



## Lae Chamber of Commerce Inc. Weekly News Update

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### BREAKING NEWS

At 3 PM Today a fight has broken out outside Bugandi High School and traffic is being disrupted on the Highway. Please avoid this area until the Police restore order.

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*Thank you*

## FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

### LEST WE FORGET!

The ANZAC Day dawn service at the Lae War Cemetery today was absolutely perfect. Arranged by the Officer Commanding the Australian Defense Staff at Igam Barracks, the service was attended by a good crowd of participants and onlookers. Igam Commanding Officer Peter Aimos made all his troops and facilities available and even though he was unable to attend he was represented by Col Mark Keru and Major John Giregire. With the Master of ceremonies ADS Major David Siggers directing the proceedings, everything went like clockwork.

A special guest this year was Ray Clements a veteran from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion in World War II who was a witness to the Japanese surrender at Wewak in 1945. Even though he was wheel chair bound, he laid a reef in memory of his lost comrades from the War.

Over the years in Lae we have seen these services in the pouring rain but this morning the weather was picture-perfect.

The organisers wish to thank the support from the Lae business community in particular Andersons Foodland, Rabtrad, South Pacific Brewery, Coca Cola, Remington and the Lae Yacht Club for the support they provided to make the event even better.

## DONATIONS TO DEVESTATED SOLOMON ISLANDS!

Last week we appealed for donations for the Solomon's Islands people who were affected by Cyclone Ita and the devastation caused by subsequent flooding.

We are happy to report that Nestle have donated a container of Maggi Noodles, which will be shipped at concessional rates by New Pacific Line arranged by Express Freight Management.

## LAE ROADS

On Wednesday we circulated the Shorncliffe's Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for road works on Mangola Street. We have received countless responses from concerned members, over a whole range of queries and requests.

I have passed all of these concerns on to the Engineers from Department of Works as well as the contractors Project Manager. I am assured that all the concerns will be considered when the work proceeds on this road. The contractor also assured me that they will stick to the timetable as much as possible, depending of course on time lost due to rain.



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**Lae Roads (Cont)**



The adjacent photograph was taken by Angus King. It shows a view from the Industrial Zone looking in a northerly direction, with a clear picture of the Esplanade which is nearing completion as one of the road contracts by Dekenai Construction.

The completion of the Esplanade will free up a lot of the congestion caused by the Mangola Street roadwork.

As notified previously the case of the block of land in the middle of the road from the Huon/Markham Road junction to the Lae Stadium, was resolved when the court ruled in favour of the Road Contractor, which means that the road is currently closed, to allow this section to be concreted.

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## Business Advantage PNG

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### Economic update: maintaining momentum in Papua New Guinea

22 Apr 2014 by [Andrew Wilkins](#) 1 Comment

Papua New Guinea's economy finds itself in a hiatus, ahead of what will be a watershed moment its economic history—delivery of its first gas exports. In his annual appraisal of business conditions in the Pacific nation, Andrew Wilkins talks exclusively to some of PNG's top executives.



Port Moresby's Ela Beach is the site of several residential and hotel developments, including the expansion of the Ela Beach Hotel and the Windward Apartments. Credit: Kramer Ausenco

Over the past decade, Papua New Guinea has achieved, and continues to achieve, economic growth that would be the envy of most countries. However, its economy enters 2014 in a hiatus, with the construction of the massive US\$19 billion ExxonMobil-led PNG LNG gas project now in its final stages. The revenues from this project, which has been the major driver of economic growth over the past four years, will transform the country, delivering an expected 21.2% leap in gross domestic product in 2015 alone.

Until then, however, business is having to live with reduced economy activity.

#### Outstanding growth

'Growth has been astounding in the last five years,' affirms Garry Tunstall, Chief Executive Officer of Papua New Guinea's largest superannuation fund, Nambawan Super. 'That has really been about the PNG LNG project largely, and the infrastructure that's required to support it, as well as other investors then seeing the opportunity to develop and build commercial and residential property.'

