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## Bougainville goes to polls



Mr George Manu

Polling for the Autonomous Bougainville Government's general elections kicked off on May 11 and ended on May 25. Counting started on May 26. The winners would be declared on June 8. The inauguration of the new elected members of the Autonomous Government would be on June 15.

Acting Electoral Commissioner, George Manu, said that polling throughout the region was conducted peacefully despite complaints from voters that their names were missing from the Electoral Roll. Mr Manu also said that polling was carried out in all regions and special voting centres in Bougainville and Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Mr Manu made the remarks during his daily briefings with the media on the progress of the polling. He said that steps were taken, in line with the law, to redress the issue of missing names on the

final electoral roll. However this is the advice he gave to those who did not find their names on the Common Roll:

- **People who do not find themselves on the Final Electoral Roll at a polling place should go**

**to the Bougainvilleans in Bougainville (BiB) Special Polling Places (Buka, Arawa and Buin) to check whether their names was found on the earlier version of the Final Electoral Roll**

- **If they are found on the earlier version of the Roll, meaning that they were inadvertently left off the Final Electoral Roll, then they will be allowed to vote at the BiB Special Polling Place**

- **Otherwise, according to the laws currently in place, people who are not found on the Final Electoral Roll are not entitled to vote.**

"If you have moved, you may find that on the earlier version of the roll your enrolment might be for the place in which you previously lived," Mr Manu said.

"I understand that people may be frustrated and I ask all Bougainvilleans to respect and follow the advice of the polling

officials," he said.

The last day for voting for Bougainvilleans living outside of Bougainville (BOB) was on May 15.

Mr Manu said he was proud that the Bougainville Electoral Commission and the PNG Electoral Commission had worked closely together to ensure that Bougainvilleans outside of Bougainville could also exercise their rights to vote.

In another incident, the acting Electoral Commissioner condemned in the strongest terms the action of a disgruntled candidate who shut down a polling station temporarily.

"I will not hesitate to use the powers vested in me by the ABG to take legal action against people who behave in such a selfish and irresponsible manner," Mr Manu said.

He said anyone with complaints should use the formal Electoral Dispute Resolution Process to register their complaints.

Meanwhile, a group of international observers had been sent out to different polling sites to observe the elections and to ensure it is free, fair and the best results are achieved.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has been working closely with the Bougainville Electoral

Commission to help ensure smooth preparations for the elections.

UNDP representative Roy Trivedy said it was important that this election was conducted smoothly given the commitment under the Bougainville Peace Agreement to have a Referendum within five years.

Mr Trivedy said his organization would assist by providing coordination of the observer effort, support to establish electoral dispute resolutions, training for candidates, party agents and media support for post-election review.

In reiterating the importance of this year's elections, Electoral Commissioner Mr Manu said it would be this government which would decide on the future of Bougainville.

"I've been asking people to vote good leaders as these are the key people who will negotiate with PNG for the exact date for referendum and the wording of the question."

This government will hold a promised referendum some time during the five-year term on whether Bougainville

stays in PNG or goes independent. And the leaders elected will play an important role in addressing key issues like weapons disposal, good governance and economic and fiscal self-reliance which must be achieved before referendum is achieved," Mr Manu said.







Our voice, Our image, Our place  
**Editor’s Corner**

Hello and welcome to the fifth edition of Bougainville’s very own tabloid newspaper; the Bougainville Bulletin. To date, we have now published four editions so far and successfully distributed more than 80 000 copies throughout the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB) and PNG. It is our dedicated staff who cross rugged terrains, brave open seas and travel long distances just to make sure the news and information reach you, our valued readers. In another breakthrough the distribution of the Bougainville Bulletin has extended into the neighbouring Solomon Islands and continues to make inroads into remote areas. The Bulletin continues to develop and improve in reflecting the key issues affecting the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. To reflect this growth this current edition has been increased to 20-pages from the previous 16 pages. We hope to increase the production from 20,000 to 50,000 copies soon. The Bulletin has also set up a blogger account which readers can access via [bougainvillebulletin.blogspot.com](http://bougainvillebulletin.blogspot.com) The focus right now is on the current ABG elections as we wait to see who will form the third House of Parliament. The year 2015 has been deemed ‘Window of Referendum’ so it is the third House which will play a crucial role to lead Bougainville into determining its future. The elections are very important

that our media team is playing a vital role in conducting awareness to the people. The Radio Ples Lain Team has been actively engaged in community awareness while we still maintain a presence on social media on Facebook page: Radio Ples Lain 98.6 and the Autonomous Bougainville Government page. Apart from the elections, the Bulletin continues to carry its regular features such as the Bougainville Peace Agreement, Autonomy, Referendum and Weapons Disposal Plan to meet the information needs of the community. The premise of the day is to raise awareness on the progress that the ABG is making in line with the Bougainville Peace Agreement as it progresses towards achieving referendum in the near future. We endeavour to engage the community in networking to encourage information flow between the Autonomous Bougainville Government and its people. In this edition, we tried to include more stories in Tok Pisin in an effort to make information more accessible to people. This shift is a direct result of you, readers request for more information in Tok Pisin. We hope you find this edition informative as well as interesting. As usual, we welcome ideas or comments on how we can improve this newspaper. Finally, a big thank you to our contributors. Til then, Happy Reading

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**Ol Askim blong yu**

**Ol askim is a platform provided by the Bougainville Bulletin for readers to ask questions on issues directly affecting development in Bougainville.**

**Bogainville Taim ino wok**

Planti wokman na meri blong ABG i save stap long ol long we ples na kam wok long taun. Antap long displa, igat problem long trenspot igo long wok. Olsem na Bogenvil Taim ino wok gut tumas.

*Clifford Petats*

**Pablik menegmen loa ino strong**

Long ABG, sampla politisen na depatmental hets ol i save kisim ol family memba blong ol yet long ol pablik ofis ol i holim. Sampla ol i usim position blong ol long kisim moni long gavman. Na tu ol hetman/meri blong ol dipatmen imas apointim ol man/meri igat rait qualifikesen o save long wokim wok. Sapos yumi no bihainim Public Management Act, husait bai bihainim?

*Moses Buin*

**High Impact Project update wea?**

Ol high impact project inap wea nau? Inap Project Management Unit (PMU) s i kam aut na toksave long progress blong olgeta displa project? Yumi wait yet

*George*

Sapos you gat wanpla askim wea yu laik mipla i publisim long Bulletin, please salim ikam long adres blong mipla long antap.

You ken kam long ofis blong mipla long Buka Airport na givim tingting blong yu. Ol edita i gat rait long rausim ol toktok i no gutpla.

# Lera commits K1m to school fees

Bougainville Regional Member has committed K1 million from his PSIP funds to assist Bougainville students studying in 78 different universities, colleges and institutions through out Papua New Guinea and an additional 29 to universities abroad this year.

“Education is very vital and an integral part in the development of Bougainville and thus, students are the most important group the need to be assisted,” Mr Lera said.

“Over the years, parents have paid huge costs and to some degree put their children in risky situation in pursuit of better education of higher institutions.

“I am now focused on establishing tertiary institutions and colleges so that parents don’t have to pay excessive costs to educate their children and most importantly.

“We will build a population of well educated elites having its own human resource to develop this region, he said.

More than 1000 applications have reached the MP’s office and an acceptance list has been finalized for payments to be processed.



**BEL KOL**  
Foundation For Ongoing Dialogue

The proposed Bel kol ceremony in Arawa by parties involved in the Bougainville conflict is yet to happen at a date to be set, according to the Belkol organizing committee.

This historical event for the parties which include the Bougainville Copper Limited (BCL), PNG Government and the Bougainvilleans is expected to attract more than 4000 people.



## Belkol plans in pipeline

The ceremony in local Kieta Nasioi tradition is a concept to pave way to forge peace between former enemies.

The Bel Kol ceremony would signify that BCL and the Bougainvilleans are willing to reconcile and forge a new relationship based on trust. The Bel Kol is the first step before any discussions on negotiations on compensation by the company.

In the Nasioi custom, there are five steps in the process.

1. Oko Takera : Putting the cause of conflict out in the open
2. Kare Kara: Chewing of betel nut
3. Ereng Si: Cleansing of the blood for both sides.
4. Osi Koing: arrival of enemy upon invitation
5. Narenang: Sorting out compensation

This event would not be a forum for BCL and the PNG Government to pay compensation for reopening the mine but to set foundation for more discussions on the future of the mines.

The Bel Kol is expected to pave the way for an invitation from the landowners for the mining company to open an office in Arawa in the future.



A satellite dish at Atamo Primary School.

## EQUITV reaches ARoB Schools

**Bougainville Regional MP, Joe Lera distributed Satellite dishes and broadcast equipment to 88 remote primary schools in Bougainville.**

The regional MP committed K400 000 for the School TV project that would improve learning using TV programs.

The school TV Project comes under the Regional Member’s second development pillar on people empowerment and the third pillar on education.

“These pillars will be achieved when people have access to information through Television. People will have the opportunity to watch news and know about what’s happening in Papua New Guinea and the rest of the world,” Mr Lera said.

He said with the implementation of the Free Tuition Fee Polisi, enrollments for primary schools were expected to increase in the coming years and he has proposed funding to expand the EQUITV program to all primary schools in Bougainville.

“At the moment we are face with limited telecommunication and radio reach. With the installation of satellite dishes, schools and communities can now have access to information from remote villages,” Mr Lera said.

