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BREAKING NEWS

Police have advised that 3 of the criminals who attacked the trekkers on the Black Cat Trail have been apprehended and are in the lock-up.

The Villagers are reported to have killed one of the other villagers who harboured the criminals.

We checked with Angau Hospital on Monday morning and they advised that they are doing all they can for the victims. They could not close the wounds immediately because of the infections and initially they were short of blood for necessary transfusions, but they got the urgently needed blood from donors. One of the wounded porters unfortunately died of cardiac arrest on Sunday night.

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK INDEPENDENCE EDITION

TRAGEDY ON BLACK CAT TRAIL

IT WAS BUTCHERY – the front page of Fridays Cairns Post Newspaper headlined. **TREKKERS RELIVE NIGHT OF CRAZED MURDERERS** as the newspaper went on to say – “Aussies arrive safely in Cairns with tale of PNG Nightmare”.

The articles were of course referring to the brutal and cowardly attack on seven Australians and one New Zealander and twelve porters, on a trekking tour that was led by the tour leader Christie King, at the “Banis Donkey Camp” on the Black Cat Trail on late Tuesday afternoon.



In the Cairns Post article Tour guide Christie King was hailed as a hero, saving the lives of the eight Australian men by defusing the slaughter in the (Morobe) highlands and then leading the trekkers to safety over a treacherous mountain route. Christie is part of the well known King Family, long term members and participants of the Lae Chamber.

Stories about the traumatic event have been many and varied in all forms of media in PNG, Australia and the world, as have the speculations about the reasons of the attack.

Indeed the main thing that must happen now is to capture the criminal lunatics before they add to their crimes.

We commend Christie for the bravery and initiative that she displayed. We know Christie is a competent trauma nursing sister, and obviously she would have used these skills to great advantage during the harrowing attack.

The damage to the Black Trail as a tourist destination is serious and most likely irreversible.

The Morobe Tourism Bureau (MTB) started the commercialisation of the Black Cat Trail in 2006, with a great deal of assistance from the PNG Tourism Promotion Authority (TPA). The MTB was a joint venture operation between the Lae Chamber of Commerce and the Morobe Provincial Government, commencing in 1998. It is unfortunate indeed that the Provincial Government stopped funding and the Bureau closed its doors in May 2011.

Tim Vincent a former LCCI Councillor started his company “Wau Adventures”, and participated enormously in the early establishment of the Trail as a trekking destination. The villagers living on the Trail were assisted by all the above stakeholders, in setting up the Black Cat Trail Association. A set of rules were established so the trekking fees and rates for porters could be set, for the porters be registered, details of the trekkers could be recorded including their age and health conditions, and the tour operators could be recorded. The Porters and Guides were sent to Port Moresby for training by the TPA and awareness was made to the villagers regularly of their responsibilities to the Trekkers.

A Transmission tower was constructed and a VHF transmitter was set up along the trail for emergency purposes, as well as normal messaging.

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BLACK CAT TRAIL (Cont)

Unfortunately the dreadful incident last week will cause irreparable damage to the Black Cat Trail (BCT) as a tourist destination, and it will most likely not recover, which is a great shame as to the people living along the track, it is their only source of income.

The BCT was opened by the early Australian miners to get access to the lucrative Wau Goldfields from the Salamaua District Headquarters in the 1920's. The hike along the trail was extremely difficult covering very rugged countryside. Five days was considered a good time for the walk but laden with mining gear, bedding and food, a week long trek or more was the norm. Later a donkey track named the "Skin Diwai Trail" was added as an offshoot to the BCT, which eased the burden somewhat.

In 1926, a ship brought a new batch of hopeful miners who left Salamaua but failed to arrive at their destination Edie Creek. A group of armed miners set off down the track to find them, and discovered instead a massacre. The angry miners headed to Salamaua, without porters and the news had got to the villages that the miners were on the warpath, and they deserted their villages. The result was a further massacre and the raising of Kaisenik Village.

Kaisenik has faced regular trouble and was destroyed again 3 years ago after an argument about mining royalties of the soon to be commenced Hidden Valley mine.

The reason for the BCT Association setting rates for the porters was so the fees could be spread to all the villages along the trail. The Kaisenik porters always tried to secure the job all the way to Salamaua, which cut out all the porters from the other villagers. This was always the cause of arguments and fights amongst the villagers themselves. Minor incidents that affected some of the trekkers have occurred since the BCT was re-opened.

