

Newsletter

Australia Papua New Guinea Association



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President Address

Welcome to the first edition of the Australia PNG Association Newsletter for 2017. We believe 2017 will be a big year for PNG especially with the elections and for the association.

The AGM planned for the 28th March, commencing at 6:30 pm at the United Services Club in Spring Hill, and another business breakfast planned for June.

We had Ian Kemish from Newcrest talk at the last business breakfast in October. He provided an overview of his experience in PNG and the journey of Newcrest at Lihir. The profits from this Breakfast are to be donated towards providing medical kits to Community Health Workers who successfully graduate from a CHW In-Service Training programme in Kavieng. Newcrest Mining Limited has fully funded the actual training programme.

The AGM will be hosted at the United Services Club on 28th March and include a sit down formal dinner.

We have the honour of Bill Searson joining us as guest speaker at the AGM. No doubt he will give us a fascinating insight into mineral activities in PNG throughout his long distinguished career.

Annual membership is now due and can be easily completed using the TRYBOOKING link on the back page.

Hopefully we can grow the membership base this year, through corporate and individual memberships. Included in the membership is a seat at the AGM dinner, so it will great to see as many members and friends there as possible.

Gayle Carrick



Gayle Carrick - President

Papua New Guinea and Newcrest - a growing partnership



More than 140 people attended the last business breakfast to listen to key speak Ian Kemish, EGM - External Affairs and Social Performance, Newcrest Mining. Held at Tattersalls club

Ian Kemish is the EGM - External Affairs and Social Performance with Newcrest mining based in Melbourne. He has a long standing history with PNG from his previous associations with the country. Ian took us on a journey through his life and PNG.

Ian spent time growing up in PNG. His father worked for Elcom in Lae and Port Moresby in the lead up to Independence in 1975. He went to PNG at age 4 and left at age 13.

He did his high school and University education in Queensland. He then joined the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs. After a long career including multiple postings, he was pleased to be appointed the Australian High Commissioner in PNG. He is a firm believer that "it was the best appointment in the Foreign Affairs Department."

While he was High Commissioner he was extensively involved in the PNG LNG project the first LNG development project in PNG started by Exxon Mobil.

He was there during the political changes surrounding the position of Prime Minister after Sir Michael Somare's sickness in 2011. He presented his credentials to Hon. Michael Somare and took his leave from current Prime Minister Hon. Peter O'Neill.

As High Commissioner he tried to manage and mitigate the disturbances of that time. Australia supported what the PNG people did. This episode epitomises PNG's ability to manage its own affairs no

matter how complicated they appear to be to the outside world.

When his term as High Commissioner was completed Ian took a job with Exxon Mobil.

He headed up their External Affairs department for the APAC region. In May 2016 he joined Newcrest, one of the largest gold mining companies in the world.

With mines in NSW, WA, Indonesia, West Africa and PNG, their profile is a perfect fit for Ian's extensive experience. Their biggest presence outside Australia is PNG. 40% of its gold production comes from Lihir Island PNG. Lihir has a current existing mine life that extends out more than 30 years. They also have a 50/50 interest in the Wafi-Golpu project through the Morobe Mining JV. It will be an underground mine and they are currently going through the permitting process and have submitted their Special Mining Lease (SML) application to the MRA.

In line with recent announcements 50% of the Hidden Valley mine has been sold to its partner; South African Company, Harmony. PNG has gained considerable benefit from this operation and will continue to do so under the stewardship of Harmony.

The philosophy of Newcrest is to share benefits with the land owners, the people and the government of PNG. They have undertaken a number of economic and social programmes. They have invested in local infrastructure, training and development. They engage with the

impacted areas. Through landowner business opportunities and employment opportunities. One of the most visible and popular initiatives is "Trupla Man Trupla Meri" and the Malaria Eradication project on Lihir that has been made possible by seed capital placed by Newcrest and its partners.

Sir John Kaputin, former PNG Minister attended the breakfast and he was asked to make a short speech. He was a Minister in the first Government after Independence. As Minister for Mines he oversaw the beginnings of the Ok Tedi mine. Later as Foreign Minister he was further involved in mining matters. He stressed the importance for mining within the PNG economy but also reiterated the need to ensure that there is sustainability and a return to the PNG national economy.



Ian Kemish OAM - Executive General Manager External Affairs and Social Performance, Newcrest

BUSINESS BREAKFAST



Michael Tyndall—Geomyn and Cameron McGregor—OTML



Leslie Nand, John Gooding, Larry Queen, Peter Jolly—Highlands Pacific



Sir John Kaputin , Frank Yourn-PNG Business Council and Dessie Pakai Timi



Mrs Magdalene Moi-he, Consulate General of PNG, Laudia Moore-ANG and the PNG consulate team.



Rachel Burdett and Dana Bearkley—Placements



Mrs Magdalene Moi-he and Sir John Kaputin



Leon Williamson -Thiess, Mark Disney - Ashurst and Sue Krone-FastAir



Michelle Fulcher, Roxanne Martens and Gayle Carrick



Glenn Connell-PanAust, Ellen Kua and Nicholas Murphy-DFAT



Patrick Duggan -Metso, Ruan Brown-Airswift and Jeff Beatty-Medical Rescue



Kathryn Champman-Tucker-ISOS, Anthony Ross-CBI, Nicholas Murphy-DFAT, Justin Humphrey-ISOS



Ron Barton-Wilson Security and Malcolm Carrick

APNG AGM Guest Speaker



Bill Searson
PNG Resources Stalwart

Date: March 28th

Time: 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm Seating

Venue: United Service Club

Attire: Men: Jacket and Tie
Women: Smart Business

TRYBOOKING:
www.trybooking.com/book/event?embed&eid=267230

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 Hydro-electricity Project.

Focus: Bill's talk will focus on his life and journey through the PNG resources sector. Highlighting the highs and lows of his career and the many eminent projects that he has been involved in. This professional journey will be transposed against his own upbringing and life.

Soroptimist International “Birthing in the Pacific Project”

The profits from the November breakfast has been passed to the Soroptimist International “Birthing in the Pacific Project”. The BIP Project.

The Soroptimist International (BIP) Project involves the up-skilling of clinicians in Papua New Guinea. During the 6 years of this project it has targeted Community Health Workers (CHWs) in this professional development. The major reason for this has been the need to give CHWs training in midwifery.

CHWs receive no midwifery training in their 2 year CHW Course yet the rural community health centres are largely staffed solely by CHWs. It is largely in the rural and the remote rural areas where the maternal deaths are taking place so an improvement in the knowledge and skills of these workers is seen as essential if the maternal deaths ratio is to be reduced.

The Kavieng General Hospital, NIP is very keen to hold another CHW Course in 2017 and APNG will make a contribution towards facilitating the 2017 CHW Upskilling Course in Kavieng.



Martin Ata'o - Medical Technologist - Pathology Division –UPNG

Martin Ata'o the department curator standing besides the two cabinets donated by the APNGA association to the Pathology department at UPNG. The case have been used to store samples that have recently been restored and updated and will be used by teaching staff and students with their studies.

APNGA Membership Renewals

APNG Membership renewals are now due for 2017

Renewals can be made through Trybooking on:

www.trybooking.com/OBRQ

Includes dinner at the AGM.

2017 Events

Calendar

March 28th
AGM Dinner

June
Business Breakfast

October
Business Breakfast

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

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