## The PNG Games will be held in Lae in 2014



The Host Organising Committee (HOC) humbly invites you to be part of Papua New Guinea's very own game, the PNG GAMES 2014.

- The success of the 6<sup>th</sup> PNG Games in Lae from 16- 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014 will very much depend on how we the stakeholders and the community in Lae and Morobe Province interact and cooperate.
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'I think the country still will grow, but we have seen an easing of support for residential housing prices and rentals. We've seen commercial rents starting to ease off a bit too.'

### Papua New Guinea in brief



**Population:** 7.167 million (2012, source: World Bank)

**Capital:** Port Moresby

**Surface area:** 463,000 sq km

**People:** Melanesian, Papuan, Negrito, Micronesian, Polynesian

**Time zone:** GMT +10 hrs

**Business language:** English

**Political status:** parliamentary democracy

**GDP:** US\$15.65 billion (2012)

**GDP growth:** 6% (2014 projected, source: Asian Development Bank)

**Currency:** PNG kina

**Inflation:** 7.5% (2014 projected, source: Asian Development Bank)

**Major industrial sectors:** mining, crude oil petroleum refining, palm oil, coffee, plywood and wood chip production, construction, fisheries, tourism, manufacturing

**Exports:** oil, gold, copper ore, logs, palm oil, coffee, cocoa, copra, seafood

**Major export markets:** Australia, Japan, Philippines, China

**Imports:** machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods, food, fuels, chemicals

**Major import markets:** Australia, Singapore, China

**World Bank Ease of Doing Business Ranking 2014:** 113 out of 189 economies

'Everyone has been benefitting from super-normal profits over the last three-to-four years. It does revert to a norm, but that norm is still higher than many other countries in the region,' says Robin Fleming, Chief Executive Officer of PNG's largest bank, BSP.

Wayne Dorgan, Managing Director of PNG's largest insurer, Pacific MMI Insurance, agrees:

'There's been a contraction, but we're still well ahead of where we were ... nevertheless, our budgets for the next 12 to 36 months will be conservative.'

As well as a downturn in construction activity, lower yields and prices for soft commodities such as coffee, cocoa and palm oil have affected PNG's dominant rural economy, reducing retail revenues by 20% or more in some instances.

While some of the impact of lower commodity prices was ameliorated in the second half of 2013 by a rapid depreciation of the kina that in turn has put pressure on PNG's manufacturers, who have found themselves paying more for imported inputs.

Following Prime Minister Peter O'Neill's 2013 'year of implementation', 2014—to repeat a phrase used by David Purcell, former Chief Executive Officer at Ela Motors—will be a 'year of consolidation'.

### Government stimulus

Buoyed by its great LNG expectations, the PNG Government has stepped in to keep the economy ticking over.

In November 2013, PNG's then-Treasurer Don Polye announced the country's largest-ever budget of K15.1 billion (US\$5.93 billion). At the same time, he announced a second successive budget deficit.



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## BUSINESS ADVANTAGE ARTICLE (Cont)



An Australian Federal Policeman patrols downtown Port Moresby. Under an agreement with the PNG Government, Australia is supplying up to 50 police officers to PNG to help tackle the country's law and order problems.

'It maintains the momentum of the 2013 budget, focusing on infrastructure, health, law and order, education and the districts [sub-provincial areas],' notes Paul Barker, Executive Director of industry think-tank, the Institute of National Affairs.

Neither is the deficit considered foolhardy in business circles.

'It's a reasonable, normal thing to do,' observes Richard Borysiewicz, Group General Manager of BSP Capital, the stockbroking and funds management arm of Bank of South Pacific.

'The total size of the deficit is K2.3 billion (US\$1.02 billion), which is about 5.9% of GDP,' notes Aaron Batten, the Asian Development Bank's Country Economist for PNG. 'I think they've done quite a commendable job to keep spending at that level, which is generally sustainable by PNG standards.'