Under the guidance of the LCCI, the MTB made a huge contribution to developing Morobe as a tourist destination. Morobe is not an easy province to promote, as Lae and the nearby surrounds do not lend themselves to visible tourist activities. Morobe however has some wonderful sites, but as they are mostly in remote locations, they need an organisation such as the MTB to be the centre of focus by tour organisers and indeed individuals to arrange the tours.

We believe that it is imperative for the Morobe Provincial Government to re-establish the Tourism Bureau. Unless this is done soon, the flagging tourist industry in the Province will continue to wilt.

If Black Cat Trail is ever to be considered as a Trekking destination again, then the MTB must take a lead role. They will need to ensure that the BCT Association continue to make all the Villages aware of their responsibility to trekkers, continually clean the track, construct guest houses and toilets for hygiene and comfort, keep the communication facilities in working order, and oversee that the share of the proceeds is equally distributed.

The LCCI will not take on an active role of the MTB again, but we will assist the MPG to set up the organisation properly and ensure that it is well equipped to make a much needed contribution to the tourism industry in Morobe Province again.






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Progress on Papua New Guinea's national broadband network

12 Sep 2013 by [Business Advantage](#)

Construction of Papua New Guinea's national broadband network is progressing, with major milestones set to be reached by mid 2015, according to technology consultant Sunder Ramamurthy, who is assisting the PNG government's Independent Public Business Corporation on the project.

Ramamurthy told delegates at this week's [Papua New Guinea Advantage investment summit](#) that the National Transmission Network (NTN), which aims to connect major population centres on PNG's mainland via a cross-country network of fibre optic cables, was progressing to the timelines agreed.

'The aim is to create a reliable, high speed, transparent and low cost backbone network for domestic and international access,' Ramamurthy told delegates.

A significant part of the project is the completion of a fibre optic link along the length of the PNG LNG gas project's 700 km pipeline, from the Hides gas field in the Highlands to the PNG LNG plant near Port Moresby, and then on to the capital.

Ramamurthy advised that the Hides-to-LNG plant link was expected to be commissioned in early 2014, with the additional 50km to Port Moresby scheduled for completion a month earlier. Meanwhile, the link between the Yonks power station in Morobe Province and Mount Hagen in PNG's Highlands is expected to be ready by mid 2015. Additional cable connecting Wabun and Mendip will then be completed a few months after this.

The final connection between Port Moresby and the PPC-1 cable which connects PNG to the world wide web via Guam is expected to be complete in late 2014. The jointly commissioned cable will also allow the Solomon Islands to connect to the PCC-1 international cable near Alotau, giving PNG's neighbour a fast connection to the worldwide web for the first time.

At that stage, the game will change for PNG, with connections to more remote locations such as the New Guinea islands, Alotau, Wewak, Banimo and Drau possible.

The NTN will also mean PNG will no longer have to rely on the APNG2 cable which currently connects Port Moresby to Sydney, Australia, although the IPBC is considering additional international connections to the worldwide web to ensure the NTN has redundancy.

As *Business Advantage PNG* has [reported previously](#), the completed NTN will be run by PNGDataco, which will wholesale bandwidth to network license holders such as Digicel, Telikom PNG, BeMobile and ISPs. It will be a 'carrier to the carriers'—with the goal of encouraging greater retail competition and allowing new entrants (PNG citizens and SMEs), while increasing bandwidth and reducing the cost of access for consumers and business.

Ramamurthy said that the current K300 to K500 (US\$120 to US\$200) monthly cost of 'normal family use' of the internet in PNG was far beyond the means of most Papua New Guineans. If costs could fall dramatically, there would be a tremendous boost to the already growing economy of PNG.

A completed NTN, he said, would enable PNG to host call centres, enable the movement of large data files and foster the online delivery of private and public sector services, including e-commerce.

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Five things we learned from Papua New Guinea Advantage 2013

12 Sep 2013 by [Business Advantage](#)

The annual Papua New Guinea Advantage investment summit was held this week in Port Moresby. After two days of discussions, presentations, speeches, dinners and question-and-answer sessions, here are five observations.

