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can make?

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

ELECTIONS

The Morobe Election Office is working tirelessly to prepare the polling program for the Lae Urban stations for the upcoming elections. We had hoped that this would be ready for our publication today but unfortunately it is not. The Electoral Office will provide a copy to us when it is complete, at which time we will distribute it to members, for notification to all their employees.

The Lae Urban elections will be held on one day only - **Tuesday 26th June 2012.**
The Polling hours will be from **8 AM to 6 PM.**

The Lae Urban areas include voting for the three open electorates:

1. Lae
2. Nawae - Malahang and Bumayong areas
3. Huon – extends as far as 11 mile and Awilunga

The Electoral Commission has requested that Companies allow staff time off to perform their voting duties on the polling day of Tuesday June 26th, and suggest either the full morning or afternoon be allowed for this.

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Australian assistance to Papua New Guinea elections

May 31, 2012

Yesterday, the Australian Minister for Defence Stephen Smith and the Minister for Foreign Affairs Bob Carr announced the commitment by Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces to assisting Papua New Guinea (PNG) with its election for the period from June to July 2012.

Australia and New Zealand are providing practical support in response to a request by PNG authorities to assist them with the conduct of a safe, free and fair election.

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is working with the PNG Government and Defence Force to provide aviation support for the elections, including transporting personnel, ballot boxes and election materials to PNG's many remote locations.



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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.

Approximately 250 Australian and New Zealand personnel will support the PNG authorities over the election period.

The ADF's assistance to the PNG election is a tangible example of Australia's close bilateral relationship with PNG.

The Royal Australian Air Force, Australian Army and Royal New Zealand Air Force will support the deployment by providing airlift of personnel and equipment with fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft. A Royal Australian Navy Landing Craft Heavy will also support the operation through the delivery of bulk materiel and personnel to coastal areas.

The support will conclude shortly after the holding of the 2012 election.

Through our Defence Cooperation Program, Defence has also leased three helicopters for the Papua New Guinea Defence Force to assist in the conduct of the election but in the longer term to form the basis of the PNG Defence Force's aviation capability.

The assistance provided by the ADF complements support being provided by other Australian Government agencies, including AusAID, the Australian Electoral Commission, the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Civilian Corps.

AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE HAS ALREADY HELPED

Two RAF C130 Hercules aircraft are now stationed in Port Moresby at Jackson's I Airport as part of Operation CATHEDRAL, Australia's military support to PNG's 2012 National Elections. These aircraft have been moving companies of Royal Pacific Island Regiment soldiers to Lae; one company from Port Moresby's 1st Battalion, and one company from Wewak's 2nd Battalion. In all, the 'Hercs' will move 340 soldiers to Lae, the largest movement to date in the ADF's support for the National Elections.

On Thursday 24 May, a Herc flew 47 members of the PNGDF's Joint Task Force HQ from Port Moresby up to the Highlands Election Centre in Mount Hagen.

On Saturday 2 June, the two Hercs will return to fly 295 Mobile Squad policemen from Port Moresby to Mount Hagen.

These airlifts represent the largest military contribution that Australia has made supporting any PNG election since Independence.

YOUR SECURITY DURING THE ELECTIONS

The Police and the PNG Military have been engaged in several joint security exercises in Lae and are well prepared to handle the elections and any election related incidences in Lae City. The Police with the extra Defence Force personnel will be in a good position to keep Lae as peaceful as possible during the election period.

As the elections in the Lae Urban area will be held over one day only, and with the beefed up security, we do not expect any large scale election related issues. As normal there will likely be squabbles between candidates and their supporters, but the Police should be able to contain these, and control major out-breaks if they occur.

We will continue to meet with the Police to get an update on their action and any reported problems and we will advise members accordingly.



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SCREENING HEART PATIENTS AT ANGAU BETWEEN 4TH AND 7TH JUNE 2012.

ANGAU NEED TYPE "O" BLOOD. CAN YOU ASSIST WITH DONATIONS OF BLOOD?



PUBLIC NOTICE

Friday 4th May 2012

The Public of Lae, Morobe Province is advised that Dr Amana, cardiologist at Sir Buri Kidu Heart Foundation, Port Moresby will be screening heart patients at ANGAU Memorial General Hospital between June 4th - 7th 2012 at the Consultation Clinic.

For appointments call the Hospital through the switch on 472 6095/472 6045/4726070/472 6109 Ext 186

Hospital Management

ANGAU NEEDS BLOOD DONATIONS

The Blood Bank at Angau Memorial General Hospital has advised that they are extremely short of TYPE "O" blood. This is the Universal type Blood group and is the most common in Papua New Guinea.

Please circulate this amongst your employees, so that they can be aware of the need for more blood, so they can consider donating blood to the Angau Blood bank, especially if they are Type "O". If companies wish to arrange for donations from a group of their employees, then the Sisters from the Blood Bank can visit your company to collect these blood donations on site.

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The LCCI newly re-vamped WEBSITE is up and running.

