

# Newsletter

## Australia Papua New Guinea Association



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### President's Note

Welcome to the Australia PNG Association Newsletter. The Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on the 1st May at the United Service Club in Spring Hill with over 40 members and guests enjoying a delicious two course dinner and beverages.

The AGM formalities went smoothly with a return of the committee. Thank you to the committee for past year's contributions.

We had the honour of Danny Robinson, Executive General Manager, Kina Finance, fly down from Port Moresby as guest speaker. Danny gave an overview of Kina Securities' strategy going forward and the vision to become a new banking force in PNG.

Last year the Association was able to organise the evening Energy Summit that attracted a large turnout with guest speakers from interstate. The forum presented energy options for PNG and included case studies from Ok Tedi Mining highlighting the benefits of hydropower. Recently the PNG government has focused on delivering power to 70% of the country and we welcome this initiative.

In the last quarter we have completed the development of a new website. The plan is that we will use the platform as a further means of communication and also have an up to-date bulletin board, where information on events and other items of interest can be communicated.

Our next Business Breakfast is on 25<sup>th</sup> September at Tattersalls Club and we are excited to have Mr Peter Graham, CBE, the MD & CEO of Ok Tedi Mining and Chairman of Kumul Minerals Holdings Ltd as guest speaker.



Nick Currey - President

## Australia Papua New Guinea Association AGM



Mr Danny Robinson addressing the Annual General Meeting dinner event at the United Service Club, in Wickham Terrace.

### **Biography:** Danny Robinson

#### **Executive General Manager of Banking**

Danny Robinson is Executive General Manager of Banking at Kina Securities and is responsible for the implementation of the Group's ambitious growth and profit targets as the company establishes itself as a new force in PNG retail and business banking sectors following the Maybank acquisition.

Danny has had a long and successful career in financial services, having held a

variety of senior executive roles at Suncorp, commencing in 1997. These roles included General Manager of Commercial Banking, Executive General Manager of Specialist Sales and Service and Head of Business Customers. He has a wealth of experience and a successful track record of establishing Suncorp's distribution networks in new markets and achieving outstanding growth targets while delivering enviable customer service standards.

Danny holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Banking Management from the Macquarie Graduate School of Management, Australia, is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Fellow of



### **APNGA Breakfast Seminar**

Tattersall's Club, Tuesday 25th September 2018, Commences 7:00 am sharp (Page 2 for details)

Guest Speaker: Mr Peter Graham, CBE, MD & CEO Ok Tedi Mining Limited







## APNGA Breakfast Seminar — 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### OK Tedi Mining—Recent Developments and Business Strategy

**Guest Speaker - Mr Peter Graham, CBE**

**Location: Tattersalls Club; 7:00 am start, Members cost is \$70/head and Non-Members \$75/head**

**Peter Graham CBE, Chairman Kumul Minerals Holding Limited and MD & CEO, Ok Tedi Mining Limited**

Peter is a chemical engineer with a Bachelor and Master’s degree from the University of New South Wales in Sydney. He has attended executive management programs in Switzerland and USA.

He worked for over 27 years with Exxon Mobil Corporation based in Australia and in USA. In Australia he was General Manager at several coal mining companies, and then Managing Director, Exxon Coal and Minerals Australia Limited. In the USA for 11 years, Peter held positions including General Manager, Monterey Coal Company in Illinois and Technical Department Manager, Exxon Coal, Minerals and Power Company in Houston Texas responsible for oversight of engineering and operations of affiliates in Australia, Colombia, USA, Chile, and Hong Kong.

Peter moved from mining to the oil and gas industry initially in Houston, transferred to Brisbane as Project Executive, PNG Pipeline to Australia Project and later the PNG LNG Project and then to PNG as Managing Director, ExxonMobil PNG Limited for seven years to deliver the country’s first LNG project.

Peter joined Ok Tedi Mining Limited in may 2015. In addition to these roles, he was recently appointed as an Independent Director and Chairman of Kumul Minerals Holdings Limited.



**TRY BOOKING LINK: - <https://www.trybooking.com/420230>**

### Lukautim Mama Yu Lukautim Nation

**May Lamont**

In December 2017, in Kavieng, New Ireland Province, six Community Health Workers (CHWs) from throughout New Ireland Province became the proud recipients of certificates in Advanced Maternity Care Skills. They had just graduated from a six month competency based upskilling course at the Kavieng Provincial Hospital that was sponsored by Newcrest Mining Limited.

Newcrest’s sponsorship had emanated from an approach made to Ian Kemish AM, GM External Affairs & Social Performance, Newcrest Mining Limited by a Soroptimist International member who was present at the APNG Breakfast he had addressed earlier in the year. The Soroptimist International Birthing in the Pacific Project had sponsored a CHW Course at the Hospital the previous year and had sought sponsorship for a second course.

The CHWs also became proud recipients of gifts of maternity birthing equipment from the APNG Association. The funding for the CHW gifts was made possible from proceeds from the Ian Kemish Breakfast.

