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*Thank you*

## FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

### NOTICE

## LCCI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

The Lae Chamber of Commerce Incorporated will hold the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014. The venue will be the **Bulolo Room at the Lae International Hotel**, and the function will commence at **5:30PM sharp**. The agenda for the AGM will be to present the 2013 Annual Report and audited Financial Statements for 2013, as well conducting elections for the 2014 Executive members and Councillors.

**Drinks and a cheese platter will be provided after the meeting until 7:30 PM.**

**Nomination forms and Proxy forms for those that cannot attend attached or they can be obtained from the LCCI Office on request. This may be your opportunity to participate in one of the prime private sector organisations in Papua New Guinea and the Pacific.**

## LAE ROAD WORKS

Much to the relief of just about everyone in Lae, the Department of Works has advised that the Kamkumung Bridge should be opened late Thursday next week 27<sup>th</sup> March. This is most welcome but as we are all aware, it will be only a partial relief to the problems, as the Andersons roundabout is closed and the work on Milfordhaven road past the National Polytech is closed as well.

## Future High Profile Event

We are happy to advise that Lae will receive a visit from the New Zealand Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Mr McCully, who will lead a high profile business and trade delegation to Lae in early April 2014.

A program is being put together as I go to writing, and we will be advised of the date, the program and the composition of the delegation shortly. Once all this is confirmed we will send notices and invitations to the luncheon that the LCCI has been asked to host.



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- 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;
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Day	Substation	Location area details	Time
SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2014	N/VALLEY	MMJV	6.00am - 6.00pm
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GOROKA	New Tribes, Bena High, DPI, Lufa	6.00pm - 7.00pm	
GUSAP	Town, Factory, Papindo, Villages	9.00am - 10.00pm	

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## Business Advantage PNG

YOUR GATEWAY TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND THE REGION

# The long journey to fix Papua New Guinea's roads

20 Mar 2014 by [Business Advantage](#) [Leave a Comment](#)

Hundreds of millions of dollars is being spent in Papua New Guinea on road repairs and new roads, from Port Moresby to the Highlands and coastal provinces. *Business Advantage PNG* surveys what the country will get for its money, and considers what is still needed.



Artist's impression of Port Moresby's planned Kookaburra Flyover. Credit: Hawkins Construction

Poor road infrastructure is the bane of life not just for businesses, operators and farmers, but for all Papua New Guineans. The cost of years of neglect was pointed out last year by Department of Works Secretary David Werh, who [said](#) while K1.5 billion (US\$560 million) is needed each year for maintenance, the backlog actually requires another K3 billion (US\$1.12 billion).

So, what's actually happening to fix the problem?



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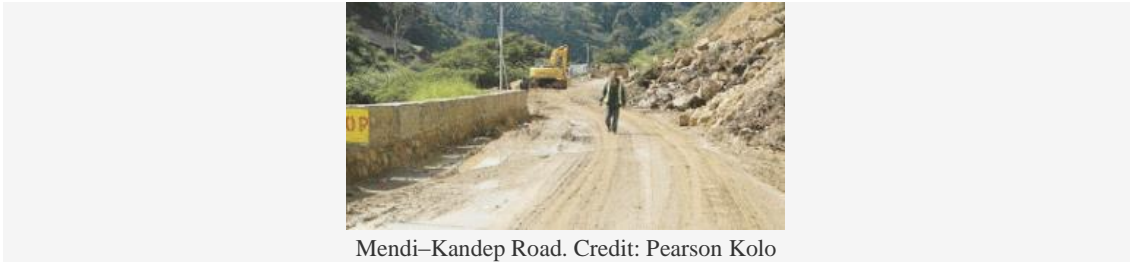
### Coastal provinces

The World Bank has approved US\$126.5 million (K338 million) in credit to rehabilitate hundreds of kilometres of roads in coastal provinces in Papua New Guinea.

The first road planned for upgrading with the new funds will be the 50km East Coast Road in Milne Bay between Alotau and East Cape Point, the most easterly point of the PNG mainland. Other priority roads will be identified during the course of the project.

Works have also commenced on the Hiritano Highway, a major economic lifeline for the region, which connects Gulf and Central Provinces.

### Enga/Southern Highlands



Mendi-Kandep Road. Credit: Pearson Kolo

Remote Kandep is set to be transformed into a major centre in the Highlands, with several infrastructure projects worth hundreds of millions of kina under way or being completed.