He noted the availiablity of information meant a well informed society that will make well informed decisions.

Recent studies revealed that students in schools the have access to EQUITV programs perform better in the National Examinations than those that do not access the program.

This research has prompted the regional member to commit this project and funds were drawn from his Provincial Service Improvement Program (PSIP).

The EQUITV program was introduced in 2005 by the Japanese Government under JICA Grassroots aid and was targeted for Bougainville and East Sepik Provinces. The project was also extended to New Ireland, Milne Bay and Western Highlands Provinces. It is regularly broadcasted on EMTV.



# Ex-combatants support Mining Bill

By Anthony Kaybing

Ex-combatants in Bougainville had rallied behind the Autonomous Bougainville Government to support the passing of the controversial permanent Bougainville Mining Act. The ex-combatants met with the ABG and its officials in March to express their support of the Bill and assured President Grand Chief Dr John Momis of their intent. The permanent Bougainville Mining Bill is the brainchild of the Momis led-government in its efforts to curb mineral resource problems that led to the bloody 10-year civil conflict on the island.

The Bill if passed will give landowners a pronounced say on how mineral extraction is carried out on their lands and also controls the type of potential developers interested in mining on Bougainville. The Bougainville Mining Department as well as the Bougainville Justice Department have been carrying out widespread awareness on the issue throughout Bougainville to explain the intricacies of the Bill to Bougainville communities. Despite being hailed as a successful attempt by the government to protect

Bougainville's interests there have been certain elements who continue to argue that the bill is a sham and designed to sell Bougainville. Foremost amongst its critics was former Bougainville Revolutionary Army strongman Sam Kauona who claimed that the Bill lacked certain details that safe-guard Bougainville from being exploited again. But a different sentiment was echoed by Mr Kauona's former comrades who claimed ownership of the government and in this light respected the ABG's intent on passing the Bill. Spokesman for the ex-combatants, Cornelius Solomon said the government has done everything to thoroughly explain to the people the new Bill and how it will greatly regulate the extractive industry on Bougainville. "We cannot continue to undermine the government for it is the very thing that we fought and

died for, doing so only renders the purpose of our struggle moot," Mr Solomon said. Mr Solomon said that the ex-combatants were all behind the government and would not resort to creating instability within the region. President Momis and his government also expressed their gratitude to the ex-combatants for taking the initiative to recognize the ABG's efforts to act in the best interest of the people of Bougainville. Editor's Note: The Mining Bill was finally passed before the Bougainville House of Representatives rose towards the end of March to go into recess for the ABG elections.

**Editor's Note: The ABG passed the Mining Law on 26th March this year before the last sitting of the Parliament.**

## A Woman's Worth - The beginning of the March for Peace

By Ben Korok TALAKAM

They say that if you watch closely when a woman cries, if you stare long enough... just enough to see her tears form, the world comes to a stand still. They say that if you looked beyond and through those warm wary eyes, you'd see the world in one moment.

Now as I sit and stare into these women's eyes, a thousand tales yet to unfold, one story wanting to be told.

This is a story of eleven courageous women and their struggle for lasting peace on beautiful Bougainville.

During the early 1990's, the Papua New Guinea Defence Force with the help of the Resistance Forces executed the *Force Landing Operation* in Buka, an approach strategized to catch the Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA) off guard.

Tension high, confusion a constant cloud and fear a living nightmare for the women and children of Buka who had to see first hand what an invasion was like. According to these 11 brave women led by a resilient Pauline Ben from

the Ieta village, the reason behind them joining their male counterparts in what would be the first ever March for Peace, was seeing the sheer potential of a brutal blood bath.

"Our brothers and sons were in the BRA so it was scary seeing the PNGDF landing in Buka with their full force!"

The actual March commenced in Haku, the northern tip of Buka Island following down the east coast highway towards the Buka Airstrip, where the PNGDF were already setting up base.

The long enduring March began with mostly men and Buka chiefs. As the March convened at Kubu for the grand finale near the PNGDF base, the 11 obsidians, radiant with hope and exuding confidence fell into file with the March.

"We believed that our involvement in the Peace March might actually help project the need for peace. Not only in Buka but also throughout the rest of Bougainville. We knew this was our opportunity to speak out for what every woman in Bougainville

had been crying for."

I for one believe these elegant obsidians of Peace may have had an impact on those that listened to them speak out during the speeches they gave on that day. You ask me why and how and I can only tell you with all honesty that just listening to Pauline painfully reliving those days in her head so vividly just so that I can write this piece was enough for me.

As Pauline continued to tell me of what she said during the March for Peace she in her modesty tried to hold back the tears that were already half way down. Seeing such a humble yet strong woman break down makes you realise the determination and endurance a few women pull off just to see families, let alone communities survive harsh times.

"There was nothing more or less we wanted more than peace," iterated a tearful Mrs Ben, trying very hard not to choke on her now shaky voice. Since my interview with Pauline I have gone a step further to research early peace advocacy

at such momentum and came up blank.

However, speaking to couple of people from that era, they have supported the women's story adding that to their most vivid memories these were the women who came out to plead for peace on the island. To my surprise others confirmed that among the 11 were two toddlers, one three-year old and the other was about five years old. I came back to ask Pauline about this.

"Yes we had two kids. Sisters, their father was imprisoned somewhere in Panguna. They came along the March to signify their pleas for their father's release."

I have been told that the girls are older now and enjoying the peace that they, at a very young age, took to advocate.

By now, like me, most of you would be as surprised as I was every time these women kept telling their experience something more astonishing pops up.

Well surprisingly, these women turned up at my office to see if I can get their message

to the Autonomous Bougainville Government. Ironically, I work for the same government.

They have been trying to get their voices heard since President Chief John Momis was first inaugurated. According to Pauline, President Momis caught up with one of their Chiefs and asked about the 11 women a couple years back.

They responded in letter to the ABG and its administration, specifically to the office of Peace and Reconciliation. Sometime ago they were compensated about K2, 000 for their part in the historic MARCH for PEACE.

Makes you wonder how much money being dished out to unrealistic peace building activities.

"The ABG must clearly define the earlier activities undertaken to bring peace and the people who were actively involved so that they be compensated accordingly! It was dangerous times."

These 11 obsidian of peace today continue to wait upon the ABG and what recognition it might have for them.

## CT Scanner for Buka General Hospital



The Buka General Hospital (BGH) is the second government facility in the country to have a Computerized Tomography (CT) scanner. The Regional MP, Joe Lera in his efforts to modernize health equipment and improve medical services in the region, bought this state of the art scanner and 2 mobile x-ray machines at the cost of K1.7 million.

Mr. Lera said that his provincial service improvement program (PSIP) funds were focused on assisting the ABG with improvement, expansion and modernization of medical equipments in the region. "Health is a priority for the national government and I as the regional member for Bougainville, have made it my development pillar and therefore decided that I would purchase the CT scanner so people have access to better health facilities in the region," he said.

The CT scanner produces three-dimensional (3D) images, which are then sent to imaging monitors where doctors can identify where the problem with the patient is. According to the radiologist, Lindsay Hunt, the machine uses a motorized x-ray source that rotates around the patient shooting narrow beams of light through the body while the patients lies face up or down on the that moves through the gantry. As the x-rays pass through the body, digital detectors that transmit images to the monitor pick them up and results can be derived from these images. Buka General Hospital is a level 4 hospital that had received the third CT scanning machine. Two radiologists, Jean Gimots and Edwin Tsikoa had been trained to operate the machine, two radiologists. They are now carrying out scanning operations for patients. An expert from Melbourne conducted the training and further trainings are planned to take place in Melbourne in due course.

This is the second ABG owned vessel purchased to service Bougainville waters and parts of Papua New Guinea.

The government bought its first vessel MV Chebu last year and is serving the NGI waters to Lae and back.

The vessels were bought under the Coastal and Sea

Transport Improvement Programme funded by the Special Implementation Fund (SIF). The SIF is a joint funding arrangement between the PNG and ABG governments.



## BEC on missing persons

In light of the Bougainville Executive Council Decision 62 of 2014 on missing persons, a small but important meeting was held in Buka in March this year, to begin talks on how to address the issue of missing persons during the Bougainville Crisis.

Acting director of Peace and Reconciliation Directorate, Mr Laurie Patrick, chaired the meeting.

Representatives of the international committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (ICRC) and the Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF) attended the meeting.

The meeting recommended that a working group and secretariat comprising of representatives from the ABG, PNG Disciplined Forces, Bougainville Ex-Combatants, families of missing persons and IRC on an advisory role, be established to advise larger consultative committee consisting of stakeholders from across Bougainville. Given the current focus on ABG elections, the meeting agreed that the main consultative effort would commence after the formation of the new government.

The meeting recognized

the importance of reconciliation between the PNG Disciplined Forces, the Bougainville Ex-Combatants and other parties who fought during the crisis, to laying the platform for identifying the missing persons.

At the end of the meeting, it was agreed that the effort was purely humanitarian.

The meeting further agreed that the process must be inclusive of all stakeholders, and must be focused on alleviating the suffering of families who have missing persons from the crisis.

## New vessel to serve the outer islands



The Atolls and the outer lying islands now have access to better transport service.

This is possible now that the Autonomous

Bougainville Government has bought its second vessel, MV RAPOIS CHIEF. The passenger vessel arrived on 16 May on her maiden voyage from

Rabaul to Buka.