### The holy grail of infrastructure

Infrastructure is seen as central to the country's future development and finally there appears to be at least some money to pay for it. Around K2.7 billion (US\$1.06 billion) has been budgeted for infrastructure in 2014, and plans have been announced to create an Infrastructure Development Authority to oversee its development.

With Business Advantage International's annual [PNG 100 CEO Survey](#) indicating that under-performing state-owned utilities are the number one challenge facing PNG's largest businesses, reform in this area is clearly well overdue and welcome.

Of course, public money alone can't be expected to finance all of the country's infrastructure needs, and PNG's institutional investors say they would relish the opportunity to invest further in the infrastructure sector.

'We'd like to see appropriate investment opportunities in infrastructure,' says Andrew McGrath, General Manager Finance & Investments at superannuation fund, Nasfund. 'But they'd have to be opportunities that stack up.'

Notwithstanding a slump in sales in 2013, there has been considerable investment in PNG's retail sector over the past few years, as retailers have rushed to meet the needs of PNG's rising middle class.[/caption]

To effectively involve the private sector will take time, however, as Troy Stubbings, Managing Partner at KPMG in Port Moresby, explains:

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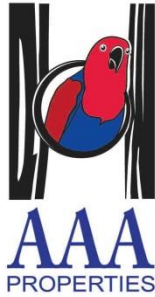
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‘The Government is working to put the building blocks in place but there are key requirements in regard to long term regulatory certainty and the capacity to exercise control which need to be in place to enable the private sector to take risk and participate beyond being a supplier or contractor or lender relying on the State’s credit—the whole architecture needs to be worked out. Infrastructure is a complex asset class.’

Stubbings believes investment will flow once the right certainty and control fundamentals are in place, and sees PNG’s state-owned enterprises as attractive opportunities for private sector involvement.

In early 2014, the government flagged the partial privatisation of national airline Air Niugini to help finance an upgrade of its fleet. Meanwhile, state electricity company PNG Power is actively partnering with private sector power suppliers to augment its own energy output. The Government has also re-capitalised mobile telecommunications company Bemobile.

The improvement in the way state enterprises are being run, under more experienced and qualified boards, has been noticed.

‘State-owned enterprises are actually getting cleaned up,’ observes Pacific MMI’s Wayne Dorgan. ‘These businesses will start operating as businesses.’

**Some unease about reforms**

The political stability that followed the election of the broadly pro-business O’Neill Government in August 2012 was generally welcomed.

While the Government has taken steps through legislation to ensure that political stability is maintained, it has also initiated a number of reviews of important existing legislation—notably, PNG’s long-standing Mining Act and the taxation system.

While such reviews inevitably engender at least some feelings of uncertainty (business is also steeling itself for the results of a review of PNG’s minimum wage), the reviews are taking place against a background of government dealings with investors, which have created what one senior mining industry source has called ‘a feeling of unease’.

The **forced acquisition** in 2013 of PNG’s largest mine, Ok Tedi, from its majority owner without compensation raised eyebrows at home and abroad, while the failure of the Government—even after arbitration—to keep to its agreement with Nautilus Minerals over its **Solwara I** undersea mining project puzzled many.

Meanwhile, the Minister for Trade, Commerce and Industry’s personal intervention to amend the Take-over Code and thus prevent **Kulim Malaysia** from acquiring a majority stake in New Britain Palm Oil Limited also came as a surprise.

With the government also flagging the introduction of a list of business activities reserved solely for Papua New Guineans, and a foreign investment review board, there are some concerns about its attitude towards overseas investment.



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## BUSINESS ADVANTAGE ARTICLE (Cont)

### Indigenous participation

Underlying much of the government rhetoric in this area is the laudable desire to see greater Papua New Guinean participation in the domestic economy.

While landowner companies have emerged as a successful new class of indigenous business, only a vibrant SME sector will provide adequate employment for PNG's fast-growing population. Indeed, the country's national long-term blueprint—Vision 2050—aspires to have 70% of business in local hands by the middle of this century. As President of PNG's Indigenous Business Council, [Sir Nagora Bogan](#), observes, this might require the creation of 500,000 small businesses.

