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K7 Million to boost cocoa industry in Bougainville

A new K7 million a year support package would help Bougainville cocoa farmers boost output, improve quality and gain better market access. The Commodity Support Facility (CSF), launched in Boca on March 17 is a joint economic development initiative of the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) and the Governments of PNG, Australia and New Zealand.

The CSF offers grants and targeted assistance to cocoa farmers, dryers, fermenters and traders from across the autonomous region. The whole-of-industry support package would improve access to cocoa pod borer tolerant planting materials, and establish new farmer field schools to help smallholders lift production. Measures would include financial

literacy and business management training, and a competition to design improved cocoa dryers and fermentaries.

The CSF would, in the future, expand to support other primary industries that ABG prioritises, such as coconut or marine resources. ABG Minister for Primary Industries Nicholas Darku said the CSF would help Bougainville's cocoa industry recover from the impact of the cocoa pod borer. "We have two ingredients on Bougainville. One is fertile soil and the other is hard working people.

"With this support, I know the industry will come back. We would increase our production and ensure Bougainville cements its reputation for producing fine flavour cocoa." National Coordination Office for

Bougainville Affairs acting Director John Avira said cocoa was an important cash crop for Bougainville.

"Alongside the CSF support, it is equally critical to have the access roads to bring the product to the market by the farmers," Avira said. "Partnership with other funding sources such as National members DSIP and PSIP could be explored to build roads to ensure the farmers are provided access to market."

Australian High Commission Minister Counsellor, Rod Hilton, said the CSF would work with private sector partners to ensure assistance was well targeted.

"We want to ensure that support goes to projects that strengthen Bougainville's cocoa industry, and contribute to sustainable improvements in production

and quality in all regions of Bougainville," he said.

"That means working with big business, small business and communities, targeting innovators and entrepreneurs. But we also want to see positive impacts for disadvantaged groups, particularly women and young people."

New Zealand High Commission Counsellor Development, Kathleen Pearce, said the CSF would help Bougainvilleans earn more income and provide revenue for the ABG.

"Cocoa is Bougainville's most important cash crop, involving about two thirds of Bougainville families," Pearce said. "Strengthening this industry will provide widespread benefits for the whole of the ABG, bringing in more money and providing much-needed employment opportunities."

A recent study of Bougainville's cocoa industry found farmers could comfortably triple their production by using the right planting materials and improving their management practices.

"I think they can go from about 200-500kg per hectare, to an average of 1500kg per hectare," Agribusiness consultant David Anderson said. "But the genetic potential of the clones that are being provided to farmers is even higher; up to 2000kg or even 3000kg a hectare."

Prior to the Bougainville Crisis, the now-autonomous region exported about 30,000 tonnes of cocoa.

Production had recovered to about 26,000 tonnes by 2009, when the cocoa pod borer hit the industry driving production down to about 13,000 tonnes today.



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Editor's Desk

Hello Readers,

Welcome to the eight edition of the Bougainville Bulletin and the first production for 2016.

This Tabloid newspaper is Bougainville's very own paper. Therefore, this newspaper aspires to embrace the dreams and aspirations of the people of Bougainville as reflected in the stories carried inside these pages. We capture achievements of ordinary people working hard to improve their livelihood and develop their communities, with political support from their leaders. This is seen in the growth and development of cocoa farming in South Bougainville and the successful healthy community concept being implemented in the same district too.

We also bring you stories and information of what your government- the Autonomous Bougainville Government is doing in bringing services closer to people. This is evident in the opening of several government buildings in the Panguna area. These stories also tell of the partnerships between donor agencies, civil society and the political leadership to bring restoration and development in Bougainville.

There are also the regular features from government departments on what they are doing to implement the Bougainville Peace Agreement. The stories contained in this edition are an indication of the small but sure steps that Bougainville is taking as it prepares to chart its own political destiny through the upcoming Referendum.

Bougainville is drawing closer to vote on the Referendum and the need for more clear awareness messages to its citizens is important so people can make informed choices. The Bureau of Media and Communication initiated an Audience Research Survey and engaged the University of Goroka to conduct it. The findings have revealed the information needs throughout the regions. Therefore moves are now in motion to set up a Bougainville Communication Strategy to address these information gaps. Read more about this in the inside pages.

God Bless Bougainville.

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Lera takes on B'ville Affairs ministry

Regional Member, Joe Lera, has been appointed the new Minister for Bougainville Affairs.

He fills the position that his predecessor, Steven Kama left vacant when he died recently.

In making the announcement, Prime Minister Peter O'Neill said

Lera had intimate issues relating to Bougainville.

"I'm very certain that he brings with him a lot of experience and the background needed to contribute to meet the challenging issues that are before us in Bougainville."

O'Neill said.

Lera said his new role will be challenging.

"The ministry is very difficult and complex. But because of my experiences and expertise, I know the issues and the challenges and try my best to do my very best I can in this ministry in line with the government policies."

- Source Post Courier

Major recruitment drive for the public service

A major recruitment drive is underway to recruit suitable persons to fill key positions in the Bougainville Public Service.

Port Moresby based recruitment company, airswift, has been engaged to carry out this task.

The first lot of advertisements were published in the media to fill vacancies in key senior positions.

These include the Electoral Commissioner/Boundaries Commissioner; Chief Secretary and Head of the Bougainville Public Service; seven departmental heads and the clerk of Parliament.

The vacancies for departmental heads are the Secretary for Treasury and Finance; Secretary for Education; Secretary for Lands, Physical Planning, environment and Conservation; Secretary for Community Government;

Secretary for Mining and Energy Resources, Secretary for Economic Development and Secretary for the Referendum, Veteran Affairs, and Peace.

Acting Chief Secretary, Paul Kebori, said the Autonomous Bougainville Government would like to see a transparent recruitment process and would not entertain any "wantok system".

"It is important that we build a good and effective public service mechanism in Bougainville so it can perform at the highest level possible and people can access the much-needed services," Mr Kebori said.

"Bougainville needs good leadership to hold these

important positions in the Bougainville Administration."

Mr Kebori said an independent HR company was facilitating the recruitment process and recommendations would be given to the Senior Appointments Committee to make the final decisions.

He said other positions would be advertised soon after the department heads' positions were finalised.

This recruitment drive is in line with a major restructure that the Department of Personnel Management is putting in place for all departments in the Bougainville administration. The restructure would be effective once the Chief Secretary approves it.

Makis to get K2m health facility

Regional Member, Joe Lera, provided the funding for the Health Centre from his development grant. The centre would include a clinic and staff houses for medical officers.

A ground breaking ceremony was held in February this year and a contractor has been engaged to start work on the buildings.

Speaking at the occasion, the member for Makis Constituency, John Vianney Kepas, said he was delighted that the regional member and the ABG were backing him to deliver much needed basic services to his people.

"We have suffered the cost of travelling long distances to Buin town for medical reasons long enough," Kepas said.

"Now we will have the benefit of these services here in our backyard.

"I urge all of you to work with me, restore vital services like roads, schools and medical facilities in our constituency. With that I also ask that you look after these things so that our mothers and children can benefit from them," he said.

Present to witness the event was the ABG Minister for Community Government, Jacob Tooke, the ABG Minister for Primary Industries, Nick Daaku, COE members and other guests.

This is the second major project for the Makis Constituency that the current member has initiated.

Other priority areas would include upgrading of school facilities and peace and reconciliation ceremonies.

Chocolate festival to boost economy

Festival dates : July 4 - 8 2016 | Venues: Buin and Arawa

Bougainville's cocoa industry is expected to receive a huge boost with the announcement of an upcoming Inaugural Bougainville Chocolate Festival in July.

ABG Minister for Primary Industries Nicholas Darku, made the announcement recently.

The event which is a first of its kind in the autonomous region would be held in Buin and Arawa from the 4-8 of July this year.

Minister Darku said this project aimed to encourage good cocoa farming practices, while at the same

time, raise awareness of the efforts put in by the ABG and its stakeholders to develop the cocoa industry. It would also give Bougainville the chance to showcase its cocoa farmers to the international chocolate community and create opportunities to build better market links.

"The cocoa industry represents the economic sector with the greatest immediate growth potential in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. It can, and will into the near future, provide for sustainable rural employment, generation of government revenue and

contribute to household incomes and improved livelihoods", he said.

One of the highlights of this event would be the Chocolate competition which involves international judges to taste and provide feedback on chocolate made from Bougainville Cocoa.

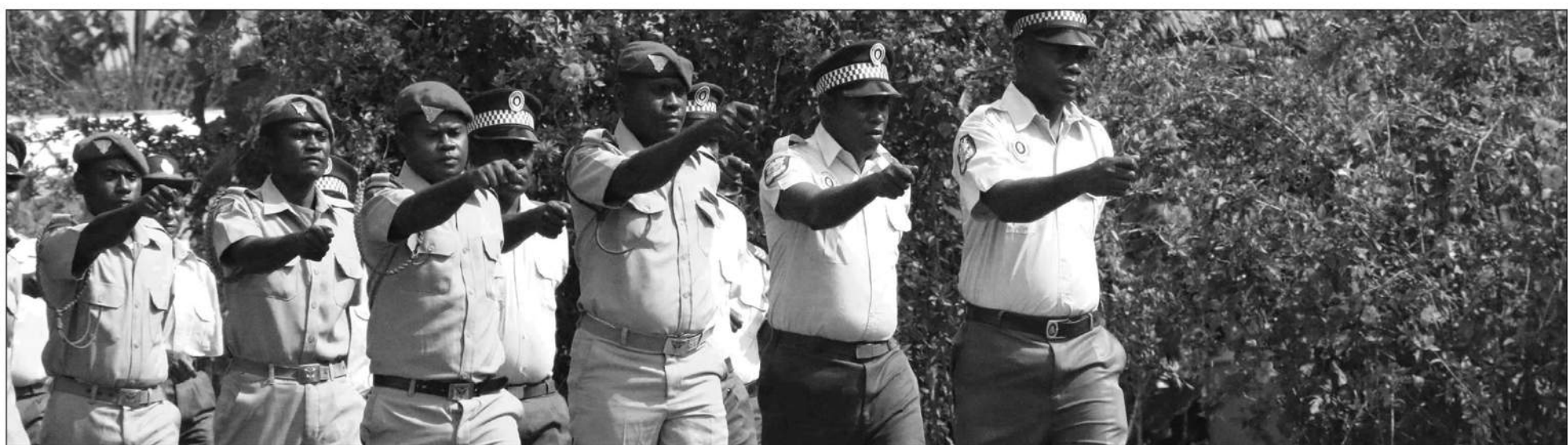
"Growers from across Bougainville- 20 from each region, North, Central and South would be invited to submit 20 kilograms of dried cocoa beans, and each sample will be made into chocolate by Paradise Foods. Chocolate samples would then be distributed to

the judges well in advance of the festival to enable a thorough appraisal and judging," Minister Darku explained. There would also be agricultural showcases, business stall displays and entertainment during the three day festival. The opening of the Primary Industries Field Station in Buin would also coincide with this event.

