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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

LAE AT THE CROSSROADS

At a meeting of the TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES on Thursday many of those pressing issues that are required for safer driving in Lae were discussed and certain steps were taken to deal with them. The meeting comprised of members from the Morobe Land Transport Control Board, Morobe Provincial Administration, Metro Police & Police Traffic Office, Lae Urban Local Level Government (LULLG) and the City Community Policing Unit, National Road Safety Council, Land Transport Office and the LCCI.

The issues dealt with included:

1. Parking – this concerned heavy vehicles wrongly parking on roadsides and in residential areas, and vehicles parking on the wrong side of streets. The solutions included the need for the painting of parking bays, awareness to drivers and companies concerned, street signs indicating parking areas and proper enforcement of regulations. Both the LULLG and Works Department are to be advised of the need to comply.
2. City Bus Stops – instruct the City Planner to provide a plan for the re-arrangement of Bus Stops for City, Rural and Inter Provincial routes.
3. Heavy Vehicles usage of Residential, Shopping areas and Built up areas – to instruct the City Planner to revise the restrictions to heavy vehicles to certain roads, and for these to be Gazetted (it is noted that the current restrictions were last gazetted in the mid 1970's and are no longer relevant).
4. Road Signs and Crossings – for the LULLG and Works Department to install proper pedestrian crossing in the most appropriate places, and for these to be clearly marked, have proper signs with overhead lights so night pedestrians can be seen clearly. Consideration for the use of a raised adhesive strip to delineate the crossings, so vehicles will slow down. General road signs are to be erected throughout the City.

The National Road Safety Council representative said that *LEARN TO DRIVE BOOKLETS* are available at the Motor Traffic Registry at a cost of K5 per booklet. These are vital, not only for drivers attaining their first license, but for all drivers. It will be considered whether this booklet should be compulsory for drivers being tested for their license.

As you are all aware the LCCI has been concerned over the traffic problems for quite a while, and incorrect driving practices, lack of street signage and abuse of certain roads are making our roads extremely dangerous. This is compounded by the increase in number of vehicles and the constant blocking of the roads under construction without notice.

The re-formation of this committee is a good start and we will follow closely the progress with the resolutions made to contend with the major obstacles to safer driving.

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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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LAE CITY (Continued)

In page 6 of today's National Newspaper the Lae Police are urging the Lae Women to be cautious. The Police are concerned about the number of sexual assaults on women in the city.

The article went on to mention that ..."some of the sexual assaults occur after the women are kidnapped and in some cases, later killed." The article highlighted certain incidences where women had been abducted.

This is an alarming report and one that should be taken seriously. The LCCI therefore requests that all companies should advise all employees of a trend that women may be targeted for robberies, abduction, rape. Whilst on this subject all employees must also be aware that there have also been incidences of child abductions, and so they must make sure that their children are safe and protected at all times.

Are we returning to the scenario that occurred last year, which led to the Lae Riots in early November 2011? All authorities not only the Police must look at these incidences as well as the problems caused by street gangs in the shopping, market areas and bus stops in town. The problems can be decreased but there needs to be a combined and concerted effort from all parties concerned, which includes the City Council, Morobe Provincial Government as well as the Police.

LAE URBAN LOCAL LEVEL GOVERNMENT

We understand that the Lae Councillors may have approved a fact finding tour of Malaysia for themselves at a Council Meeting this week. If this is true then it will be a waste of Rate Payers money. After all the Council elections will be held soon and there is always a chance that these councillors may lose their seat.

Shouldn't the council be looking at more pressing needs in the city, and the obvious ones come to mind:

1. Whilst the well documented Lae Cement Roads have been built by the National Government, all the residential roads and other roads in the city are falling to pieces;
2. Footpaths and drainage must be improved;
3. The foreshore is a mess, with parts filled with rubbish and other sections being washed away. There needs to be proper foreshore protection;
4. Many Street lights have been switched off for nonpayment of bills, or because they are Unserviceable or damaged. The Police have stated that when street lights are on, the incidences of crime are reduced;
5. Pedestrian crossings are dangerous because of improper markings, no overhead lighting or by the fact they are ill-positioned.
6. Street line marking is nearly non-existent.
7. The City Dump is over full capacity and is more than a threat to the health of nearby and city residents.