These projects include the K250 million (US\$93 million) Mendi-Kandep Road funded by the Asian Development Bank which, according to Works Minister Francis Awesa, is almost complete. Four locally-owned construction firms are employing more than 500 locals on this project.

### Chimbu Province

The national government last week released K5 million (US\$2 million) for rehabilitation work on the deteriorating Warasua/Kilau trunk road in the South Chimbu.

This is the first phase of the 70km Warasua/Kiariwaisime road maintenance project.



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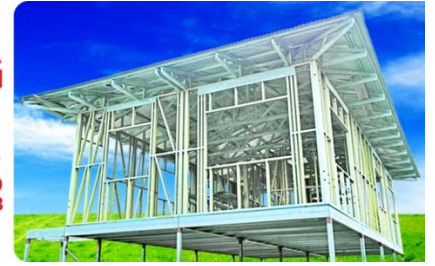
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## BUSINESS ADVANTAGE ARTICLE (Cont)

### Highlands Highway



Slips like this on Highlands Highway may soon be history. Credit: Peter Korugi

For business, the Highlands Highway is seen as the most critical piece of infrastructure. A total of 1,400 km of roads in the Highlands are being improved at a total cost of US\$750 million (K1.740 billion).

Approved in 2008, the project is about to enter its second phase, after the Asian Development Bank released a second tranche of a US\$109 million (K 291 million) loan.

The five-year US\$219 million (K588 million) Lae-Nadzab section reconstruction project is being carried out in two stages. The contractor is China Railways International, which has just set up a camp with 15 sea containers of prefabricated buildings for workers about 20 kms from Lae.

The first 20 kms, from Lae to Yalu Bridge, will consist of a four-lane sealed highway, with the remaining 20 kms a two-lane sealed road, with kerbing, guttering and footpaths.

*'A major challenge for city planners should be urban planning around the vast areas of land the new ring roads will make accessible'*

There are also seven separate projects underway at the moment by four contractors in the city of Lae itself. A total of 19 km of roads are being upgraded, with an estimated project time of two years.

In addition, there are a further estimated 40 km of road works yet to be put out to tender. Funding is not yet in place for these contracts and will most likely be allocated in the 2015/6 budgets.

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**BUSINESS ADVANTAGE ARTICLE (Cont)**

**The downside to roadworks**



*Roadworks are not without a down-  
side, however, according to the Presi-  
dent of the Lae Chamber of Commerce  
and Industry, Alan McLay.*

*‘Lae is experiencing huge congestion problems as the contractors are all poor on communi-  
cating to the travelling public about which roads will be closed at what time,’ he tells Business  
Advantage PNG.*

*‘Because four contractors are involved in separate contracts at the same time, and there is no  
coordination between them, closures can happen at any time without notice, which has  
caused congestion, frustration, accidents and near deaths.*

*‘Residential roads have been used as bypass roads and the subsequent traffic has destroyed  
many of the residential roads, with associated dust problems, trucks getting bogged or rip-  
ping power lines out and television cables down. It has been a real cause of concern and dis-  
tress.’*

**Port Moresby**

Construction of the country’s first flyover has already begun with a groundbreaking ceremony in Janu-  
ary. The Kookaburra Street–Erima flyover will be the direct link from the administrative centre of Wai-  
gani to Jacksons International Airport.

New Zealand’s Hawkins Constructions’ Country Manager, Seth Pardoe [says](#) it will take two years to  
complete.

It is part of the capital’s road development program, which will cost up to K800 million (US\$299 mil-  
lion), according to City Manager Leslie Alu, who [says](#) seven major projects in Port Moresby are under-  
way.

**Gridlock**

The Chief Executive Officer of the Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce and Industry (POMCCI) Da-  
vid Conn says gridlock is having a big impact on the city’s commerce. While some business owners are  
lamenting the disruption that will be caused by the work, he says they are looking forward to the long-  
term benefits.

*‘Some areas of the city have become terribly congested in the last couple of years and a trip that normal-  
ly would have taken 10 minutes is taking half an hour.*

*‘Some of the trips from just out of the city normally have taken 20 minutes now can take one and a half  
to two hours if you do it at the wrong time of the day.’*



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## **BUSINESS ADVANTAGE ARTICLE (Cont)**

### **Broader planning issues**

The Institute of National Affairs' Paul Barker has suggested Port Moresby's city planners should also incorporate specific bus lanes on key roads to help stop bottlenecks.

POMCCI's David Conn agrees traffic management is about more than just building new roads.

'A major challenge for city planners should be urban planning around the vast areas of land the new ring roads will make accessible,' says Conn.

