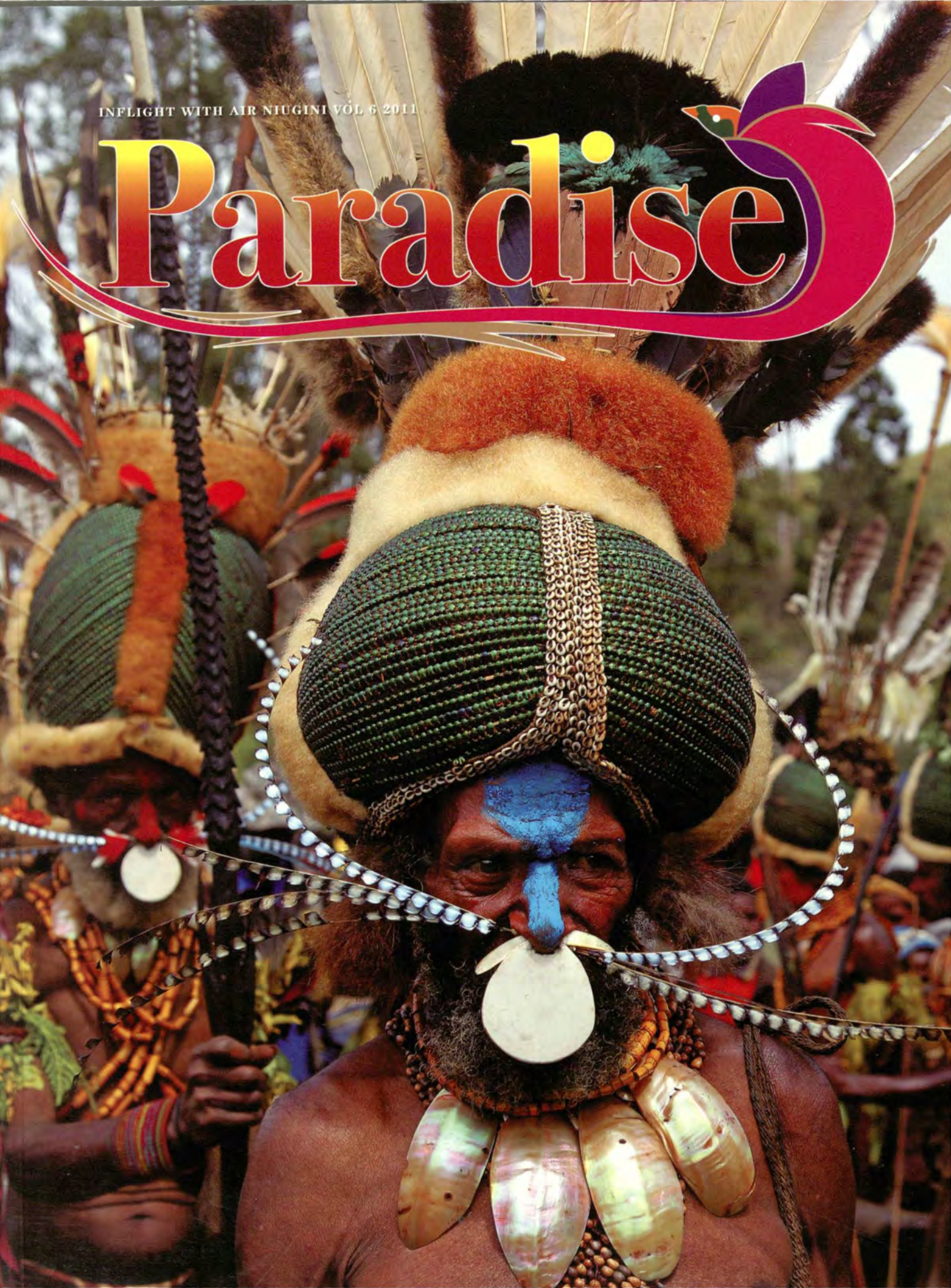


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


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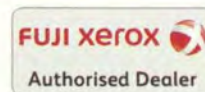
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The continuing improvement in Papua New Guinea's economy rising from the mining and resources projects and other business opportunities stemming from these industries has certainly captured international focus. In a recent report by the Bank of Papua New Guinea, the country anticipates an 8.5 percent GDP growth in 2011 and 6.5 % in 2012.

During the recent Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Hawaii, there was great interest in the small but growing economies of the Pacific, especially Papua New Guinea's potential resulting from the multi-million dollar LNG project.

The world's big economies are showing particular interest in participating in the region's future growth including the United States which intends to establish a trade presence in Port Moresby.

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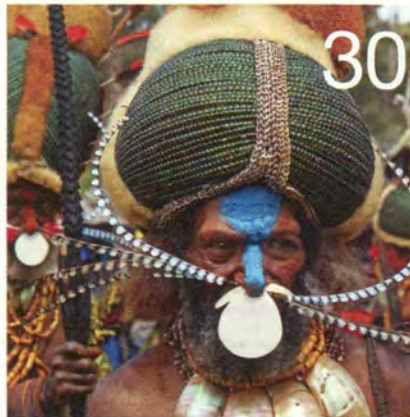
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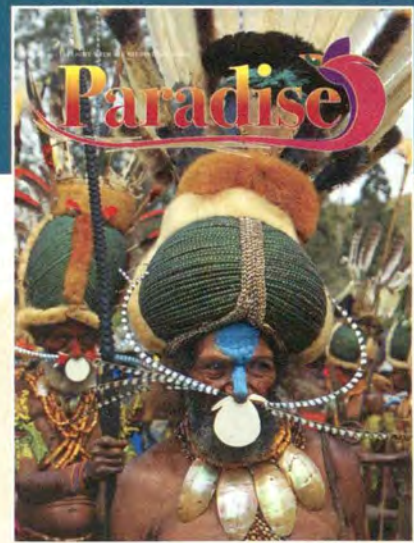
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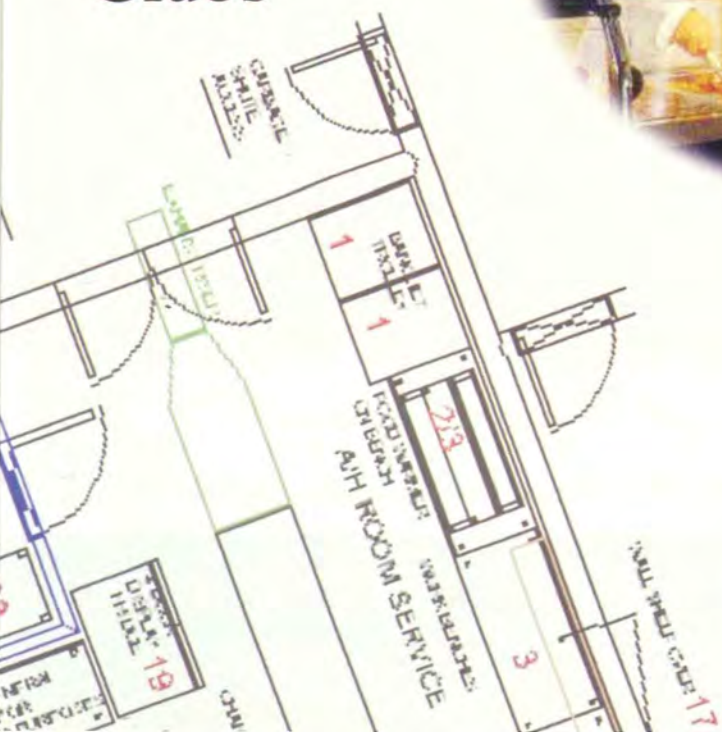
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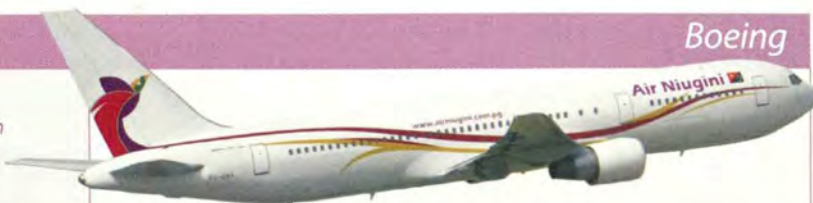
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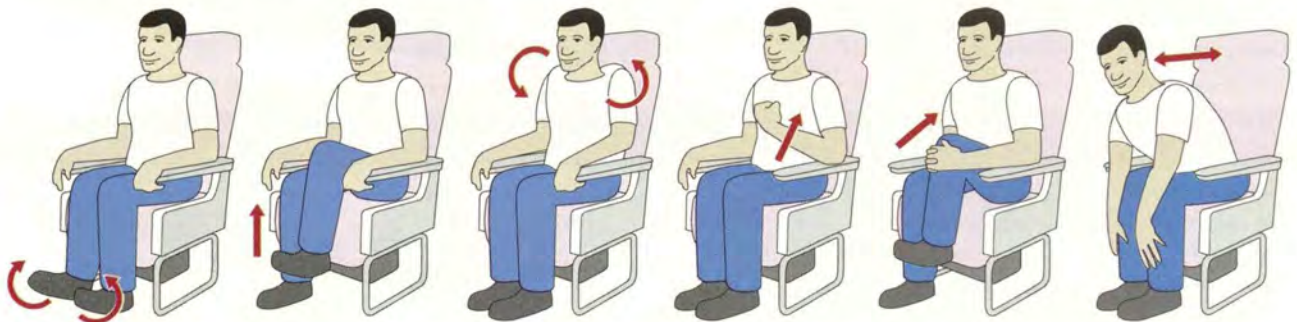


Your wellbeing



These exercises are designed to encourage a safe way to enjoy movement and stretch certain muscle groups that can become stiff as a result of long periods of sitting. They may be effective in increasing the body's circulation and massaging the muscles. We recommend you do these exercises for three or

four minutes every hour and occasionally get out of your seat and walk down the aisles if conditions allow. Each exercise should be done with minimal disturbance to other passengers. None of the following should be performed if they cause pain or cannot be done with ease.



ANKLE CIRCLES

Lift feet off the floor: Draw a circle with toes, simultaneously moving one foot clockwise and the other foot counter clockwise. Reverse circles. Do each direction for 15 seconds. Repeat if desired.

KNEE LIFTS

Lift leg with knee bent while contracting your thigh muscle. Alternate legs. Repeat 20-30 times for each leg.

SHOULDER ROLL

Hunch shoulders forward, then upward, then backward, then downward using a gentle circular motion.

ARM CURL

Start with arms held high at 90° angle - elbows down, hands out in front. Raise hands up to chest and back down alternating arms. Do these exercises in 30 second intervals.

KNEE TO CHEST

Bend forward slightly. Clasp hands around left knee and hug it to your chest. Hold stretch for 15 seconds. Keeping hands around knee, slowly let it down. Alternate legs. Repeat 10 times.

FORWARD FLEX

With both feet on the floor and stomach held in slowly, bend forward to walk your hands down the front of your legs towards your ankles. Hold stretch for 15 seconds and slowly sit back up.



OVERHEAD STRETCH

Raise both arms straight up and over your head. With one hand grasp the wrist of the opposite hand and gently pull to one side. Hold stretch for 15 seconds. Repeat other side.