The CHWs were delighted to receive the gifts of the tools, four knowing that they would be invaluable on their return to their remote and poorly equipped Community Health Centres. Along with their newly learned skills, the tools would assist them in their ability to identify

pregnant mothers at risk and seek assistance, or to assist in a safe delivery.

Dr Alex Wangnapi, CEO of New Ireland Provincial Health Authority attended the Graduation Ceremony. In addressing the ceremony, he acknowledged that in PNG a large number of mothers die during childbirth with no skilled attendants present, so the upskilling of CHWs and provision of tools was critical in reducing the maternal mortality ratio in both the Province and PNG as a whole.

An initiative of Professor Glen Mola, School of Medicine and Health Sciences UPNG, the Community Health Programme was trialed as a pilot project in Mt Hagen Hospital in 2012. Its success since then has been followed by a further 5 courses at the Mt Hagen Hospital and 5 courses at Kundiawa General Hospital, one at Vunapope St Mary’s, 2 at Kavieng

Provincial Hospital and one at Buka General Hospital.

These courses have largely been fully, or partly funded by Soroptimist International and the Provincial Health Authorities have provided the management, the facilities and human resources – a very productive partnership.

In November 2016, the CHW Programme received full accreditation from the National Health Department. Now, the success of the programme will depend on the ability of Health Authorities to secure funding partners. Until this happens, PNG mothers and babies will continue to die from what are preventable causes. PNG has the highest maternal mortality ratio in the Pacific Region and one proven way of reducing this will be to up-skill and equip the grass roots health workers in rural and remote areas.



*May Lamont with graduates from the New Ireland Advanced Maternity Care Skills course.*



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PHOTOS



## Association Life Member— Emeritus Professor of Pathology Robin Cooke AO, MBE

Robin is a world wide recognised pathologist with a distinguished career. Robin was the first Pathologist to undertake teaching of Pathology in PNG and wrote the manuals and clinical procedures for the country. Although he retired from clinical duties in 2009, he has continued to work fervently on teaching, research, publishing educational material and electronic media and running National and International conferences. He has been Editor of newsletters for the Australasian Division of the International Academy of Pathology and for the International body of the IAP for a record 23 years.

He is an external Consultant to the University of Papua New Guinea School of Medicine and Health Science. He holds an Adjunct Professor appointment at University of Queensland and James Cook University and he is an Affiliate with the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute and links with the Royal College of Surgeons. He has published 6 major books and over 100 publications.

Robin has been an active Association Executive Member working on events, newsletters, organising speakers and with his close links to UPNG medicine and Pathology Department has provided valuable linkages between APNGA and these organisations.

Unfortunately, last year (2017) he contracted an extremely virulent autoimmune attack causing severe myositis resulting in his hospitalisation for the past 4 months.

In recognition of the work he has done with the Association, the Committee have recommended nominating him for Honorary Life Membership. This was endorsed by the members at the AGM.

At the time of publication of this newsletter, Professor Cooke has recovered and is looking forward to resuming duties, albeit at a reduced pace. We wish him well and hope to see him soon back at APNGA functions.





## Pacific Climate Change - Where do we go?

Organised by Pacific Islands Council of Qld Inc. and Friends of the Earth Brisbane

### Symposium Summary

APNGA was invited by the Pacific Islands Council of Queensland Inc. to attend a Symposium on “Pacific Climate Change—Where do we go?”. The symposium organisers invited attendees from all Pacific Islands interested in the impact of climate change and specifically sea level rise and the environmental and social impacts to communities. Nick and Cathy Currey attended as APNGA representatives.

The event included a one day symposium with Guest Speakers representing a number of Pacific Nations and Australia. From PNG, Mrs Ursula Rakova, Director of Tulele Peisa, Bougainville Island was an invited presenter. Follow-up events included work shops with local community leaders, youth and interested parties on what can be done to prepare for impacts of sea level rise.

Speakers topics included the science behind sea level rise and long term monitoring in specific countries where sea level rise is impacting on the fresh water table, beach erosion and land inundation. Other speakers talked about first hand impacts in their Nations on sea level rise and forced relocation of whole communities. This has occurred in Micronesia, Fiji and Bougainville.

The social integration problems caused by resettlement were highlighted as a major issue. Persons resettled, often into different communities or countries, different traditions and language, insufficient land and difficulties of establishing a livelihood were all highlighted.

This is a real issue for many PNG coastal communities especially in the Milne Bay, Bougainville and Northern Islands. PNG was well represented with eight delegates. The APNGA provided modest sponsorship towards the running of the event.



Niue dancers at opening of the Climate Change Forum.



PNG representatives at the Pacific Climate Change Forum.



Mrs Ursula Rakova from Bougainville describing issues of inundation and resettlement planning for her community.

**APNGA New Website**

**Please checkout our website**

**[www.apngassociation.com](http://www.apngassociation.com)**

**APNGA Membership Renewals**

**APNG Membership renewals are now due for 2018.**

**Renewals can be made through Trybooking via the website**

**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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**2018 Events Calendar**

**25th September 2018**  
**Business Breakfast**

**November**  
**Business Breakfast**  
**Date TBA**

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