

Newsletter

Australia Papua New Guinea Association



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President' Address

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Australia PNG Association Newsletter.

We have been busy with a number of new initiatives and plans for the year ahead.

We have completed the AGM, and appointed an Executive Committee to continue the work of the association. We were also privileged to have Sean Dorney speak at the AGM and provide an often amusing insight into the four decades he has spent working in and around PNG. His experience reporting on PNG would be unrivalled amongst foreign reporters and we were lucky to gain a small glimpse into the life he has lead.

As reported during the AGM our Association continues to be commercially viable despite the challenging economic climate, and we have been fortunate enough to make meaningful contributions to a number of social initiatives.

We are also pleased to announce our next business breakfast and guest speaker will be Mr Ian Kemish AM.

We expect it will be another popular business networking event for all of our members and guests. We have had a few enquiries about potential sponsorship and naming rights for our functions and we would be happy to hear from any of our partners that may be interested in this opportunity.

It will be hosted at the Tattersalls club on 25th October, I look forward to seeing you all there.

Regards,
Gayle



Gayle Carrick - President

APNGA Annual General Meeting



Sean Dorney
Guest Keynote
Speaker at the
APNGA AGM.

At the annual AGM meeting the special guest for the night was Sean Dorney.

Sean Dorney is a Non-resident Fellow at the Lowy Institute. After reporting on the Pacific (with a particular focus on Papua New Guinea) for over four decades, Sean left the ABC in August 2014. During his time with the ABC he won a Walkley for his coverage of the Aitape tsunami and was both deported and awarded an MBE by the Papua New Guinea Government. He is the author of ***Papua New Guinea: People, politics, and history since 1975*** and ***The Sandline Affair: Politics and mercenaries and the Bougainville crisis***.

The main theme of this talk, and his Lowy Institute paper 'The Embarrassed Colonialist' 2016: Penguin Random House, Australia, is that the majority of Australians know very little about PNG, and this is a pity. He would like Australians to take more interest in that country which is the recipient of our biggest overseas aid donations. It is also our nearest neighbour and a wonderful country to boot.

In 1974, at the age of 20 he had just completed a three year cadetship at the ABC. He was offered a job at the newly created National Broadcasting Commission in Papua New Guinea and this began his life long love of the country and its people.

He joined an A grade football team

in Port Moresby and soon became a member of the National Football Team, the Kumuls. He captained the team in his last year in football, 1976. This experience gave him the opportunity to make many firm friendships that proved to be very useful in his later career.

He also met, and was smitten by a beautiful young lady from Manus Island, Pauline Nare who was the first female broadcaster employed by the NBC. She was staying at the same hostel for NBC staff. They married in 1976.

Soon after this he was recalled to the ABC in Australia and their two sons were born in Australia. In 1979 he and Pauline and the children returned to Port Moresby where he was the ABC's PNG Correspondent. Thus he was able to observe and record the happenings in the PNG political field in the time just before and following Independence in 1975. The rest of his professional life has been spent in reporting on PNG and other South Pacific Countries. He retired from the ABC in 2014.

Some of the highlights of his career:

He was reporting on the eruption of the volcanoes in Rabaul and because of his connections, he was allowed beyond the police lines to do his filming. At the same time the ABC Four Corners team with Ray Martin could not go closer than the police demarcation.

He reported on the Tsunami at Aitape that killed more than 2000 people including school children. His coverage earned him a prestigious Walkley Award. He did clarify that despite this the coverage took a large personal toll on Sean.

In 1984 Rabbi Namaliu, the Foreign Minister of the PNG Government deported him. He had helped the ABC's Four Corners programme interview a military commander of the Free West Papua Movement the Government did not want to be heard. He was invited to return in 1987, and in 1990 the by then Prime Minister Sir Rabbi Namaliu awarded him an OBE.

The deportation was a very gentlemanly affair. The Head of the Department of Foreign Affairs phoned him to enquire when he wanted to leave, and he did this in an orderly fashion. On the contrary he was deported from Fiji in a very



undignified manner, being peremptorily escorted to the airport, and he has not been able to return since.