SHOULDER STRETCH

Reach right hand over left shoulder. Place left hand behind right elbow and gently press elbow towards shoulder. Hold stretch for 15 seconds. Repeat other side.

NECK ROLL

With shoulders relaxed, drop ear to shoulder and gently roll neck forward and to the other side, holding each position about 5 seconds. Repeat 5 times.

FOOT PUMPS

Foot motion is in three stages.
1. Start with both heels on the floor and point feet upwards as high as you can.

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When you are flying you can be seated and be inactive for long periods of time. The environment can be low in humidity and pressurised up to an altitude of 2240 metres above sea level. Unlike other forms of transportation, air travel allows for rapid movement across many time zones, causing a disruption to the body's "biological clock". Although these unique factors do not pose a health or safety threat to most passengers, there are guidelines you can follow that will improve your comfort level, during and after a flight. We hope the following recommendations will help you have a more pleasant flight today and in the future.

Blood Circulation/Muscle Relaxation

When you're sitting upright in a stationary position for a long period of time, several things can happen.

The central blood vessels in your legs can be compressed, making it more difficult for the blood to get back to your heart.

The long inactivity of your body muscles in this position can result in muscle tension, back aches or a feeling of excessive fatigue during, or even after, your flight.

A stationary position inhibits the normal body mechanism for returning fluid to your heart, and gravity can cause the fluid to collect in your feet. This results in swollen feet after a long flight.

Studies have concluded that prolonged immobility may be a risk factor in the formation of clots in the legs (DVT - deep vein thrombosis). Particular medication and medical conditions may increase the risk of formation of clots if associated with prolonged immobility.

Medical research indicates that factors which may give you an increased risk of blood clots in the legs include:

- ✦ Former or current malignant disease
- ✦ Blood disorders leading to increased clotting tendency
- ✦ Personal or family history of DVT
- ✦ Immobilisation for a day or more

- ✦ Increasing age above 40 years
- ✦ Pregnancy
- ✦ Recent major surgery or injury, especially to lower limbs or abdomen
- ✦ Oestrogen hormone therapy, including oral contraceptives
- ✦ Dehydration
- ✦ Heart failure
- ✦ Trauma
- ✦ Varicose veins
- ✦ Obesity
- ✦ Tobacco smoking

Recommendations

- ✦ If you fall into any of these categories or you have any concern about your health and flying, Air Niugini recommends you seek medical advice before travelling.
- ✦ Follow our in-flight exercises programme.

Jetlag

The main cause of jetlag is travelling to different time zones without giving the body a chance to adjust to new night-day cycles. In general, the more time zones you cross during your flight, the more your biological clock is disturbed.

The common symptoms are sleeplessness, tiredness, loss of appetite or appetite at odd hours.

Recommendations

- ✦ Get a good night's rest before your flight.
- ✦ Arrive at your destination a day or two early, to give your body a chance to become more acclimatised to the new time zone.
- ✦ Leave your watch on home time if you're staying at a destination less than 48 hours. Also try to eat and sleep according to your home time.



- ◆ Change your watch to the local time if your stay is longer than 48 hours, and try to eat and sleep in accordance with the local time.
- ◆ On longer stays, try to prepare in advance, adjust your meal and rest times to be closer to those of your destination.
- ◆ Try some light exercise - go for a brisk walk, or do some reading if you can't sleep after arrival at your destination. It generally takes the body's biological clock approximately one day to adjust per time zone crossed. Fly direct to minimise flight time. This allows you to relax more upon arrival.

Cabin Humidity/Dehydration

Humidity levels of less than 25 percent are common in the cabin. This is due to the extremely low humidity levels of outside air supplied to the cabin. The low humidity can cause drying of the nose, throat, eyes and it can irritate contact lens wearers.

Recommendations

- ◆ Drink water or juices frequently during the flight
- ◆ Drink coffee, tea and alcohol in moderation. These drinks acts as diuretics, increasing the body's dehydration.
- ◆ Remove contact lenses and wear glasses if your eyes are irritated.
- ◆ Use a skin moisturiser to refresh the skin.

Eating and Drinking

Proper eating and drinking will enhance your comfort both during and after your flight.

Recommendations

- ◆ Avoid overeating just prior to and during the flight. It is difficult to digest too much food when the body is inactive.
- ◆ Drink coffee, tea and alcohol in moderation. These drinks act as diuretics, increasing the body's dehydration.

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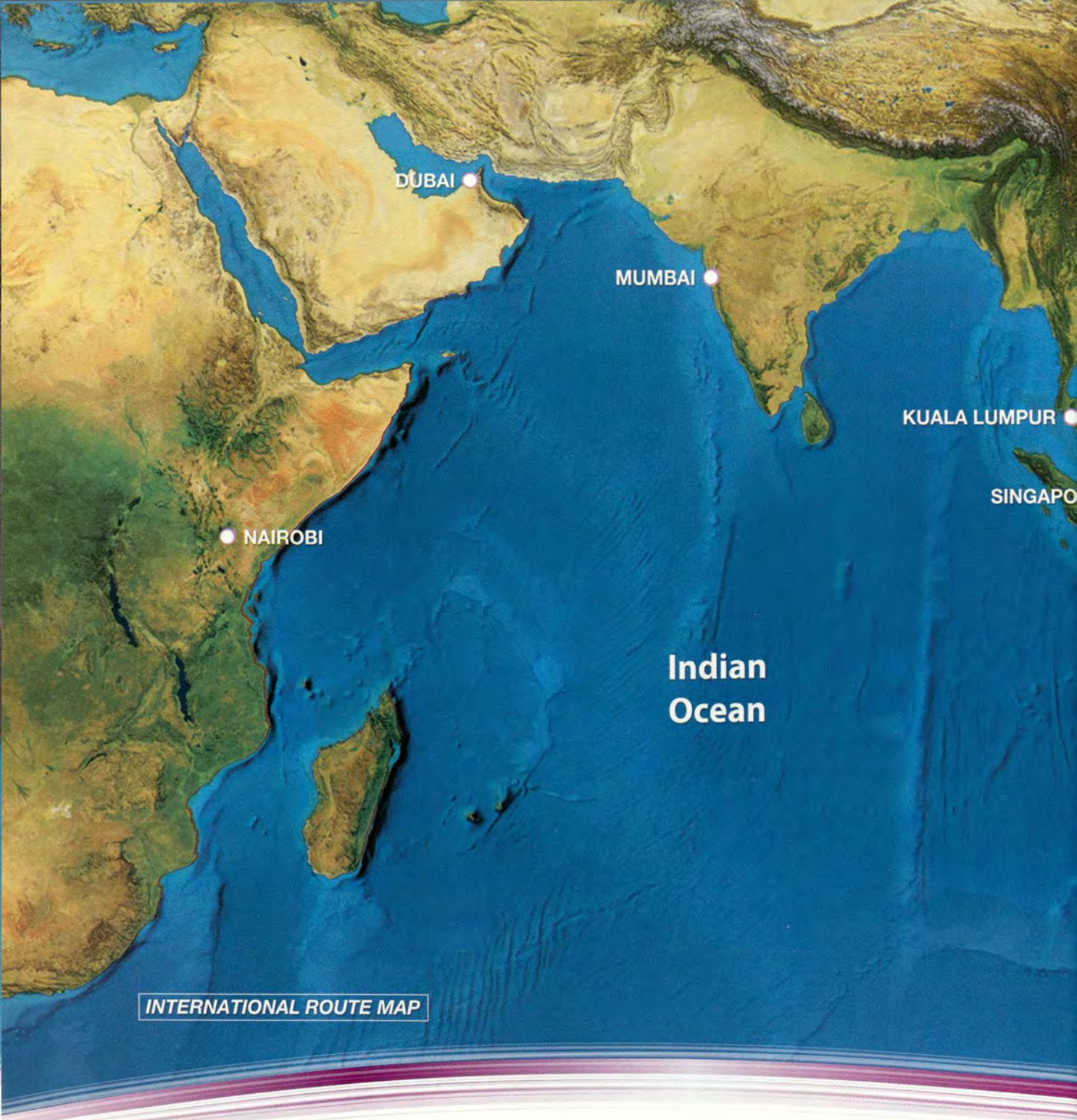
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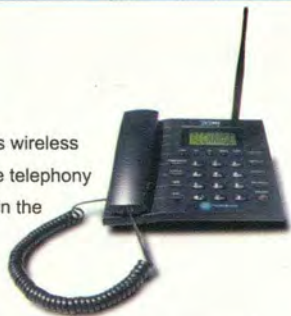
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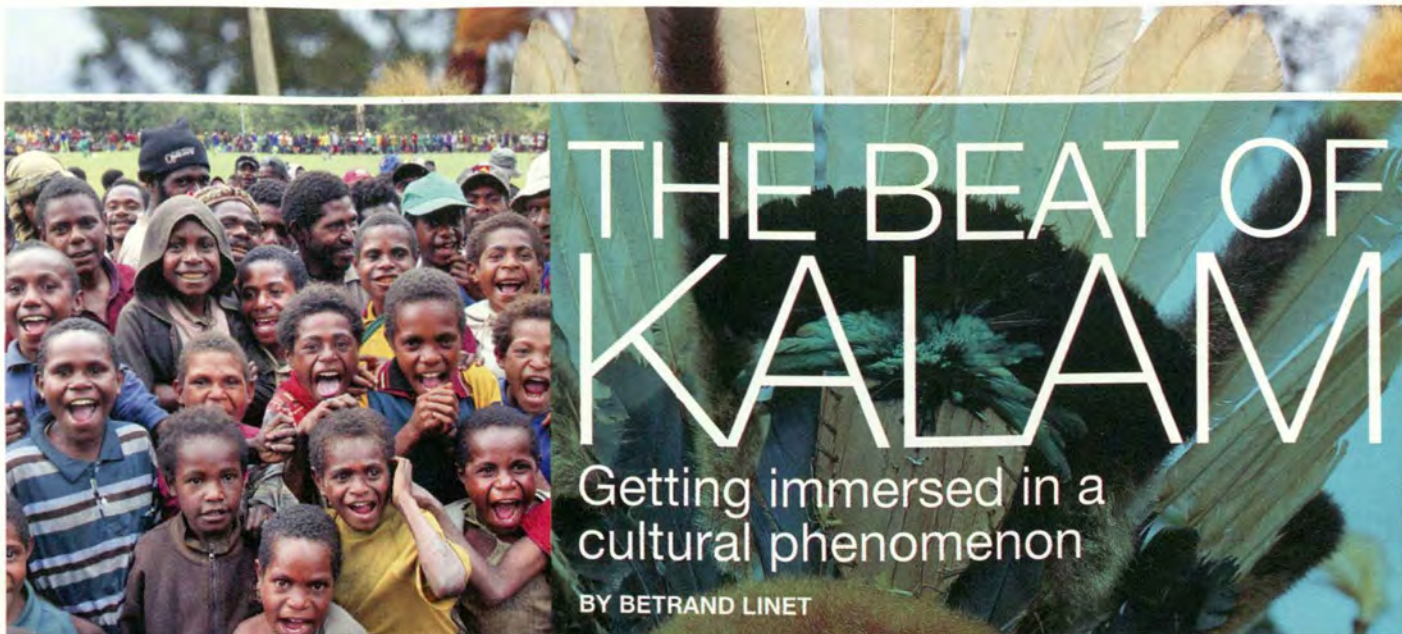
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THE BEAT OF KALAM

Getting immersed in a cultural phenomenon

BY BERTRAND LINET





Simbai is the home of the Kalam tribe in the heart of the highlands of Madang. It is one of Papua New Guinea's undeveloped places where people still live a subsistence lifestyle in traditional villages scattered through pristine wilderness territory and untouched by westernisation.