This festival is an initiative of the Autonomous Bougainville Government, led by the Department of Primary Industries in partnership with the Australian government.

Public Service performances under spotlight

The acting Chief Secretary has said that public servants are under oath to serve Bougainvilleans.



Mr Paul Kebori also said that it was important for public servants to abide by the set rules and guiding principles.

He made the remarks during a regular radio program that is produced by the ABG Bureau of Media and Communications and aired on NBC radio Bougainville.

The acting Chief Secretary also highlighted other issues the that ABG administration faced.

"There are a lot of public servants holding key positions that do not turn up or turn up late for work," Kebori said. "Some have resorted to conducting personal business during normal public service working hours."

Mr Kebori said that it was important that all departmental heads start doing audits of attendance and performance so

that absenteeism and productivity could be addressed.

"That includes our district officers too. There is a lot of non-performance in the districts where district officers are supposed to look after government offices and deliver much needed basic services to the people. However, in most instances, they do not turn up for work," Mr Kebori said.

"I appeal to all public servants that when you are employed as public servants, you must make sure that you perform your duties as per your duty statement.

"Remember that at the end of the day, the public service is expected to deliver to the people. It is also very important that we get paid for those hours we work for. If you have done nothing and yet are paid, then we are stealing from the taxpayers'

money. You are stealing from the people," Kebori stressed.

"I'm calling on all departmental heads to start tightening the strings on their officers so that we start to deliver what is expected from us.

"I believe that there are a small number of officers that derail the Public Service over non-compliance and, absenteeism and non-performance," Kebori said.

Mr Kebori said the Department of Personnel Management had outlined the disciplinary processes during the Senior Management Committee meetings and that all department heads should be aware of them.

He further stated that the department would start deducting salaries due to absenteeism.

"If we tolerate non-performance and

absenteeism, we encourage complacency and the result is dysfunctional and deteriorating public service machinery," Kebori said.

"Therefore it is important that we set good standards that promote good governance and accountability in all areas of our work, Kebori said.

The new structures of the ABG departments are in the process of being approved and recruitments would start soon. The national department of Personnel Management and ABG department of personnel management and advisors had completed the job evaluations.

The evaluations outline that type of job and the position grading from the chief secretary and down to officers' positions. This is important as the restructure progresses towards approval of the departmental

structures in the ABG.

The department of personnel management would come up with a submission that would be reviewed by the office of the chief secretary and then the Bougainville Executive Council (BEC). The BEC would then endorse the new structure with its positions and costing. Then the key positions should be advertised soon after.

Key positions are those that have been identified by respective departmental heads as vital to achieving its objectives. Other positions should be advertised after the recruitment of key positions.

For more updates on the ABG public service produced by the Bureau of Media and Communications then you can tune in to National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) radio on Monday evenings.

Bryson: Support women in COEs



Leaders of Ioro 2 have been challenged to support their women and allocate an office space within the new Community Government office for women affairs.

Tim Bryson, Counsellor

for Bougainville under the Australian High Commission made this challenge whilst opening the new office facility in March this year. He added that women in Bougainville have always been supportive of their leaders and communities and such actions was a sign of respect for the womenfolk.

"Women in Bougainville are the back bones of your communities and they work with you, supporting you and so giving them an

office space within the new building not only gives them a chance to work for themselves but shows a sign of respect," he said.

He added that all over the world, countries who give equal power and rights to women have seen their economy grow stronger and the same could be for Bougainville if the women were given an equal opportunity.

"The number one thing to do if you want change is to give equal rights and power to the women," Mr Bryson said.

Meanwhile Agnes Vaii, Ioro Women's representative who was at the launching also acknowledged the Australian Government and donor partners for their funding support and appealed to the leaders to support the work of the women in their communities.

"We volunteer and work to support our leaders without pay and we appeal for your support," she said.

Ms Vaii also stressed that the supporting grant of K500 for ten village assemblies was not enough

and appealed to the leaders to support the women as women had also supported the leaders to maintain peace and order especially on the peace process.

"I also call on all of us today, especially the young people to look after these properties as what we plant today will be harvested tomorrow," said said.

The new facility was built after much consultation between the Panguna District Administration and the COE office to work together to serve the people of Panguna.

Monoitu women get centre

The resource centre was counter - funded by the Strongim Pipol Strongim Nation (SPSN) programme and the South Bougainville Member for Women Isabel Peta.

The Catholic women's association in Monoitu also supported the project. The centre comprises of a conference room, office complex, a book shop, a kai-bar with its own kitchen and dining room. It also has a five-bedroom self-contained guest house upstairs for visitors travelling for work or leisure into Siwai.

The member's executive officer, Steven Anugu, said that the centre would enable women to learn new skills to improve their livelihood through projects they take part in, and take responsibility in development activities in their communities.

"The Monoitu Catholic womens group would not only benefit from this initiative but also become meaningful participants of development in partnership with the Autonomous Bougainville Government," Mr

Anugu said.

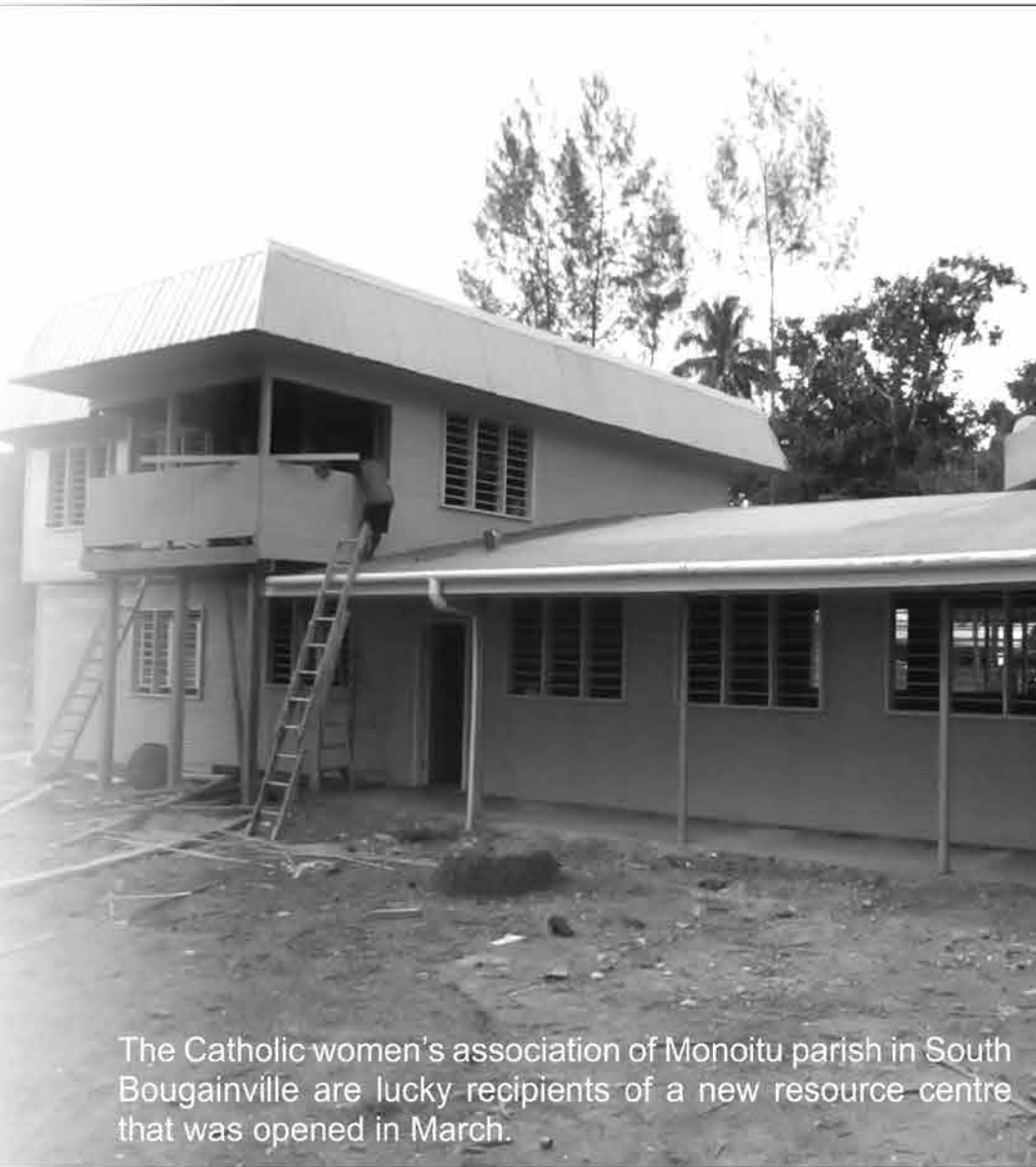
"We do not want to promote the idea of women being house wives, Mr Anugu said. "Our focus is to have programs or short courses year round so that women within the district can take part on need basis.

