

LAE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC.

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

TREE LOPPING IN DRAINAGE RESERVE

What happened to all the trees in the drainage reserve between the Melanesian Hotel and the new Nambawan Super Haus on 2nd Street Lae? On Monday we were called out by distressed members, most of who were affected by the block felling of trees and vegetation on this drainage reserve on Sunday Night. Obviously this destructive work was performed by a bunch of amateurs, as one of the trees crashed over and snapped power lines and seriously bent one of the power poles. This power pole had recently been erected to upgrade the power to the new Nambawan Haus and adjacent properties at a significant expense. Needless to say the result was a cut in the power to this area.

The drainage reserve seems to be part of the Independence Park land described as Section 1, Allotment 67, Lae. The title to this land is alleged to have issued in a dubious manner to a *"businessman"* some years ago but the land remained undeveloped because the planning zone was Open Space. This hopeful developer constructed a picket fence around the whole of Independence Park, but a court case filed by the Morobe Provincial Administration subsequently ordered that this fence be removed. In a similar case a restraining order was issued to prevent any development of this land.

The question now is "has the planning zone been changed" to allow the development of Independence Park? The MPA has now requested Lands Department to provide an answer to this burning question.

Lae has suffered the loss of a number of parklands and reserves over the past decade in questionable land deals. Many of these open spaces had been used by citizens for recreation and sporting activities. Independence Park has been lost to the Rugby Touch players, who in their search for alternative facilities have encroached on the Hockey, Soccer and Softball reserves, causing enormous social problems. The fact that there is crowding on the sporting and recreation reserves is an indication that there is a need for more "open spaces" and the city ill-afford to lose any more recreation reserves or parklands to development.



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Objectives of the LCCI

To promote the business interests of the private sector;

To further the economic development in l de:

- 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:

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this arrangement.

- 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.

DRAINAGE RESERVE DESTRUCTION (Cont)

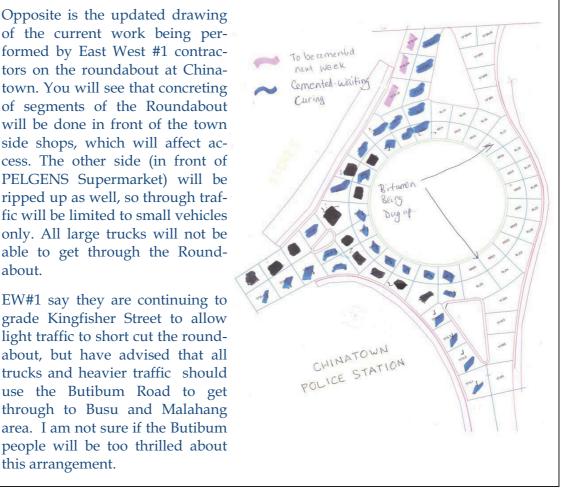
The potential developer who was responsible for the felling of trees in this Drainage Reserve said that he is going to fill in the area and build on the land. How can this be? This drainage reserve is there for a reason – to drain off water from the CBD. It just happens to be one of the most important drains in top town Lae. Its importance as a drain has been increased by the construction of concrete roads, resulting in more rainwater being channelled into the drainage system.

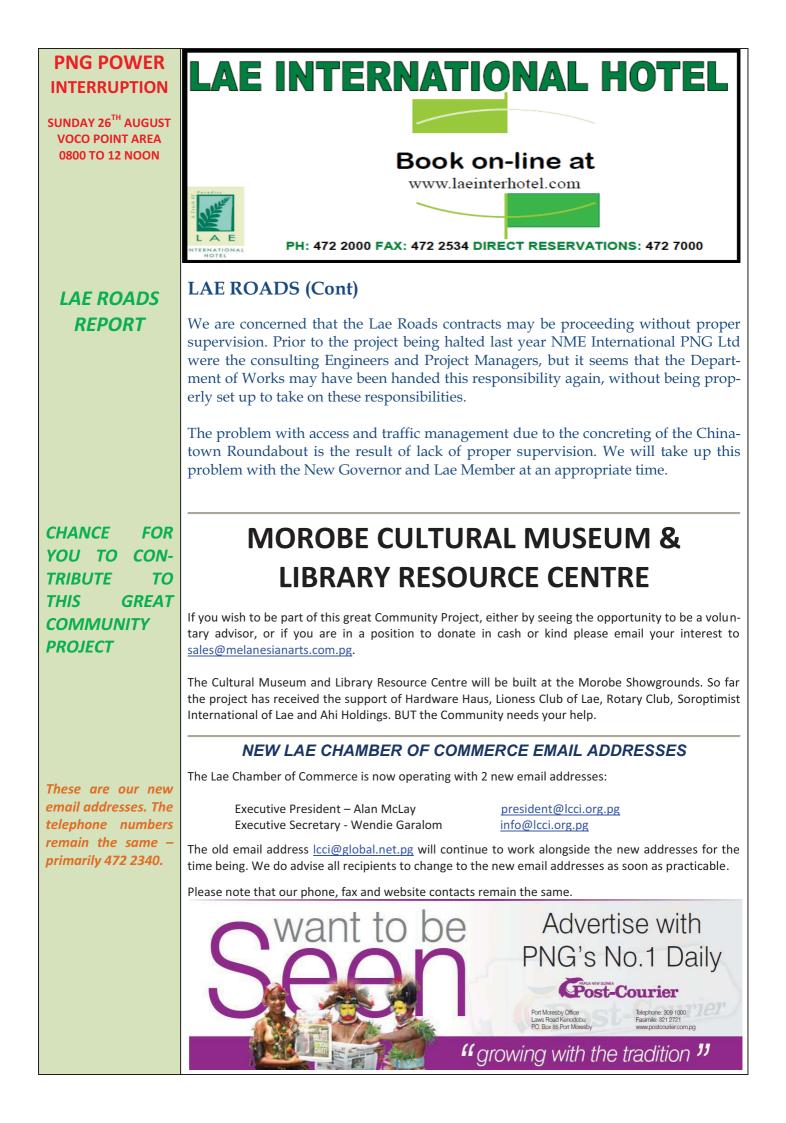
If this drainage reserve is filled in, where will this excess rain water go? The answer is nowhere; and it is most likely going to bank up and flood the whole of this vicinity including the new Nambawan Super Haus, the Melanesian Hotel, the shops along 1st/2nd Street and 14th Street, and possibly the Post Office and the City Council Office block.