Government representatives and the public were on hand to welcome the vessel.

Chief Secretary, Monovi Amani, thanked the leaders of Bougainville for their foresight and wisdom in getting the boat that will connect the people of Atolls to Bougainville once again.

"Coastal people of Bougainville, especially those in the West Coast and the Atolls will now have a safer means of travel and to move their goods, especially cash crops," Mr Amani said.



# Bougainville proposes 2019 for Referendum

The Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) has proposed to the National Government to hold the referendum at a date agreed by both Governments in the first quarter of 2019.

At the Joint Supervisory Body (JSB) meeting held in Arawa in March, President John Momis said the ABG proposed this timing taking into account the commitments by both Government over the next five years.

Commitments the President had referred to, included the ABG elections this year, the Pacific Games in 2016, National Elections in 2017 and Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) meeting in 2018 and as per the Bougainville Peace Agreement, the window for Referendum would end in 2020 which left 2019 as the best available period to conduct the Referendum.

“The year 2015 is a

crucial year in the peace process with the opening of the referendum window in June. We are concerned that with only five years remaining for the referendum to be held, not much progress has been made,” he said.

“There is the important task of preparing the people of Bougainville through a comprehensive awareness program in order for them to be ready to make the most important decision of their life, the President added.”

He pointed out that important decisions need to be made by the two Governments through the respective Bi-Partisan Committee to agree on several milestones that need to happen.

“The Referendum Committee comprising officials of both Governments need to meet regularly and move fast to progress and reach agreement on important issues such as the eligibility for voting, the relevant questions to be asked including the question on whether Bougainville should be independent or not and the appropriate agency for conducting the

referendum. This must happen very quickly,” President Momis urged.

Chief Executive of the Office of Bougainville Referendum, Chris Siriosi, had said that he was working closely with the Deputy Chief Secretary to the Office of the Prime Minister (PM) and the National Executive Council (NEC), Mr Trevor Meauri, in developing a “robust framework for consultations” between the ABG and the National Government to dispense with a wide array of issues.

These issues included eligibility for voting, weapons disposal, good governance and the rule of law, the independent agency that will conduct the referendum, approval of the rules for conducting the voting and questionnaires as required by the Bougainville Peace Agreement.

Mr Siriosi said the need for a robust consultative framework was important as the two governments, especially the ABG would need to continue to consult Bougainvilleans every step of the way.

# Preparations underway

The Autonomous Region of Bougainville is expected to conduct a referendum on the future political status of Bougainville between 2015 and 2020 as set out in the Bougainville Peace Agreement (BPA).

In preparation for implementing this final pillar of the road map for peace, the Joint Supervisory Body (JSB) meeting in March had endorsed the work streams that would be undertaken in the next few months by both the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) and the National Government. The work streams endorsed include;

1. Developing a framework of procedures for active participation and consultation with all stakeholders in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea and the two governments,
2. Weapons disposal assessment,
3. Develop for the two governments criteria allowing non-resident Bougainvilleans to vote
4. Good governance assessment
5. Establishing a process for determining the question(s) to be put to the

people,

6. Establishing the independent Administrative Agency and Financing the Referendum and
7. Review of the provisions for the conduct of the referendum.

At the recent JSB meeting in Arawa, Central Bougainville, President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville John Momis urged the Referendum Committee comprising officials of both Governments to meet regularly and move fast to progress referendum preparations. He said this would allow for important decisions on the date for the referendum, the charter for the conduct of referendum and other necessary milestones regarding the preparations for the conduct of the referendum to be made by the two governments through the respective Bi-Partisan Committee.

## Bougainvilleans providing armed security for illegal mining in Solomon Islands



The Kangu beach - border between Bougainville and Solomon Islands.

The controversy on weapons disposal has been questioned again

with recent revelations that Bougainvilleans are providing armed security for Asian owned illegal mines in the Solomon Islands.

From information provided by reliable sources, they alleged that large numbers of weapons had been taken across the border

for illegal purposes mostly by South Bougainvilleans. The source added that these men are promised large amounts of money and material goods in return for their services.

However, this activity already questions the integrity of the weapons disposal plan and if there was a program in place to recoup remaining weapons.

“A combined effort by police and veterans is needed to stop this illegal

practice, the source said.

“ My wife tried to tell one of the Bougainvillean guards that what he was doing was wrong and in turn he pointed the gun at her and threatened to shoot her.

“If this activity continues our National Security will be questioned,.

“The issue of guns is turning into a law and order issue for our government and the Solomon Island government. This goes

back to Ex-combatants and those that are still in possession of weapons that this issue must be addressed with urgency so that the threat of guns can be done away with, he said.

The source has urged urge the Ex-combatants to work with the new government to resolve the matter of weapons so that we can have a gun free and peaceful Bougainville,”.

# Preserving our history



The ABG Archives Office is located in the Bureau of Media and Communications office next to Buka airport. We are responsible for the collection, management and preservation of ABG archives and aim to eventually provide access to these archives to the public. This regular column will provide information to the people of Bougainville about what archives are and why they are important. This

column aims to keep readers informed of the work of the Archives Office.

Archives are records which are no longer required for use in current business and have been selected for permanent preservation because of their legal, evidential and historical value. Bougainvilleans have been archiving information for generations, for example, by passing principles of land ownership and tumbuna stories on to younger people so it will be preserved. The role of the Archives Office is just the same, but the history it is preserving is government history. This contributes to the First Pillar of the Bougainville Peace Agreement requiring good governance in Bougainville. Good governance is aided by archiving government decisions, processes, and actions, and making such

documentation accessible to the public through record-keeping. This ensures that future decisions can be made in an informed, efficient and democratic way. During the Bougainville Crisis, many of North Solomon Province’s Administrative records were lost. Others were shipped to Rabaul, East New Britain Province, where the Administration was temporarily located. Many of these records were lost when Mount Tavurvur erupted in 1994. When the Bougainville administration moved to Buka, some records were shipped to storage in Buka where they have remained and been added to since. The records in storage were dumped in disordered piles. Many records survived remarkably well, while others slowly decomposed due to water damage, creatures and the effects of age. Some important records were destroyed to make more space. In

## Int’l observers arrived in town

In response to an invitation by the Papua New Guinea and Autonomous Bougainville Governments, an international observer group arrived in Bougainville in May to observe 2015 elections. The international team joined domestic observers to observe the electoral process across North, Central and South Bougainville.

The international observer group includes representatives from Australia, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the European Union, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The group is assisted by the UNDP is assisting the group to observe the elections from the start of polling on 11 May to the return of writs.

The observer nations, bodies and forums aim to support a fair, transparent and credible electoral process that reflects the will of the people of Bougainville.

## Road work starts

The people of the Wakunai District, Central Boygainville, will have a feeder road constructed towards the end of this year. The Togarau feeder road that runs from Wakunai junction to Togarau village is one of the road programs funded by the Special Intervention Fund (SIF). The SIF is a joint funding arrangement between the Papua New Guinea Government (GoPNG) and the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG). Local contractor, Rustproof, had won the contract and is currently constructing the economic feeder road.





## My Bougainville Story

Long Dispela edisen bilong Bougainville Bulletin, yumi bungim wanpla Art na Kalsa group i pulap long planti kainkain stail na ol pasin kalsa ikam yet long Bouve Village Assembly insait long Eivo Torau constituency long sentrol Bogenvil.

# Nauari Art and Cultural Group

Insait long a grup tu bai yumi lukim ol stori blo tripla artist man na ol wok bilong sampla bik nem artist insait long Nauari art na Kalsa grup.

“Nauari” long tokples

askopan bilong ol Eivo em minim Unity or pasin bilong wok bung wantaim wanpela tingting tasol. Displa grup em ol yut, na ol man meri komuniti husait igat wankain tingting i bung wantem na kamapim.

As tingting bilong displa grup em long bringim bek peace na unity, strongim pasin blong tok sori na stretim bek sindaun blong ol manmeri insait long komuniti tru long ol wok

arts na kalsa. Dispela i stap aninit tu long mama loa bilong ABG wea i tok, “Safeguard and preserve our unique customs, traditions and cultural identity.”

Olsem chairman bilong displa grup Moses Siru i tok, “Dispela grup i wok long halivim ol save manmeri bilong kalsa insait long komuniti long strongim na sowim save bilong ol na tu lukautim wok arts na

kalsa bilong bihain taim.”

“Mipela givim liklik skul long ol lain igat intres long lainim niupla save na tu mipela teik pat long ol kainkain wok kalsa long ol lain igat intres, “ Mr Siru I tok.

Long taim wea teknologi i tek ova long olgeta samting na mekim laip i isi, Nauari Arts na Kalsa grup em i luksave long kalsa olsem wanpela as blong sindaun bilong yumi

blong bipo, tete na tumoro.

Nauari Arts na Kalsa grup i regista aninit long Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) na igat luksave blong Culture na Tourism Office na tu i member blong Bougainville Arts Federation.

Hia nau em sampla stori blong ol artis insait long Nauari art na Kalsa grup.



Name: Vincent Babufa  
Age: 30

### BRIEF HISTORY

Mi bin stat long dro na paint taim me liklik mangi yet. Long yia 2001 taim mi bin wokim gret 9, arts tisa blong me Mr. Eugene Kua i bin halivim mi long

strongim displa skill mi gat long em. Olsem na me bin stat long traim ol kainkain teknik blong dro na paint ikam inap nau.