PNG's Prime Minister Peter O'Neill opened the two-day 2013 Papua New Guinea Advantage—PNG's annual investment summit—in Port Moresby this week.

Now in its third year, and its second in PNG's capital city, the summit drew over 300 international and local delegates, plus a healthy media contingent, to focus on a wide range of business opportunities right across PNG's economy, from gas and mining through to agribusiness, technology, fisheries, services and education.

1. PNG's economy is still forging ahead

As Australian 'airport economist' Tim Harcourt reassured delegates, there is plenty of life left in the Asian economic boom, with urbanisation and food consumption rising sharply in both China and India, and PNG is well placed to benefit.

[Short-term gloom](#) in the mining sector isn't dampening spirits too much. As ANZ PNG's Managing Director Mark Baker pointed out, the long-term forecast for the country is overwhelmingly positive, with ANZ-funded research predicting a doubling of the economy by 2030.

'If this year we achieve GDP [growth] somewhere between 5 and 6 per cent, as we project, then I believe that will be an excellent outcome, and a real sign our economic management is on track,' Prime Minister Peter O'Neill told delegates, reminding them this was in spite of low global commodity prices for many of PNG's main exports.

Bank of Papua New Guinea Governor Loi Bakani confirmed PNG's inflation was under control, its cash reserves strong and predicted the country's balance of payments would be positive for the next three years.

Even the mining sector had some good news: Indochine Mining used the summit to announce its listing on PNG's stock exchange, and confirm the once-troubled Mount Kare gold mine was now [back on track](#).

2. PNG isn't just mining and gas

While the PNG LNG project is undoubtedly transforming the economy, the summit was remarkable for the sheer range of opportunities discussed.

Andrew McGrath, Nasfund's General Manager Finance & Investments, said he was 'bullish' about agriculture, Kramer Ausenco's Chief Executive Officer Frank Kramer spoke of opportunities in training and services, while R D Tuna's Pete Celso spoke enthusiastically of an expected trebling of processed fish production and the 13,500 new jobs that will go with it.

Meanwhile, Invoc Pty Ltd's Sundar Ramamurthy spoke of the range of new services that could be built around PNG's new National Transmission Network, currently under construction, and CPL Group's Mahesh Patel confirmed he was already planning for tablets and WIFI in his new supermarkets.

Furthermore, both Kina Securities' Syd Yates and Dr John Hewson outlined big gaps in PNG's financial services market, while PNG Power's newly-confirmed Chief Executive Officer John Tangit spoke of tangible progress in private sector's involvement in energy supply—Public Enterprises Minister flagged the 10,000–12,000 MW Purari River hydropower project as his 'nation building' energy project.

3. The digital economy is on its way

If you think the 'cloud economy' is years away for PNG, think again. Digicel PNG's John Mangos estimated that 1.5 million Papua New Guinea could now access a form of the worldwide web through their mobile phones.

With both Digicel PNG and Telikom PNG investing heavily in 3G and 4G mobile and broadband infrastructure, speeds are going up and prices are coming down. Data costs were almost on a par with Australia now, said Mangos, with 1 gigabyte of data costing AUD\$40 in Australia and K85 in PNG.

As a glimpse of things to come, Twitter Australia digital strategist Marie Sornin briefed delegates on how the social media platform was building the participation of business on its platform. Expect to see more PNG businesses 'tweeting' from now on.

4. Risks can be controlled, good returns delivered

As Johnson Kalo, Deputy CEO of BSP (the country's biggest mover of cash) noted, many risks in PNG were predicted and could be managed with appropriate strategies. He dared to imagine a 'diversified, cash-rich economy' where each of the risks were managed.

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Five things we learned from Papua New Guinea Advantage (Cont)



Business Advantage International's Andrew Wilkins discusses equity investment with (from left), University of PNG's Albert Mellam, Nasfund's Andrew McGrath, Kina Securities' Syd Yates, POMSoX's Frank Dunphy and Nambawan Super's Michael Block.

A special panel discussion on equity investment had Nambawan Super's Michael Block and Nasfund's Andrew McGrath setting out their cautious approach to choosing the right companies in which to invest, while Syd Yates outlined the investment policy of PNG's only listed managed fund, Kina Asset Management Ltd. The key was to take a long-term view on investment, they agreed.