With a unique, authentic, living and breathing showcase of Kalam culture, staged for no one but themselves, their ancestors would definitely have turned in their graves in pride and joy.

When my French friend Marc Dozier, a Papua New Guinea specialist, described Simbai to me, I knew it would be my next destination in PNG. So, when I landed at the tiny airstrip in Simbai recently to watch the festival, I was so excited. I didn't know I would spend one of my most memorable experiences in Papua New Guinea.

A Kalam sing sing welcomed me at the airstrip and escorted me all the way (a 20-minute walk) to the eco-friendly Kalam Guesthouse (120 kina a/night, three meals a day and activities included). It was a reception I didn't dream of. It was mind-blowing, awesome and unique







Once a year, the week-long cultural festival, which is normally hosted in the third week of September, features the initiation of young boys by nose piercing ("sutim nus" in tok pidgin). Young boys about 10 to 17 years old go into a "hausboi" (men's house) to learn about initiation rites from village elders and get their noses pierced.

This initiation ceremony is slotted in concurrence with bride price payments, pig killings - culminating in feasting and all-night dancing and chanting extravaganzas.

Traditionally, a major initiation ceremony using over 100 pigs is held every three to six years. It is a genuine cultural phenomenon when all the surrounding villagers flow into Simbai station for the occasion.

Visitors simply stand and watch in amazement or in awe (or join in if you want to kill a pig or have your nose pierced...) as Kalam men parade around the station with their huge head-dresses decorated with bright green beetle exoskeletons (more than 1000 on each).

The crowns of the head-dresses are decorated with bird feathers comprising those of the cockatoo, parrots, lorikeets and bird of paradise species. Small round kina shells are hooked on to and hang suspended from the hole in the nose while others insert King of Saxony bird of paradise feathers.



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LOCAL DESTINATIONS

There is no other place in PNG that has such unique head-dresses. When it comes to body decorations, their bodies are heavily donned with "bilas" (body ornaments) such as large kina shells, hornbill (kokomo) beak necklaces, cuscus fur, wild garden flowers and arm bands. Pig fat provides the final shine.

This festival is a 'real heaven' for photographers.

This year, a top female photographer (twice World Press Award), Isabel Munoz, from Spain, was there to record all this beauty.

After being immersed in this unique cultural phenomenon and four days of feasting on pig meat every day during breakfast, lunch and dinner and making many local friends, I was ready to leave but by then, I had developed an emotional attachment to Simbai, its culture and people.

On the plane and with the mountains of Simbai in the background, I told myself, 'Simbai, I will definitely return!'



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FESTIVAL OF SMILES

BY JAN HASSELBERG



While a large group of workers were busy raising the structure for the main festival building, a row of blue sails were seen approaching out in the bay. They had good, strong winds blowing from the southeast, giving them wonderful speed and soon they were aiming for the beach by the festival grounds. They were the sailing canoes of Rabaraba, on the northern coast.

They had been on their way for two days, and now, with white foam around their bows and outriggers, they were ready to land, like a conquering blue armada. One man stood in the front of each canoe holding a good-size round pole, which he dropped in front of the canoe just when they reached the water's edge, making it roll, still with its sail fully filled, nicely on to the beach.

They were the first guests arriving for the Canoe and Kundu Festival (2010) in Alotau. This festival has quickly established itself as one of the major cultural events in Papua New Guinea with participants joining in from the islands and the coasts of Milne Bay, and sometimes with groups from other provinces as well.

For three days, the show goes on with sailing and canoeing competitions, dancing performances, cultural demonstrations and other activities, and the town thrives with people and life. On the festival grounds below the market place, two rows of large shelters are set up to house the participants and inside are small stalls for selling handicrafts, refreshments, company presentations and two dancing arenas.



When the Rabaraba group has settled in their allotted shelter, more groups arrive and on the main building, the nypa roof sections are put in place. All around town everything is getting ready for the many guests and for the grand occasion: streets are cleaned, shop signs are painted, extra supplies are brought in for shops and markets and everywhere the expectations produce smiling faces.

Hotels and guest houses are filled, and the 'Orion' cruise ship has docked at the international wharf. The bulk of visitors are nationals - wantoks and friends of hosts and participants - but one also sees more travellers from abroad than usual. Are we ready then?

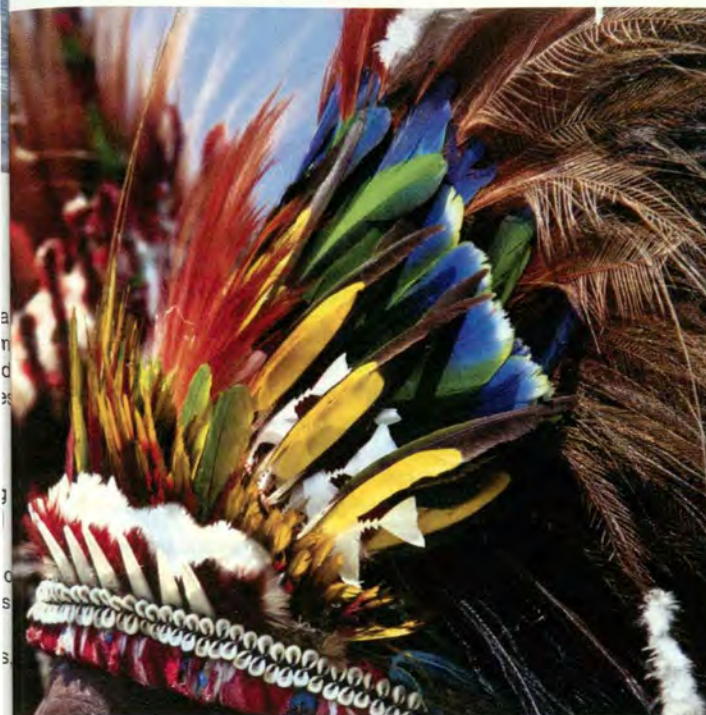
On the Friday morning, a slight shower is followed by a wonderful rainbow promising a pot of gold on the festival grounds - maybe a sign from higher powers saying that they are with us.

Down by the beach the conch shells are sounding and some VIP guests are landed from big canoes, now all decorated with palm fronds, shells, banners and other ornaments.

The grounds are already filled with spectators and everywhere you see groups of dancers and paddlers getting ready to take part. From the festival building,

speakers are announcing the next events while PNG's national radio takes in singers to go live on air; commerce also picks up very quickly around the stalls, and soda, snacks and betel nut are consumed with enthusiasm. There is music, colours, laughs and smiles all over - the festival is on!

Over by one of the big shelters, wonderful singing is heard and many people gather around to listen. It's the group from Wari Island who has time to wait before their official dancing and paddling, and they are all gathered in their shelter with guitars and songs.





Their singing comes out with such energy and joy, the beautiful harmonies fill the air, and the music lifts the spirits to even greater heights.

When the races are on, the beach is filled with spectators. The sailing canoes are lined up and their crews stand waiting for the start signal. When it comes, they push their vessels out and jump on - water splashing; commands shouted - and the colourful sails catch the breeze and off they go.

They steer for Gwawili village on the other side of the bay. Over there, they must pick a stone from the beach before returning to the festival ground and see who is the fastest.

Some groups demonstrate how a big canoe full of men was greeted in the olden days

The two arenas are filled with music and dancing... what a show! What can match a Papua New Guinea sing-sing when it comes to colours, dancing and genuine tradition?



When coming to a village for trading or visiting. On shore spears are shown with raised arms by war-painted tribesmen who take threatening dancing steps in front of the visitors. Some show a confrontation, while others show friendly meetings.

The groups from Woodlark Island and Waluma on Fergusson demonstrate the famous Kula Ring trading rituals, where the long, intricate and symbolic bagi necklaces are exchanged.

There are also some Rossel Islanders showing how to make the treasured, small red scallop pieces that are used for the bagi and also for the smaller necklaces that have become a trademark of Milne Bay province.

The races with the Lopo war canoes are the

crowd's favourite because here all the action is close to the beach, and one can really get a feel of the challenge, the adrenaline pumping and the sweat. In their traditional outfit, which is basically a palm leaf lap-lap and a headband, the paddlers hover around before getting into the canoes. They look at their opponents, trying to find out how good they might be: it's best to have another betel nut before starting - the local all-purpose steroid and energiser.

Then, the canoes pull out and it's a beautiful sight: the long, slender hulls are painted in white, red and black, and have elaborate ornaments like the dragon's heads in their bows and tails in the stern.

For the first minute, it's a close race, but it's not easy to maintain top speed and steer the long canoe at the same time. One of the lupos gets off balance and tips over - the good thing it's not a war but just a friendly competition! The others continue around a buoy and then fight their way back.

On the beach, the crowd is cheering from the bottom of their lungs, some now even

standing in the water waving in excitement. The winner receives a great ovation when it crosses the finishing line, and then all the crews are welcomed back to the beach by cheering, hugs and laughter.

The winners are proud and have the broadest smiles, of course, but even the soaked boats men that tipped over just smile and laugh. This truly is a festival of smiles.

The big group from Rabaraba didn't come only for the sailing; they also have an impressive dancing group. Like their neighbours up in Oro province, the men wear the spectacular head-dresses with feathers from all sorts of birds, all artistically brought together into the most beautiful, colourful set-ups.

When they dance their way into the arena, their kundu drums are sounding along with the singing, while the big, heavy cassowary dusks are swaying to the beat from the back of their necks.

When they change rhythm, the singing stops, and the men take their pig tusk necklaces in their mouths and the crowd then knows that



a new set of songs and dances are about to begin - what a show! What can match a Papua New Guinea sing-sing when it comes to colours, dancing and genuine tradition?

There is room for the more humorous initiatives and competitions as well: a group of residents from the Highlands region made some costumes of cardboard, metal scrap, some feathers and lots of bright paint, somewhat in the style of their real outfits, and they put on a spontaneous little dancing show to much amusement.

After three intense days, a traditional food exchange between the participating groups round off the event and leaders of the festival committee and some of the sponsors give their official thanks to all involved.

No fences or gates are needed here, and the police seemed relaxed and smiling as everyone else. It's just a big joyous feast. Yes, Alotau does it again - the festival has lived up to, and maybe topped everyone's expectations.



Next year, we'll win, one of the men says. Then, they look at each other and laugh. They know they'll be back next year, not to win - but just to have a really good time.



The next morning the area is cleared and the groups from near and far get ready to leave. The big, open ground is swept, rubbish is driven off and PMVs come by to pick up the mainland visitors. By the beach, the canoes are getting ready for the return journey.

Some Waluma men are standing watching the bay and the sky, hoping for better winds - maybe the paddles in their hands is what is going to take them home to Fergusson Island.