Nau em namba 5 yia wea mi stap wok olsem wanpla artis na mi save kisim

moni taim mi wokim ol wok blong ol man. Ol wok blong mi em base long ol samting yumi save lukim na wokim long olgeta dei.

Long pinisim, mi laik tok olsem mi hamamas long kisim luksave na wok

wantaim Nauari Arts na Kalsa grup olsem wanpla painter blong ol. Bai mi ken lainim ol narapela yut tu long kain skil mi gat na em i ken halivim ol.



Name: John Nepia  
Age: 50

### BRIEF HISTORY

Mi bin start long wokim kavin long yia 2004. Dispela em bihain long ol awenes wea ol lida blong ples i karim aut na toktok long lukautim na strongim kalsa blong yumi. Ol i tok olsem krisis tu em bin

kamap bikos yumi pait long kalsa blong yumi.

Wantaim displa skil mi gat blong sapim ol samting long diwai, em i motivatim mi long stat katim ol totem blong ples na stori blong pasin kalsa long diwai. Ol wok mi wokim em i stori long kalsa blong yumi

na hau yumi mas pait strong long lukautim long gutpela blong ol yangpela blong bihain taim.

Nau mi stat wokim carving long ol ston na mi kontiniu long mek sua ol yangpela i lainim dispela skil so dat ol i ken lukautim gut pasin kastom long ol yia i kam

bihain taim. Kalsa blong yumi em laif blong yumi.

Mi hamamas tru long wok aninit long Neuari art Na Kalsa grup long lainim ol yut na ol man meri long komuniti long dispela skil. Olsem ol tu i ken lukautim gut kalsa na pasin kastom blong yumi



Name: Augustine Darian  
Age: 45 years old

### BRIEF HISTORY

Long 2006 mi bin kisim sik blong bun long beksait blong mi wea mi bin kisim taim wantem strongpela pen. Long halivim mi long dispela, mi bin stat long pilai gita na pilai musik.

Taim sik blong mi em woklo orait bek, dispela laik na hangere blong mi

long pilai musik tu i kamap bikpla. Olsem na mi bin stat long katim ol kaur na wokim ol garamut bilong kamapim musik. Bihainim dispela, mi stat long mixim gita na kaur na garamut wantem long ol singsing kalsa na tumbuna musik.

Long yia 2007 mi bungim ol yut igat intres long pilai musik na lainim

ol long pilai niupla kain musik mi bin kamapim. Wantem displa, mipla stat long pilai long ol bikpla ceremony na long closing blong ol skul.

Ol singsing blong mipla em ol tumbuna singsing wea i base long kalsa na mipla singsing long tokples na tok pisin tu.

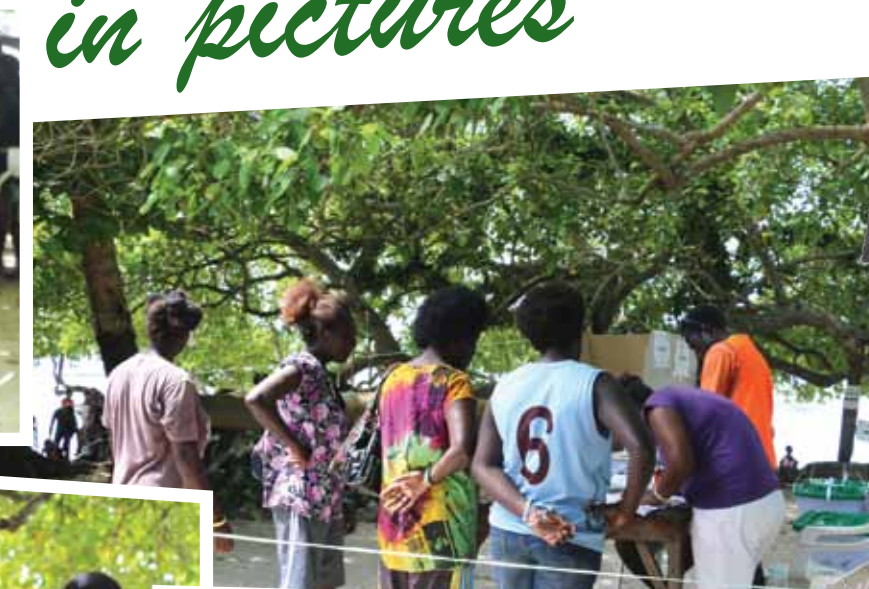
Wantaim displa mi

laik tok mi hamamas long kamap musik lida blong Nauari kalsa grup na long sem taim tu, inapim driman blong mi long usim ol instramen blong ples long kamapim musik na strongim kalsa na laik blong ol kain musik mi pilai insait long musik indastri..



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# Bougainville Referendum to right the wrongs

A WRITER'S PERSPECTIVE by Leonard Fong Roka

In the South Pacific context the imminent Bougainville Referendum for a lasting political settlement for the nearly 40 years struggle and loss of lives for the Bougainville people is a significant milestone for the democratic political processes and strategies in the region.

Bougainvilleans are geographically and culturally Solomon Islanders having dwelled for nearly 30 thousand years on the largest and the resource rich island of the Solomon archipelago. Unfortunately, The Anglo-German Declaration of 1886 and the Anglo-German Convention of 1899 dragged Bougainvilleans into the colonial German New Guinea administration. This was and is the source

of the social, political and economic problems Bougainvilleans had faced over the years; and eventually culminating into a Bougainville Crisis since 1988. With the armed struggle sprouting off from the dissatisfaction over Panguna mine exploits since 1988 and pouring over long years of political struggles Bougainville submerged into a civil conflict claiming the lives of some 10 to 15 thousand local people. Peace was not that easy to achieve but after continuous attempts the Bougainville Peace Agreement (BPA) was reached in 2001 between the Bougainville groups and Papua New Guinea. Bougainville's peace gave the Bougainville people one significant offer and that is the referendum scheduled to be held between 2015 and 2020. But the BPA and the PNG's Organic Law of Peace Building in Bougainville prescribed two conditions are met for the referendum and they are: weapons disposal and international standards of good governance.

When PNG is infested with illegal weapons and crime and worst corruption index, under international standards, Bougainvilleans should not fear their say in the referendum. But their important decision is to put Bougainville on the right political track that should bring betterment for all. Bougainvilleans are not reckless weapon users but their presence is disharmony to many; there is corruption on Bougainville, but it can be managed in a tiny island as Bougainville when people mandate right leaders to power and endow them with more anti-corruption powers and functions are given to them. Understanding the Bougainville problem from the roots is the key for the best outcome for the Bougainville referendum. The coming referendum is to RIGHT the WRONGS done to the Bougainville society by colonization and the state of PNG. The wrongs we should now know are well said by former leaders: Fr. John Momis said to BCL in 1987 that "The BCL mine has forever changed

the perceptions, the hopes and fears of the people of Bougainville. You are invaders. You have invaded the soil and the places of our ancestors, but above all, your mine has invaded our minds" and Martin Miriori said in 1996 referring to the Panguna mine and PNG that "Bougainville and its people were a free independence gift by Australia to Papua New Guinea". Then the late Joseph Kabui separated Bougainville from PNG when he spelled it all out in 1991 by saying that "It is a feeling deep down in our hearts that Bougainville is totally different than PNG, geographically, culturally. It's been a separate place from time immemorial. Ever since God created the Universe, Bougainville has been separate, has been different". Thus the upcoming Bougainville referendum is to save Bougainville and Bougainvilleans from the disaster an African writer/academic Francis M. Deng wrote in his 1997 essay, Ethnicity: An African Predicament, as "Deprive a people of their ethnicity, their culture, and you

deprive them of their sense of direction and purpose". This is a Bougainville problem and must be stopped through the referendum granted to the people of Bougainville by their unique BPA that allows no unilateral changes by way of been an arrangement with 'double entrenchment' and that is, PNG cannot influence the results of referendum without Bougainvillean input and vice versa. For Bougainvilleans, there is now a need to really glean our purpose and reasons, to our political standings. Our little groupings are tiny Bougainvillean groupings trying to clash with a wider world order and its multilateral BPA expectations followed by the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG). Bougainvilleans need to leave their tiny shells and walk the wider world for the coming referendum was not created by a bilateral peace process (between PNG and Bougainville) but rather by a multilateral peace process (between Bougainville, PNG, and many other states and organizations).

## Roles of the Council of Elders

The Momis government in its first term proposed the idea of empowering Council of Elders

(COEs) to curb law and order problems and uphold the roles of the government as the second tier government.