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Wednesday 23 April, 2014

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This is to allow linesmen to do maintenance work at the Ramu 1 switch yard and Singing creek area to isolate section of line and transmission line tower at Kassam Pass that was hit by a truck carting container two weeks ago.

The outage will be daily between from 8am – 6pm which will affect power supplies to Ramu Sugar, Kainantu Gold, Walium station, Madang town, Lae, Nadzab, Mutzing station and Leron Ridge. Load shedding in Lae and Madang will be carried out if there is any unexpected shortfall in the generation capacity. Customers are advised to check the daily newspapers for load shedding schedules for 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

Electricity customers with standby generators are asked to use them during this emergency outage. PNG Power sincerely apologises for any inconvenience caused.

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## Six slots for Pacific F&B exporters at top Paris show

Expressions of interest from Pacific Island food and beverage exporters to participate in the Salon International de l'Alimentation (SIAL) Paris 2014 are now being invited. Exhibition space at this global trade show will be made available for 6 Pacific Island exporters to showcase their products. This year's event is being held 19-23 October.

SIAL Paris is a two-yearly food exhibition, held in alternation with the Allgemeine Nahrungs- und Genussmittel-Ausstellung (Anuga - Cologne, Germany). In combination, these two events constitute the world's largest and most important commercial food and drink trade show platform.

These events are so widely attended and representative that they complement each other and European food and beverage businesses need only attend one trade show a year to source or reach the vast majority of the relevant trade contacts in Europe (and beyond).

With over 6500 exhibitors, SIAL Paris attracts over 150,000 food and drink professionals over the four exhibition days. Only trade visitors are permitted and participation offers Pacific Island exporters direct access to the decision makers in the import & distribution; retail; and foodservice and hospitality sectors. Data capture indicates that 83 per cent of visitors play a role in purchasing decisions and 30 per cent are prepared to order on the spot.

Facilitating the participation of Pacific Island exporters in the food and beverage sector is an initiative of the Geneva office of **Pacific Islands Trade & Invest (PT&I)** and made possible with financial support from the European Union funded PITAP (Pacific Integration Technical Assistance Project).

Robyn Ekstrom, Trade Promotion Adviser - EU / UK said, "I am looking forward to working with our exporters on the PT&I Pacific Booth, particularly as this is the "inaugural" event. I'm confident that the opportunity to present and promote Pacific Islands businesses and products directly to the decision makers and buyers in Europe will lead not only increased export sales but also boost the profile of Pacific Island business across Europe."

Applications close on May 2, 2014. Copy link below to download application form

<http://www.pacifictradeinvest.com/wp/?p=5935>

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## ICC NEWS ALERT



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The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) presented the ICC Framework for Responsible Marketing Communications of Alcohol to self-regulatory organizations (SROs) at the annual meeting of the International Council on Advertising Self-Regulation (ICAS) in Amsterdam this month.

ICAS is a body facilitated by the European Advertising Standards Alliance (EASA) to provide a forum for information exchange, best practice discussions and communication among nine advertising SROs beyond the 27 in EASA's European membership. This year's meeting was hosted by the Dutch SRO Stichting Reclame Code.

The presentation by ICC Senior Policy Executive for the Commission on Marketing and Advertising, Elizabeth Thomas-Raynaud, together with Brett Bivans, Senior Vice President of the International Center of Alcohol Policies, sought to provide SROs with a better understanding of how the Framework can be implemented on a local level.

The talk outlined the impetus for the development of the framework, and explained what the Framework covers with relevant examples on how it could be used to update or develop local rules for responsible alcohol marketing.

"The framework helps interpret and apply the principles to offer more specific guidance on issues such as health and safety, social responsibility and truthfulness in the context of alcohol marketing communications," said Ms Thomas-Raynaud. "We consider SRO needs and input closely in developing these tools. We trust this framework will help strengthen local codes and in turn the effectiveness of regulation in this area."