Well, they've had a great time anyway. They have shown to others and the world that they have a living culture; that they still know how to sail and paddle, to sing and dance, and that even their old trading traditions are kept alive.

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FROM ONE EXTREME TO ANOTHER

Speed trekking PNG-style

BY RENEE CLUFF

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To most mere mortals, a trek of this nature would sound more like the stuff of nightmares that no-one in his or her right mind would choose to do.

But that's just what a group of Australian and New Zealand expatriates living in Lae, Papua New Guinea, did - and they went back for more.

Just months after setting a new speed record on Morobe Province's Black Cat Track, Christy King, Aimee Pomare, Simon Vandestadt and Darren Rohan ran the Kokoda Trail.

For the fittest of professional endurance athletes, this would be a gruelling dual. But what makes this feat so remarkable is that none of them are.

Ask them and they'll insist they're just four ordinary people in their 30s and 40s, who spend their days working and raising their families. What sets them apart is that they have a taste for adventure and a challenge.

It all began when Christy, a registered nurse, wife and mother to two young sons, walked the Black Cat track 'slowly' over five days and caught the trekking bug.

When she asked her guides whether they thought she could run it, she was told it would take an extraordinary amount of training to be fit enough.

It was a response which only served to spark her resolve and she immediately began researching extreme trekking and discovered the Kokoda Challenge - a race along the 96-kilometre Kokoda track.

Her enthusiasm to take on the challenge soon prompted others to jump on board. Before long, she had assembled a team of four and a sponsor in Powerade.

The Lae community also pitched in as Powerade Team CK (Challenge Kokoda) set out to raise funds to buy much-needed safety equipment for the local police force.



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Aimee Pomare, mother of seven, a former New Zealand police officer and now head of security at Coca Cola Amatil PNG was the other woman in the foursome.

The two men included Simon Vandestadt, a father of two, keen cyclist, and senior executive with Dulux Group, and Darren Rohan, father of two, and General Manager of Nosrida, a Lae-based construction company.

Darren is the first to admit he was the least fit to begin with - his sporting prowess limited to friendly games of touch footy every so often and sinking SP beer down at the local yacht club.

To help get the team trek-fit, they enlisted the

help of personal trainer Clare Read, another Kiwi expatriate living in Lae.

"The fitness test that Clare put on us was funny. She told us the day before that we'd be doing a fitness test tomorrow morning and it was like woops, I drank beer! It was hell."

Training

And so began a 22-week training programme, which included strength training and two-hour runs, which in Lae is a feat in itself.

Unable to run around the city's streets by themselves safely, they took to running in the early hours of the morning with a support truck, which they could always clamber onto.

Treadmills also proved useful, according to Christy.

"We followed the programme she put in place for us quite religiously, she was excellent."

The only problem was that it was time consuming. Aimee says the workouts virtually took over her non-working hours.

"I really enjoyed the training but missing out on that family time was for me, the hardest thing.

"Our families came on the journey with us - willingly or unwillingly," adds Simon.

The Black Cat run, a 65-kilometre course from coastal Salamaua to mountainous Wau, was originally scheduled as part of the training, to give the team more practice at hill climbs.

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A guide is essential because there really is no path to follow. The trail was initially used by gold miners in the 1920s and 1930s and later, the Japanese army trudged across it as they moved over land from Salamaua, during World War II.

To be precise, the group didn't actually pass through Black Cat village, which was the site of the Black Cat gold mine, which gave the track its name.

They took a detour at one point to dodge a particularly dangerous section, and instead passed through the village of Skindiwai. Christy says almost every trekker now takes this route.

"We were so excited and thought we were going to do it in 17 hours. It was a huge reality check."

The practice hike proved to be no dry run. In fact, as Aimee points out, it was wetter than wet.

"The first 10 hours we were in water up to our waist. We changed our socks when we thought we were on our final climb. We thought we'd stay dry from that point but actually there are all these other little creeks that you have to go through, we were just wet constantly."

The thought of what could be lurking beneath the surface played on her mind every time her feet got wet.

"Five minutes into it, there was a snake, that's where I lost it. From then on, I walked the river crossings with a bush knife, ready to strike. I was also worried about crocs."

Christy's breaking point came during the night, when she began to suffer from a rapid drop in her blood sugar level. Put simply, she hadn't been consuming enough sugar to keep up with what her body was using.



Evidence from the battles of World War II was also a point of interest, particularly for Aimee, who has a military background, and Simon. He says the villagers will show it to trekkers but have no real motivation to collect anything.

“There are masses of bomb shells near Mubo, as well as canons. Villagers were digging up live bombs when we walked through.”

She says the timing couldn't have been worse, with the team forced to negotiate two fresh landslides.

“It was a solid eight hours of climbing over logs, all uphill and highly technical. We were clinging to rock faces, we had to use ropes and there were lots of other bits where you had to climb down using the ropes because it was just so dangerous and that was all in the dark and I felt dizzy that whole time.”

Twenty two hours into the trek, as the group neared the village of Skindiwai, her body had had enough. Aimee illustrates her extreme fatigue.

“Christy was just like ‘I need to sleep, I need to sleep’ and she crawls past us on her hands and knees, she gets to the door of this house, and asks ‘can I come in?’ They didn’t have much choice, they said yes, but Christy goes back again and I’m thinking ‘where is she going?’”

“She grabs her pack, crawls back on her hands and knees, goes under this bar which they’ve got hot water hanging off above the fire, knocks it, crawls over to the space right next to the fire where there’s a child still sleeping, puts her

pack down, headlight on full so everyone she looks at is blinded or waking up, and she lays down and starts going to sleep.”

“Then she says ‘I need to go to the loo.’ She looks at the people, then gets up, crawls out bumps everybody and everything and goes outside.

“Then she comes back, takes her socks off and hangs them above the fireplace, above the water, so they were dripping into the fresh drinking water. You should have seen the look on the villagers’ faces.”

Simon, the diplomat of the group, says the locals were extremely tolerant.

“There are a few taboos in village life and I reckon hanging your dripping socks above the drinking water has to rate as one of the big ones.”

Aimee laughs as she recalls how Christy wanted to stay in the village.

“She was telling us to go on without her, and that she would stay with the people in Skindiwai and their faces, were like, ‘No way, get her out of here!’”



stretch. "Despite our gaiters, our shins were cut to pieces, because the trees just kept slapping on them. When we got back to the car, we could barely walk."

Only now are they able to truly value the experiences they had on their 31-hour long trek.

Darren says the sheer isolation of the villages they passed through was fascinating.

"Compared to Kokoda, it's just so untouched. The people who live along the track have to walk for days to get anywhere so they haven't been influenced by outside communities and they've still got respect for their elders and that sense of community. The older generation still has a hold on the younger generation. But they do have a lot of health issues and no services at all. They're being forced to move out of those hills, so they can have access to schools and medical help."

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"The hill alongside the Francisco River has got a lot of bomb craters along it and there is a museum in Komiatum, which is just up from Salamaua, where they've got a lot of good relics.

"Then, there's Skindiwai, which was the site of an Australian base - it's littered with bombs, ammunition, helmets and wreckage from planes and cars."

The group is also quick to acknowledge that the trek did serve its purpose as a training run. Christy, in particular, learned lessons on nutrition and hydration the hard way.

"I didn't have enough food on Black Cat and next to no sugar and for the first couple of days after we finished, I was on a drip to replenish my body. I thought there was no way I was strong enough to do Kokoda but the guys pulled out the Top Gun inspirational speech and we all got back into training for Kokoda. My nutrition on Kokoda was outstanding."

She says the Black Cat run was also a major bonding session.

"It really brought us together as a group. We discovered our weaknesses and strengths."

For instance, at Kokoda, Darren was placed at the back of the line at night because he'd proven to be fast in the dark. But Darren admits there was an ulterior motive - his fellow trekkers wanted to breathe fresh air.

The group had decided to walk Kokoda back to front because it made more sense for

So, 45 minutes later, after a cat nap and a sugar hit - courtesy of a squashed, sodden Nutella sandwich - Christy was confronted with again putting one foot in front of the other for another nine hours.

The group had two guides with them, Kerry and Ninga, who decided to do a bit of hunting along the way.

Renewed optimism

Darren says it was a wonderful experience which gave them renewed optimism and helped recharge their batteries.

"They were off into the bush, catching possums, bandicoots and eels and they were having a great time, which sort of changed our whole outlook and the track became wider, which also helped."

"Then the sun came out and it was really good, we all got a burst of energy," Christy affirms.

But the masses of leeches ensured they didn't get a moment's respite, as Darren explains.

"We just wanted to sit down for five minutes

and you'd sit down and the leeches would just jump on you, so you couldn't just rest and relax."

He said that with their food supplies spent, a quick pick-me-up helped ensure they made it.

"At Charlie's Rest, five hours out, one of our guides gave us each some lollies and a mouthful of Tang that were part of his rations. It was like 'bang' everybody was back on board."

He says the final four hours were downhill all the way, under a blazing hot sun and amongst kunai grass.

"Christy could see the car waiting for us and she was off like a rocket and we were all sprinting to keep up."

Christy is the first to admit that for her, the last few kilometres proved emotionally overwhelming.

"I was running, I was crying, really in quite a state. I was never going to do Kokoda after Black Cat."

Aimee also shed some tears on the final



them logistically and so they could cheer on competitors of the Kokoda Challenge as they crossed paths.

It took a full day to reach Kokoda from Lae - they left before dawn, travelled to Port Moresby and boarded a plane to Popondetta, then jumped in a truck to get to Kokoda. By the time they arrived, it was dark again.

The group stayed overnight at Priscilla's Lodge, where they enjoyed a home cooked meal and slept under mosquito nets.

As dawn was breaking the following morning, they hit the ground running - that is, until they hit the first mountain climb, which they continued to tackle for no less than 15 hours. The group finally stopped when they reached what is now referred to jokingly as the 'false pass'.

Darren says the name came about because of Simon's dubious navigation skills. It should be noted that Simon had walked Kokoda the previous year.

"Simon says to us, that's it, we've done the hardest part, we're at the top of the hill now', so here we are exhausted but thrilled, high fives, yeah highest point done."

But the cheering was short-lived. Simon relates the moment of torment when they were informed by other trekkers that the pass was actually another three kilometres uphill.

"Aimee had said she would kill me if this wasn't it. Luckily, there were plenty of witnesses otherwise I would've been dead."

They got to the 'real' Kokoda Gap at 6pm, as darkness was falling. Just as they put their head lamps on, they passed the eventual winner, Brendan Buka, who also holds the course record of 16 hours and 34 minutes.

Simon remains in awe of Brendan's seemingly effortless movement.

"He just oozed strength and composure as he stepped past us in his 26 kina Dunlop runners. We found it hard to comprehend how he'd come so far in 12 hours."

Darkness brought with it strong winds, which Darren says brought tree branches down and hampered their efforts to cook dinner and stay warm.

"It picked up our fire, it picked up the sand, we were lucky our packs weren't ignited."

He says compared to Black Cat, the Kokoda track is heavily populated and they passed through dozens of villages. However, he points out that going through villages at night was a bit of a non-event, because everyone was asleep.