Meanwhile, Pete Celso's case study of R D Tuna Cannery ably demonstrated how patience, caution and perseverance can bring its rewards. The company he started in 1995 now has a gross annual revenue of K271 million (US\$110 million).

5. PNG's annual investment summit is now a fixture

First held in Brisbane in 2011, the Papua New Guinea Advantage, a co-production of the Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Business Advantage International (publishers of this website) moved to Port Moresby last year.

'The goal was to set up an annual event open to business people from any sector and any country, which focused on delivering good market intelligence and business opportunities,' explains POMCCI's Chief Executive Officer, David Conn. 'We want our delegates to leave feeling like they've spent their time wisely ... and enjoyed themselves.'

More companies than ever attended the summit this year and, generally, they sent their top people. It also acted as a magnet for foreign businesses interested in PNG, with international delegates attending from Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Japan, the Philippines, Fiji and the Cook Islands.

Presentations for the Summit can be found online at www.pngadvantageconference.com. The next Papua New Guinea Advantage investment summit is tentatively scheduled to be held in Port Moresby on 9 and 10 September 2014.



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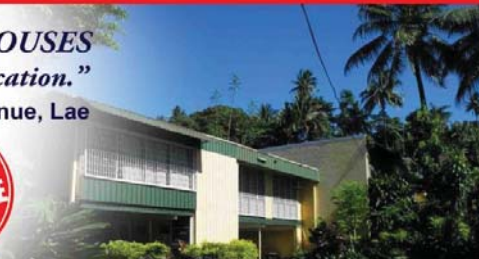
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FOREIGN CONTRACTOR WITHHOLDING TAX INTEGRITY PROJECT

Background

For some years, taxpayers have written to the Commissioner General seeking registration of individuals for Foreign Contractor Withholding Tax ("FCWT"). In many cases these registrations have incorrectly been approved.

Over the past several years, a practice has become common where taxpayers seek to rely on the non-discrimination clauses within several of PNG's DTA's to achieve the best outcomes – adopting the simplicity of a withholding tax effectively applied on their gross income (without reference to their actual income, expenses or net profits) but also wanting to adopt their own reduced rate in purported reliance upon the DTA. The Commissioner General will no longer accept this as an appropriate method of relieving potential discrimination.

FCWT Integrity Project

Given the ongoing confusion over the application of the FCWT provisions and inconsistent treatment by officers of the IRC over several years, the Commissioner General has recently commenced a project to review all current taxpayers registered for FCWT with a view to removing those who have been incorrectly registered and contacting taxpayers where SWT or MFWT provisions appear to have been overlooked.

The project will be conducted in several stages and will cover the following matters:

1. Notifying both taxpayers and withholding agents of the need for all withholding under FCWT to be levied at the rate of 12%. This will apply to all payments made to contractors from the earlier of 16 September 2013, or the date of notification;
2. Reviewing all taxpayer files to ensure that entities are generally registered for FCWT while individuals are registered for SWT (unless this position is altered under a relevant DTA), thereby ensuring that withholding agents are imposing WHT under the correct regime;
3. Reviewing all taxpayer files involving entities to consider whether MFWT or FCWT are the most applicable form of WHT. Where under the terms of the contract it appears that MFWT is the more appropriate regime, both the taxpayer and the withholding agent will be advised accordingly; and

4. Reviewing all taxpayer files involving entities to consider whether those entities are meeting their other tax obligations in PNG, in particular SWT. Where entities are identified as performing services in PNG under the terms of the contract, consideration will be given to whether they are also registered for SWT and if so, whether the amounts remitted appear realistic. Where there are concerns, the IRC will write to the foreign contractor asking them to review their compliance with those other tax obligations.

Where taxpayers respond with a voluntary disclosure accompanied by payment of the outstanding tax within the timeframes set out in the letter, all penalties will be waived. Where there remains tax outstanding and a taxpayer does not make a voluntary disclosure, then the matter will be referred to Tax Audit and penalties will be levied at the full rates applicable: a 20% flat penalty followed by a 20% p.a. for the time the amount remains outstanding.

Taxation Circular on the Administration of FCWT

To facilitate greater clarity within the community and to provide greater guidance and direction to IRC officers, the Commissioner General is currently developing a Taxation Circular on the administration of FCWT. This Circular will consider:

- What is a "Foreign Contractor"
- How the Commissioner General will apply the provisions where other withholding tax regimes may also apply?
- What is the appropriate rate of withholding? and
- How will the Commissioner General give effect to non-discrimination clauses in double tax agreements entered into by the Government of Papua New Guinea?