SUPPORT FOR FUND RAISING FOR TEAM MOROBE

Our notices to members over the last few weeks, to support Team Morobe to attend the PNG Games on Kokopo, resulted in good cooperation from companies and the Morobe Provincial Administrator has sent the following letter of appreciation. He also sends an invitation the second fundraising event for Team Morobe which will be held at the Wong Tim recreation park at Voco Point on Friday 26th October 2012 at 12:00pm. The contact details are provided in the following letter.



MOROBE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF SPORTS, CULTURE & TOURISM

Telephone: 473-1711,

Facsimile: 472-4745

PO BOX 294

LAE 411, MOROBE PROVINCE

17th October 2012

Mr. Alan McLay
President
Chamber of Commerce & Industry
P.O. Box 265
LAE 411

Dear Mr. McLay

RE: THANK YOU TO THE BUSINESS HOUSES FOR THE CORPORATE DINNER

I write to register our heartfelt and sincere appreciation and thank you to you in assisting us by informing business houses of Team Morobe's corporate fund raising dinner which was held on Friday 12th October 2012 at Melanesian Hotel.

Hereunder are the names of the companies that involved at the above dinner.

No	NAME OF COMPANY
1	Niuminco Limited
2	Riback Stevedoring
3	Home State Co
4	Lutheran Shipping
5	Papindo Trading Co
6	Papindo Trading Shorncliffe
7	Lae Biscuit Co
8	Inter Oil Products Limited
9	Premium Travel Service Limited
10	Niugini Builders Limited
11	Dekenai Construction
12	Niugini Pots 21C limited
13	R& Sons Construction Limited
14	Regional Engineering
15	Morobe Mining Joint Venture
16	Raumi 18 Limited
17	China Harbor Engineering
18	Morobe Mining Joint Venture
19	Lorma Construction
20	SP brewery Limited

We also acknowledge the following companies for the pledges given to Team Morobe;

Pile Gravel
Dekenai Construction
Morobe Mining Joint Venture
Premium Travel Limited
Niugini Builders Limited
BNDL Enterprise
J.B & Crosby Tires

Please convey to the above companies our heartfelt and sincere appreciation for their support to Team Morobe. Further, please be advised that the second fundraising for Team Morobe will be held at the Wong Tim recreation park at Voco Point on Friday 26th October 2012 at 12:00pm. Any companies wishing to participate at the above fundraising will pay K3, 000.00 and the payment should be made payable to **Morobe Provincial Sports Council** **Acc # 1000385368.**

We are staging the teams fundraising there so as to promote the recreational park at Voco Point as a friendly and safe park for families and companies to go and enjoy the beach front and the sea view.

Confirmation of their participation should be directed to **Mrs.Nane Tomala on 4724839 or Mr. Jimmy Mari on 71754455 or 473 1710**

Yours sincerely

Thank you.


KEMASANG TOMALA
Provincial Administrator

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NEWS FROM PNG POWER LIMITED

PNG POWER
requests
meetings with
larger power
users

This week I sent a message from PNG Power Limited to companies with large stand-by generating sets, to advise that PPL teams will visit them this week and will request that they are represented at a series of meetings next week at the PPL Lae Office. PNG Power wants to balance up the Power in Lae City, and will identify companies that may have been expanded so much that they are in fact over using the existing power installations. This has led to burnt out wires and transformers etc and may ultimately lead to more dangerous situations such as fires.

Hence PPL wish to look at the current electricity usage by larger power users as well as future requirements, and then offer advice on what upgrades will be necessary if any and the costs involved.

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ICC announces new leadership for the Environment and Energy Commission

Paris, 16 October 2012

ICC is pleased to announce Kersten-Karl Barth, Sustainability Director at Siemens AG, as new Chair of its Commission on Environment and Energy. Mr Barth has worked at Siemens AG for almost 20 years and has held various positions across the company's portfolio and geographical reach, including hydropower in Latin America, industrial energy efficiency in Europe, and field service for power plants worldwide. In his current position he focuses on the implementation of Siemens' global sustainability programme.

<http://www.iccwbo.org/News/Articles/2012/ICC-announces-new-leadership-for-the-Environment-and-Energy-Commission/>

UN endorses Incoterms 2010, ICC rules for international trade

Paris, 16 October 2012

The latest version of the Incoterms® rules, ICC's standard commercial terms for use in contracts for the sale of goods, have been officially endorsed by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), confirming their position as the global standard for international business transactions.