"For example, they will run trainings on sewing and tailoring or fashion and textiles. Participants would take back the skills they learn and teach other women in their communities to sew."

Mr Anugu said the centre would facilitate a lot of programs that women could acquire skills and be active participants of development in the community.

According to Mr. Anugu, the womens group did fundraisings to cater for cost variations during construction. This indicated

This indicated that women were eager to see the centre completed. Finally, thanks to them and the local contractor Korikunu Builders, the centre is expected to kick of training programs for women in April.



The Catholic women's association of Monoitu parish in South Bougainville are lucky recipients of a new resource centre that was opened in March.

Gender equality begins at home: Agnes Titus

Gender equality can be a reality in Bougainville if families are encouraged to nurture it.



A woman leader speaks during the International Women's Day celebrations.

"By celebrating the International Women's Day meant that Bougainville women were one with the women of the world in efforts to bring more women into peace building efforts around the world."

- Agnes Titus

Woman leader, Agnes Titus, said this in an interview with the *Bougainville Bulletin* recently. The *Bougainville Bulletin* also asked Ms

Titus for her views for the future of the region. "I would like to see Bougainville reach its political destination and send out a message of peace through its example."

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International Women's Day is celebrated annually on March 8.

Govt tunes into people

Government research conducted across Bougainville has found widespread confusion about the Bougainville Peace Agreement despite years of awareness activities.

The University of Goroka (UOG), was engaged to conduct communications research on behalf of the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

In recent workshops, UoG presented the views of over 1,000 people interviewed from across Bougainville.

The Director of the government's Bureau of Media and Communications, Robert Aneisia, thanked people for their participation in the survey.

"This research has gone to the community to listen and find out the best ways to share information," Aneisia said.

"The information they need about the upcoming referendum to make an informed decision about the future they think is best for Bougainville."

The research showed there was a lot of confusion about the difference between autonomy, which is what Bougainville has now as an autonomous region of PNG, and full independence.

People also said they were unclear about the link between weapons disposal and the conduct of the referendum. While the BPA says weapons disposal will be considered in setting the date for referendum, a weapons-free referendum is also important in demonstrating the conduct of the referendum is free and fair.

People said they wanted the government to come down to their level, invest in radio and other innovative ways for information

dissemination.

The research recommended a focus on the content of information with clear, simple and consistently repeated messages, using a multi-channel approach. This means conducting talkback radio programs.

The general comment from people was that it was overdue for the government to come down and hear the concerns and level of understanding of people about the important issues facing Bougainville.

Mr Aneisia said the survey showed there was a lot of work to be done to prepare people for the referendum, but also gave many good ideas about how to do things better.

"The lack of good understanding of the Bougainville Peace Agreement is evidence that we cannot rely on using the same old awareness approaches of the past. We must look at presenting information more clearly, more consistently, more often, and use a variety of different ways to get a two-way flow of information happening. This will create greater impact and greater understanding," he said.

"The research tells us what people know about the Bougainville Peace Agreement, where the misunderstandings are, and how best to get correct information to communities - whether they live in the north, south, highlands or islands of Bougainville.

"With this research information, the government has listened to the views of people. We will now be much better at targeting our

information campaign."

The research asked people about their access to radio, mobile phone, TV, newspaper and the internet, their most trusted sources of information, and preferred ways of receiving government news. The research also asked people about their level of understanding of the three pillars of weapons disposal, autonomy and referendum, and other issues.

The Bureau of Media and Communications managed the research conducted by University of Goroka who trained a team of 20 Bougainvilleans to travel to each COE. Over 1,114 people were surveyed, and a further 200 in-depth interviews were conducted.

"The government and our media and communication partners need to do more, and try new approaches to increase people's understanding as it's clear traditional approaches are not working well, Mr Aneisia said.

"As government research, we will be putting the draft findings to the Bougainville Executive Council for their attention and endorsement and then disseminate the results to wider communication providers.

The final report on the research will be presented to the government in May, followed by research teams visiting the communities where the research was conducted with videos based on the research findings.

MPs need grants and wisdom to deliver service

Jimmy Miringtoro, the National Parliament Member for Central stressed this whilst acknowledging the continuous support received from donors and partners at the opening of the new Community Government Office at Ioro 2.

He also acknowledged the chiefs for spearheading a lot of work voluntarily before and after the crisis to maintain peace and order within the Ioro 2 community and for their efforts to bring back Bougainville to what it is today.

"Panguna is a no man's land and has plenty issues but under the leadership of the Executive Manager and the District Administration you have worked hard together with your chiefs

to eventually witness the official opening of this new facility," he said.

Mr Miringtoro thanked the donor partners for their support and called on ABG and all factions within Bougainville to work together to serve the people. "We need to unite and work together to build back Bougainville," he said.

He also stressed that the O'Neill/Dion Government was a government for the people and would continue to provide support and funding to the people of Bougainville.

Mr Miringtoro who had been voted into the National Parliament in 2007 has been supportive of infrastructure development in Central Bougainville.

Meanwhile, Vice President of the Meekamui Faction, Philip Miriori who was present at the ceremony thanked the donor partners and Mr Lera for their support. He, however, challenged the people to work hard to support themselves as well.

"Today we must own the office that will serve us by helping ourselves and not rely on the National MP and donor partners," Mr Miriori said.

He asked where the bottom up planning approach was because the much talked about approach was meant for the community level to take lead and the leaders would follow, however, the opposite was happening where the

people were still calling on the MPs for assistance.

"Australian Government were our Allies who are here to give us the support for projects we need for restoration but we must know that one day Australia will leave us and they will assess whether we are able to stand on our own or continue to seek their support so the onus is on us to work together," Mr Miriori said. He also stressed that Meekamui would work together with the District Administration and the CEO to deliver services.

Counsellor for Bougainville, in the Australian High Commission Tim Bryson acknowledged Mr Miriori for his remarks and explained that Australia

has always come to the aid of Bougainville and will continue to support Bougainville.

"You may ask what is Australia's interest in Bougainville, and there are two reasons: one is self-interest because we want peace and stability in Bougainville as our neighbours and two because we are friends with Bougainvilleans," Mr Bryson explained.

Chiefs present at the ceremony also thanked the donor partners, the ABG and the National Parliament Member for Central for supporting the community with this new facility.

The ceremony ended with the cutting of the ribbon to open the facility.

Govt services come closer to people



IORO 2 Council Of Elders (CoE) has a new permanent community government office to serve the people of Panguna District and other neighbouring Districts.

The Australian Government funded the buildings worth K580,000 as support to the National Member for Central and the Autonomous Bougainville Government so the leaders could serve the people. Speaking during the opening of the buildings in March, Counsellor for Bougainville under the Australian High Commission, Tim Bryson, said that Australia was happy to assist Bougainville and its ABG leaders in such projects.

"Your leaders have no resources but they have leadership, whilst we don't have leadership but we have resources to support you that is why we are supporting your leaders through this project," Mr Bryson stressed.

He said that Australian High Commission was thankful to the Australian taxpayers for such money to support other countries like Papua New Guinea and Bougainville.

He added that Ioro 2

was the first project to be launched and similar facilities would soon be opened in all COEs throughout the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

The Executive Manager for Panguna District, Otto Noruka, described the project as a 'hybrid', meaning that two parties jointly funded the project.

Mr Noruka also thanked the Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the Government Intervention Fund (GIF) for the new facility.

He said this was a pilot project and the Panguna District Administration also planned to conduct a capacity building training for the Village Assemblies (Vas) through either a multi-sectoral approach or sector by sector.

Mr Noruka said they followed a stringent process to follow before the funding was secured for the project.

Meanwhile, Project Officer for the

Department of Community Government. Mr Sionni Nesh, added that project was an initiative of the Department of Community Government through the Panguna Program to build infrastructure for community governments.

"It is a priority for the Department of Community Government to set up such office facilities and DFAT has extended this program to all the Community Governments throughout the region," Mr Nash said.

Mr Nash added that a generator, computer set and furniture would be brought over from the department office in Buka.

A similar facility was opened in Ioro 1. Representatives from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Governance Implementation Fund (GIF), ABG and the people of Ioro 1 witnessed the occasion. National Member for Central Jimmy Miringtoro was also present at the ceremony.

South B'ville adopts healthy living concept

Some would say that the healthy community concept began after the crisis, that is for those that fled their villages and had to restart their lives in new locations or wanted to make fresh start in their villages.

For those that joined the concept recently it has taken a new twist with the integration of community developmental initiatives. This is what the Rupumo villagers in Siwai, South Bougainville had been doing for the past four years.

A healthy community is not only about health and hygiene. It is about engaging in community development activities and ensuring that all members of the community have enough to sustain themselves.

It is about a healthy community that does not promote individualism but cares for all of its members. It is an integrated concept that takes into account an individual's health and livelihood whilst taking into account the community health, hygiene and development initiatives as a whole.

"A community that ensures that traditional beliefs are followed whilst taking into account the introduced concept of a healthy community." These were the sentiments that Steven Anugu shared.

Mr Anugu is the Executive officer for the Member Representing Women of South Bougainville.

Mr Anugu said this concept caught the attention of the New Zealand leprosy Mission who gave funding support to drive the concept in its initial stages. The department of health then took over through its disease control programme.

"The programme then established its office in Arawa. In the southern region, it was piloted by the Nagovis and called the Poramato then. It was later abandoned as people began to move back to their villages.

Recently the project was reintroduced in South Bougainville. In 2015, the women's member for South Bougainville Isabel Peta took on the idea while advocating for the empowerment of women, girls and youth.

The focus for MP Peta is on the economic sector but she believes that there are various areas that can be developed in order to strengthen the economic base.