The Commissioner General reiterates the position in *Taxation Circular TC 2013/1* that where individuals are providing personal services on a routine basis over a period of time, in all but exceptional circumstances they will be subject to salary or wages tax.

Consultation

The Commissioner – General intends to adopt an abbreviated consultation process for the development of this Taxation Circular which will involve an invitation to a round table discussion to representatives of the Big 4 accounting firms and certain other tax professionals. If you would like to be included in this consultation process, please email TaxCircularsConsultation@irc.gov.pg to express your interest.

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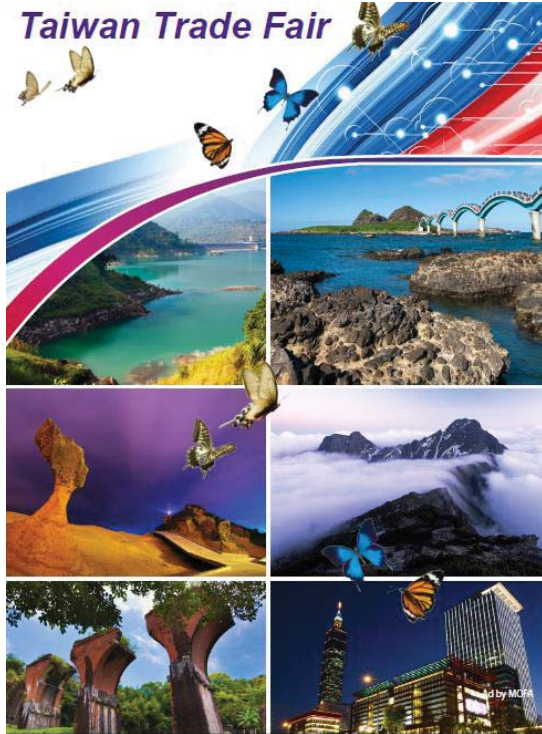
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The Fair is scheduled for the 7th and the 8th of October at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Port Moresby, NCD, PNG. Twenty dynamic enterprises from Taiwan will exhibit their latest products and work in partnership with a number of businesses in the region. This event provides local enterprises the unique opportunity of meeting the Taiwanese delegates in person for discussion on possible business cooperation.

The delegation also will be exhibiting their products at a 2-day stop in Lae on the 10th and 11th of October, located at the PNG Forest Research Institute. In Lae, the delegation will be presenting Taiwan's latest business opportunities.

The Taiwanese enterprises in the delegation come from a variety of industries and will showcase their products ranging from bedding and towels; blinds and furniture; hardware and lubricants; skincare products and cosmetics; ICT and electronics; solar portable applications and solar LED lighting; sanitary napkins and baby products; auto and truck parts; USBs and CCTV; rice milling machines; bio-economics related energy solutions; machinery and total solutions for all industrial equipment; fishing products and equipment for fishing boats, and many other high quality products from Taiwan.

The trade volume between Taiwan and Papua New Guinea increased to US\$268 million as of 2012, compared with US\$151 million in 2011. The bilateral trade between Taiwan and Papua New Guinea is expected to grow further in the coming years.

Be sure to visit us and don't miss this unique opportunity. For more information about the Taiwanese delegation, please contact:

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Taiwan delegation visits Papua New Guinea: Enhancing trade relations through a variety of trade activities

Taipei, September 21st, 2013: The Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA), the foremost non-profit trade and investment promotion organization in Taiwan, is pleased to reconfirm that it is leading a trade mission from the Republic of China (Taiwan) to Papua New Guinea in October to conduct exhibitions and other business related activities.

Taiwan again ranked No.1 in the world in terms of its "State of Cluster Development" in the World Economic Forum's (WEF) "Global Competitiveness Report 2012-2013". Flexible and nimble enterprises (in particular SME), modern infrastructure, and a supportive industrial R&D environment form the backbone of these clusters.

Today's Taiwan is globally recognized for its technological innovation as well as for its superior-quality products and services. As leading suppliers in the global marketplace, Taiwanese enterprises utilize their extensive experience, expertise, and know-how to meet every customer's needs.

