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## FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

### CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

The Christmas function was held on Thursday Night at the Huon Club and was an evening enjoyed by the medium sized number of members. The catering was done this year by NCS Holdings, and it was in one word – terrific.

The President acknowledges that this year there was no mishap like last year and that he enjoyed the whole of the evening, as he is sure did all other attendees.

### CLOSURE OF LCCI OFFICE

We advise all members that the LCCI Office will be closed from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2011 and will reopen on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011. Whilst the office will be officially closed during this period, we will monitor the mail 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.

## LAE CHAMBERS HIV/AIDS PROJECT

Last week we highlighted the LCCI HIV/AIDS project indicating that there has been some suggestion of conflict with BAHA (Business Coalition Against HIV&AIDS). The BAHA CEO called on Monday and said that as far as she is concerned there is no conflict between BAHA and the LCCI, and I had to clarify the issue, that the LCCI has always enjoyed the full cooperation of BAHA and that working together is of great benefit to the outcomes of both organizations.

The suggestion of conflict between the two groups seems to have come from outside and may have been malicious in its intent, designed to cast dispersion on the work of one or on both organizations in their desire to reduce the effects of the HIV & AIDS epidemic.



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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.

## 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 1	1 <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

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## LAE'S RIOTS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!

### Updated list of donations from companies during and after the disturbances in Lae

## UNREST IN LAE CITY

The unrest in Lae has abated but it has not gone away. On Monday this week a group calling themselves the Morobe Peace Group handed a petition to the Minister for National Planning and Member for Bulolo Hon. Sam Basil. The Morobe Peace Group wrote a letter to the LCCI and guaranteed that there would be no civil unrest when presenting this petition to the Minister.

Whilst on the surface the trouble has abated, there is still a prospect that it could flare up at any time, as the substance of the original petition have still not been addressed. The Morobe people have refused to bury the deceased from the fracas last month, and until they do the conflict remains active.

The last of the 2 mobile units from McGregor Barracks in the NCD departed Lae yesterday. Contrary to newspaper reports, the Lae based MS 13 did not bolster the Police numbers in the NCD for the Supreme Court ruling today, but have remained in Lae to address the problems in this City.

Whilst on that subject, the Police advised the LCCI that the Supreme Court has adjourned the hearing on the reference to the Prime Ministers position, until Monday at 09:30 hrs. Hence any likelihood of trouble in Port Moresby and other areas has abated accordingly.

### DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM THESE COMPANIES

We have pointed out over the last month, the spontaneous donations from Lae business houses to support the out of town Police Mobile Units, and more recently the displaced people living at the Igam Gates. The list of donations has grown to the following:

Andersons & Fredis Store	Bakery & food products valued in excess of K5,000
Tablebirds	Fredis Service Station open for Police use
Laga Industries	10 Cartons Chicken pieces, 10 Carton fresh eggs
	20 Cartons of bottled water
Nestle	5 x 200 ltr drums Purified Water with Pumps
Islands Petroleum	20 Cartons Maggie Noodles, 20 Cartons Milo
Telikom PNG	8 Cartons Coca Cola, Carton Water, Coffee, Tea & Sugar
IFC	2 Citifons, 5 Wireless Phones, Top up Cards
Trukai Industries	40 Cartons of 200 gms Besta Tinned Fish
Niugini Works	2 Ton of Roots Rice
Associated Mills	2 Cartons Biscuits, 1 Carton Water
Homestate	1 Bag Plain Flour, 10 Cartons Twisties Cheese & Onion
NCS	Large Pot of Cooked Rice & Tinned Fish, 200 Lunch Packs
	10 Cartons Water, 1 Carton Cordial, Milk, Sugar, Teabags
	1 Carton Diana Tinned Fish
Digicel	Flex Cards for Mobile Phones
Coca Cola	2 Pallets of Water, 2 Pallets SPC Products, 1 Ctn Cordial
K K Kingston	10 ctns Toilet Paper, Gold n Sun Cooking Oil, 3 Ctns
Gold Nuggets	
National Rice Distributors	50 Bags Rice, 50 Cartons Noodles, 15 Cartons Assorted
21C Limited	4 cartons soft drinks, 5 Cartons snacks biscuits
Lae Biscuits	30 cartons snacks biscuits for displaced, people at Igam
Paradise Bakery	10 Cartons Biscuits, 10 Cartons Gold Nuggets
Nestle (2 <sup>nd</sup> donation)	10 Ctn Nescafe Coffee, 10 Ctn Milo, 4 Ctn Maggi Noodles
Mapai Transport	K5,000 for Police Communication equipment
Morobe Mining JV	10 Carton Frozen Chicken, 10 Cartons Ox & Palm C/Beef
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**WHAT IS OUR ADVICE ON THE IMPROPER REQUEST MADE BY THE MOROBE LIQUOR LICENSING SECTION?**