The idea is to ensure that community members have financial backup to enable them to build good houses, good education, good medical care and be active participants in community development.



Referendum

Lawyer discusses referendum

Bougainvilleans must vote in an election before 2020 to decide on the region's political future.

The political future Bougainville is gearing for is Referendum. It is a big word and many people do not fully understand what it means and its implications.

Constitutional lawyer, Anthony Regan, has started publishing weekly articles in the Post Courier to discuss Referendum.

Mr Regan works with the Australian National University, had lived and worked in Papua New Guinea for 20 years and has been involved in constitutional and legal advisory work for Bougainville since 1981. He was an advisor in the negotiation of the Bougainville Peace Agreement (BPA) and the development on the Bougainville Constitution.

Part One of his articles was published in the Post Courier on March 31 and titled: Bougainville Referendum Explained: The *Bougainville Bulletin* has extracted parts of the article to reprint in this edition.

Mr Regan explained that

referendum must include a choice of separate independence for Bougainville before 2020.

"A referendum is a process for making decisions, mainly about issues of great importance," he said.

"Although referenda (plural for referendum) can help resolve difficult conflicts, they can also carry risks. They can be complex and expensive to run. They can be divisive, in preparation, in conduct and implementing results," Mr Regan said.

He said problems could arise if political leaders give misleading information about referendum.

"Although usually intended to resolve conflict, holding a referendum, can contribute to conflict, especially in a country where there are pre-existing religious, ethnic or other kinds of divisions."

Mr Regan painted different scenarios or situations that could happen if the Bougainville referendum was not handled

or carried out properly.

"So in preparing for the Bougainville Referendum, it will be important to consider both the advantages and disadvantages from other countries experiences."

He said a starting point would be to develop a clear understanding of the Referendum arrangements, as in planning and managing it, so that everything is done properly to ensure arrangements work out smoothly.

Mr Regan said at this stage arrangements for the Referendum are not widely known or understood.

"Perhaps the greatest confusion and uncertainty involves two sets of questions of great importance to continuing peace on Bougainville."

These two questions are: (a) . Whether PNG has the authority to defer the referendum beyond 2020- , depending on whether the requirements of weapons disposal and good governance are met.

(b). whether a vote in favour of independence requires PNG to

implement the outcome. – meaning that would grant Bougainville the immediate right to independence.

Mr Regan said he would answer these questions in later articles.

Mr Regan said there are confusions about the upcoming Bougainville Referendum because people involved in it do not have experience of referenda and the history of the arrangements for the Bougainville Referendum are complex.

"Almost 15 years have elapsed since the BPA was signed, and few people other than some were deeply involved in the negotiations have a clear memory and understanding of it," he said.

Mr Regan said not many people know all the details about different agreements and how they tie into the Referendum.

These pressing questions had prompted Mr Regan to try and explain the issues in his articles that are published in the Post Courier newspaper every Thursday.

BEC passes Mining Regulations

The Bougainville Executive Council has adopted the Bougainville Mining Regulation 2016 in February this year.

In a statement, Mining Minister in the ABG Government, Robin Wilson has said this was an important step in the implementation of the Bougainville Mining Act.

The House of Representatives (HoR) passed the Bougainville Mining Act last year.

"The Regulations provide for a number of matters that are needed to fully implement the Mining Act, such as forms and fees," Minister Wilson said.

This came into effect when it was published in a Bougainville Gazette on 29 February.

The Minister added that at the same meeting, the BEC also discussed the Mining Moratorium.

"The moratorium was first established by the Colonial administration in 1971 at the request of Bougainville leaders, to control the spread of mining beyond Panguna.

"As things stand, our Mining Act preserves the moratorium, in the form of a mining reserve area covering almost all of Bougainville."

The Minister said while



the moratorium remained in place, the Mining Registrar was prevented by the Act from accepting any applications for mining tenements.

He explained that even though the Mining Law came into effect on March 1 this year, the Mining Register would not accept the applications for mining tenements over land subject to the mining reserve area until the mining reserves are lifted.

Mr Wilson said before any reservation could be revoked, the BEC must first seek the advice of the Bougainville Mining Advisory Council.

"The members of the House of Representatives would be given the opportunity to debate the merits of any proposed revocation.

"The government is aware of the sensitivities attached to the question of mining in Bougainville, and we must not rush into lifting

the moratorium without first giving all interested parties and opportunity to consider the pros and cons of doing so," Minister Wilson said.

He said if any one wanting to express their views on this matter should bring their submissions to the Mining Department.

The Minister also advised that anyone interested to lodge applications for tenements must wait til the matter on the moratorium is resolved.

My Bougainville Story

AROB to attend festival in Guam



The Autonomous Region of Bougainville will send a 25 man contingent to the Festival of Pacific Arts (FOPA) in Guam from May 22 to 4 June this year.

The festival themed: *“what we own, what we have, what we share: United Value of the Pacific”* is aimed at combating erosion of cultures in the Pacific. Guam is expected host to 27 countries.

Bougainville has been invited to represent the New Guinea islands and would

join other three regional contingents to form a PNG delegation of traditional performers and artists.

According to the Bougainville Arts and Culture office, the Bougainville contingent would include 20 traditional performers from Tinuput, one visual artist, a weaver and three officials.

The contingent would perform the panpipes, Solomon Dance and the traditional Tsigul (Stamping Tube dance)

the Bougainville Wave dance from Tinuput district which depicts Pacific migration, fishing migration and also correlate other island dances.

The Arts and Culture office has confirmed that preparations are on track and Bougainville has already paid its compulsory fee of K215, 109 to meet necessary international travel documents and birth registration forms.

This is the first festival of

its kind that Bougainville is taking part in.

Tommy Alasia from the Bureau of Media and Communication who is taking part as a fine artist said: “It is a great opportunity for us to mingle with our Pacific brothers and sisters and exchange ideas through the vibrant culture we share.

“It is also an opportunity for exposure too for Bougainville Arts and Culture. We hope to bring back what we glean from

this and impart to our people in Bougainville.”

The FOPA is held every four years since 1972. It brings together artists and cultural practitioners from around the Pacific region for two weeks of festivity.

It is recognized as a major regional cultural event, and is the largest gathering in which Pacific peoples unite to enhance their respect and appreciation of one another.

Kama was a great leader: Momis

Late Steven Pirika Kama has been described as a model for other upcoming Bougainvillean leaders to emulate.

President Chief Dr John Momis made the remarks when he paid tribute to the late Member for South.

“The people of Bougainville have lost one of our great leaders as late Steven Kama was indeed a great leader.

His ability to provide sound leadership was exhibited by his simplicity and humility,” he said.

Chief Dr Momis said that the late Member’s funding of schools, aid posts and health centres, as well roads in South Bougainville were evidence of his commitment to improve lives of Bougainvilleans.

The late Member also wanted to make certain

that money he approved for young people’s project reached the authorities responsible for that particular project, even while on his sick bed.

“As head of our government I am grateful for the contributions made by the late Minister to the South Bougainville Region. This means that my government was able to use our limited funds on other less fortunate

regions of Bougainville,” Chief Dr John Momis said.

He said although ill, Late Kama fought for the rights of Bougainvilleans up until his death. His last duty was to argue with the Prime Minister on critical issues affecting Bougainville at the last Joint Supervisory Board (JSB) he attended.

The President acknowledged that late Kama was a great family man

who looked after his family well and was also a good friend to the Prime Minister.

“Although he may not have been a perfect man yet, I believe that late Steven Pirika Kama has won peace with God, peace that God bestows to his people. May his soul rest in eternal peace with his maker,” said the President Chief Dr Momis.



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Ol wok kamap aninit long Dipatment na Ministry blong Community Gavman na District Affairs



New Community Government Office opened in Panguna District

1 Progress blong ol sapot blong Australian gavman blo bildim ol community government office long bougainville.

Herbert Kimai tok pipol blong Bogenvil i mas hamamas bikos sapot blong Momis- Nisira gavman luksave long impotent wok blong COEs bikos olgeta taim President i save tokaut long impoten wok blong community government long halivim long surukim wok blong long local level long sait blong Referendum, Autonomy na Peace Building.

Kimai tokaut olsem toksave i save go aut oltaim olsem na Australian gavman nau kam long halivim. Australian gavman i luksave long impoten wok blong community gavman

long sait blong developmen blong Bogenvil olsem na starting this year, ba umi lukim sampla developmen olsem bildings; ol komuniti gavman ofis, ples blong miting, sampla facilities, bai wok bai stat long buka na go olsem long mainland. Mr Herbert i tok disla project em wanpla bikpla project we last yia, ol i statim long buka na ol officers blong department na sapot blong GIF facilitators i visitim ol ples long Tonsu, Haku, Halia, Hagogohe na i bin gat planti miting wantem ol manmeri long ples, ol chief na ol i wanvbel long makim, olsem tupela hectares blong giraun. Olsem nau, i gat ol signing blong MOU (agrimen) namel long ol papamama blong giraun na mipla long

sanapim ol community gavman bildings, so em wanpla good nius long ol pipol long Bogenvil.

Gavman em i stat long soim pes nau long pipol. Displa yia mipla hamamas olsem bai i gat disla developmen stat long Buk. GIF o Australian gavman ol i recruitim pinis quantity surveyor na wanpla project manager ol ba kam sindaun long displa departmen na ol bai stat wokim scoping na design blo office. Behain long displa ol ba putim long tender na ol contractors bai apply na kisim wok na stat buildim ol bilding blong community gavman, statim pastaim long buka. Long mainland ba mipla surukim wok go het yet long mun March, ol officers ba stat move i

go long south na central.

Mr Kimai i tok em i askim ol chiefs, ABG members, community gavman lidas long bungim ol staff blong em na toktok long giraun.

