

Newsletter

Australia Papua New Guinea Association



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President Address

Welcome to the second edition of the Australia PNG Association Newsletter for 2017. The Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on the 28th March at the United Service Club in Spring Hill with over 50 members and guests enjoying a lovely two course dinner and beverages. It was good to see Hank and Beryl Cosgrove, our life members make the journey across town for this event.

The AGM formalities went smoothly and our long serving President, Gayle Carrick stepped aside and Nick Currey was voted in as the new President. Joe Dowling accepted the role as Vice President and the rest of the committee were returned unopposed. Many thanks to outgoing committee members including Ruan Brown and Gayle Arena. It was great to see some new members join the Executive including; Mark Flood (Applus+), Darren Caufield (James Technologies) and Mathew Bennett (Nexus Engineering).

We had the honour of Bill Searson joining us as guest speaker. Bill gave a fascinating insight into the early days in the Highlands from when his father Jim Season, as a Coastwatcher hiked from the Sepik to The Highlands to advise the authorities of the Japanese invasion of the north Coast of PNG during WW11, to his childhood in the Porgera area and an overview of his long distinguished career in the PNG Resource sector.

I would like to express my sincere thanks on behalf of the Association members to Gayle for all her hard work over the past 8 years as Association President and for all the committees hard work.

I look forward to working with the new committee to ensure the Association continues to be a relevant forum to further relationships between Australia



Nick Currey - President

Australia Papua New Guinea Association AGM



The new APNG committee with Guest Mr Bill Searson.

More than 50 people attended the Annual General Meeting dinner event at the United Service Club, in Wickham Terrace. .

Biography:

After graduating as PNG's first national geologist from the University of Papua New Guinea, Mr. Searson began his career in the 1970's working as a government geologist undertaking mineral exploration and regional mapping work in various parts of PNG.

In 1983, he was appointed the Head of the Department of Mining and Energy where he led the Department on an ambitious program of promoting the mineral and petroleum potential of PNG world wide.

In 1983 – 1990 under his stewardship, there were numerous discoveries and development of world class resource projects such as OK Tedi and the Porgera Gold Mine.

His active involvement in promoting the Papuan Basin eventually led to the discovery of commercial amounts of Oil at Kutubu and the

ending of the myth that PNG only had gas.

After resigning from Government services in 1990, Mr Searson continued as an independent consultant to mine development projects such as Lihir, Simberi, Ramu, Hidden Valley and Gold Ridge in the Solomon Islands.

He has served on various boards and was chairman of the PNG Electricity Commission Board from 1983 – 1990. During his tenure, he saw the construction of the Yonki Hydro Power Dam and the Rouna Hydroelectricity Project.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Gayle Carrick, Trina Kedeia and Justin Humphrey—International SOS



Dr. Malcolm Carrick, Sheryl Guthrie, Hank and Berry Cosgrove



Mary and Andrew Markham - Hydrobiology and Nicholas Murphy - DFAT



Mark Delmonte, Ross Harley and Rosemary Cleary Harlem



Roma and Robin Cooke, Peter Bennett



Mrs Lauda Moore-Air Nuigini, John Davidson and Cathy Currey



Ben Brannigan, Mark Flood and Patrick Duggan



Brendan Monkcha, Jenny Holden, Darren Caufield and Matthew Bennett—Nexus



Mia Cusack, Lillian Chapman, Mark Wilmont and Michael Tyndall - Geomyn



Sue Krone –FastAir, Professor Robin Cooke



Larry Queen, Dr Peter Jolly—Highlands Pacific and Bill Searson



Nick Currey, Bill Searson and Sheryl Guthrie

Renewable Energy Symposium

The APNG Association is excited to bring together experts in the Renewable Energy sector to discuss the future of renewables in PNG. An informal evening dinner symposium will be held on Tuesday 25th July at the United Service Club commencing with pre-dinner drinks at 6pm, before presentations at 6:30pm.

PNG is aiming to triple electricity supply by 2030, proving access for a target of 70% of the population. This will require an innovative energy mix based on Renewables and involving investment from both the state and private sectors.

This seminar should be of interest to companies and individuals working directly in the energy sector, as well as businesses providing supporting services and companies looking to improve energy efficiencies or switch to renewables.

We encourage members and guests to attend this event which will also allow time for networking. Find attached an information Flyer which includes a link to the TRYBOOKING page, where online bookings can be made.

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APNGA Membership

Renewals

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APNG Association Renewable Energy Symposium
PNG Energy Developments, Solutions & Technologies

Economic and social developments are largely dependent on an electricity system that delivers for everyone. PNG development ambitions of tripling of the electricity supply by 2030 and achieving a target of 70% of the population having access to electricity, cannot be achieved without significant energy supply improvements and adoption of new energy technologies such as solar PV, micro-hydro and biomass.

The challenge of achieving growth in the PNG electricity systems will require reforms in the PNG energy sector and targeted private sector involvement with a focus on completion and innovation.

Date

Tuesday 25th of July 2017

Time

6:00pm for a 6:30pm Start

Location

United Service Club
183 Wickham Terrace

Dress Code

Men: Jacket & Tie
Women: Business Attire

Cost

Non Members - \$120 per person*

Members - \$110 per person*

*Includes 2 course meal and drink package

Bookings

To book your places follow the link below
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Guest Speakers



Renewable Energy in the Asia Pacific Region

Mr James Mason, International Business Development, Entura

Entura is one of the worlds most experienced power and water consulting firms and is a leading provider of large scale renewable energy projects and have some exciting new projects in the Asia Pacific Region



Emerging Technologies and Engineering Design for Renewable Energy Solutions

Dr Chris Hawley, Director of Engineering, Nexus Engineering Solutions PNG Ltd

Chris is a Chartered Professional Engineer in PNG & Australia and has worked at the cutting edge of research and development of technological solutions.



Benefits of Renewable Energy Projects

Mr Mark Thompson, General Manager Business Support, Ok Tedi Mining Limited

Mark is a driving force in renewable energy developments at Ok Tedi Mine. As a manager he is focused of low cost reliable energy developments to ensure a sustainable power system at Ok Tedi Mine



Energy Solutions for PNG

Mr Laine Kidner, Founder Connected PNG & Solutions Sales Manager, Eaton

Laine is all about the future of PNG. As the founding director of Connected PNG he is responsible for putting people, technology and knowledge in the one place to create a better solution for PNG industry

Sponsorship Opportunities

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

Packages are available for all functions arranged by the Association.

For more information please contact Trina on:
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2017 Events

Calendar

July 25

Evening Renewable Energy Symposium

November

Business Breakfast

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