"You've got the headlamp and so you look over and shine the light straight in their houses and you're like, ok I want to look in but I can't, I'll wake them up...ok I'll just do it quickly."

Christy tried to make the most of the night trekking.

"We had a few stops where we all looked up at the stars, we laid back on our packs and that was really nice."

By the time they arrived at Myola, it was just before dawn and the dew was settling on the grass and on their clothes, which were already soaked with sweat.

To make matters worse, the blisters on Simon's feet were getting the better of him.

According to Aimee, he was ready to call it quits. "Simon said to me, this is our last chance, what do you reckon? Do we get a plane to land here and get us out?"

I said no way!"

Then, without a local guide who could help them find the track leading out of Myola, they took a half hour detour as they searched for it, padding around the village, across the airfield and back again, their frustration and exhaustion simultaneously rising.

Eventually, they found it, but Christy says they were only able to walk for another three hours before sleep deprivation sets in.

"Kerry, our guide from Morobe who also did Black Cat with us, said 'I have to sleep, if I don't sleep'...you know he was getting really cranky."

Aimee relates how Simon's questionable navigation skills once again came to the fore as they tried to decide where they would stop to rest their heads.

"We get to this village that's pumping, there were fires going, people were having breakfast and we said let's just stop, go in there and join them and Simon's like 'no, not this one, five minutes more there's another one'. Yeah right, we went through another five villages and a river crossing."

Worth it

Darren concurs. "He kept saying five more minutes and I'm thinking these five minutes are getting longer and longer and longer."

But Christy reminds them that in the end, it was worth it.

"We got to this clearing and this lovely little family was there, it wasn't even a village, just one family and we asked if we could sleep somewhere and whether they could light a fire and boil some water for us. So we went up to this guesthouse to lie down and the next minute they threw these pillows up, it felt like five star."

They woke up half an hour later, fully recharged. Aimee says they were even able to indulge in a hot breakfast.

"That family was just so accommodating, it was unbelievable and thank goodness, we didn't do anything inappropriate like hang dripping socks over their drinking water."

After they left, they hit another undulating area, and found going down much more difficult that going up. Constantly sliding on stones, their feet were bearing the brunt of the impact.

Darren admits they'd underestimated how difficult the terrain would be.

"When you run down a hill for two hours, your feet are bruised and just torn apart and it's difficult to keep going."

Climbing to Imita Ridge was another major challenge, because it was at that point that Simon's body began to succumb to the effects of the heat.

He says the setback sparked the true spirit



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LOCAL DESTINATIONS

of mateship and endurance, on which the Kokoda legend is built.

"Christy and Aimee picked up on the signs and ensured I soaked at Ofi Creek and again at Ioribaiwa, where we stopped for a longer rest and feed. Darren also carried my pack for much of that section."

Christy says to lug an extra 15 kilogrammes on such a taxing part of the track, was quite a feat for Darren.

"It just went on and on and on, for about two hours. Simon had promised a beautiful field of kunai grass at the top and a straight track and we just wanted to reach this oasis."

But Darren says it wasn't to be. "We got up to the top and then we had to come straight back down again. It was only this tiny little section of kunai!"

They walked for a further two hours after the sun had set on the second day of the trek, which Aimee laments was a mental low point.

"The hardest thing was turning that torch back on again the second night. I struggled with that. I didn't want to do dark again."

The turning point came when the group realised that if they kept going at a steady

pace, they were likely to break the 40-hour mark.

Simon says they began powering ahead, even though the final leg was a frustrating climb.

"It was just sandy, like a dune, really hard to get a grip."

When they crossed the finish line 39 hours after they set off, it was a moment of quiet exhilaration. This time around, there were no tears and their bodies recovered quickly.

Darren advises anyone planning on doing a similar slog to book a post-trek hotel with no stairs.

"We had to climb stairs to get to our rooms. It was like some sort of cruel joke after continuously climbing up and down thousands of metres for the past day and a half and then sitting motionless in a car for an hour. Painful with a capital 'P'."

Their feet were extremely tender with the wrinkly skin centimetres thick when they took their shoes off. Even months after the trek, there are still some numb toes.

However, Simon points out that while the treks may have taken their toll physically, all four members of the team are stronger mentally

for having accomplished what they set out to achieve.

"I wanted to give up so many times but I just kept thinking that no matter how sore and tired I felt, I didn't have malaria or dysentery, I wasn't carrying 40 kilogrammes of guns and ammunition, I wasn't being shot at and when I got to the end, there would be a car to take me to a hotel where I could sleep!

"I can only guess what it was really like for the diggers in World War II, but I feel exceptionally privileged to have shared some of that pain."

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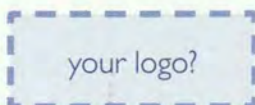
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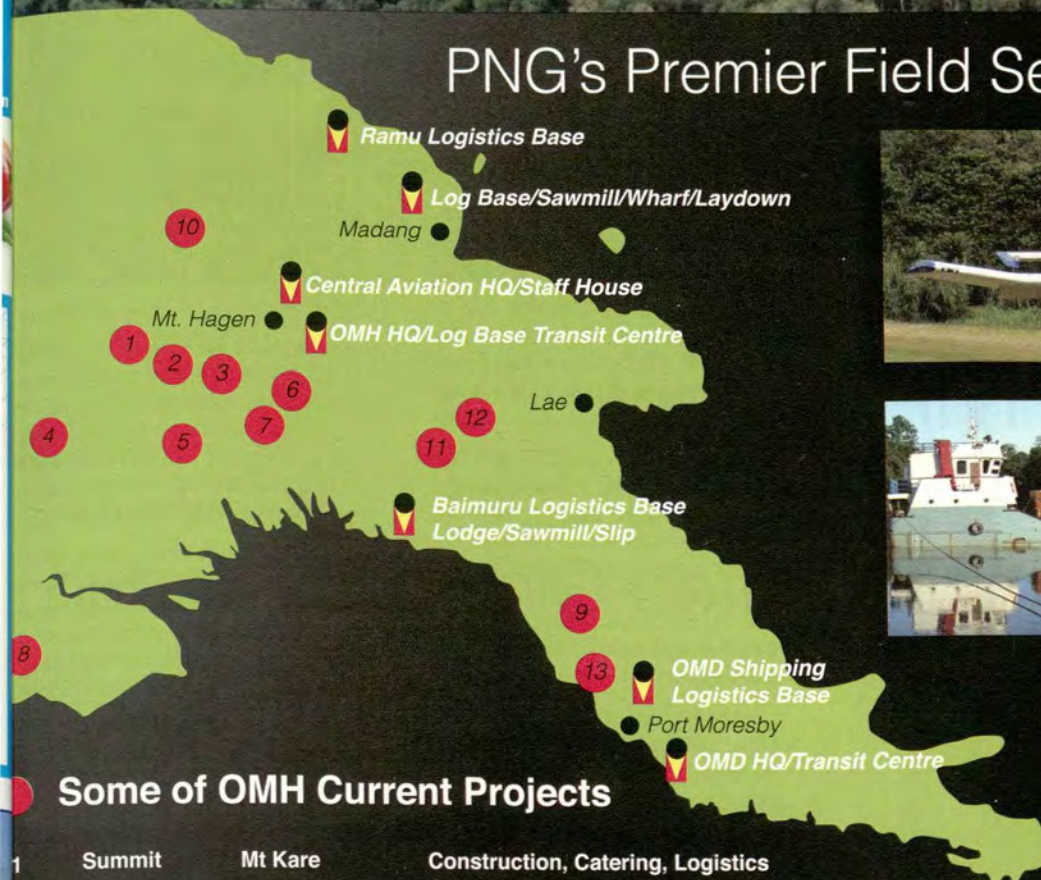
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Some of Gickmai Kundun's creations in Port Moresby...bronze lion fish (above), painted turtles at Koki and the huge bronze Erima bird of paradise (right).

THE MASTER METAL WORKER

The multi-talented Gickmai Kundun

BY DIANA MCMANUS

Many of us have gazed in awe, these last couple of years, at the appearance on Port Moresby's roundabouts of the huge bronze Erima bird of paradise, the bronze lion fish and lakatoi homecoming at Hanuabada, the enormous painted turtles at Koki and birds of paradise at Boroko.

Part of Port Moresby's beautification programme of our city, all were created by one man; the multi-talented Gickmai Kundun.

Gickmai has been around for many years, delighting the public with his metal sculptures. Many people daily enjoy the set of human and spirit figures

at the Gordon's Roundabout by the BSP Brewery, or the family with a pig beside the Waigani Underpass, not to mention the triffid-like creation, opposite the Botanical Gardens.

Yet surprisingly, they do not delight the creator himself. He feels a bit compromised by them. "I made them on commission," he says, "but they are not really me. I prefer to create in my own time and at my own pace, and express what's inside of me at the time."

This gentle, modest, man is quite hard to track down. He doesn't promote his art at the markets or in public places like so many other artists because he finds that demeaning. And he is not

in the least bit materialistic. He does not live on his art and prefers to keep that dimension of himself creative and expressive.

"Art is a private expression and something that comes from the heart," he maintains. "I like to earn the money it brings, but I don't need it to live on. Over the years I've done many things to support my family, from selling betelnut, gardening to collecting rubbish. If people want to see or buy my art, they can come and visit me at my place or find me through Amanda.

Amanda Adams is the proprietor of Art Stret Gallery where I was lucky enough to catch up with Gickmai and see a range of his stunning work at



the opening of an exhibition dedicated solely to his works.

This was an expression of the things he likes to produce; a mixture of scrap metal sculpture and images in charcoal and pastel.

I must admit I was surprised and overwhelmed by the quantity and quality of the wall art when I'd always associated his name with metal sculpture. A couple of my favourite pieces were *Oi Bikman-Four Chiefs*, *Two Sisters* and *Following the Leader*.

Amanda has been a supporter of local contemporary artists for many years, including Gickmai, and is the driving force behind the popular Luk Save Art Exhibition held annually at the Royal Papua Yacht Club.

One of her goals is to promote PNG Art abroad and she has forged a number of contacts with galleries and art dealers around the Pacific and further afield.

Amanda accompanied Gickmai to exhibit in New Zealand at the 2009 Liklik Luk Save Exhibition in Auckland at Parnell, the art district filled with galleries, art dealerships and trendy little cafes.

"He was amazing," she commented. "We didn't take one piece of his art with us. He created it all when we got there. We found a workshop we could hire for three weeks from a metal working company with a hard core of Pacific islands welders and fabricators on the workforce.

He began cutting, welding and constructing the moment he could lay

his hands on the tools. The guys were amazed. To them, he's an absolute hero and has changed their perception of metal working forever!"

So what is this man's background? He originates from the village of Ombondo near Kundiawa in Simbu Province. His parents were subsistence farmers and had five sons and three daughters to support.

He went to a prep mission school run by the Catholic Church and then to the Mingendi Catholic Mission school for a couple of years where he started off living in the girls' dormitory and was cared for by the Catholic sisters! Severe bouts of malaria caused his father to take him back to the village where they continued and very nearly killed him.

Back on course, he completed his education at Pari Primary T-school for nationals, then the family transferred to Mt Hagen in the spacious Western Highlands Province as part of a resettlement scheme to relieve population pressure in small Simbu.