Em impotent long umi mekim disla gut na ol pipol i ken wanbel na givim giraun na gavman bai stat long buildim ol opis. Long 2017 sapos wok ino go gut em 2018 umi should gat ol community gavman opis i sanap so that ol narapla tingting gavman igat long developmen long sait blo DPI, education o health kibung iken kamap long dslpa ol community gavman centres. Ol youth, womens, ex-combatants na olgeta gavman sectors i ken kam bung wantem na tokaut long infomesen olsem awareness na ol lidaman tu

i ken kam bung. Ol lidaman i mas givim halivim long dipatment na ministry na tu ol wok man bai kam. em wanpla development we mipla hamamas na tok tenkyu long Australian gavman long sapotim ABG.

2 Revised community government Act na elections blong community gavman bai kamap long displa year.

Mr Herbert Kimai i tok bikos long restructure, ABG nau i gat niupla public service Management and Administration Law wea em i givim luksave long mipla long Bogenvil kamapim public service mipla yet long wei blong mipla we gavman i laikim.

Baubake mas rere long ol Impact Project: Tooke



Dekenai Construction i rere long kirapim rot wok long bogenvil.

Bikpela project wea bai emi karamapim Baubake, Konnou na Lugakei COE eria em project bilong sealing bilong Toimanapu Kangu rot.

Dispela project em i stap long feasibility studies na mobilization.

Narapela project em Konnou Oil Palm project wea ol investor oli laik sanapim headquarters bilong ol long Buin Town.

Minister blong Komuniti gavman na

Memba blong Baubake Jacob Tooke I tok ol pipol imas rere long dispela ol impact projects bikos oli gat ol gutpela benefits bilong ol pipol long taim bilong project na bihain taim tu.

“Tasol yumi mas rere long ol traim tu bai oli kam olsem ol social issues long ol yangpela man na meri bilong yumi long peles. Ol impact projects bai oli karim kam ol niupela man, narakain pasin, mani,

technology, process na ol kain kain wei bilong bung wantaim,” Minista Tooke itok.

“Moa yet, yumi mas rere long stiarim ol pipol, especially ol yangpela bilong yumi long ol social issues wea ol projects isave kamapim, Tooke itok “Ol youth na sios workers na ol lidam-an meri long peles imas mekim wok rere nau long go gut wantaim ol dispela projects.”

Gavman lukluk long kirapim public sevis komisin

Bihainim kamap blong Bogenvil Pablik sevis, Autonomous Bougainville Gavman i wok long go het wantaim ol tingting blong kamapim Bogenvil Public Service Commission. Long nau yet, ol teknikal team i wok yet long displa samting.

Department Sekreteri bilong Justice Mr. Kearneth Nanei ibin tok: “Displa em wanpla impoten samting wea bai kamap. Olsem yumi gat pablik sevis pinis, wok bilong Pablik sevis komisen em long harim hevi blong ol pablik sevent, na painim wei long stretim ol hevi blong ol.

“Narapla samting em long kisim ol pawa na wok blong Teaching Service Commission. ABG nau i wok long kirapim teacher registration authority. Displa em wanpla bodi wea i save wokim wankain wok olsem Teaching Service Commission na igat ol wankain pawa long karim aut wok blong komisen.”

Olsem sekretari

Nanei ibin tok, ol tisa wea edukesen bod i save mekim save long ol na ol i pilim olsem ol ino bin wokim wanpla rong iken go long displa reviewing atoriti insait long tisa registresen atoriti long painim halivim.

Tisa registresin atoriti em bai wanpla bodi bilong lukautim ol tisa employing atoriti blong ol tisa.

Mr. Nanei i tok, “mipla ino laik wokim planti kainkain opis blong gavman long ABG, Mipla ilak traim long usim ol resosis yumi gat pinis long em long wei wea yumi ken kisim ol wankain result.”

Bai gat planti miting na planti awenes long ol displa wok kamap taim yumi rere long go insait long displa niupla senis. “Disla em long givim yupla sans long askim planti kwesten na yumi ken stori moa long ol wok kamap insait long Bogenvil Pablik sevis komisen na tu long tisa regsitresen atoriti.” Nanei i tok.

Buin Taun na Kangu Landowners plan long wok bung wantaim

Long Februari, ol Buin Town Landowners ibin holim wanpela miting long lukluk long bung wantaim na karimaut sampela rot long wok bilong social na economic development wea emi kamap insait long Buin Town.

Memba bilong Baubake Constituency long ABG

House of Representatives, Jacob Tooke emi bin singautim dispela miting bikos ol Landowners oli buruk buruk nabaut na ol wok bilong taraim na bungim ol Landowners (LO) oli no wok long kamap gut long longpela taim stat yet long 1980s.

Sampela ol toktok ibin kamap long miting

ibin karamapim: Hau bai ol LOs mobilise long eco-nomic, social na cultural develop-men?

Ol LOs oli mas sanapim gutpela Association wea ol savemen bilong ol iken wok wantaim long gohetim wok bilong ol LOs.

Ol squatter iwok long passim ol state lease wea gavman emi mas kisim

long gohetim ol wok develop-men oli imas lusim ol dispela lease.

Ol lain LOs husat ibin sindaunim ol man long state lease imas tokim ol lain squatter long muv aut long state lease long March 2016 bikos toksave long ol long lusim state lease emi nap olsem tenpela mun nau Memba Tooke emi bin

mekim toksave tu olsem bai emi halivim long kirapim toktok wantaim ol Kangu Landowners long risos mobilization na mekim ol wok rere long ol impact project wea bai oli kamap long Buin District, moa yet long Baubake Contituency.

Wok kamap long Mama Loa Program

Komuniti gavman viles asembli Act wantaim depatment Justice na Principle Legal Advisor

Long dispela edisen, Secretary bilong dipatmen bilong Justice na Prinsipol ligol advisa Mr Kearney Nanei i toktok long wanpla niupla legislation program wea i wok long kamap nau em bilong Komuniti Gavman na viles asembli (VA) act.

Displa legislative program em i kamap aninit long draw daun bilong ol pawa na function ikam long nesinel gavman. Olsem wok kamap long dispela eria, ABG i karim out ol wok insait long ol dipatmen blong em, ol Kansol of Eldas (COE) na long ol VA tu.

Orait namba wan samting secretary Nanei i toktok long em, em long Komuniti gavman na viles asembli. Displa em i impoten tru ol man

meri bilong komuniti long harim olsem Bogenvil Eksektiv Kansol (BEC) em i givim tok orait bilong em long raitim niupla loa wea em bai senisim Kansols of Eldas (COE) act. Displa niupla loa em bai ol kolim long Komuniti gavman na viles asembli.

Mr Nanei i tok: "Displa loa em bai senisim COE act. Na tu i givim moa toktok na strongim yumi ol manmeri long wok olsem Komuniti gavman na Viles asembli.

"Em i strongim ol manmeri long VA na long komuniti tu long teik pat long wok kamap insait long gavman. Em i tok orait long yumi involve long gavman bilong komuniti na long VA.

"Recruitment bilong team long raitim dispela

loa em I kamap pinis na mipla i bilip olsem em bai kisim sampla mun long raitim displa loa."

Sampla ol tingting insait long displa loa em olsem, i bai gat ol eleksen bilong bilong VA. Bihainim displa mipla i lukluk long kamapim wanpla loa o regulesin long lukluk long wei blong kamapim eleksen bilong komuniti gavman na VA.

Long dispela yia, bai yumi holim eleksen bilong komuniti gavman long ol VA na ol wards. Orait husait man o meri i winim eleksen long ol VA em bai kamap representativ bilong wanwan VA bilong ol.

Bihainim displa, ol representativ bilong VA bai go insait long asembli bilong komuniti gavman. Orait, taim

Komuniti gavman i holim eleksen bilong em yet. Displa eleksen bai kamap namel long ol man meri yumi makim pinis long ol wanwan VA's.

Na ol yet bai elektim siaman na diputi siaman blong Komuniti gavman. "

Mr Nanei i tok displa em bai wanpla interesting samting wea displa loa bai mekim kamap insait long ol komuniti bilong yumi.

Longolurbaneria olsem Arawa, Buin na Buka urban Kansol, ol bai opereit olsem urban kansol yet.

"Ol bai nogat senis tumas. Tasol displa niupla loa bai givim moa pawa, moa funksen na moa responsibility long ol i karim aut wok bilong ol.

Antap long displa, displa loa bai kemapim gender equality wea ol

man na meri bai sanap long eleksen. Em i min olsem, long wanpla VA, bai gat wanpla man na meri bai sanap olsem representativ blong VA.

"Narapla samting em long generatim revenue. Loa bai givim moa strong long Komuniti gavman long kamapim revenue moni. Sampla rot wea Komuniti gavman iken wokim moni em long sait blong Tax, ol fees na lisensing.

"Ol displa samting em bai kamap bihain long team bilong draftim displa Komuniti gavman loa i pinisim wok blong raitim na gavman i pasim olsem loa long paliamen. Bihainim displa yumi ken lukim ol eleksen bilong komuniti gavman long eria or wod bilong yumi," nanei tok.

Road Works a boost for Bougainville

The K11.6 million projects were recently completed with assistance from the Australian Government.

In a ceremony held in March, Bougainviller marked the completion of road project.

Australia's Bougainville roads program, includes the maintenance of around 400km of Bougainville's road network each year. It is delivered through the PNG – Australia Transport Sector Support Program (TSSP).

The Autonomous Bougainville Government Vice President, Patrick Nisira,

Communications Minister Jimmy Miringoro, Australian High Commission Minister Counsellor, Rod Hilton and other important dignitaries were present to witness the occasion.

Vice President Nisira spoke of the value of working closely with Australia, and the impact that a safer, more reliable transport network has on Bougainville.

"It is our responsibility to take ownership of development initiatives for a better Bougainville," Nisira stated "I urge all Bougainvilleans to work

together to develop our island."