**We advise that the information on the road-works is provided to be used as a guide and is based on the latest advice from the Project Engineers, the contractors and from regular road inspections by the LCCI.**

**The LCCI cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information as a change in weather conditions may mean that plans have to be altered, or contractors have to meet other obligations.**

## MOROBE PROVINCIAL LIQUOR LICENSING SECTION

A letter a with a totally improper request has been received by some Liquor Dealers in Lae City, from the Provincial Liquor Licensing Officer, asking for a "Christmas Present".

The Lae Chamber of Commerce Inc. takes this request for a "Christmas Present" very seriously and interprets it as an attempt to intimidate companies that deal with liquor and extort goods under a veiled threat.

I advise members that the Chambers has written to the Morobe Provincial Administration and to the Ombudsman Commission, to take necessary steps to withdraw the request and to suitably rebuke the Officer concerned. The LCCI advise all recipients to ignore this request.



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## UPDATE ON THE LAE ROAD WORKS

### LAE ROADS

Well done PNG TAIHEIYO cement who honoured their commitment to supply cement from the factory, giving priority to contractors on the Lae Road Projects. Only one of the contractors seems still to be having difficulty obtaining the required quantities of cement.

Our concern about the poorly marked and wrongly located pedestrian crossings has been registered with NME Engineers, and will be addressed after the Christmas period. I just hope that there are no accidents caused in the meantime by these ill prepared crossings.

Believe it or not, most of the contractors are having a break for the Christmas period, some stopping work on 16<sup>th</sup> December and others on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Most of the work won't commence again until 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012. I would have thought that the Christmas period would have been the ideal time to attack the work on the roads, as there is less traffic during this time. The contractors have argued that they will find it difficult getting their own supplies over this period, which I find hard to believe.

There is a problem with blocked drains on 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The contractors will be requested to address these problems. All the drains along Milfordhaven Road have been constructed with openings that are too narrow and are already clogged with leaves, which will be a continuing problem and NME have promised to address this as well. One drain cover has also been smashed and will be fixed.

### 1. Roads currently being upgraded:

- Central Ave (bus stop) - Cameron Construction. Cameron has still not progressed much during the week.
- Coronation Drive, Seventh, Fourth, Third, Fourteenth and Second Streets - Shorncliffe. On Coronation traffic is to take care as Kerbing, Footpathing and line marking is ongoing. Concreting on 4<sup>th</sup> Street is now complete, with the Coronation end currently open for traffic and parking. 14<sup>th</sup> Street has been concreted whilst 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street are being excavated in preparation for cement pouring, which will be done after Christmas.
- Huon Road at Eriku - R & Sons. The Drains will be 100% complete by the time the contractor knocks off for Christmas on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011. The concreting will be 50% complete.



- Sandpiper Road – Dekenai Construction – Little progress due to cement problems.
- Roundabout at Foodmart Supermarket – The contractor East West No.1 is now concreting ½ of Huon Road but the road will remain closed until the New Year.
- Markham Road from Chinatown to Stadium and onto the junction with Milfordhaven Road – East West No.1. A temporary bypass road has been opened along the old airstrip so the contractor can finish the line drains & excavation in preparation for the concreting
- Bumbu Road from Kwila Rd to Kamkumung Bridge – FTM Const (Asphalt). Line drains are continuing. Asphalt will be laid after Christmas.
- Cassowary Road from Hawk St to Sandpiper Road Junction – FTM Const. Excavation and concreting will be done after Christmas.