The Framework was welcomed as a positive development by the SROs represented, including El Salvador, Australia, Canada, Mexico, and Colombia as well as those from Europe. Several participants advised ICC of their intention to use the framework to update or develop their codes.

Mr Bivans added: "We are confident that this framework will bolster existing self-regulatory efforts to help industry meet the global commitments of the major alcohol beverage companies. Effective implementation by national level self-regulatory bodies is a critical factor in achieving that goal so we're keen to take every opportunity to present and explain the ICC framework."

The Framework was launched in March and has since been distributed by the ICC network of national committees and communicated by ICC marketing and advertising commission members and partner associations.

In addition to the ICAS presentation, the framework was presented to global advertisers at the World Federation of Advertising annual meeting in Australia in March. A Spanish version of the Framework will be launched in May in Mexico and ICC will conduct a seminar on the framework for the members of CONARED, the Latin American alliance of self-regulatory organizations, when they meet on 14-16 May.

ICC has been a major rules-setter in international advertising self-regulation since 1937, when the ICC Commission on Marketing and Advertising issued the first code on advertising. Today, ICC principles serve as the gold standard for most national and sector self-regulation.

Download the [ICC Framework for Responsible Marketing Communications of Alcohol](#)



## UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CANCER RELIEF SOCIETY







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### Update on the activities of the PNG Cancer Relief Society.

#### Thanks

Thank you to all who have supported the PNGCRS over the last three years. The number of companies and individuals that have supported the cause are too numerous to mention but its pleasing to see the efforts and generosity of all to such a worthy cause.

We would, however, like to thank Jacob Luke from Mapai Transport, Oil Search and members of the Golf and Yacht Clubs for their significant contributions.

The Women Doctors Association, who made a significant contribution to the new ward, Spectra Industrial who donated the first prize of a generator to our raffle and Designer Printing who have also made significant contributions.

Thanks also to NKW Holdings for their generous pricing on the kit buildings and the efforts of Phil Hommelhoff of Metier Contractors who has worked with Dr. Niblett in constructing the new cancer ward, office and nutrition kitchen and also donated the services of his company on other projects including the Brachytherapy room.

Thanks to Soo Traders Limited who made a substantial contribution to the nutrition kitchen.

Finally we would like to say thanks to Doctor John Niblett and his wife Andrea, because without their input and specialist knowledge, the money raised and efforts of the Society would be in vain.

#### Achievements over the last 3 years

1. Canvassed the Health Department regarding the purchase of a CT Scanner- resulting in the Department acquiring for Hospital general use a Siemens CT scanner with treatment planning facilities which can be used as a back-up for the CT scanner gifted from the Austin Hospital in Melbourne- referred to in point 2. Unfortunately the Siemens Scanner has not yet been installed by the Hospital because there is no building to house it.
2. Doctor Niblett has obtained a gift of a new CT scanner from a Melbourne Hospital due to a wealthy patient buying a new machine for that Hospital. The Cancer Relief Society is organizing a building for this machine. (see objectives below) The scanner is a modern General Electric –GERT Planning CT Scanner- which can identify cancers and assist in determining treatment requirements. This will be placed at the back of the Radio Therapy Department for primary use by the Cancer Centre.
3. Dr. Niblett has obtained the Health Department's agreement to undertake any future maintenance requirements on the GE Machine.
4. Completion of a twenty bed ward with two toilet blocks , two kitchens, two nursing stations at a cost of K460,000( beds yet to be installed and a covered sitting area- Haus Wind is under construction). This ward will be principally for those patients receiving day treatments that come from other parts of the country and don't have accommodation. It can also be used as a spill over ward and part may be used as a children's ward pending the construction of a new Children's ward. (See future projects below)
5. Completion of a Cancer Relief Society office at a cost of K35,000 ( Still to be fitted out) It is the intent to employ a person full time to assist with fund raising activities and cancer awareness activities.
6. Installation of a 2000 gallon water tank (donated by Superservice Hardware)
7. Completion of a Nutrition kitchen at a cost of K38000. (being fitted out) Decent nutrition- such as liquidized food is essential for patients with mouth and throat disorders and generally for patients who lose their appetite because of cancer treatments.
8. Purchased Fibre Scopes for K20,000 for the identification and treatment of throat cancers.
9. Developed a Brachytherapy treatment room, which has involved building modifications, air-conditioning supporting water tank and facilities.