We will publicise any response to the zoning question as soon as it is available.



LAE ROADS





International Chamber of Commerce News Alert!





The world business organization

ICC's Intellectual Property Roadmap now available in Portuguese Sao Paulo, 23 August 2012

The Portuguese edition of ICC's flagship intellectual property (IP) publication The ICC Intellectual Property Roadmap: Current and emerging issues for business and policymakers will be released during the 32nd International Congress of the Brazilian Association for Intellectual Property (ABPI), taking place on 26-28 August.

http://www.iccwbo.org/News/Articles/2012/ICC%E2%80%99s-Intellectual-Property-Roadmapnow-available-in-Portuguese/



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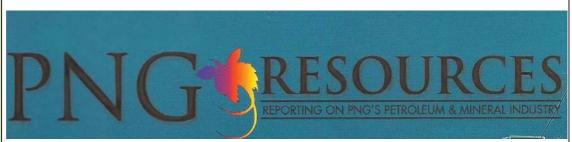
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DO WE NEED A FURTHER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OPTION IN LAE?

Are you concerned about the best education for children in Lae? Parents and Company representatives with these concerns are invited to attend a meeting in the Upstairs Conference room at the Lae Yacht Club on Friday 14th September 2012 at 5:00 PM. This meeting will look at the options and if necessary form a steering committee to consider the option of recommencing the former Correspondence School that operated at the showgrounds.

Remember Lae is a growing community!



ISSUE 2 2012 – has just arrived We have run out of copies, of this PNG Resources Magazine issue.

Further supplies are on order and we will advise when they become available.



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IS THERE A IN-TERNATIONAL SCHOOL OPTION?

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The views in this article are not necessarily the views of the Lae Chamber of Commerce. We publish them as a public interest notice

We advise that due to demand we have run out of the latest PNG RESOURCE Magazines. So as to meet further demand a fresh supply is on order and we will advise when they are on hand.

PNGREPORT

The latest edition for June/July 2012 of this magazine is now on display at the Lae Chamber of Commerce. Read the reports on the ELECTION EXPECTATIONS, LAE PORT EXPAN-SIONS, PNG DEVELOPMENTS, BUSINESS CONCERNS and more, when you get your free copy of this June/July edition, which can be reserved by contacting Wendie on 472 2340 or by emailing us at <u>lcci@global.net.pg</u> or just come into the chambers and pick up your copy.

PNG REPORT

June/July edition just received.

Collect your free copy from the LCCI Office

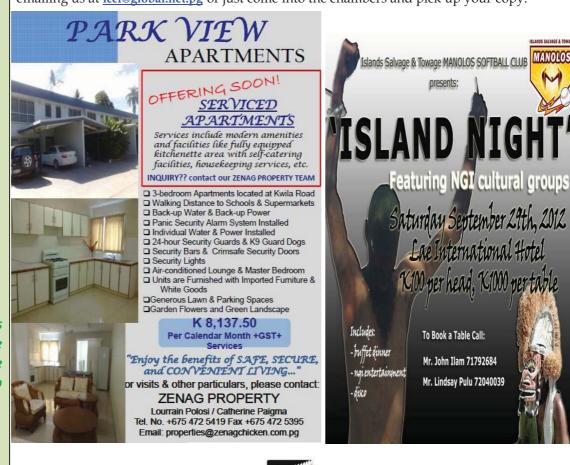
LCCI Website News

Our website offers a "self service" site for you to up-date your membership listing



We are excited about starting the Business Mentoring Programme.