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The full page statement on page 31 of today's National Newspaper by the Minister of Lands & Physical Planning Hon. Lukas Dekena, vindicates the LCCI claims that the Morobe Provincial Government improperly appointed a bogus Lae Chamber of Commerce nominee on the Morobe Provincial Physical Planning Board (MPPPB) in August 2009.

The statement went on to say that the MPPPB was put on 2 months' notice on 19 August 2011, to correct the improper composition of the Board. Immediately the MPPPB arranged a special Board meeting (held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011) with only 3 selected Board Members present and no technical officer or technical brief which is the normal requirement. The agenda was the re-zoning of the Sports Field adjacent to the Scout Hall, which had twice been rejected by the full MPPPB. Lo and behold the re-zoning was approved.

We are delighted that the Minister declared this re-zoning **null and void**, as without proper sports fields where will the multitude of sports teams in Lae be able to compete?

The Minister has asked for all parties to come together to resolve this matter – we believe that the LCCI should be represented when any discussion eventuates.

Extracts from the  
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**Christmas in November**



Christmas came early this year for the children living at City Mission Haus Clare Children's Crisis Centre thanks to the lady tenants living at the Centre. On Saturday 19th November, the female tenants at Haus Clare arranged an early Christmas party for the children and Sisters at Haus Clare. Bonnie and I, together with our Manager and his wife from Buablong Haus Hostel were invited guests. When we arrived we were really surprised to see the yard decorated, including a Christmas tree full of lights and a large tarpaulin covering the yard in case of rain.

The ladies had previously done their own fund raising for this night and there was enough food and drink to feed the entire block all beautifully cooked and presented. This was followed by cake and ice cream. During the night the ladies performed items and Christmas carols which they had practiced with the children, who had been divided into four groups. Presents were also given to all the children and additional items were donated to their playroom. The ladies explained that they were only too happy to assist the children that live under their boarding house and to bless them for Christmas.

The entire event was very well run and coordinated and on behalf of the Mission, I would like to thank the ladies of Haus Clare for showing their love to the children in this manner. It was a great night for all who attended and the children were very happy and excited.

**If any companies in Lae would like to donate presents or food for Christmas day to assist us feed and provide gifts for over 200 boys, children and staff then we would love to hear from you**



**Testimony of Silas Wenje**

Silas is 19 years old and comes from Kabwum, in Morobe Province. He came into the Mission about four months ago. He was raised in the 2 Mile Settlement and grew up as a young rascal stealing to survive. Since coming to the Mission Silas is a new person. He attends the Mission literacy program and is learning to read and write in English. He has also worked in the garden and is currently in the Mission Maintenance team, learning building and construction skills as well as renovation work, concreting etc. Silas is a very friendly young man and keen to learn new skills. He is now a committed Christian and is hoping to find permanent employment once his literacy classes are completed.

**CONCLUSION**

In closing we would again like to thank all those that have supported the work of the Mission this year. As we approach the Christmas period, which is a time of giving, we can reflect on the greatest gift of all which was when God sent his Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Daily we continue to be blessed by God's generous provision towards the work of the Mission. Additionally, without your generous support we would not be able to keep our doors open. For those of you that are willing to pray for the Mission we list below our prayer requests. We are pleased to advise that as a result of past prayers we have four new missionary families hoping to join us in Lae or Port Moresby next year.

Ongoing funding to carry out the Mission programs

A major sponsor to provide funding for the Lae Mission.

Provision of suitably qualified National Staff to join our workforce.

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We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2012!!