<http://www.iccwbo.org/News/Articles/2012/UN-endorses-Incoterms-2010-ICC-rules-for-international-trade/>

Asian chambers prepare for Nepal economic revolution

Paris, 15 October 2012

Rona Yircali, Chair of ICC World Chambers Federation (WCF) called on the business community of Nepal, located between to the two giant rising economies of Asia, China and India, to prepare itself for the future dynamism and growth in the region, with predictions showing that the region's share of the global economy would likely exceed 50% by 2050, as it did 200 years ago.

<http://www.iccwbo.org/News/Articles/2012/Asian-chambers-prepare-for-Nepal-economic-revolution/>

PACIFIC BUSINESS MENTORING PROGRAMME

WHATS HAPPENING?

PACIFIC BUSINESS MENTORING PROGRAMME NEW ZEALAND

The BMNZ team will be in Lae on 29th October 2012, to commence the mentoring programme with the approved applicants. This team will make time available during this trip to talk to future potential clients at a session yet to be arranged.. The date and venue for this discussion will be advertised shortly and it is a good opportunity for businessmen to see if this program can help them or any of their clients in any way.

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The following is advice from the Contractors upgrading Markham Road

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We would like to advise your office and the business houses along the Markham Road Section from Coronation Roundabout to Huon-Markham Road Junction for the following listed works to be completed in a limited time frame given by the Department of Works. The closer of the road is estimated for a month which you will be updated from time to time on our progressive reports.

Works:

- 1) Removal of old culvert and Installation of new culvert
- 2) Construction of kerb
- 3) Construction of line drain
- 4) Preparation of road base
- 5) Priming, sealing and asphalt overlay

Most of the works have being done and we are preparing for the overlay of asphalt therefore the road will be closed to minimize damage cost to property and the public. The traffic diversion plan is attached for your reference.

We apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused during this period. For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the following personnel.

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|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1) Department of Works - | Mr. Gibson Holambe | Project Engineer | 7204 9212 |
| 2) East West (1) Limited - | Mr. Clarence Kekeram | Project Surveyor | 7282 5778 |
| 3) East West (1) Limited- | Mr. Ngamanath Sanjel | Project Engineer | 7120 9921 |

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours Faithfully

.....*Ngamanath*.....

Mr. Ngamanath Sanjel-Project Engineer



CONTRACT NO. CSTB 2257 REHABILITATION AND UPGRADE OF LAE CITY ROADS, STAGE 2- PART 2 – SECTION 4A SECTION OF MARKHAM ROAD FROM MILFORDHAVEN ROAD JUNCTION TO THE JUNCTION WITH SANDPIPER ROAD (YATCH CLUB JUNCTION 2.2 KM)

MOROBE SHOW BALL

THE MOROBE SHOW MARKHAM BALL 2012 - MASQUERADE

Saturday 20th October at the Morobe Show Hall

- Tickets are K250 single / K500 double
- Tickets include all food and drinks, live music, DJ.
- Tickets are limited and available from Brian Bell.
- Corporate Tables of 10 are K2500 and can be purchased from Roberta Leo on 7351 5505 or roberta.homeindustries@gmail.com

All proceeds from this year's Ball go towards a new community library within the Morobe Show Grounds. Please bring a book to the Ball to donate to the library.

Morobe Show Queen

Every year at the Morobe Show one of the premier events is the crowning of The Morobe Show Queen. This is a prestigious award given to the young lady who best represents the culture, heritage and customs of the Province, District and Village from which she originates.

This year the 2012 Morobe Show Queen is again sponsored by Lae Biscuit Company and the "Show Queen" receives a substantial cash prize. All the entrants receive a prize pack from Lae Biscuits plus the wonderful experience of participating in this colourful annual event.

We would like as many entrants as possible to represent a wide cross section of cultures within Papua New Guinea and would encourage businesses to nominate a representative from their staff to participate in this event. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Nominations need to be lodged at the Show Office along with a K25 nomination fee no later than Thursday 25th October. Attached is a copy of the flyer with full details and the required entry form.

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- The flag area below the undercarriage of the blimp.

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