With the Bougainville Police Service's lack of capacity this empowerment would allow COE's together with women and ex-combatant leaders to exercise their authorities

effectively in their communities. To date, this has not been implemented. However, COE's need more than just being the shadow government. It needs to be able to have

the power to determine the government of the day. The COE needs to be empowered to hold the Government accountable for what it does. Moreover the COE must be given the powers to call a vote

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# Know what your constitution says

## Part 1. Bougainville

What the Bougainville constitution says about:

### 1. AUTONOMOUS REGION OF BOUGAINVILLE

- (1) Bougainville is made up of,
- (a) the areas of land within the boundaries specified in schedule 3 (the boundaries of Bougainville Province specified in the schedule to the National Organic law on provincial Boundaries) to this constitution; and
- (b) the areas of sea extending to three nautical miles from the low water mark of the areas of land referred to in paragraph (a).
- (2) Bougainville shall be known,
- (a) formally as the "Autonomous Region of Bougainville"; and
- (b) otherwise, as "Bougainville".
- (3) The Autonomous Bougainville Government will keep under review

- the question of the name of Bougainville and whether any change should be made to it.
- (4) The Autonomous Bougainville Government may consult with the National Government in accordance with the Bougainville Peace Agreement concerning the extension of Bougainville's maritime boundaries.
- ### 7. BOUGAINVILLEAN
- (1) A person,
- (a) who is a member (whether by birth or by adoption according to by the clan lineage) of a Bougainvillean clan lineage (matrilineal or patrilineal) owning customary land in Bougainville; or
- (b) who is married (whether by law or custom) to a person to whom paragraph (a) applies; or
- (c) who is a child one of whose parents is a Bougainvillean by virtue of paragraph (a), is a Bougainvillean.
- (2) A Bougainvillean law, made by an absolute majority vote, may

- make provision for the alleviation of special cases of injustice or hardship or disadvantage arising as a result of the application of subsection (1) (c).
- (3) for the purposes of subsection (1)(a), a person who was not born in Bougainville, or who is not of Bougainvillean descent or who is a non citizen may be adopted as a member of a Bougainvillean clan according to custom.
- (4) A Bougainvillean Law, made by an absolute majority vote, shall make provision for all or any matters relation to this section including,
- (a) the nature of providing evidence of customary practices; and
- (b) the nature of providing evidence of birth outside Papua New Guinea; and
- (c) all matters relevant to the consequences of dissolution of a marriage involving a person to whom subsection (1) refers; and
- (d) all other matters arising from the provisions of this section.

### 8. OWNERSHIP OF CUSTOMARY LAND AND ELECTIONS

- (1) Bougainvillean (and no other person) in accordance with this constitution and Bougainville laws,
- (a) in accordance with custom, may own customary land in Bougainville; and;
- (b) who is a citizen, may be a candidate in any election to the House of Representatives and any other elected body established by or under this constitution; and
- (c) who is a citizen, may vote in any election referred to in paragraph (b).
- (2) A Bougainville law, made by an absolute majority vote, may make provision for a citizen who is not eligible under subsection (1)(b) to be a candidate for election or who is not eligible for under subsection (1) (c) to vote, but who has such residential or other qualificationsas are set out in the law, to be candidate for election or to vote.

### 9. OBLIGATIONS OF A BOUGAINVILLEAN

- A Bougainvillean has an obligation;
- (a) To be loyal to Bougainville and to protect its well being; and
- (b) To uphold all Christian and similar moral and spiritual principles; and
- (c) To promote reconciliation and healing throughout Bougainville; and
- (d) To respect, to act in the spirit of, to uphold and to defend this constitution; and
- (e) To engage in gainful work for the good of himself, his family, and the common good; and
- (f) To contribute to the wellbeing of the community where that Bougainvillean lives; and
- (g) To promote responsible parenthood; and
- h. To live in harmony with others; and
- (i) To promote democracy and the rule of law; and
- (j) To protect and manage the land and to protect the environment and his culture; and;
- (k) As a child, obey his or her parents.

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of no confidence any day of the week based on non-performance and or corruption related matters.

"We must have the commitment to prepare ourselves to meet the conditions of

the Bougainville Peace Agreement, one of which is the law and order," Momis continues to say in the corridors of power.

But this commitment will not come from the Kubu Parliament house.

It will only come if the COE's are empowered to implement the works of the government and the government concentrates on polisi decision-making.

The COE has been a strong advocate of "peace

by peaceful means", police and as justice in the community for donkey years. It cannot be given a duplicate in powers. What it really needs is to be active implementers of polisi decisions and developments of the government.

The COE's were to be renamed Community Governments in an effort to revamp them and increase their effectiveness in the communities on Bougainville. It never was.



Each edition we will feature reports from areas of the Autonomous Bougainville Government

## Department of Commerce

# Bougainville Inward Investment Act

Long laspela edisen bilong Bougainville Bulletin, yumi bin toktok liklik long Bougainville Inward Investment Act na ol sections insait long em.



Mv Chebu em wanpla eksampol blong invesmen i kamap long Bogenvil

Long go insait nau long toktok long dispela, bai yumi mas save olsem Bogenvil Inward Invesmen Act 2013 em ABG i bin pasim long leit 2013 na i bin gazetim long early 2014. Dispela i mekim Act i kamap loa.

### WANEM WOK BILONG ACT

A) Strongim wok bisnis na invesmen long Bogenvil

B) Was man long lukluk lo olgeta wok bisnis or invesmen i kamap long Bogenvil i bihainim ol lo bilong Invesmen olsem:  
1. Kamapim Gutpela Invesmen  
2. Kirapim gutpela wei bilong givim laisens long ol invesmen i laik long wok insait long bogenvil na mek sua ol i bihainim invesmen loa bilong invesmen long Bogenvil, na  
3. Kamapim wanpela independent statutory body, (Inward Invesment Bureau) long lukautim wok bilong givim laisens na lukluk long ol invesmen i woklong kam insait na toksave long analisis bilong ol igo long Bougainville Executive Council (BEC).  
4. Putim loa bilong

5. Glasim ol invesmen na narapela wok bisnis i kam insait long Bogenvil na mekim soa olsem ol i bihainim loa bilong invesmen.  
**WANEM SAMTING EM EXTERNAL ENTERPRISE?**  
External enterprise em i toktok long:  
A) Wanpela man or meri husait ino bilong Bogenvil, or  
B) Wanpela patnasip, joint venture or ol arapela unincorporated man meri.  
C) Wanpela Trust, ol

man meri igat intres long wok bisnis wantem, or  
D) Man meri husait minister na bot bilong invesmen i givim luksave long em olsem wanpela external enterprise insait long dispela ol invesmen loa.

**LAISENS**  
**INO GAT LAISENS BILONG OL KAIN BISNIS WEA GAVMAN I HOLIM PAS BILONG OL BOGENVILLENS.**

Bot bai ino nap givim laisens long ol invesmen i kam insait long ol kain wok bisnis wea gavman i pasim or holim pas bilong ol pipol bilong Bogenvil long wokim.

### HUSAIT I KEN KISIM LAISENS

1. Wanpela ausait investa i laik kam insait long wok bisnis long Bogenvil i mas aplai long kisim laisens.  
2. Bot i laikim ol ausait investa husait i stap wantaim inward invesmen long applai long laisens or kamap party bilong aplikesen.

### WEI BILONG KISIM LAISENS

Ol aplikesen bilong laisens mas:  
A) Raitim pas o leta

b. Stap long stended wea Bureau bilong invesmen i kamapim  
C) Karamapim ol toktok i stap aninit long seksen 35 na 36  
D) Ol lain i applai mas sainim  
e. Gat statutory declaration long tokaut olsem aplikesen i tru  
F) Salim igo long bureau bilong invesmen  
G) Imas gat fee bilong invesmen sapos you no baim yet

### ROT BILONG TOK ORAIT OR NOGAT LONG LAISENS

Ol investa i ken kisim laisens sapos,  
A) Em i luksave na bihainim ol loa bilong inesmen long Bogenvil  
B) Em i stat wok pinis na i bihainim invesmen loa bilong Bogenvil.

Bureau bilong invesmen i ken pasim or tok nogat long kisim laisens sapos,  
A) Bisinis or invesmen ino bihainim stretpela rot or invesmen loa bilong Bogenvil  
B) Sapos ol ino kisim laisens lo stretpela pasin or pasin korapsen.

### PENALTIES/FINES

1. Ol ausait bisnis husait i no bihainim loa bilong invesmen i mekim rong na i ken go long kot aninit long dispela loa bilong invesmen.  
Invesmen bureau i wok strong long lukautim laik blong Bogenvil na ol pasin dispela loa i toktok long em.

Each edition we will feature reports from district administrations

## Buin District



**Buin district is changing and seeing development of new infrastructure . A positive sign by its leaders to encourage the peace building process.**

Cargo Vessel MV Huris off-loading fuel at Kangu Wharf

The Chief of Elders (CoE) of the Konnou Constituency of Buin District are working closely with the Veterans Department to ensure that peace and reconciliation is strengthened in the area.

This is an option, which the CoEs are taking responsibility of to solve past grievances between former combatants. Many of whom had not made peace yet.

Konnou is the biggest constituency of Buin District and for the past decade has been shattered by fighting by warring factions. It is also an area affected by the tussle between different types of government in the likes of ABG and Mee'kamui.

However, since the establishment of the Bougainville Peace building strategy within all CoE's throughout

the region, peace and reconciliation has paved the way for these political factions to embrace peace by contributing to basic infrastructural development in the area.

Currently, Australian Aid Agency (AusAid) is providing support by conducting a feasibility study for Konnou Agro Technical Vocational School to be established in the constituency. It is proposed that the first intake of students should begin next year.

Ausaid is also funding the construction of a new CoE building at Muguai junction, Chairman of chairmans for all CoE chairmans in Buin Aloysius Masiu said that landowners had agreed to allocate a piece of land for the building of a CoE office. They are working on the necessary documents to finalise this agreement.

"It is the hope of the CoEs of Konnou that they have an office so that they can perform their roles better as they see that the district office has failed to deliver in so many ways," Masiu said.