His father had applied for land in Wagi Valley where they lived in the new village of Kondopina. It was at Kondopina that his artistic talents were first exposed. He relates how the teacher was supposed to draw pictures on the blackboard to inspire the students to write stories about them. But his drawing skills were miserable. He would ask Gickmai to do the drawings for him and that's how his interest in art was fired.

Gickmai completed his standard six exams and attended Mt Hagen Secondary School from 1972 -75.

He began cutting, welding and constructing the moment he could lay his hands on the tools. The guys were amazed. To them, he's an absolute hero and has changed their perception of metal working forever!

Gickmai Kundun...and one of his works at the Art Stret Gallery.





Gickmai's work can be found abroad in such prestigious places as New Zealand's Te Papa Museum in Wellington, the East/West research Centre in Hawaii, and Australia's National Gallery in Canberra.

The Lakatoi homcoming at Hanuabada.



He'd always expected to follow his father's footsteps and become a farmer, however when students were placed into classes, he ended up in the Manual Arts stream instead. Here, he concentrated on woodwork and learned welding, at which he excelled.

Finally, he became a Creative Arts student at the UPNG where he mingled with talented young artists and musicians (such as Buruka Tau and the 'Sanguma' boys).

It was an exciting and creative time on the cutting edge of art and here he learnt and experimented in many mediums. He did a bit of painting but preferred sculpting.

From student to teacher, he remained at the University of Papua New Guinea's Art School until 1997 when he left. By then, he felt the programme didn't suit him as it was becoming too academic.

Gickmai has exhibited widely abroad at such venues or events as the Festival of Arts in Samoa, the Cook Island Festival of Arts, in London at the October Gallery and at most of the major capital cities in Australia, and has



been to New Caledonia four times.

He's had several overseas stints as artist in residence including seven months at the Sumba Likam Art School in Manila, Philippines, and for seven weeks in Bavaria, Germany's south.

He also lived in India for some time watching the casting of bronze and helping out in the foundry. "Now that's a place where you can learn such a lot. Nothing is hidden behind shop fronts. Everything happens 'out in the street'. That's what makes it so fascinating."

Gickmai's work can be found abroad in such prestigious places as New Zealand's Te Papa Museum in Wellington, the East/West research Centre in Hawaii, and Australia's National Gallery in Canberra. Much of it contains political and social commentary, which, I suppose, is what distinguishes 'pretty' art from insightful and powerful observation; the stuff that sets the true artist apart from simply being adept at his/her medium. Some of his art is particularly influenced by urban alienation.

"In the villages people come together and look



after each other. I feel very strongly that in the city I am on my own."

However, whilst he feels alienated, and not connected to some of his commissions we, the people, relate very strongly to the national icons we see on our roundabouts.

After viewing his work, I can only recommend that you take a look at the impressive range of his images and metal work for yourself.

If you'd like to see Gickmai's work at his house, you can contact him on +675 71697862 or through Amanda at Art Stret.





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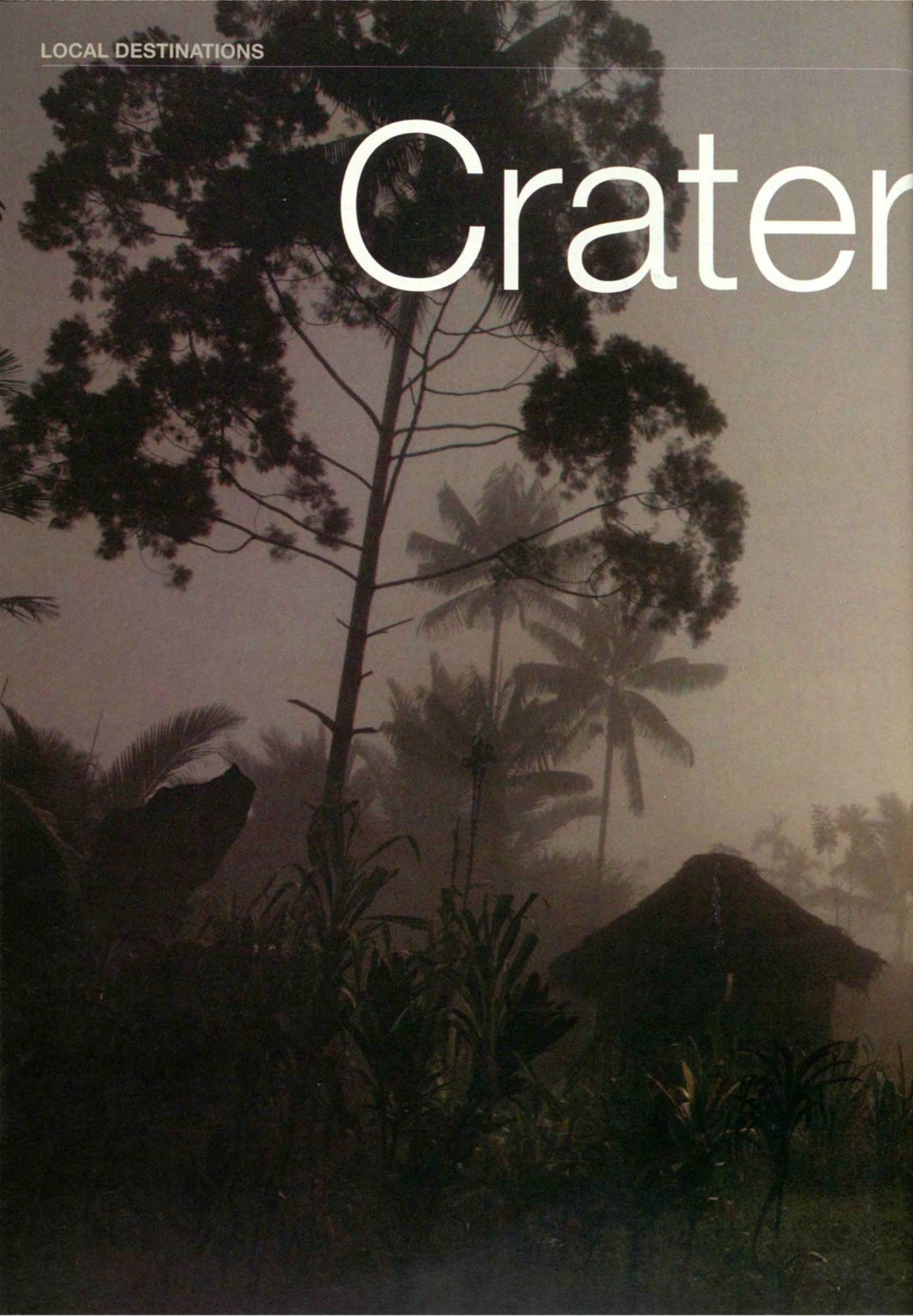
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LOCAL DESTINATIONS

Crater



Mountain

The land of green and gold

BY CRAIG TURNER

Shortly after leaving the smouldering hills of Goroka (in the Eastern Highland Province), we were dropping out of the rolling cloud with our wing tips level with verdant forested ridges. Below, a bright green (but seemingly very small) landing strip, cleared in the endless forest, and surrounded with stilted houses. We banked left and spiralled down, giving a glorious 360-degree view of the surrounding forest. An approach and landing never seems conventional in this part of the world. A few bumps later and we had arrived. Our destination was the small village of Haia, in the heart of the Crater Mountain Wildlife Management Area (CMWMA).

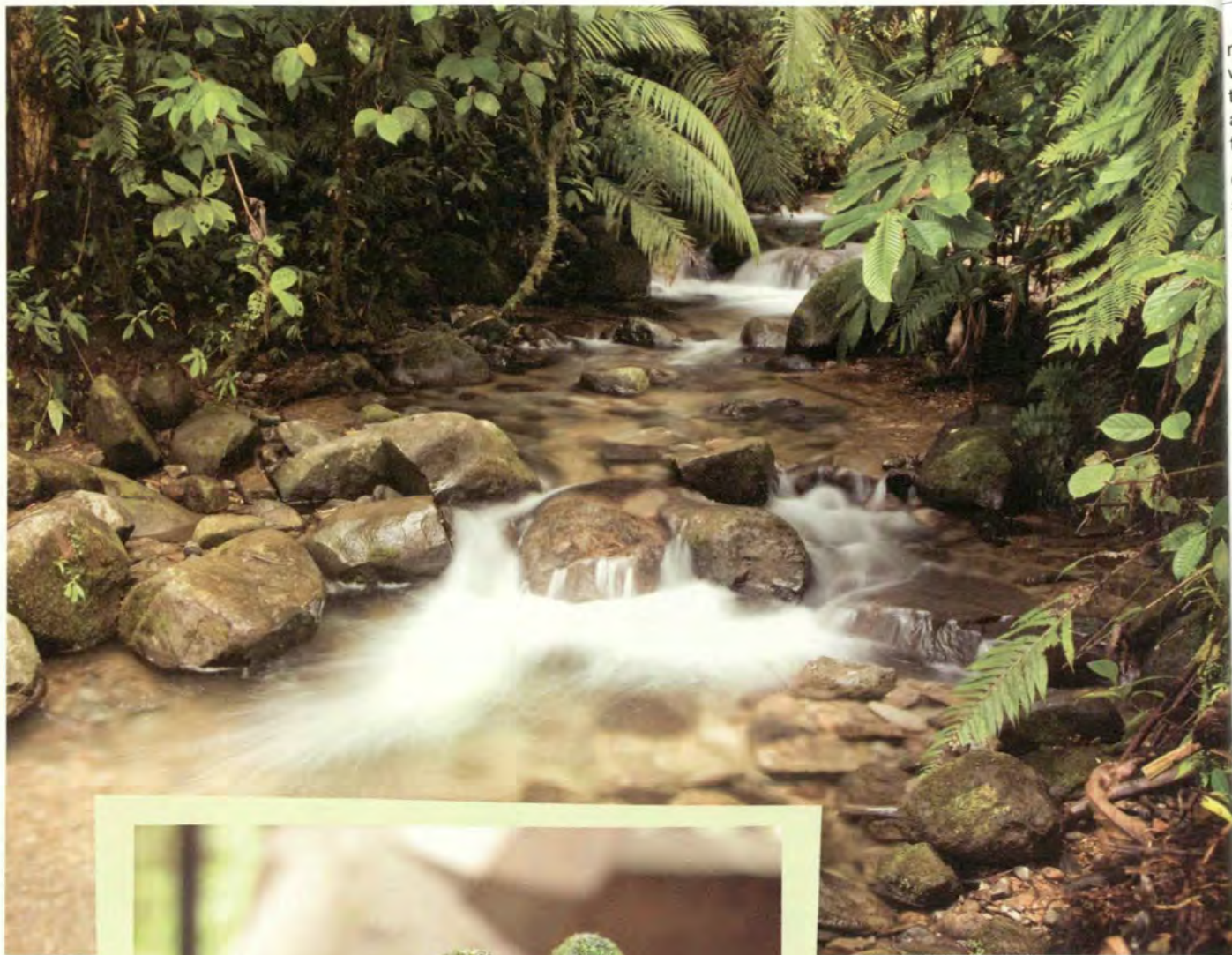
For all its biological wealth, plentiful forests and cultural diversity, Papua New Guinea (PNG) offers a range of opportunities to

trek remote areas or visit communities for a cultural experience. Few combine these with an in-depth knowledge of local wildlife, a twist of community conservation and in an area that is readily accessible for the 'average' tourist on a limited time budget. The CMWMA gives a window on this world and an opportunity for eco-tourists to experience part of the real PNG.