We look at this service being of huge assistance to the smaller sized businesses.





LCCI appointed agent for the Pacific Business Mentoring Programme!

As advised last week, the New Zealand Business Mentors will come to Lae to offer assistance to local business owners, through the LCCI. This service is free of charge and is funded by New Zealand Aid.

The volunteer based mentoring programme in New Zealand has a pool of 1800 mentors who are experienced business owners/managers themselves giving their time and expertise for free. Over 60,000 businesses in New Zealand have benefitted from the free mentoring service. Over 60 mentors are now helping businesses in the Pacific.

The objectives of the programme are to strengthen business management and empower businesses to competitively participate in both the local and international economies and to identify and train local mentors to be effective and to ensure sustainability and ownership of the programme.

The measure of success of the Pacific Business Mentoring Programme is to increase staff numbers, increase turnover of each business, increase export sales for exporters, increase the use of business plans, marketing plans and financial information and achieve high levels of client company satisfaction. Wendie from the LCCI Office will shortly travel to Auckland where she will pick up all information of what the LCCI will need to do to take on this Programme. Interested business owners will be able to apply through contacting LCCI - phone: 472 2340 Email: <u>info@lcci.org.pg</u>. This service will not be restricted to LCCI members and so if you know of a business that will benefit, we ask you to pass on the information.

BBC in PNG Tuesday 4th September

You're dedicated to ensuring your son has access to a world of opportunities. So are we. And it's our turn to visit you.

BBC in PNG

Brisbane Boys' College warmly invites you to join with our Head of Senior School, Middle School Housemaster, Boarding Housemother and Director of Admissions to discuss the world of opportunities awaiting your son at BBC.

> Tuesday 4 September - Port Moresby Crowne Plaza, 6.00pm

> > Thursday 6 September - Lae Huon Club, 6.30pm

Opportunities for enrolment will also be available.

To find out more or to RSVP contact Bronwyn Mackay-Payne +61 7 3309 3545 or admissions@bbc.qld.edu.au



BRISBANE BOYS' COLLEGE . Boarding Years 5 - 12 . www.bbc.qld.edu.au

NOTIFICATION OF NATIONAL COVENANT DAY AND PUBLIC





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PORT MORESBY, THURSDAY, 23rd AUGUST

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Public Holidays Act (Chapter 321)

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC HOLIDAY

I, Sir Michael Ogio, G.C.M.G., K.St.J., Governor-General, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 5 of the *Public Holidays Act* (Chapter 321), and all other powers me enabling, acting with, and in accordance with, the advice of the Prime Minister (a delegate of the National Executive Council), hereby appoint Sunday 26th August, 2012 to be the National Covenant Day and declare Monday 27th August, 2012 to be a Public Holiday throughout Papua New Guinea.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2012.

Sir. MICHAEL OGIO, Governor-General.

	2013 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS		
GAZETTED 2013	Public Holidays Act (Chapter 321)		
PUBLIC	PUBLIC NOTICE		
HOLIDAYS All included in	I, Sir Michael Ogio, G.C.M.G., K.St.J., Governor-General, by virtue of the powers conferred by Sections 1, 2, 3 and of the <i>Public Holidays Act</i> (Chapter 321) and all other powers me enabling, acting with, and in accordance with, the advice of the National Executive Council, hereby:		
Nation	(a) appoint Monday 10th June, 2013 to be the day to commemorate the Birthday of the Queen; and		
al Gazette	 (b) appoint Monday 16th September, 2013 to be the day to commemorate the attainment of Independent Sovereign Nationhood; and 		
No. G316	(c) appoint Tuesday 23rd July, 2013 to be the day to Commemorate the PNG Remembrance Day; and		
	 (d) for general information notify that the following days shall be observed as Public Holidays throughout Papua New Guinea:— New Year's Day, Tuesday, 1st January, 2013. Good Friday, Friday, 29th March, 2013. Easter Saturday, Saturday, 30th March, 2013. Easter Sunday, Sunday, 31st March, 2013. Easter Monday, Monday, 1st April, 2013. Queens Birthday, Monday, 10th June, 2013. National Remembrance Day, Tuesday, 23rd July, 2013. The National Covenant Day, Monday, 26th August, 2013. Independence Day, Monday, 16th September, 2013. Christmas Day, Wednesday, 25th December, 2013. Boxing Day, Thursday, 26th December, 2013. Dated this 23rd day of August, 2012.		
			Sir. MICHAEL OGIO, Governor-General.
	LOST MOBILE PHONE		
Can you help Mr. Labi find his lost property?	Mr. Giossi Labi has lost his Mobile Phone between 10:00 PM and 12:00 Midnight on Thursday 23 rd August 2012 at the Lae Yacht Club, in the area between the Pokies Room and the Gents Toilet.		
	Details of the Phone are:	Make: Model: Colour:	Samsung Galaxy 3 Black
	If found please contact:	Mr or Mrs Labi Mr. Jacob Labi	72810134 71611146
	Or respond direct to the LCCI.		