"The new road surface will reduce operating costs and travel times in Central Bougainville, acting as a catalyst for development. The road works in Arawa and also down to Kieta Port are good strategic investments for development in Bougainville," Mr Nisira said.

Australian High Commission Minister Counsellor, Rod Hilton said: "Australia is pleased to work in partnership with PNG to support development in Bougainville.

"The road network is vital to progress in the region

and connects communities and businesses, helping to forge stronger links. I'd like to thank the contractors who worked on the project, including Dekenai, Bougainville Earth Works, Kompaini, Ioro Roadworks, Central Bougainville Engineering and Eastrac."

According to a press release from the Australian High Commission Public Diplomacy Team, the resealing of town roads in Arawa complements other works in the area supported by Australia including four other roads in Arawa in 2012 and from Arakawau into Arawa, about 25km in

total.

The project would also result in sealing the road from Arawa to Kieta Port. Local Contractors commenced work on this stretch and is expected to be completed by May/June this year. These road works will complement the road sealing project by the PNG National Government from Rigu Bridge to Toimonapu.

The resealing in Arawa makes the town safer for drivers and pedestrians alike. Smoother roads now connect the market, schools, police barracks, banks, and healthcare facilities.

Komuniti Gavman Eleksen long 2016

Na ol tok klia long wok kamap



Students from Sipuru Primary School in Kongara displaying election posters

Aninit long niupla loa blong Komuniti gavman, ABG Electoral komisen bai karim aut eleksen bilong komuniti gavman long displa ya.

Komuniti Gavman na Ward Assembly Act i givim pawa long Dipatmen bilong Komuniti gavman wantaim Elektoral Komisen long karim aut displa eleksen bilong Komuniti Gavman.

Bihainim laik bilong gavman, em bai namba wan taim wea bai yumi lukim aninit long displa niupla loa ol wok bai kamap.

Sampla wiki go pinis, kansol bilong glasim displa niupla loa ibin lukluk long sampla eria insait long displa loa wea oli liken senisim gen long inapim laik bilong ol manmeri long komuniti. Bihainim displa igat ol manmeri wea i wok long wok hat long draftim displa Komuniti Gavman Act na ol regulesen wea bai iken lukautim displa Act. Olsem Bogenvil Eksekutiv Kansol itok orait pinis long draftim oraitim disla loa wantaim regulesen bilong lukautim act.

Opis Bogenvil Electoral Commission (OBEC) wantaim halivim bilong

Australian Electoral Commission i wok long karim aut displa wok blong scopim ol wok bai kamap long displa eleksen. Bihainim displa, bai yumi ken save long ol part wea wanwan stakeholder o dipatmen iken mekim.

Secrerary bilong dipatmen bilong Komuniti Gavman, Mr Herbert Kimai itok aut olsem Scoping blong wei blong karim aut eleksen long wanwan wot insait long wanwan distrik em i pinis.

“Bogenvil igat moa long 445 wot na 42 Komuniti gavmans. Aninit long 42 komuniti gavman, bai gat tuple manmeri wea bai komuniti i makim olsem lida man o meri bilong ol long sanap long Komuniti gavman eleksen,” Kimai ibin tok.

“Mr Kimai i tok klia olsem ol meri bai resis long wanpla sit bilong ol yet na ol man tu bai resis long wanpla sit, I bai gat moa long 900 elektet lida bai kammap bihainim displa eleksen .

“Dipatmen bilong komuniti gavman i rere nau long ronim dispela eleksen na i weitim tasol wanpela lawyer long stretim gut dispela plan na givim long

legislative drafter na bai putim long regulation na bambaigo bek long Bogenvil Electoral Commision (BEC) na long Parliament.

“Parliament bai apruvim ward assembly Act na komuniti gavman Act long mun bilong June na holim eleksen long mun September na October dis ia. Komuniti gavman i laik mekim Dispela eleksen bai mas simpol na cost effective long usim ol resos olsem kar na ol narapla samting bilong gavman long holim eleksen.

“Dipatmen bilong komuniti gavman i nid long Raitim up komuniti gavman regulesen na finalisim niupla komuniti gavman na ward assembly Act wea emi bin kamaut long COE Act bilong bipo. i bai gat bikipela senis kamap long COE Act long sait bilong ol wokman, ol lidas na ol sistems na proses bilong COE bai transit igo insait long komuniti gavman.”

“Taim eleksen i pinis, dipatmen bilong komuniti gavman bai holim ol indaksen training olsem lidasip training na planti mo bilong halivim ol niupela lidas long

save gut long niupla loan a ol wok blong ol.”

Mr kimai i appeal long ol karent COE lidas na ol siaman long givim bek ol gavman Asset na ol samting blong wok long komuniti gavman opis bipo long gavman i pasim ward assembly na komuniti act long mun June dispel ia.

“Dipatmen bilong komuniti gavman i gat data blong olgeta vilis assembli,” Kimai bi tok “Klostu bai dipatmen i givim updated list bilong komuniti gavman wantem ward assembly long ol distrik na bai ol i publisim na ol pipol i ken go na lukim sapos ol vilis stap insait long wot emi stre. Bihainim displa, ol bai putim list i go long BEC gen na BEC bai glasim na givim tok orait blo em bipo long eleksen ikamap.

Antap long toktok blong eleksen, Mr Kimai itoktok tu long ol wok kamap long community level, wea Australian gavman i halivim long fundim.

“Ol komuniti offices long Yoro 1 na 2, long Torau na Mahari em sampla blong ol halivim wea Australia ibin halivim long em, Kimai itok gen, “mi appeal long ol pipol long

lukautim ol dispela office.”

Australian gavman i sapotim Dipatmen bilong komuniti gavman long sait bilong funding na nau i gat project manager wantem quantity surveyor long office bilong komuniti gavman. displa lain i wok long helpim ABG long designim, scopim, costim aut na givim aut tender long ol buildim ol niupla komuniti gavman offices stat long Buka i go olsem long Sentrol na Saut Bogenvil. Displa em commitment bilong Australian gavman stat nau na igo inap long yia 2018 na 2020.

Mr Kimai i continue long appeal long ol pipol long givim giraun long dipatmen bilong komuniti gavman bilong sanapim ol offices. Em itok, “ i gat team i wokim wok long consultim ol papa graun na chiefs long givim 2pela hekta giraun olsem hap bilong sanapim komuniti gavman opis.

“I gat 13pela districts insait long Bogenvil,” Mr kimai i tok strong olsem, “ ol executive managers mas save olsem i gat public sevis loa i stap pinis. Dipatmen Iisekim EM bilong Torokina na Nissan bikos ol i brukim loa.”

Mr kimai i tok klia Long 5pela districts; Panguna, Nissan, Torokina, Tiniputs na Bana i gat issues istap, ol pipol na lidas bilong ABG isave, Dipatmen bilong komuniti gavman igat plan bilong deal wantem ol dispela districts. Mr kimai i appeal long ol politicians, sapos i gat issues wantem ol Executive managers na ol public servants bilong districts, ol imas kam long dipatmen bilong komuniti gavman wea I responsible, na i gat ol plans long halivim ol districts.

Secretary bilong komuniti gavman bai wok bung wantem ol secretary bilong education, Health, DPI, Community Development, na makesure olsem olgeta public sevens long ol dipatmens husat i stap long ol wanwan districts i mas step up na wok. Umi no inap long wokim wankain pasin olsem bipo.

Wok bilong Kommes

Tok klia long Java Projek

Planti manmeri long panguna eria na long Bogenvil i save tok olsem ABG na ol Saina i statim niupla alluvial mine long Java insait long Panguna District long Central Bogenvil. Long toktok ikam long ekting sekretari bilong diptatmen blong ekonomik developmen Mr. Albert Kinani, ol displa tok win em ino tru. Kinani itok ABG ibin sainim agrimen wantem displa Chinese kampani long mekim samting ol i kolim long aggregate (Karanas), brik na wesana.

“Aggregate o karanas em ol liklik ston wea ol i save silim rot wantem. Na tu em i kamapim wesana blong wokim brick na cement.

Wesana bilong aggregate isave kamapim gutpla moa quality long wesana wea yumi kisim long nambis, Kinani i bin tok.

“Java projeck em mipla laik usim waste blong

Panguna mine bipo long kamapim aggregate. Displa taim em yumi woklo lusim bikpla moni long baim ol aggregate ikam long ol narapla kantri, na tu umi nogat planti diwai long kirapim haus. Olsem na yumi lukluk long mekim ol samting olsem brik na cement long Bogenvil yet.

Mr Kinani itok, “Pastaim long mipla kamapim aggregate bai mipla mas sekim pastem na rausim ol minerals olsem Gol na Silva. Bihain nau yumi ken brukim igo daun long tripla prodakt wea umi laik mekim long en.

“Olsem na mipla imas kisim masin blong rausim gol na ol narapla minerals long ston long halivim mipla long seperetim ol minerals long ston.

Bihain long moratorium na ol narapla samting long mining em i stret, bai mipla wok bung wantaim dipatmen blong mining long kisim laisens na long mek sua olsem mipla kwalifai long kisim laisens. Olsem me bin tok pinis, displa em blong rausim

ol minerlas long ston tasol.

Narapla bikpla wok i kamap gen em long Bogenvil Invesmen Bureau. Bogenvil Inward Invesmen Act itok orait long kirapim displa Bogenvil invesmen bureau.

Wok blong displa bureau em long kisim ol aplikasin blong ol foreign enterprise o ol manmeri or bisnis igat intres long wok insait long Bogenvil na glasim ol. Sapos ol aplikasen em orait wantem loa blong invesmen long Bogenvil orait, o iken tok orait long ol i kam na wok bisnis insait long Bogenvil. Sapos em ino orait ol bai toksave bek long ol foreign enterprise.