**EXTRACT FROM BAHA NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

- Workplace Training (WPT)
  - Lae, Morobe Province 06 – 09 March
  - Certification & HIV Policy Audit
- Lae, Morobe Province February – November
  - Education Competition
- March – October
  - World AIDS Day
  - Saturday, 1st December
- Contact: BAHA for reservations 325 9228

**SAFETY TIPS FOR HOLIDAY PERIOD**

To one and all celebrating the years achievements and the progression of life's endeavours don't forget to be safe this festive season. Here are a few safety tips to take with us as we end a successful year and welcome a new one:

Talk about the risks involved with unprotected sex (oral, vaginal, anal).. If you are having unprotected sex, talk to your partner and Remember your decision about safe sex is important, as some STIs can be cured but some can't including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus).

Discuss the use of Condoms. Before having sex, you need to discuss the use of condoms with your partner and come to an agreement about using condoms. Remember, you have the right to say NO if your partner does not agree to use condoms. The use of condoms is also a method of contraception that protects against both STIs and pregnancy.

Be Smart Never have sex (even with a condom) if your partner has a visible sore, ulcer or lump on their genitals or anal area. Suggest they see their doctor, family planning clinic or sexual health clinic. STIs can be passed from one person to another by oral sex. This is especially important if you've got a cut or sore around your mouth or lips or bleeding gums.

Being safe with sex means caring for both your own health, and the health of your partner. Being safe protects you from getting or passing on sexually transmissible infections (STIs) and unintended pregnancy. Whether you have vaginal, anal or oral sex, it definitely pays to play it safe! Extracted from Wikipedia

**LEGAL SERVICES FOR WORKPLACE HIV AND AIDS ISSUES**

BAHA was privileged to attend a 2 day seminar on Protecting the Rights of the People affected by HIV reflections on the PNG experience to date facilitated by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO)/ Papua New Guinea Development Law Association (PNGDLA) and the AIDS Projects Management Group (APMG). The seminar covered a number of topics which proved to be vital in BAHA's line of work including; HAMP Act, Human Rights, VCCT, Gender and the criminalisation of HIV transmission. The HAMP Act in particular is an important aspect of BAHA's response to the private sector in terms of minimizing the human, social and economic impacts of HIV and AIDS in PNG. The HAMP Act as we know is not only for the person infected but the general population and therefore PNGDLA further strengthens BAHA's mission in providing accurate and useful information on HIV/ AIDS, particularly relating to workplace and employment issues but most importantly working with employers to eliminate HIV-based stigma and discrimination from the workplace.

For more information about this association contact Mr. Baka Bina or Ms. Lydia Karre on Ph: 340 2499/ 760 24963 or email: [bbina@idlo.int](mailto:bbina@idlo.int) or [lydiakarre@idlo.int](mailto:lydiakarre@idlo.int)

**EDUCATION COMPETITION UPDATE**

The competition closed on 28th October and screening commenced on 19 November. Early indications are that the promotion of the competition reached far and remote schools in most rural districts of the country. Teachers in remote locations such as the Emirau Island in New Ireland, Imbongu in Southern Highlands, Yangoru in East Sepik and Finchhafen in Morobe sent in applications. The level of knowledge and quality of skill in presentation to students has increased and improved, compared to previous years' applications. The judging panel has been selected and will be announcing the results on WAD Thursday December 1 2011 in the media.

**WORLD AIDS DAY LEAD UP**

World AIDS Day preparations at BAHA are well underway with companies in NCD and Goroka hanging out their red ribbons in the 1st week of November. Petromin PNG Ltd was the 1st BAHA member to hang up its red ribbon on their new HQ building along the Hubert Murray Highway in NCD. We appreciate this gesture from our members as it is a strong indication of the private sector's support to the HIV response. We look forward to seeing all other companies, organisations and private homes their ribbons go up in the coming weeks before world aids day.

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It has been ten years since the last "I love LAE" project, during that time the town has been through a rollercoaster ride of up's and downs, mostly downs of late, so it is time to say something positive.

Lets us see a message on the back of every car in town saying "I love Lae" if we all work together we can send this positive message to the whole community. Lae is our home and where we make our living, so for better or worse we need to show the old girl that we support her.

Individuals, business houses, NGO's and service providers are all invited to join in and promote themselves, the town and the PNG Red Cross Society (*10% of the gross goes directly to the very worthwhile organisation*)

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