APNGA AGM PHOTOS



Joy Boreham and Roma Cooke



*Brendan Newell, Competency Training,
Ani Hart, Neil Gentile; Pronto*



Frank Yourn and John White



*Joe Dowling and John Gooding,
Highlands Pacific*



Cathy & Nick Currey, Mia Cusack.



*Justin Humphrey and Mrs Magdalene Moihhe,
Consulate General of PNG*



*Marcus Pelto, Abt JTA, Tim Wai McKintz,
Esther Hammer, PNG Consulate*



Keith Stebbins & Kayne Herriman



Ada and Scott Roberts, Darren Caufield



Jim Morison, John Davidson, Ruan Brown



Fran Leddick, Malcom Carrick, Sue Krone

Spring Business Breakfast



Ian Kemish. AM

**Executive General Manager -
Public Affairs and Social
Performance**

Date: 25th October

Time: 7.00 am for 7.30 am Seating

Venue: Tattersalls Club Brisbane

Attire: Men: Jacket and Tie
Women: Smart Business

Biography: Mr Kemish joined Newcrest Mining in May 2016 to fill the role of Executive General Manager – Public Affairs and Social Performance.

The role provides strategic leadership and holds group accountability for Government Relations, Social Performance, and Media. Mr Kemish is an experienced executive in both industry and government having held roles spanning the resources sector, political and business advocacy, economic analysis, management of the Australian international aid program, and crisis management.

Mr Kemish joined Newcrest from ExxonMobil where, for the past three years, he held the role of Senior Director, Asia Pacific External Affairs. Prior to this, Ian held the roles of: Australian High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea; Australian Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany and Switzerland; Head of the International Division at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and Head of the South East Asia and Consular Divisions at DFAT.

Ian holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in International Relations and South East Asian Modern History, and a Graduate Diploma in Education. He was awarded membership of the Order of Australia in 2003 for his leadership of the Australian Government's emergency response to the 2002 Bali bombings.

Focus: Ian will focus on Newcrest's interest within PNG and the positive impact that they have on the local communities and society in general. With operations at Lihir and joint ownership of Hidden Valley and the undeveloped Wafi Golpu deposit, through the Morobe Mining Joint Venture, Newcrest play a major role in the fabric of PNG's economy.

Business Breakfast Booking

Business Breakfast bookings can be done through Trybooking on:

www.trybooking.com/MQQM



APNGA AGM Outcomes

The AGM formalities were completed at the start of the evening. The President, Gayle Carrick presented a short summary of the Association. The financial report for the year was presented by Treasurer, Justin Humphrey and accepted by all in attendance. The association continues to be viable along with making a contribution to a number of causes within PNG.

The Association Executive was passed and accepted with some minor changes. We would like to thank Sheryl Guthrie for her contribution to the Association in her role as Secretary. Sheryl has stepped aside and Trina Kedeas has taken on the official role of Secretary for the association. Recently returned from Port Moresby International SOS, Trina continues to have an active business involvement with PNG. We welcome a new member to the committee, Joe Dowling. Joe has many years experience working for PNG companies including LGL and recently with Highlands Pacific and other Resource Companies in PNG.

The Executive Committee will continue to work on initiatives to improve the standing of the Association and provide networking benefits for its members.

Executive Committee

Gayle Carrick - President
Ian Briggs - Vice President
Justin Humphrey - Treasurer
Trina Kedeas - Secretary

Committee Members

Sue Krone, Fran Leddick, Sheryl Guthrie, Ruan Brown, Professor Robin Cooke, Gayle Arena, Jim Morrison, Joe Dowling, Nick Currey



Members of the APNG Executive with Sean Dorney the evening guest speaker

2016/17 Events

Calendar

October
Spring Business Breakfast

April
Finance Seminar

May
APNGA Golf Day

Sponsorship

Opportunities

The APNGA would be happy to discuss sponsorship and naming opportunities with any of our Corporate partners.

Packages are available for all functions arranged by the Associations. For more information please contact Ian Briggs on:

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