Rice farming has been an ongoing activity and the Department of Primary Industry has stepped in with technical training and by providing rice mills for rice farmers. Rice is milled and sold cheaply at the market and to Buin Secondary School.

"Buin has a large potential to become the agricultural hub of Bougainville, Masiu said. "We would like to set up an institution to train our youths to get the necessary skills to tap into agriculture, create employment and contribute to the economy of Bougainville." Mr. Masiu said that

they are supportive and want to see more government services reach Buin district. This has seen the formation of a Buin Town Council to oversee progress in Buin. This council is made up of CoE members, churches, youth and womens reps.

"We're also looking forward to the sealing of Buin town to Kangu road, he said. "This has been proposed by the National Member for South Mr. Pirika Kama but to date has not eventuated. This time, the ABG is going to work on it under the high impact projects." Buin district generally is currently progressing in development terms. Mr Masiu said their focus is in infrastructure projects.

"We're happy that Buin Hospital is now a level four hospital and we are hoping more work will be done in

time to develop it, Masiu said .

"We also have work being done to upgrade the Health Centre at Lenoke. Buin Secondary and vocational schools have also seen new developments, with the construction of new buildings . There are also plans underway to set up a a research centre in Makis constituency. This has been placed as a priority project under the DSIP funding for Makis.

"All in all, we can now see the results from Peace and Reconciliation. When we work together we implement the Bougainville Peace Agreement by creating development pathways that unite our people for a better future.

"We encourage this to continue for the good of Buin and the people of Bougainville," Masiu said.



# ABG Public Servants Code of Conduct



A police officer on guard during the ABG 2015 elections polling at Bel isi park.

As a government and as public servants we have the duty to make a real difference in the lives of all Bougainville citizens.

The people of Bougainville demand and deserve our best efforts in delivering consistent services to the best of our ability. As public servants, serving in different calibers we are all in the

business of serving the best interests of the Bougainville people. We ensure community service delivery is effective.

The public has a right to expect the same high ethical behavior from each and every one of us; no matter what job we perform. Every individual public servant must therefore take personal responsibility to uphold this Code

of Conduct and Ethical Behavior.

In this edition we continue from the previous edition.

## 1.3 Contribute to public discussion in an appropriate way

Commenting on government polisi is a matter for Ministers, not public employees. Except where prior authorization has been given in writing, we will not comment to the media or the public on government polisi. Where providing factual information to the public on government polisi is a part of our official duties and responsibilities, we will ensure information is

appropriately authorized prior to release and that we properly represent government polisi and the administration in its intended spirit. Like any other citizen, we have the right to contribute to public discussions on community and social issues in our private capacity.

**We will always**  
1. **Take reasonable steps to ensure any comment we make will be understood as representing our personal views, not those of government,**  
2. **Maintain the confidentiality of information we have access to due to our**

**roles, that is not publicly available, and**  
3. **Be aware that personal comments about a public issue may compromise our capacity to perform the duties of our role in an independent, unbiased manner.**

As public service employees we are required, when fulfilling our public responsibilities, to ensure our personal conduct and behavior consistently meets realistic public expectations and the highest possible ethical standards.

Joint us in the next edition for more on the ABG Public service code of conduct and ethical behaviors.

# Wok bilong Mama Loa Program



**Welkam long wok kamap long mama loa program, wantaim dipatmen blong Justice na Principal legal advisor. Long displa edisen acting secretary blong Loa na Justice, Mr. Kearneth Nanei i tok klia long ol wok kamap long Autonomy insait long Bogenvil.**

Mr. Nanei i tok:

“Mi bai toktok long ol wok i kamap long otonomi na ol loa na polisi wea i wok long sapotim wok i kamap long otonomi long Bogenvil. Aninit long Bougainville Peace Agreement (BPA), wanpla objectiv o as tingting blong otonomi em long solvim ol problems blong ol yet na lukautim ol yet olsem kantri na wok aninit long loa blong gavman na polisi long realisim displa driman blong ol. Aninit long framewok blong Bogenvil konstitusen na PNG konstitusen, yumi ol pipol blong Bogenvil yumi gat displa otonomi wea i empowerim yumi long

managim gavman blong yumi na pipol blong yumi na tu ol gavman agency blong yumi.”  
“Displa em wanpla important objective wea BPA i givim long yumi ol pipol blong Bogenvil.”  
“Taim yumi laik implementim autonomy, em i mean olsem yumi imas droim daun ol wankain pawas na funksens ikam long nesenel gavman. Bihainim displa dro daun blong pawa em bai yumi pasim polisi blong yumi yet, mekim ol legislation blong yumi yet na ABG iken wok aninit long dispela polisi na legislesen long ol kainkain gavman sektas na em i kamapim wok kamap long implementim

autonomy.  
“Autonomy long ABG i karamapim olgeta eria blong gavman. Em i involvim olgeta erias blong gavanens, long sait blong pablik sevis, finens, sait blong givim kontrak o tenda igo long ol sevis providas, pawa blong mining, edukesen, ol pawa blong polis, pawa blong invesmen na ol narapla pawas na funksens gavman igat long implementim otonomi.”  
“Eksampol, wantaim niupla Pubic Service Management Act, ol pablik servant blong ABG nau ol ino Pablik servant blong Nesinel gavman moa. Ol nau i wok aninit long ABG na bihainim displa loa na ol dipatmen i report igo long

chief secretary.  
Na tu ol hetman meri blong ol dipatmen igat pawa long wokim polisi disisen insait long ol dipatmen ol i lukautim.”  
“Displa em wankain tu long ol kain samting olsem Finance loa blong Bogenvil. Displa em minim olsem ol moni we i kam aninit long basket blong Bogenvil olsem recurrent basket o developmen basket na ol narapla moni wea ikam long Bogenvil annually, displa em pablik finens loa blong Bogenvil yet bai providim system blong acquittal, reporting na wei wea displa moni bai wokim wok.”  
“Na tu em i tokaut long ol husat i gat pawa aninit long displa loa long wokim bai

kamap mani i mekim wok na husait i go pas long long givim aut.”  
“Bogenvil tu igat Contract and Tenders Act wea i lukautim pasin blong givim kontrak na long sait blong prokumen. Bikpla funksen blong displa loa em olsem central tenders and supply board em no nap mekim disisen long givim kontrak or projek.  
ABG igat loa blong em yet long we blong givim tender na ol wok kontrak. Loa i tok olsem, long ol projek wea inap aninit long mani mak K 500 000, em chief secretary igat disresen long givim tender or kontrak.”



# Peace Agreement will be met

**“The conditions of the Bougainville Peace Agreement (BPA) can and will be met by Bougainville within the next five years as a prelude to its referendum. This was the statement given by former Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) president and incumbent”**

Dr John Momis

Momis made the statement in reference to Bougainville’s referendum that must be held within the 5-year period from 2015-2020. The conditions of the BPA are good governance,	fiscal self-reliance and weapons disposal. “While reassuring all Bougainvilleans Mr. Momis said, “We must not fear, we must have faith in each other and ultimately of course	we must have faith in God to give us the wisdom and strength to prevail. “We have now reached a critical juncture on our journey to freedom where we stand at the threshold of a new
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**Time to review ABG progress**  
**One of Bougainville’s veteran politicians and community leaders, Chief Joseph Watawi, said that it was time that the Autonomy Bougainville Government (ABG) stepped back and reviewed its progress and accomplishments.**

He referred to the challenges the ABG faced in relation to the:

- **Implementing the draw- down of powers and function form the National Parliament.**
- **Weapons Disposal.**
- **Unification of Bougainville’s political factions**
- **Preparations for the referendum including an awareness strategy**
- **Limited mass media and telecommunication reach.**

“It’s time we tell the people the key performance indicators we have achieved so far,” Mr Watai said. While weapons disposal and ongoing reconciliation for unification of political factions is one determinant for Referendum, ABG must also identify and strengthen economic activities that will help the government propel the economy towards being self-reliant within the given time frame.

“The ABG has made considerable progress in terms of Governance, Law, and Services. The question here is: How effective is our progress in relation to the required benchmarks to ascertain referendum?”

“I think that it is time we sit down and review what we have done, what we are doing and what we will do and do it better. In this way, we can be sure that weapons disposal, peace and reconciliation, economic self- reliance is fully implemented in preparation for referendum.”

“How much have we achieved for Governance, Bougainville Peace Agreement, Peace reconciliation and weapons disposal, economic recovery and fiscal self- reliance

socio-economic, political and spiritual order.”

He added that this new future means Bougainvilleans would want to be liberated from structural impediments and institutional impediments and become agents of change and development. The distinct sense of Bougainvillean identity has definitely led to a history of rejecting outside imposition, a history of being proud of our heritage and a history of self-determination,” Momis said.

Momis said that self-determination is the peoples’ claim that they must be the major stakeholders in deciding their fate and to be engaged in socio-economic, political and spiritual liberation. “It is through unity and believing in one another shall we achieve our ultimate political future,” he remarked.

### Mekamui Tribal Government Supports Momis

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Mekamui Defence Force hard man, Moses Pipiro declared that the people in Panguna area were 100 percent behind President Momis’ bid to retain the ABG Presidency in a political rally held in the heart of the Panguna Township recently.

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“The Mekamui faction has also started the realignment process with the Autonomous Bougainville Government that will see reintegration and unity amongst all Bougainvilleans,” he added.

“President Momis has been with us from the very start of our struggle for self-determination and he is the only one who knows where we’ll go,” Mr Pipiro said.