'Proper planning could be a tremendous boon for the city and open up the much-needed tracts we need for new low-to-middle-cost urban housing.

'If we don't get our act together, we will see these arterial routes squeezed by unplanned settlements, making future development fractious and disjointed.

'Ironically, it may be the non-tax payer—the illegal settler—who will benefit in the long run, while the legitimate residents and businesses will suffer.'

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**“ 2014 Monetary Policy Statement”**

**VENUE :** Lae International Hotel

**WHEN :** **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**TIME :** **5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

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Essential PNG Industry News

### Indochine finds cash for Mt Kare

Justin Niessner  
Wednesday, 19 March 2014

**INDOCHINE Mining says a fundraiser for its Mt Kare gold project in Papua New Guinea will secure \$A15 million, subject to a further \$3-5 million equity raising within the next seven days.**

The funding is the result of a placement of 241 million shares at 9c per share aimed at raising up to \$20 million to accelerate the project.

Indochine says the effort will allow it to achieve the key milestone of achieving a decision to mine, which will in turn enable development financing discussions.

Following the recent completion of a landowner investigation study, the company expects underground development at the site to advance more quickly to the mining stage, with an estimated capital expenditure of less than \$100 million. Efforts to secure financing for the project have addressed potential short and long-term debt funding options, in conjunction with share placements to allow for ongoing exploration and development.

A decision to mine is planned to be achieved mid-year, followed by a mining lease application, with debt funding options considered to complete mine construction. Last month, Indochine confirmed that it would aim to increase the development work targeting Mt Kare's high-grade zones.

Initial horizontal geotechnical and hydrological drilling was completed on the adit portal in December, with drillholes reinforced and grouted for roof support within the initial 25m of oxidised rock.

Further development of both the adit and portal is planned for the current quarter. The company says prior expenditure at the project totals \$60 million, including 365 holes drilled. Resources at the site stand at 43 million tonnes at 1.5gpt gold for 2.1 million ounces of gold and 18Moz of silver.

The deposit lies 15km southwest of Barrick Gold's massive Porgera mine. Shares in Indochine were last trading 17.6% higher at 8c.



The camp at Mt Kare

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### **The Papua New Guinea Business Coalition Against HIV & AIDS**



Date: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Mr. Alan McLay  
President  
Lae Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 265  
Lae 411  
Morobe Province

#### **SUBJECT: POLICY & TRAINING OFFICER, BAHA LAE**

Dear Mr. McLay,

This correspondence comes to your office to formally inform you that we have appointed a replacement for Caroleen Ragunatha who resigned from BAHA on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

Mr. Walter Daniel is now the Policy & Training Officer who will oversee the administration of the BAHA Lae office and also cover the Momase Region. He has worked in Morobe Province for a long time and has a strong background in the Occupational Health and Safety.

Your continuous support to BAHA Lae office is very much appreciated and we look forward to working together to ensure that private businesses in Lae and Momase Region have a strong HIV program enabling the employees to be well informed about HIV & AIDS and related issues.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely

  
Eileen Seneve (Ms.)  
Operations Coordinator

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# LAE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC.

## NOMINATION FORM

### ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & COUNCILLORS - 2014

I hereby nominate:..... Representing the ..... Industry  
(Name of Nominee)

for the position (s) of

- PRESIDENT\*
- SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT\*
- JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT\*
- HONORARY SECRETARY\*
- HONORARY TREASURER\*
- COUNCILLOR (11 positions)\*

At the forthcoming AGM of the Lae Chamber of Commerce Incorporated to be held at 5:30 PM on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

\*tick box as required

NOTE: It is recommended that the position of Councillor not be deleted when nominating for a higher position so the nominee can remain nominated for Council should he/she be unsuccessful in the contest for the higher position.

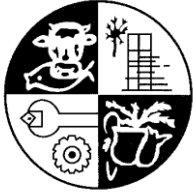
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(Print Name) (Signature)

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(Signature of nominee)

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# Lae Chamber of Commerce Incorporated

## PROXY FORM

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014

I, ..... of .....  
(print name) (Name of Company)

Being a fully paid up member of the Lae Chamber of Commerce and Industry hereby appoint

..... of .....  
(Print name) (Name of Company)

which is also a paid member of the Lae Chamber of Commerce Incorporated,

Or the current President of the Lae Chamber of Commerce Inc.

tick

to be my proxy to vote on our behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Chamber to be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014, or at any adjournment thereof.

Signed: ..... this .....day of .....2014

Name of Witness: .....  
(Print name) (Signature)