“Pastaim long mipla kamapim aggregate bai mipla mas sekim pastem na rausim ol minerals olsem Gol na Silva. Bihain nau yumi ken brukim igo daun long tripla prodakt wea umi laik mekim long en.”

- Albert Kinani

Wok i isi long disla bureau bikos ino gat wokman na ol resosis yet. Bihain long newpla restraksa i kam aut, em bai igat ol wokman long wokim displa full taim.

Narapla bikpla wok bai kamap tu long dsipla yia em long sainim wanpla MoU namel long ABG na Nesinel Fisaris Atoriti.

“Disla MoU em bin delay longpla taim pinis tasol mipla kamapim pinis na waitim nau sapos umi ken kisim NFA long sainim,” Kinani ibin tok.

Long Buka sait, ABG i partner wantaim ol Saina kampani long kamapim Bogenvil Import Export Cooperation. Olsem Kinani ibin tok, “Bihain long kainkain salens na delay me hamamas long tok olsem displa kampani em wok long mekim moni nau.”

“Klostu bai mipla tok orait long ol Bogenvilians long baim shares long displa kampani. Mipla weitim ABG yet long putim sampla mani igo insait long kampani so em tui ken kisim dividen long invesmen blong em.

“Mi bilip olsem long arere blong displa yia, displa kampani bai mekim bikpla impact na iken baim dividen igo long ABG tu,” Kinani i tokaut.

Long 2015 mipla bin stat wok bung wantim Dipatmen Blong Pirmari Industri (DPI) long wanpla ekonomik sekta divolopmen strategi (ESDS). displa strategi em tok long ol kwik win strategi wea ABG i mas lukluk long em. Bihainim displa, mipla bai go hetim ol wok long ol projek aninit long DPI wea ABG iken invest long em na mekim moni kwiktait.

Displa ESDS em tok aut tu long ol eria wea ol ekonomik

luksave blong NAQIA na ol narapla agensi olsem customs, labour na immigresen, mipla mas gat gutpla wok relesensip wantaim ol displa dipatmen long mek sua mipla inapim ol requiremen blong ol long karim aut displa wok.”

Na tu, ol iken sapotim mipla long pusim disla projek long nesenel level.

“Long capacity building blong dipatmen blong ekonomik rikavari, mipla mas wok bung wantem Nesinel departmen blong kommes tu,” Kinani ibin tok “Ol iken halivim mipla tu long lukluk long ol polisi blong invesmen na tu long kamapim environment

long kamapim polisi wea Bogenvil imas implementim long kisim ol invesmen ikam insait.

Kinani bin tok tu olsem, igat sampla ol foreign investment application wea ol ibin kisim long 2015 na ol i woklo glasim wantaim ol invesen

loa blong Bogenvil yet.

Wanpla em blong Bogenvil Ailan grup wea ol ibin baim tenpela plantasin long Bogenvil. Minister blong ekonomik divolopmen Fidelis Semoso na President John Momis i toktok long stretim rot long o liken kam na pilotim sampla plantasin insait long Bogenvil. “Idea bihain long displa em long larim ol wok long wan or tu plantasin, sapos em wok gut orait umi ken larim ol wokim moa plantasin,” Kinani ibin tokaut. Igat wanpla kampani wea igat intres long kirapim Gol refinery long Buka tu. Displa em kampani blong kantri Israel. Ol igat intres long baim na prosesim gol long Bogenvil na expotim igo long ol narapla kantri. Olsem Albert Kinani ibin tok, ol aplikasen blong ol displa kampani em bai bihainim review blong Bougainville Inward Investment Act.

sekta dipatmen iken lukluk na mekim wok long kirapim revenue blong gavman long sotpla taim.

“Mipla mas wok strong moa long ol eria wea yumi ken kisim kaikai blong em hariap,” Kinani i bin tok, “mipla wok long sindaun wantaim DPI na ol narapla dipatmen wea iken karim aut wok long displa strategi na bai yumi ken lukim ol benefit hariap.”

Narapla wok wantaim DPI em long polisi erai olsem komoditi koperesen wea bai lukautim export blong kakao na ol narapla primary prodakt.

Depatmen blong ekonomik recovery wantaim Minister Fidelis Semoso bai stat wok bung wantaim Nesinel Dipatmen blong Kommes long strongim relesensip blong ol displa dipatmen.

Mr Kinani ibin tok tu olsem ABG i wok long wok bung wantaim wanpla Chinese kampani tu long wanpla Chicken Projek.

“Bikoks long displa Chicken projek wea mipla bai nidim

Ol updates blong Dipatmen blong Primari Indastri na Marin Risoses

Wantaim Jinro Boisen – opisa bilong Fisheries Directoret aninit long Dipatmen blong Primari Indastri na Marin Resosis.

“Plant man meri i askim long wanem taim bai gavman i rausim tok tambu long pislama indastri”

Long kamapim gutpla manesmen long pislama long Bogenvil na long pislama treid, National Fisheries Authority aninit long Nesinel Pislama Manesmen plen i mekim wok rere long givim ol pawa na responsibility ikam daun long Otonomes Bogenvil Gavman (ABG), ol COE na ol resos owna.

Aninit long displa niupla manesmen arensmen, bai ol resos owna wantaim komuniti gavman i igo pas long karim aut wok kamap long displa pislama manesmen wok plen. Orait displa samting em i gat tok strong long kirapim Manesmen Advisori komiti long ABG levul na bihain long distrik levul.

Olsem Jinro Boisen ibin tok: “Long mun Januari long displa yia, Bogenvil Eksekutiv Kansol (BEC) ibin tok orait long kamapim displa Manesmen advisori

komiti. Displa komiti em ol i kolim long Bogenvil Pislama manesmen advisori komiti (BBMEC). Na membasing long displa BBMEC em Chief Secretary or husait man em i makim, tripla COE siaman blong nimbi i makim Not, Sentrol na Sauten rigen, Secretary blong DPI na marin resoses husait bai stap olsem siaman blong displa komiti, wokman blong Loa na Jastis dipatmen na ol representativ blong ol expotas.

“Antap long displa, bai gat wanpla meri long makim ol meri, tripla man or meri long makim ol resos owna na wanpla man o meri makim ol non-Government organization (NGO).

“Wok blong BBMEC em long karim aut displa Nesinel Pislama manesmen Plan insait long Otonomes Rigen blong Bogenvil long ol distrik na long ol peles.

“Narapla wok blong BBMEC em long givim gutpla advais long ol manesmen strategi na sapos komuniti i laik kamapim ol loa blong karamapim ol resosis insait long ol eria

blong ol orait, displa komiti iken halivim ol long displa samting.

Em olsamting olsem loa blong karamapim sais blong pislama wea komuniti itok orait long man meri iken kisim na salim. Na tu ol komuniti iken putim taim wea o liken opim ma ket blong pislama.”

Naraplasamting wea komuniti iken lukluk long em aninit long displa loa em Total Allowable Catch (TAC). Displa em toktok long hamas pislama or marin resoses wanpla komuniti iken kisim long wanpla taim.

Mr Boisen itok tu olsem, “Ol komuniti tu imas kamapim ol guideline or manesmen plen long rausim ol pislama wea loa tu igat luksave long em.

“Narapla bikpla wok wea komuniti imas mekim em long reviewim na endosim ol expot lisens na aplikasin’s long rere long tok orait blong Nesinel



Fisaries Authoriti Bot.

“Displa komiti tu bai save givim advais long Nesinel Pislama Manesmen Advisori Komiti em nesinel bodi wea istap antap long Port Mosbi. Ol bai givim advais long ol wok kamap insait long Nesinel Pislama Manesmen olan sapos em kamap gut o nogat. Displa em includim ol wok bilong monitoring, reporting na enforcement.

“Sapos igat nid long givim manesmen advais long ol narapla kostol fisaries resos isatp insait long tri mile radius or long solwara

klostu long ol nambis blong yumi, bai displa komiti iken wokim dsipla wok tu.

Ol wokman blong National Fisheries Authority ibin kam long Bogenvil na karim aut ol trening na wok awenes long wok blong Pislama long Sarere, namba 12. Dei blong displa bun. Em long meksua Bipo long Pislama maket i op, ol man meri imas kisim gutpla infomesin na rere gut.

Ol ibin stap tu long redio tok bek show wea ol man meri ibin gat sans long askim na kisim ol ansa long ol wokman yet.



Above picture : Cocoa nursery

Left picture : Sea weed Farming

Farmers learn cocoa farming skills



Pictured are two farmers with their samples of Cocoa plants

The World Bank funded Public Partnership in Agriculture Program (PPAP) in Buin; South Bougainville, is making impact as farmers learn cocoa farming skills and technical assistance from the program.

Spearheaded by World Vision, a Bougainville based not-for-profit organisation, the programme has assisted and trained 565 registered farmers across Baubake, Makis, Lule and parts of Konnou Constituency.

The program has established its central nursery at Ibirai village. This nursery has the capacity to produce 45,000 clone seedlings. Apart from the central nursery, the

program also established 10 village nurseries with capacities of over 10 000 seedlings and rehabilitated over 40 fermentaries. In its ongoing commitment to development, it also provides farming tools, technical advice and trainings.

According to senior project officer, Silas Naisy, tools and fertilizers are provided to farmers and at the same time training on proper use and applications.

The *Bougainville Bulletin* asked what type of training the program provides to farmers. In response, Mr. Paisy said it provides trainings from nursery to quality cocoa fermenting.

“For example, during trainings, we would use a block or plot as a demo block. This is usually the Village Extension Officer’s block. So if the training were on pruning we would demonstrate the different types of pruning techniques and where and when they are applied,” Mr Paisy explained.

“At the moment we are distributing clone seedlings to our registered farmers. We have over 170, 000 clone seedlings yet to be distributed,” Naisy said.

“The program is picking interest fast and as a result local farmers have also started the rehabilitation of old cocoa blocks introducing newly gleaned

methods of cocoa farming.