Former ABG President James Tanis was also among a host of leaders from North, South and Central Bougainville who endorsed President Momis’s candidacy.

**Source: Bougainville news**

# Department of Community development

**Wantaim Acting Secretary bilong komuniti divolopmen Mrs. Mana Kakarouts.**

Welkam long lukluk long komuniti program wantaim dipatmen bilong komuniti divolopmen. Long dispela edisen, yumi bungim Acting Secretary bilong komuniti divolopmen Mrs. Mana Kakarouts.

Mrs Mana i givim yumi ol update long ol progrem i wok long kamap aninit long departmen bilong komuniti divolopmen na tu ol priorities wea dipatmen i lukluk long em. Insait long dispela, Mana bai tokaut long 9- pela priority eria wea dipatmen i focus long em na tu long ol plen bilong dipatmen long ol wok kamap.

**Mes Mana i tok aut:**

Mission Statement bilong mipla em long lukim gavman na ol pipol i wok bung wantiam long kamapim gutpla sindaun long komuniti,” Mrs Mana tok.

Wantaim displa, managemen na coordinations bilong dipatmen, mipla wok long straksa wea ino costim plenty moni, em i gutpla na i deliverim sevis wea ol pipol i laikim long em.

Narapela eria wea mipla wok long strongim em long ol mechanism bilong monitoring na evaluation. Dispela em mipla wok wantem komuniti long painim aut sapos ol

Polisi. Dispela polisi em ol yut yet i kampim na mipela I kontiniu long implementim istap. Aninit long dsipela polisi igat yut netwok wea i stap long olgeta distrik na mipela i hamamas long wok wantem ol. Dispela body blong yut netwok em oli kolim Bougainville Youth Foundation.

Bougainville Youth Foundation i playim bikipela role insait long Bogenvil Peace Agreement wantaim dispela yut netwok long draivim ol key message bilong peace insait long ol district. Aninit long yut gen, mipela i lukluk long ol sosol issue wea ol yut blong yumi isave bungim olsem, drug, alcohol abuse na ol loa and order issues.

Narapela em Child welfare na loa bilong lukautim pikinini. Mipla bai kontiniu long trainim moa man meri insait long komuniti long karim aut awenes blong importence blong lukautim pikinini. So, ol pikinini igat loa nau istap long lukautim ol long ol pasin olsem abuse na mekim save long husait i bagarapim ol.

Narapela eria gen em long civil registry. Dispela em i still outstanding bikos mipla i wait yet long halivim blong mama dipatmen blong Department blong Community Development na development partnas na donor agencies long halivim mipela long karim aut wok. Dispela em i important bikos yumi mas gat hap blong registarim ol man meri na pikinini long Bogenvil. Long yia 2015, mipla bai traim long establisim dispela.

Narapela priority eria gen em sports development. Insait long sports mipla i isi isi bikos nogat funding long halivim mipela wantaim dispela program. Mipal i wok long reviewim Autonomous Bougainville Sports polisi. Mipla imas rewiewim bek polisi na bung wantaim ol sports man meri, ol coaches, ol teknikol opisa na ol sports advocates long tokaut klia long wanem kain polisi ol i laikim long em. Antap long dispela tu i gat need long ol sports man meri long strongim bek displa organization ol i kolim long Bougainville Sports Foundation.

Bihainim gutpla setup blong displa foundation, yumi ken partna wantaim ol narapela sporting bodies ausait long upskillim ol wantem training na teknikol halivim olsem admistration na development courses.

Seimtaim, mipla i woklong wok klostu wantaim Regional member Joe Lera long lukluk long ol sampla sports facilities insait long 3 pela region long Bogenvil.

Wantaim dispela em wok blong rereim ol sports man na meri blong yumi long makim Bogenvil long ol competition ausait long provins. Na tu igat tingting blong kisim ol tournaments ikam insait long Bogenvil. Ol dispela em I depend long ol facility yumi gat long em. Ol dipela developments em ofis blong community developmeni wok klostu wantaim ol sports man na meri long kamapim.

Long dispela yia tu, mipla bai wok strong long kamapim finalisim Non Government Partnership

Polisi. Aninit long dispela polisi yumi ken kisim save long hau gavman na ol NGO iken wok bung wantaim na givim gutpla sevis na development long ol pipol. Wantaim dispela, mipla wok long updatim data long save hamas NGO I wok long stap insat long Bogenvil nau ol kain program ol i ronim, husait i sapotim ol na wanem kain results na impact dispela wok i kamapim. Ol lokol na intanesinel NGO i wokim planti gutpla wok insait long region. Olsem na yumi mas save long ol dispela wok kamap.

Narapela eria em long Persons with disability. (Man or Meri igat birua long bodi blong ol). Bikpla tingting mipla gat em long lukluk long kamap wantaim polisi blong persons with disability. Dispela polisi iken lukautim ol kain program o liken gat long en. Wok blong mipla em long facilitate na cordinatim ol programs according long ol priorities na needs blong ol persons with disability. Mipla wok long updatim data long hamas man meri istap wantaim disability o bagarap long body insait long Bogenvil.

Long wok blong sios, gavman i luksave long sios olsem wanpla strongpla patna blong devolopmen. Bikos long ol wok na programs sios i kamapim insait long komuniti.. Mipla laik strongim moa dispela gavman na sios partnership bai iken deliverim moa sevis long komuniti.

Dispela em sampla long ol planti programs wea ofis blong komuniti development aninit long ABG I wok long em long dispela yia 2015.





Depatmen blong Primary Indastri em i gat tripla sekta wea i wok aninit long dipatmen. Namba wan em Agriculture na Livestock, namba tu em fisheries na namba 3 em forestry sekta. Long dispela edisen bai yumi bungim fisheries officer Mr. Jeanroe Boisen. Mr. Boisen i givim sampla tok klia long ol wok kamap na ol projek wea ol projek wea fisheries sekta i mekim kamap long ol yia igo pinis na tu long ol wok i kamap nau.

Mr. Jeanroe Boisen i bin tok:

Fisheries olsem wanpla sekta aninit long Primary Industries na marine resources ibin stat yet long

taim blong North Solomons Provinsol Gavman. Long Nesinel level, fisheries em bin stap olsem wanpla divisen aninit long primary indsatri igo inap taim em i kamap wanpla dipatmen. Nau em istap olsem wanpla corporate body ol i kolim long National Fisheries Authority (NFA). Long ABG, fisheries istap olsem wanpla directorate insait long department blong Primary Indastri na Marine Resosis. Wantaim niupla straksa blong ABG pablik sevis, igat need blong staffing na capacity building blong fisheries sekta. Nau yet long dispela taim igat tupla fisheries ofisa tasol i wok long fisheries sekta. Aninit long BPA, Nesinel gavman na ABG i wok bung wantaim long kisim ol pawa ikam daun long ABG. Wantaim ol displa pawa’s na functions, ABG iken go hetim ol wok blong em yet long fisheries long strongim ekonomi na kamapim displa fiscal self reliance long kisim yumi go long referendum. igat wanpla MOU wea ABG wantaim Nesinel gavman na National Fisheries Authority bai sainim wea bai inapim laik blong ABG long kisim annual sapot funding blong fisheries developmen insait long Bogenvil.

# Depatmen blong Primary Indastri: Lain blong ples progrem

Displa nau em ol sampla wok kamap na projek fisheries ibin kamapim long ol yia igo pinis na i wok long kamap nau yet.

Namba wan wok kamap em long 2009. Displa wok kamap ol kolim long Nothern Bougainville Marine Resource Assessment Survey. Displa wok em blong kisim data blong wanem kain marine resos yumi gat long Bogenvil na tu long luksave long wanem status blong ol displa resosis. Dispal ibin kamap wantaim funding blong NFA wantaim intanesinel organisesin, Nature Conservation Authority na Australian aid.

Namba tu wok ibin kamap em long liklik fishing treining.. Displa ibin kamap wantaim halivim blong ol lokol fishermen blong ol ples stat long Buka igo inap long South Bogenvil. Small fishing operesin em i wanpla treinin blong lainim ol fisherman long painim pis long bik solwara long 200 mita igo long 300 mita Wantaim displa training tu ol fisherman i lainim ol kainkain fishing teknik na ol fishing gear or samting blong hook na kisim bikpla pis wantaim.

Orait, namba tri wok ibin kamap em Annual Pislama Stock Assessment Survey. Displa ibin stat long 2010 bihain long mipla i pasim pislama long 2009. Na displa wok blong painim pislama long solwara em i kamap yet na mipla stil

wokim yet. Ating bai yia 2015 mipla mekim laspla na sapos result em i orait, bai yia 2016 mipla iken lukluk sapos i orait long opim bek pislama or nogat.

Long ol wok wea i wok long kamap nau yet, mi laik tok olsem long early 2015 mipla ibin conductim wanpla rif food fish survey wea ibin karamapim ol ailan long North Bogenvil olsem Pororan na Taoif. Long sentrol Bogenvil, mipla ibin holim long Pokpok ailan na long Sirovai. Long South Bogenvil, mipla bin karamapim tupla ailan boda blong Bogenvil na Solomon ol i kolim long Lamuai.