Wildlife Management Areas are co-managed by tribal landowners and the CMWMA is a conservation project based on land-use management by the traditional Pawaiian and Gimi landowners.

As you might expect in PNG, travel is not always straightforward. Crater Mountain is accessed via small missionary airplanes operating on an unnervingly random pattern out of Goroka.





It is easy to see why, since this vast expanse of green is said to be so rich and teeming with wildlife that its natural value in natural far exceeds any commercial appraisal of its trees or mineral wealth alone.

Patience is paramount. If the weather is good, you will fly, today - at some point! It is not uncommon for flights to be suspended or changed without notice and reasons include pig collisions on runways, though these are apparently rare. Often referred to as the 'island of the unexpected', there are two certainties: the skill of your pilot and a flight that is stunningly memorable.

The other guarantee is the warmth of welcome you receive on arrival in Haia. The village of

a few hundred people will almost certainly turn out on hearing the plane - as they did for us. Haia (and other CMWMA villages) have a history of 'outsider' visitors - both eco-tourists and researchers - keen to learn more about the area.

The interest stems from wanting to preserve it from mining and logging interests. This is not driven by 'outsiders' but by tribal landowners, spanning several villages and three provinces (Gulf, Chimbu and Eastern Highlands).

All seem in agreement to conserve it. It is easy to see why, since this vast expanse of green is said to be so rich and teeming with wildlife that its natural value far exceeds any commercial appraisal of its trees or mineral wealth alone. This allure for tourists is compelling; close proximity to undisturbed rainforest as well as a biodiversity richness that comes with its low elevation.

Haia is located in the heart of the Pawaian territory, accounting for nearly two thirds of the Crater Mountain WMA. The CMWMA is huge, covering an area of 2600 square kilometres and spanning a wide range of elevations (150 - 2100 metres). Consequently, it contains the full

range of habitats known in PNG, with primary forest blanketing the lower elevations, while alpine scrub and grasslands are found at higher elevations.

Over 220 bird and 80 mammal species have been recorded and the diversity of wildlife was evident on our arrival (with colourful multi-species bird flocks including Lorikeets, Honey-eaters, Fruit-doves, and Monarchs - to mention a few - darting around), as we made our way along the short walk to the co-operatively-run village guesthouse.



Accommodation is basic and cheap, but provides all you need for an overnight stay. It is only minutes away from a beautiful little swimming/washing hole on the Simine River.

There is much to occupy the mind since Haia offers many spectacular treks and sites to visit for the very active visitor. It is also ideal for those who are looking to relax and enjoy the pace of village life, local culture and maybe some wildlife watching.

After our overnight in Haia, we rose to undertake our planned trek along the Nimi River to the Supa Field Station. This is second nature to the Paiwaian people, who remain semi-nomadic hunter-gatherers, frequently moving in and out of the village.



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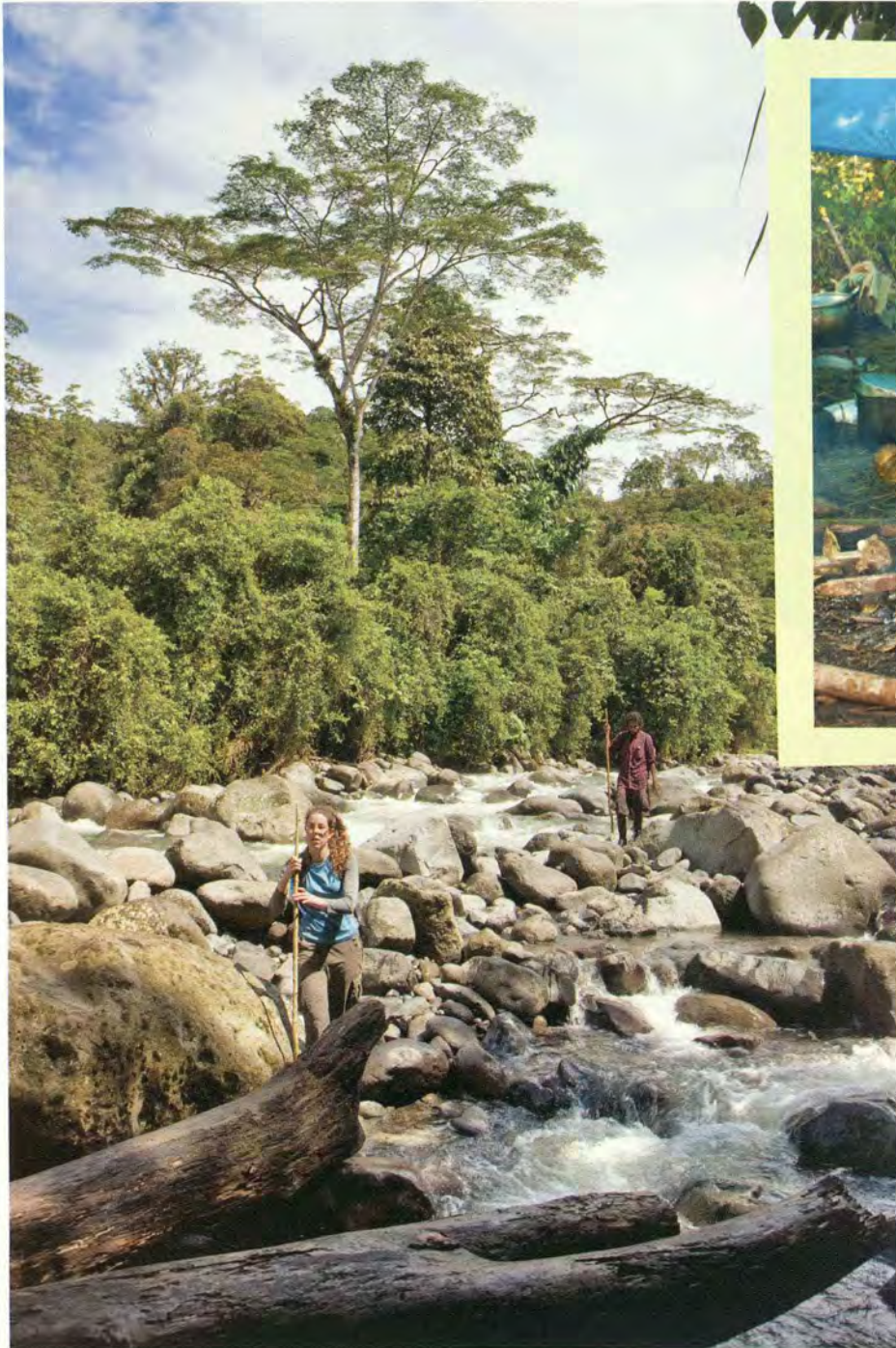
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green. Coincidentally if you have a particular interest in Birds of Paradise (like Sir David Attenborough), then this is a great area to see them, as he did.

'Escaping' to the field station and surrounding forests, you sense you are in one of the few places where you can explore undisturbed forest, crest ridges and be greeted by waterfalls tumbling off nearby cliffs.

The wildlife continues to intrigue, spotting nose-pokes of long-beaked echidnas - a spiny creature most closely related to the duck-billed platypus. Hearing the guttural sounds of cassowaries, which though flightless and shy, they are the largest terrestrial vertebrates in PNG!

Add to this, is the cacophony of insect noise supported by a chorus of frogs that seem to drip off every plant after the rain, and these are daily. This is rainforest in its purest sense.

The abundant wildlife is mirrored by the local hospitality. Villagers prepare traditional food such as sak sak (a pudding made from sago palm), or a mumu (food cooked in a ground oven).

Only after immersing ourselves in this unique environment for a few days did we truly begin to appreciate its rarity - simple living in an area that is so easy to explore and yet so rewarding.

Talking with the local villagers and field staff you begin to gain insight into their way of life, and slowly unlock their extensive traditional knowledge. Equally, you begin to realise how things have changed.

Supa is one of several field stations undertaking biological research in the area. The Wildlife Conservation Society has had long-standing interests in Crater Mountain, and whilst Supa was one of their bases, it is also 'home' to researchers from the PNG Institute of Biological Research.

As we commenced our day's walk up the Nimi River, we began to see the detail of the CMWMA in much of its glory. Scenery and wildlife were great distractions from the hours of trekking and multiple river crossings.

Charismatic bird species were more evident - Palm cockatoos, Harpy eagle and Ragianna Bird of Paradise - nature's gold in this land of

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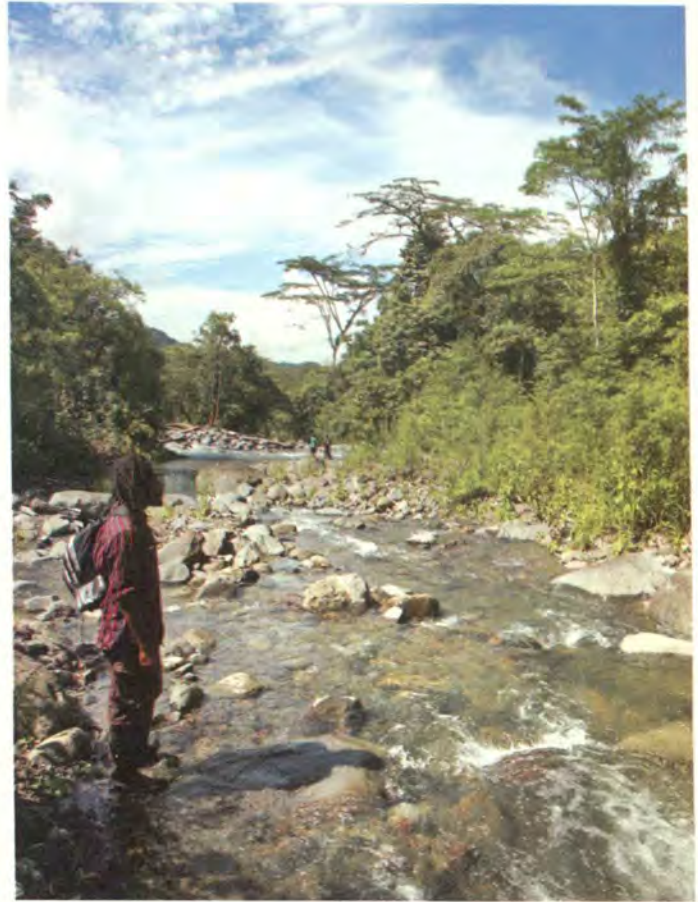
Several provide lodging and guide services to domestic and international visitors interested in experiencing the natural wonders of the CMWMA but opportunities are still limited. With the possibility of industrial logging, mining, and oil drilling, their exposure to a relatively new cash economy has made the Pawaian people and Crater Mountain evermore vulnerable to outside influence.

The steady trickle of researchers and tourists has provided some constant income over the past few years but more is needed if they are not to be at the mercy of less sensitive commercial interests.