The delegation will be bringing with them the latest trends as well as new opportunities for business and trade. The delegation will be comprised of twenty dynamic enterprises representing a wide range of products and industries. From October 7th to the 8th, 9:00 to 17:00, the delegates will be exhibiting their products at the 2013 Taiwan Trade Fair at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Port Moresby. This event intends not only to provide PNG's local SME the unique opportunity of meeting with the delegates in person for negotiation on possible business cooperation, but it also serves as an ideal occasion for Taiwan to establish closer trade ties with PNG.

The delegation will extend the exhibition and their business contacts with a 2-day stop in Lae on October 10th and 11th, located at the PNG Forest Research Institute.

TAITRA will present a wide range of promotional materials and catalogues representing Taiwan's key business sectors, at the same time offer helpful tips on how to do business with Taiwan. TAITRA will facilitate visitors and buyers in product/supplier sourcing, and introduce what business and partnering opportunities are available. TAITRA therefore welcomes any enterprise interested in knowing more about Taiwan's businesses, and invites them to take advantage of this chance to learn about the many business prospects that are available on the island.

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NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LAE

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OPEN DAY

2 November 2013

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The International School of Lae will open its doors to the community on Saturday 2 November. It will be a chance for the public to look around the campus; see what has changed; see what is changing; and get a feel for where the school is heading into the future. Visitors will be able to talk with the teachers; meet some of the children and find out about the programs on offer.

As well as viewing the physical changes that have occurred, or are underway, the Open Day will be a chance to obtain information about the school's programs and what is being offered. There is an emphasis on the Early or Foundation years of learning at TISOL – so information about the rollout of new approaches to early childhood services will be available. For people interested in the primary programs there will be a chance to visit classrooms to find out more.

The Open Day invites people to come in and experience the spacious, lush and well-presented grounds. The school as a learning environment has been special to so many TISOL and Bulae students over the years. The international school here on Bumbu Road has had a colourful, successful and cherished past. It now has a bright, exciting and positive future. More importantly, it offers an effective "present" for young children wanting to be educated here in Lae today.

So keep 2 November free - 12:30 to 3:00 pm.

TISOL OPEN DAY

Saturday 2 November

12:30 – 3:00

Performances

Displays

Open Classrooms

Information booth

Refreshments



Official Opening of the refurbished Administration Building



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Keeping us Connected

Marist Connection— PNG Visit

Mr Peter McLoughlin and Jim Gardiner of Marist College Ashgrove, Br Anthony Boyd and Mr Richard Quinn of St Josephs, Hunters Hill & the PNG Organising Committee

Invites ex-students of all Marist Colleges and all friends of Marist Colleges to a drinks and casual dinner function with the Marist Team that are visiting PNG in October 2013.

The details and contacts are as follows:

**LAE - Cocktails and BBQ at the Huon Club
Wednesday Oct 16 from 6.30pm.**

**Dress —Good Casual (Men Trousers and Collared Shirt)
Contact Peter Diezmann 73183601**

**R.S.V.P. Above contacts - 30th Sept 2013
(Attendance commitment required for catering purposes)**

**MARIST CONNECTION
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Friday, 6 September 2013



Pacific Regional Tourism Capacity
Building Programme (PRTCBP)



Dear Sir/Madam

Pacific Regional Tourism Strategy - Industry Stakeholder Consultations

We have recently commenced the development of the next Pacific Regional Tourism Strategy (2014 – 2018) (RTS) working with SPTO through the 10th EDF PRTCBP.

The RTS will be a concise high level strategic document which identifies key regional priorities for the tourism sector, which can add value to individual country tourism development efforts and which are achievable within the regional development context, over the short to medium term (five years).

A key part of the project will be to consult with the range of stakeholders regarding strategic priorities and key recommendations from the perspective of each individual country. In order to facilitate this consultation and provide a framework for the analysis of the priorities a questionnaire has been developed for industry stakeholders to complete. The questionnaire is available to complete **on line** by clicking on the following URL www.surveymonkey.com/s/N39W87B

We would be grateful if you can find time to complete the survey using this link. The questionnaire is not lengthy and will only take **approximately fifteen minutes** to complete on line.

If you could complete the questionnaire by **13th September 2013**. The timeframe for the study is relatively short so a timely response would greatly assist in our analysis

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely

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