Nor can we deliver on our commitment to the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

Australia recently co-hosted a policy dialogue with the US, working with Pacific nations to improve and develop new programs to [stop violence against women in the Pacific](#). The dialogue was part of a commitment between Australia and the US, announced by Australian Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd and US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in 2010, to work together on the appalling challenge of gender-based violence. It is a commitment both to the region and to the rights of women.

By stopping violence, and empowering women, we bring untold flow-on benefits to nations, developing and developed alike.

That's why Australia spends aid money to support empowerment projects. We recently committed \$96.4 million over four years to combat violence against women. This includes \$25 million to expand efforts to end violence against women in Papua New Guinea and across the Pacific. We will be supporting the programs that build on the promising work already being done by Pacific communities themselves. The work includes:

- Funding research to create a baseline for understanding the problem in the Pacific
- Improving women's access to justice systems
- Strengthening systems so male perpetrators are brought to justice
- Providing support for survivors

Critical are male advocacy training programs. Men are being trained to understand what violence against women is, and how they can stop it, through modifying their own behaviour and the behaviour of other men. By educating men we will be making real change for the future.

As Foreign Minister Mr Rudd said to the APEC Summit on Women and the Economy in September: "Gender based violence is not just a challenge for women, it is a challenge for men. The core problem is this, my gender, the male gender is responsible. Until we deal with this, in many of the developing countries of our part of the world, we will not be able to embrace full economic opportunities for women. That is a core truth."