Narapla wok wea mipla i wok long em nau em, Insure Fish Aggregation Device Deployment (IFADD). Displa masin putim aut pinis long ol ailan olsem Pororan, Matsungan, Taiof, Saposa na ol narapla hap. Long sentrol Bogenvil, mipla putim aut masin long Kiviri, Wakunai, na long Pokpok na Sirovai. Long South Bogenvil, mipla I deployim long Lamuai village na bai mipla deployim wanpla moa long rantan ailan. Long atolls em i karamapim olgeta tasol bikos long problem blong shipping, Mipla ino go na putim aut yet long ol displa hap.

Narapla wok mipla lukluk gen long em i Fisheries Infrastructure Site Land Development (FISLD)wea istap long Buka taun eria. Wok i slow long displa bikos mipla

need long stretim hevi blong displa hap graun wantaim lens dipatmen.

Antap long displa em displa Buka Ice Plant Project. Mipla odarim pinis wanpla bikpla Ice masin ikam long Australia na bai kamap klostu taim. Bihain long mipla sanapim displa, bai mipla stat producim ice na suplain ol fisherman wantem ice. Olsem ol iken providim gutpla quality pis long market. Wantaim displa FISLD mipla laik wokim wanpla cool room wea iken holim 50 – 60 tonnes fish. Em mipla i redim long IFADD projek wea mipla i karim aut pinis. Taim ol fishermen i kisim planti pis, mipla iken baim long ol na storim long ol displa cool room. Bihain mipla ken lukluk long marketim igo autsait long Bogenvil. Tasol bipo long displa iken kamap, mipla imas mitim demand blong fish insait long Bogenvil yet. Displa cool storage facility mipla lukluk long usim long export na halivim ABG long internal revenue na kamapim fiscal self reliance. Sem taim tu, halivim ol ples man meri long mekim moni, kamapim employment na buildim ekonomi.

Wantaim displa, sapos yu gat askim o you laik save moa long wok blong lain blong ples na DPI program, ples kam bungim mipla long DPI ofis long Buka na yumi stori moa.

# Lukluk long Higher Vision Exercise



Long dispela Ledisen bai yumi stori liklik long Bougainville High Level Vision, em i wanpla program wea ofis blong Chief Secretary i wok long karim aut nau long displa taim.

Strategic polisi and planning advisor - Mr Lauatu Tautea

Mr. Tautea i tok:

“Wanem samting em Bougainville Higher Vision? Em wanpla program wea administration blong ABG i wok long putim long bungim tingting blong ol pipol blong Bogenvil long driman blong ol long future blong Bogenvil or yumi laikim wanem kain Bogenvil long bihain taim. Long tingting blong yu wanwan, yu laik Bogenvil bai kamap olsem wanem long bihain taim?

Stat long 1930’s Bogenvil ibin traim long sanap em yet olsem independent kantri

na lukautim em yet. Displa pait blong kisim independence ibin wanpla asua wea kraisi i bin kamap long em. Inap nau yumi bai go insait long referendum klostu taim, tasol planti long yumi ino klia yet long lukluk blong Bogenvil long bihain taim.

Mipla luksave olsem politikel futsa blong Bogenvil em bai klostu karim kaikai. Olsem na displa program em long luksave long driman blong yumi wanwan long futsa blong Bogenvil.

Displa program nau istap long mak blong aweness wea mipla woklong traim long bungim olgeta stakeholders or man meri na toksave long ol long as tingting blong dispela exercise or program.

Mipla bai toksave nau long ol man meri long bai ol iken redi wantaim ol tingting blong ol taim mipla kam kisim infomesin so dat ol iken givim mipla ol gutpla ansa long wanem tingting ol igat long futsa blong Bogenvil.

Displa exercise em i impotent tru olsem na olgeta man meri blong Bogenvil i mas take part so dat yumi ken kisim tingting blong olgeta lain. Yumi olgeta imas kamap

pat blong displa politikel futsa na driman blong gutpla sindaun blong Bogenvil long bihain taim.

Mipla laik bungim olgeta Bogenvileans na kisim tingting blong ol long displa politikel futsa blong Bogenvil. Bai mipla stat wantem olgeta Council of Elders (CoE) na sindaun wantem ol long toktok long displa wok.

Mipla bai tokaut long ron blong mipla bihain long eleksen. Mi askim yupla olgeta olsem, yupla mas kam bungim mipla na givim tingting blong yupla.

Insait long displa plan tu, bai mipla kamapim displa strategic plan long kamapim displa driman blong yumi.

Mipla yet olsem ol Bougainvilleans bai formulatim dispela vision aninit long mandate blong Bougainville Executive Council (BEC) na karim aut displa exercise. Mipla bai wok wantaim ol representative blong ol dipatmen blong gavman long karim aut displa wok.

Mipla i askim olgeta Bougainvilleans long bungim tingting na yumi karim aut displa exercise na lukim wanem tingting yumi gat long futsa blong Bogenvil.

# Communities receive funds for projects

By Lynn Gegera

Strongim Pipol Strongim Nesen (SPSN) Program through Australian Aid organized a Grant Signing Occasion for seven Community Based CBOs) Organizations in Bougainville in May.

The Grant Agreements worth over K 500, 000.00 were signed and presented to the CBOs after a three days training workshop held at Tsiroge to train the recipients on how to manage and acquit the funds properly.

“You are the medium of change for the people and as recipients you should be proud that you were selected out of many applicants throughout Bougainville and work together with your communities to successfully complete the projects using the funds,” the Australian High Commission Representative in Buka Jeffery Kop stressed in his speech at the event.

Mr. Kop said that the SPSN Program will continue to support such projects as these grants were a special program that came down to the community level and congratulated the recipients on behalf of the Australian Government.

“To be a recipient you must be happy because you were selected and it is through your hard work that you are now a recipient,” Thomas Tsiriko the Vice chairman of the Local Grants Committee revealed this while presenting the Grant Agreements

to the recipients.

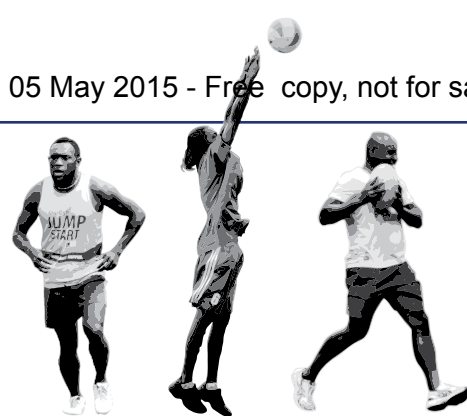
The successful recipients included CBOs from Babogo, Selau, Hakku, Saposa, Ketskets, Halia and the North Bougainville Womens Federation (NBWF). Most of these recipients had applied for funding to look at Water and Sanitation Projects and Capacity Building.

“Water is a very big problem in the North and I am so happy to manage and acknowledge the Australian Government for such funding because it will benefit the people of Bougainville,” Mrs Mary Sahoto, NBWF Representative said. She further urged the communities to work together with the recipients as the projects will benefit the whole community.

Meanwhile, a representative of the recipients Mr. William Getsi thanked the Australian Government for supporting the people of Bougainville. “It is a unique and special program to help the people and the seven CBOs are very fortunate to receive these grants. As recipients we must use the training and knowledge we received in ensuring to finish our projects based on faith, believing in yourself, working within the law and trusting in God,” he challenged.

These recipients are the second batch to receive such funds under the SPSN Program supported by the Australian Government.





## Sports quiet in office



The recent outcome of the PNG Games places tremendous pressure on Bougainville's current elite athletes and the Bougainville sports office to improve on programs to sustain internal competitions.

Team ARoB had performed well in the PNG Games finishing off in the top five teams, despite the lack of proper sporting facilities. The Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) was urged to continue supporting programs that enable Bougainville sportsmen and women to excel in international and national competitions.

Bougainville's chef de Mission to the PNG

games Mr. Anthony Tsora, had said that sports was a tool for fostering peace and implementing the Bougainville Peace Agreement. Tsora said sports has played a significant role and the results speak for themselves. "As a mechanism of unification of all Bougainvilleans, we have successfully sent two delegations to the PNG Games," he said.

In the Autonomy Agreement, there would be a gradual draw-down of powers and functions from the Papua New Guinea Government to ABG. It is notable that while the implementation of the draw-down of powers and functions has been gradually

taking place in other sectors of government, it, however, is at a stalemate in Sports.

"If the stagnant state of sports today is a direct result of sheer negligence or merely a matter of communication problem, then the people responsible for coordinating these activities should make known its status," Tsora said.

The sporting fraternity seems to go into deep slumber until the jingling sound of money wakes it up. This has to stop.

The Bougainville Sports Office and Autonomous Bougainville Sports Foundation are the ABG's agencies established to

implement this role under the Department of Community Development. This bodies are tasked to direct the government's sports policies and its implementation by working through its own programs in partnership with other sports stakeholders.

These policies should be implemented across Bougainville to develop skills and create opportunities for young talents in the region.

Sports should be fully implemented as a vehicle to address development challenges such as health and HIV, education, gender issues, crime and others, Sports is an avenue where people meet and socialize as and

implement the spirit of peace making a healthier and more productive population contributing to the nations economic and social capital.

Like Tsora said, it's about time Bougainville Sports office and the Sports Foundation put something out on the field for athletes to play with. Let's be proactive, and vigilant or abolish the office and create an effective, and efficient body to oversee sports in Bougainville.

Bougainville has so much raw talent that needs to be tapped into in order to develop sports in region and implement the BPA. These talents cannot be left waiting for funding.