“To cater for the interest from other unregistered farmers, we have started the Buin Agriculture Services, an association that will drive trainings and continue to drive the program after our sponsors leave, Paisy said.

He said that was the reason they had trained village extension officers on cocoa management and husbandry methods.

The association has plans to extend into Siwai and Bana district.

The executive officer to the South Bougainville Women’s Member Michael Anugu said the program would move into Siwai and Bana to provide trainings on

block management, quality management and also a bit on money management training.

A local farmer and Ibirai nursery manager, Steven Pais said that previously, local company, Monpi used to hire expatriates to come into Bougainville and train farmers on cocoa management.

“(Nau mipla yet save lo displa ol samting na ino nid lo baim save wantaim mani moa”) “We’ve learnt what we need to know about cocoa farming and we do not need to pay for trainings anymore, Pais said.

Pais said that he has seen an increase in cocoa yield in his blocks and other registered farmers too.

Loa long strongim Restricted na Reserved bisnis



Wanpla Chinese stoa long Buka taun

Insait long tripla rigen long bogenvil, ol manmeri i bin toktok planti long kirap blong ol Saina bisnis long olgeta kona. Bihainim disla ol manmeri iaskim long wanem kain ol bisnis ol bogenvilians yet iken mekim na long wanem o waii ABG i lukautim ol wok bisnis insait long Bogenvil.

Hia nau em toktok blong Sekretari blong Komes Mr. Albert Kinani. Mr Kinani itokaut klia long displa restricted na reserved bisnis ektivitis na long ol narapla impoten samting.

“Mipla i wokim draft loa blong displa bisnis list pinis na mipla nidim moa konsultesen wantaim ol bisnis manmeri insait long Bogenvil bipo long mipla iken fainaliasim,” Kinani ibin tokaut.

“Bihainim displa mipla bai go aut long Buin na

Arawa long toktok moa wantem ol bisnis manmeri na tu long pablik long tingting blong ol long displa reserved na restricted bisnis ektiviti insait long Bogenvil.

“Bihainim displa tu em bai mipla mas putim displa draft igo long cabinet long paliamen na sapos cabinet I approvim, orait em iken kamap loa,” Kinani i tok. “Minister blong Ekonomik divelopmen Fidelis Semoso i putim tokaut long pablik pinis tu olsem nogat man o meri blong narapla kantri iken kisim lisens long opereit insait long displa taim. Displa em involvim tu ol man o meri blong narapla kantri husait i marit ikam insait long Bogenvil tu.”

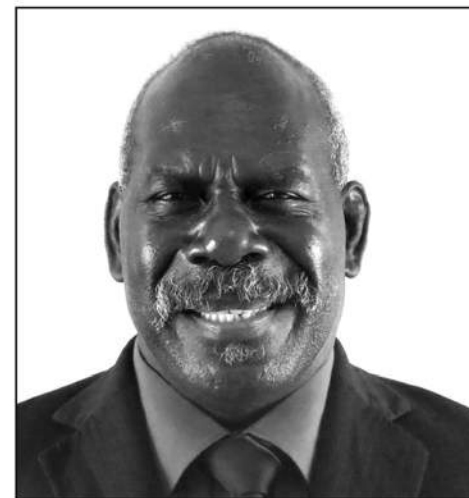
Planti Saina ol i marit long Buka na mekim stoa long planti lokesen insait long taun. Displa niupla loa bai tambuim tu displa

pasin blong gat planti stoa long ol planti lokesen. Insait long loa tu em ol narapla man meri blong Papua New Guinea istap aninit long displa tok tambu tu. Ol rent haus, hire kar, stoa na ol narapla kain bisnis wea ol papua new Guinean i ownim em bai displa loa i mekim save long ol tu.

Displa temporary freeze long laisens blong bisnis long opereit em long givim taim long gavman long glasim gut disla draft regulesin na pasim olsem loa.

Sapos yu laik wok bisnis wantaim ol foreigners o wantaim ol narapla Papua New Guinean, you mas kam lukim ofis blong ekonomik development pastem na ol bai iken halivim yu long wanem kain bisnis you ken mekim insait long Bogenvil.

Dipatmen bilong Komuniti Gavman plenim budget cut



Mr Jacob Tooke

Bikpela wari nau istap long ABG bikos ol moni wea emi save kisim long Nesinel Gavman Budget igo daun na tu moni emi no wok long kamap hariap long ABG.

Olsem na ABG nau emi rere long katim sampela hap bilong budget na lusim sampela moni long ol narapela hap.

Bihainim displa asus, ABG emi lukluk long putim tambu long ol hire car, rental haus, travels igo long narapela hap long kantri na ausait long kantri.

Ol dipatmen tu oli wok long lukluk long ol hap wea oli ken daunim expense olsem pawa, stationery, fuel, communications, utilities na ol narapela samting.

Wankain samting tu imas kamap long Council Of Elders na ol Villis Assembli wea ol i mas save long dispela salens long ABG bikos pen bilong sot bilong moni bai emi kam daun long distrik na level bilong ol COE na VA wantaim. Olsem na sampela ol plan bilong wok kamap bai oli surikim igo bihain taim.

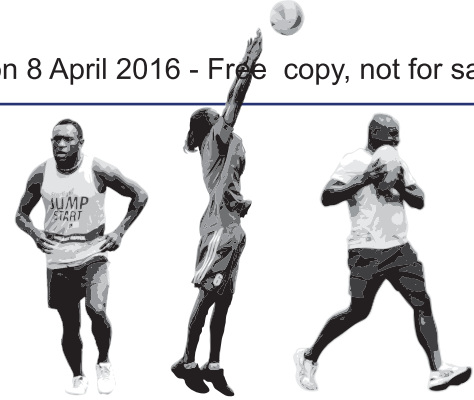
Mipela wok long mekim assessment long surikim Komuniti Gavman Elections long June igo long October 2016.

Mipela ilaik askim ol COE na VA long putim iau tasol long ol toksave wea bai kam long ABG Gavman.

Minister bilong Komuniti Gavman na Member Blong Baubake Constitunecy long Buin South Bougenvil Mr Jacob Tooke ibin tok, “Mipela askim ol manmeri long ples long sanap strong na halivim gavman long lukluk long ol wei bilong mekim gut wok long dispela taim.”

“Ol taim bilong salens emi taim bilong ol lidaman long sanap strong na daunim ol hevi. Nau emi dispela kain taim, na yumi ol lidaman imas rere long mekim dispela wok wea ol pipol bilong yumi imas stap strong wantaim na mekim wokabaut igo long destiny bilong mipela long Bogenvil,” Tooke ibin tok.

Em I tok tu olsem ol lidaman ino ken surik bikos moni mak long budget igo daun. Ol mas sanap strong na mekim wok long gohetim divelopmen bilong ol pipol bilong Bogenvil. Displa kain wokabaut emi mas kamap long pasin bungwantaim, teamwork na respect long wanpela narapela.



Black Orchid Tourney gets bigger and better

PNG teams including one from Australia keen to take part.



In an effort to promote peace, unity and to spread the love of the game, the organisers have decided that 10 years of rugby in Buka is enough. This year's Black orchid Tournament would take place in Arawa, Central Bougainville in June.

With a theme to promote peace and unity the tourney will expose youths to new ideas and techniques and motivate them to be better ambassadors of communities through sport.

"We are keen to revive the sport in other centres and rekindle the spirit so we can bring out untapped talents from our districts," Kelly Havara said.

Havara is the Black Orchid Coach and long-time active member of the games organising committee.

"Because of the crisis, there is so much fear and misconception about Bougainville. Therefore this game brings yet another opportunity for us Bougainvilleans to tell the rest of Papua New Guinea (PNG) and the world that the crisis ended 20 years ago and that we've moved

on!," Havara said.

It could be said that the Black Orchid Rugby 7's team is one of the best in the country. They are defending the title again, in a completion that is run annually.

"This is evidence that our standard of playing rugby has improved a lot. That, however, would not go unchallenged for the defending champions as 24 men's teams and 16 female teams vie for the top posts this season.

According to Mr Havara, the sponsors for this tournament include Pacific Industries (PI) Ltd, the Autonomous Bougainville Government, the National Government and other minor sponsors within the region, in PNG and abroad. At the time of going to print, the total sponsorship

was not disclosed.

"This will be the first of its kind in the country as it will play host to the first ever women's tournament. What's more interesting is that we're expecting the PNG rugby 7's women's champion team, the Spartans to part take in the tournament," Havara said.

While a lot of teams from within PNG have shown interest, Daru and Milne Bay will be sending their first ever teams under the 7's code to Bougainville. There is also interest from Australia.

"There's a Brisbane based team made up of Bougainvilleans living there interested to come up and take part in this tournament. We even have interest from a Solomon Islands team too."

There will be 10 local

teams expected to take part this season.

Havara said the committee was focused on producing quality players and therefore, encouraged teams to start managing their clubs.

"The number of clubs registered under the Bougainville Rugby Union is currently eight. We will not entertain teams that pop up just because there is a tournament for a "one off thing"," Kelly stressed "We would like to encourage teams to start organising themselves as clubs with executives and proper management."

The Black orchid management plans to send two representative sides. That is, the Black Orchids and introducing Black Orchids Rookies who would make their debut

this season. The rookie's team is the result of the Schools Rugby program that has been introduced in schools.

The requirements for this tournament are a K550 registration fee. Travel costs and accommodation to be met by teams. Draw will be put out in mid may. Information on the total prize money and all details will be put out once finalised.

Havara said it was going to be a tough tournament and they are excited to go out there and defend their title.

The *Bougainville Bulletin* asked if he thought the Orchids would retain their title.

"We have been committed to training so let's hope for the right results," was the confident response.

Meanwhile, Lae hammerheads, the Rugby Union National Champions will also be here. They would be another team to look out for.