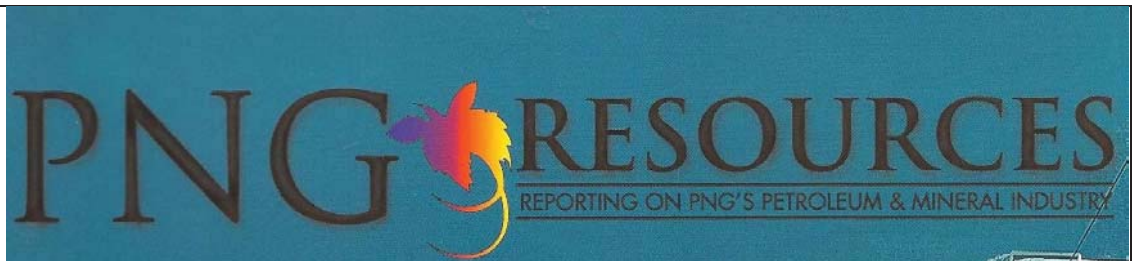
It is located at www.lcci.org.pg

The website is easier to use with more useful information and provides some easy to use tools that you will find very handy for your business.

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- SAVE A MOTHER -
- SAVE A FAMILY
- SAVE A FAMILY

Campaign



ISSUE 1 2012 – is newly arrived and available to you

Read about –

The Petroleum Club returns
BHP pulls out of exploration bid
Ela Motors 50 years in PNG

Please contact Wendie on 472 2340 to book your free copy or just call into the Chamber.

LCCI WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

After inviting you to visit our website last week, we had a flood of visits, with some extremely positive and encouraging comments. The website is now nearing the end of its redevelopment stage.

Kuakawa Solutions a Sydney based company with strong PNG links has provided a most helpful service to develop this site.

The **LCCI MEMBERS SECTION** provides a list of member companies. The list is not yet complete, and includes those companies that have provided links to their own website.

We advise that we are currently working on an inset to list all members of the LCCI, including those without websites.

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"SAVE A MOTHER-SAVE A BABY-SAVE A FAMILY" CAMPAIGN 2012-2015

The health status of the people of PNG is still very poor compared to the neighbouring countries. The infant mortality rate is 82/1,000 and the < 5 years child mortality is 40/1000 (*National Health Plan Minimum Standard page 1*). PNG has a maternal mortality ratio of 733/100, 000 making it second highest in the Asia Pacific second only to Afghanistan (*Reducing Maternal and Child Deaths page 4*).

To improve maternal health, Soroptimist International Lae has chosen to start the "Save a Mother-Save a Baby-Save a Family Campaign" in Huon Gulf District which records shows that 2-4 mothers die every year (*Raw Data*). Every year 2000 babies are born in the district and there is very limited health staff (1: over 1000 population) and both male & female community health workers assist to deliver babies. In terms of accessibility of health centre services, the bulk of inland population walk hundreds of kilometres to reach operating health centres in the district which is similar to other districts in PNG. Village Birth attendants then are very useful with assisting with midwifery work in areas that are rural and remote with no health worker, however, they lack very basic important universal precaution materials to help them deliver babies. On the other hand most importantly, mothers and babies lack very basic health items like (towels, fabrics, napkins, hygiene packs, soap, nutritional meals etc.) which add to diseases and other complications that cause deaths. As Soroptimist International Lae is mobilizing resources to train more Village Birth Attendants and provide them with birthing kits, the organization is inviting all professional working class women and girls to come join the "Save a Mother-Save a Baby-Save a Family" Campaign.

We need towels, fabrics, soap, hygiene packs, napkins and baby blankets to take to remote rural villages. We would also like to extend this similar project to our other districts in PNG and it may be your village, your district. You can also join our team in your free time, so we can deliver these items to remote areas - a service with personal development and adventure in itself. There are also other international travel benefits attached to our organization and we welcome you to join us.

If you want to join the "Save a Mother-Save a Baby-Save a Family" Campaign, call Ms. Meredith Tutumang on **Ph-71940910** or **Email: mtutumang@gmail.com**.



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PNGREPORT

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BRAND NEW TRUCK FOR LEASE



Former Morobe Premier Titi Christian has the pictured Truck, which he is looking at leasing at extremely reasonable rates. The truck is a brand new Isuzu NPR 3 Tonne and the owner would like it to be dry leased with a very reliable and experienced driver (if possible).

If you are interested please contact the LCCI for release of the owner's details.

MERIDY'S FUNDRAISER FOR CANCER

For those who remember our former Executive Officer Meridy Garnsworthy, who has been residing in Brisbane for the past decade.

Meridy is fundraising for the Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR) for cancer research and treatment and she is asking for assistance with donating. To earn your donations she is cycling more than 200kms over 2 days in August to Wivenhoe Dam and back to Brisbane (and sleeping overnight in a small tent on a thin mat!!). Obviously she will need to do a lot of training in the next couple of months to be confident enough on her bike and fit enough to complete this challenge!

**QUEENS BIRTHDAY
HOLIDAY**

**IMPRESSION OF THE
TIDAL BASIN DE-
VELOPMENT AT THE
LAE PORT.**

**WORK IS COM-
MENCING ON THE
PROJECT.**

The first \$3,000 raised will go to QIMR Prostate Cancer research and any funds above that go to QIMR to direct to whichever type of cancer is most in need of funding.

Please follow the link below to Meridy's page for further information, to follow her progress and to make donations.

[Click here to visit my personal page.](#)

GAZETTED HOLIDAY

As per Government Gazette No.G197 dated 22nd July 2011, the official holiday for the Queen's Birthday is:

Queen's Birthday, Monday 11th June 2012

LAE PORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PHASE 1

Set out below is an artist's conceptual impression of the Tidal Basin development at the Lae Port.