10. Acquired with the support of the Gaming Board a brachytherapy machine for the treatment of cervical cancer costing K140, 000. This is now installed. Cervical cancer is one of the major killers in PNG.
11. Purchased radio active sources for the Brachytherapy machine at a cost of K72,000.
12. Purchased speech therapy equipment for K5,500 for people who have lost speech as a consequence of throat cancer surgery.
13. Replaced and repaired televisions for the Cancer Ward. (Donation by Tolec)
14. Attended a cancer workshop in Port Moresby with representatives from the Government and Health Department to involve the PNG Cancer Relief Society in the development of a blue print for the development of cancer treatment services.
15. Doctor Niblett has made contact with the Faculty of Radiation Oncology of the Royal Australia and New Zealand College of Radiation Oncology who put together a very experienced and capable team who visited Port Moresby and Lae in June 2013 to look at ways in which they can assist the improvement and sustainability of cancer treatment in PNG. They wrote a very detailed report on the future of Cancer Treatment in PNG which was submitted to the Health Department and the Government.
16. Erection of a steel fence around the existing linear accelerator. ( Fabrication and erection of fence donated by Albion Engineering)
17. Spent approximately K10,000 on equipment for the treatment of malignant pleural effusions- which in simple words deposits talcum powder around the lungs to assist in displacing dangerous fluid build ups in cancer patients.
18. Spent K600 on an oesophageal stent (insertion of a tube opening the passageway to the stomach) which enabled one patient to continue living by enabling that person to swallow food and liquids. The person has gained weight and is now receiving chemo-therapy and radiation treatment. The stents were inserted in the Chimbu Hospital by Doctor Jaworski, a Catholic volunteer, who is skilled in this procedure. The Health Department does not supply these stents and normally the patients have to buy their own.
19. Purchase of an ultrasound for K13,000.

#### **The Cancer Ward, Office and Nutrition kitchen**

Readers will be aware that the Government with substantial assistance from the Australian Government is planning the construction of a new ANGAU hospital. With this in mind the Cancer Relief Society has purposely constructed the three new buildings from containerized steel units which can be subsequently sold if they are outdated by the new development. As far as we can see the buildings will not be redundant for at least three years and probably longer. The buildings are owned by the Cancer Relief Society and can be dismantled, moved or sold at a later date and used or the proceeds used in other ways to promote cancer awareness and assist cancer treatment in PNG.

#### **Future Projects**

1. Construction of a Children's Ward to be funded by the family of Mr. Tom Doonan a New Zealand man with business interests in PNG. It is also the intention to provide a full time carer to assist the Children. Tom is hoping to get assistance from the International Children's organisations. The Cancer Relief Society supported a Children's cancer ward 6B in the seventies and eighties, but this faded away with the lack of radiation oncologists. The existing ward is no longer usable.
2. Apply to the Health Department for construction of, or build a room for the GE CT scanner or assist in the construction of a block building if necessary.
3. Assist with the collection of blood to boost supplies available for anemic patients undergoing cancer treatment.
4. Construction of additional toilet facilities.
5. Building of a new concrete bunker to house a second linear accelerator which will double the number of cancer patients that can be treated. ( Concrete to be donated by Boinamo Enterprises)

#### **Conclusion**

The Society continues to make significant progress in saving and enhancing the lives of cancer patients. We once again acknowledge all our supporters who have helped the Society to make a difference to the lives of cancer sufferers and we look forward to your ongoing support.

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