Help is at hand, in the form of a local conservation NGO, the Research and Conservation

Foundation (RCF - www.rcf.org.pg), which has been supporting villagers to develop alternative sources of income from tourism and growing organically certified coffee and vanilla.

Our short week gave a sense there is a real opportunity for well-managed, sustainable eco-tourism to make a positive contribution to the CMWMA and its people. Tourists benefit from an intimate experience of PNG life whilst contributing to a local economy that helps stem the tide of commercial development which would change the face of Crater Mountain forever. So why not drop in? The flight alone is worth the effort. It just takes an adventurous spirit to help secure nature's green and gold for the people of Crater Mountain.



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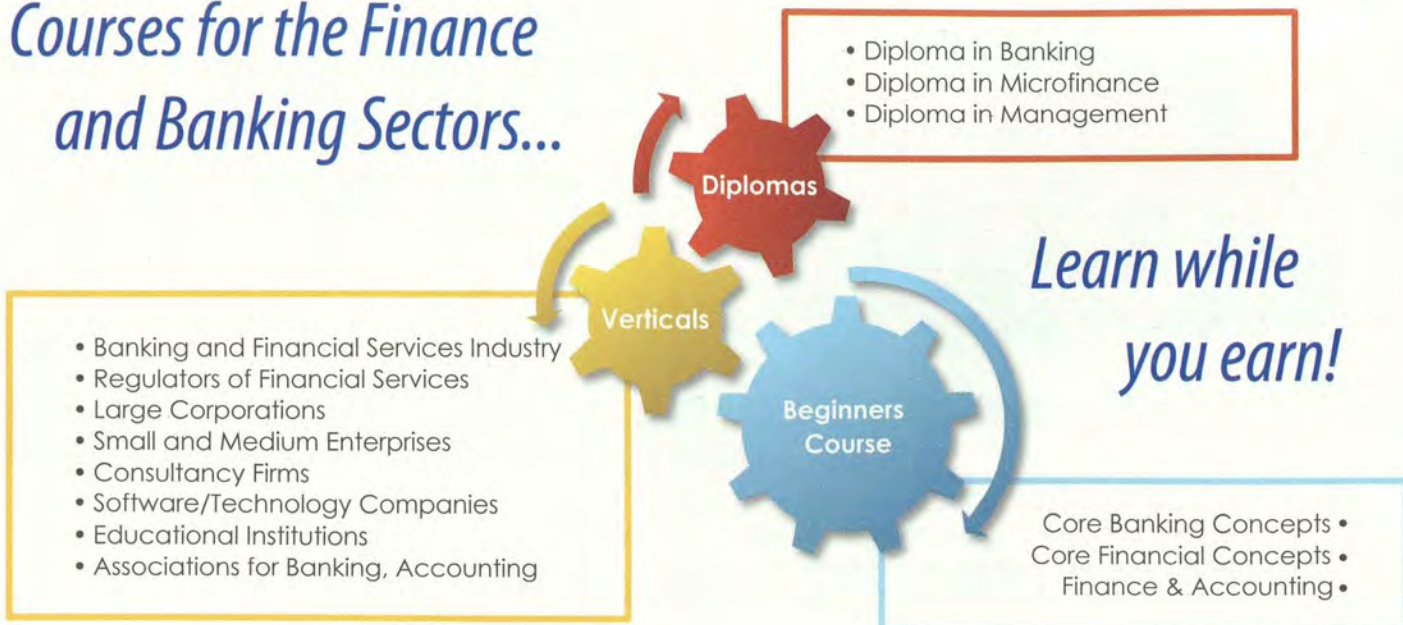
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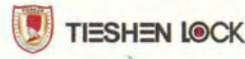
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PERSPECTIVE OF
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In Search of a Cultural Ambassador for PNG

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hen a mate of mine asked me to write an average PNG bloke's perspective of the inaugural Miss South Pacific Pageant PNG, I leapt at the opportunity to interview a bunch of 18-26-year old girls!

So what are my average bloke credentials? I'm a university graduate, I have a job, I pay taxes, I am in love with my xbox, football and from time to time I hang out with my best mate Johnny - Walker that is, of the Black Label variety - and a bucket of ice and Legend FM is the soundtrack of my life.

The plan? I was going to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon interviewing these young ladies in an attempt to figure out whether or not the search for a 'cultural ambassador' was in fact a beauty pageant in disguise.

I was given a press kit and it dawned on me that I wouldn't know where to begin if I randomly bumped into one of these girls? I had the element of surprise, I knew all about them and they didn't know a thing about me.

Before I interviewed the four contestants that had volunteered for Sunday afternoon's fact finding mission, I thought I'd get the inside story from a former Miss South Pacific contestant, Fiji's Miss Hibiscus 2010, Sera Tikotikoivatu.

Sera now works and lives in Port Moresby and was nice enough to tell me about her own experiences. Two weeks prior to our interview, she had attended a sponsor's cocktail evening for the inaugural MSPP PNG, and so she had already met most of the contestants in this year's pageant.

I was dying to get straight to the point and say 'so, what do you think of them?' But this wasn't about them, it was about Sera. She has this cuteness about her, she's wholesome and

sincere. With sparkling eyes and a kilowatt smile, her bubbly nature is contagious! But don't be fooled by her 'cute as a button' looks, this former Miss Fiji exudes confidence and discipline.

I asked her what advice she would give our girls. "[The] most important thing is to be yourself...when you're actually being yourself



Sera Tikotikoivatu...be yourself.



on stage, it shows and people can relate to you as well."

Sera also mentioned how easy it is to lose yourself once you get fixated on the competitive nature of the pageant. "You need to have a heart to reach out [to others]... think of it [the pageant] as a platform for you to change somebody else's life."

True Melanesian words that added another dimension to my view of the pageant. Although I was looking forward to the sarong wear category after catching a quick glimpse of Miss Samoa's orange lycra outfit last year, I didn't realise the importance of the message that was being delivered.

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I'd also read the address by Kathy Johnstone, deputy chair of the PNG Pageant organising committee, which was delivered at the launch earlier in the year. The stand-out message? Our pageant is about pasin. It's not about being the prettiest, or the smartest, it's about being the total PNG woman, the very embodiment of what it means to be from PNG. It's about good old fashioned Melanesian values, the kind of stuff they don't teach you about at school.

Enter Sarah Karo. As soon as she walks into the Departure Bar at the Gateway Hotel, a room full of people stop and stare. They seem to forget that they are here to watch football, as this statuesque girl from Gabagaba and Hula, both in the Central Province, takes a seat opposite me.

She's gorgeous. I momentarily forget what I'm here to do as the soundtrack of my mind cues Dave Dobbyn's 'slice of heaven'. My mind is on overdrive, consumed by visions of Sarah's long brown hair catching the wind offside and yours truly in the driver's seat of my car. I'm startled back into reality when she says 'Hi, I'm Sarah'.

She exudes an air of confidence, but there's also an innocent vulnerability in her eyes. Seated opposite me, legs crossed at the ankles, hands clasped on her lap, she



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is just perfect. I scramble to find my notes.

Sarah grew up as the daughter of a diplomat, and as such she was born into a family accustomed to representing PNG. This being the case and given that she currently attends University in Melbourne, Australia, I asked whether the ties to her traditional values were weaker than other contestants because she'd spent 12 years of her life outside of the country.

She begins carefully, and deliberately. The pace and pitch of her voice is like a melody. She thanks her parents and her mother's guiding hand for providing a strong Motuan upbringing. Her sense of Papua New Guinea's diverse cultural heritage is evident as she states that "to represent a nation of 7 million people with 18 provinces... and one autonomous region... isn't easy...even grouping that into their respective four regions doesn't give credit to our diverse culture..."

She believes the contest should not be about promoting an individual, but rather about promoting all Papua New Guineans where possible through culture. The theme of the pageant is "Forestry Conservation" and it seemed like Miss Karo was capable of giving a short lecture on the topic! This charming woman has done her homework on the theme.

"Personally I believe forestry conservation is symbolic of cultural conservation which our generation is struggling with in regards to modernisation. I find the theme very symbolic of that."

I for one am looking forward to seeing how this articulate young woman presents her own interpretations of our diverse culture in the following



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Miss Collingwood Bay greeted me with a cheeky smile. She is the only contestant representing a tourist destination. Blanche Yogomin is from Madang, Central, Milne Bay and Oro provinces.

She's just as bubbly as Sera, with the most expressive face I have ever seen! Tall and slender, I look on as she talks animatedly about her home in the Oro Province and what it means to her.

She talks about the importance of eco-tourism in the fight to conserve our environment. She believes that to be a true cultural ambassador one has to know one's own origins and represent their true roots. She says, "every design on a piece of tapa cloth has a story", and she then proceeds to tell me the story of the first ever tapa producers, and where they were from, off the cuff, just like that, she was telling me about how her tumbuna's (ancestors) developed the cloth that has become part of our national identity. I'm impressed.

I tell Blanche that to me Collingwood is a football team! She giggles and tells me Collingwood Bay is located in the northern most part of Oro Province, near Tufi. Tufi Resort caters for tourists and is a well known destination for dive enthusiasts. The fiords of Tufi are one of the few remaining in our world today, a natural wonder worth seeing. This young woman has a subtle way of gaining one's attention with her playful expressions that are disarming, and at the same





time engaging.

The University of PNG political science graduate that may as well be the poster girl of the 'united regions of PNG' is a wonderful surprise, and she reminds me as we conclude the interview that "although PNG is diverse, there is unity in diversity."

Auggia Jane Dalton of Oro and English parentage pushes the boundaries of the pageant. "I feel that in this world that is being modernised, we need to be in touch with our roots...need to remember where you come from and not just be a robot nation following modernisation. This quest is a way of promoting culture in the Pacific...that's why I entered, to deliver that message..."

She says she learned about the importance of service from her parents, who were mission teachers and she hopes to one day serve as a teacher herself. She has attended various schools over the years. Here, in PNG, she spent not more than two years at International Schools. She mainly attended Sacred Heart Primary School, Jubilee High School and Bugandi High in Morobe Province.

She graduated with honours in Law at the University of Papua New Guinea and now

works as a commercial and litigation lawyer with top Port Moresby-based commercial firm Leahy, Lewin, Nutley and Sullivan Lawyers.

First impressions? The minute I saw her full length picture in the kit, I knew this would be an interesting interview. The over the shoulder glance and the outfit of tapa cloth strategically pinned, when the other contestants wore conventional cocktail dresses, screamed confidence. The conversation flows effortlessly.

What is she passionate about? Education, she's thrilled to say that she is the product of the PNG education system, "my message is hope, I am the product of this [the Papua New Guinean] education system". I can see how some blokes might find her slightly intimidating, she has confidence, attitude, a belief in herself that is apparent from the moment she introduces herself.

Navannca Eyres is one of the tallest girls I've ever met! An analyst with one of the big four accounting firms in the world, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, I'm guessing this girl is ready for my questions. I'm expecting clear and concise answers - accountant style - and she doesn't disappoint. She begins by differentiating the

Red Cross Miss PNG from the MSPP PNG, "... Miss PNG is a humanitarian quest, while MSPP PNG is more about being a Cultural Ambassador for your country and I think that's something I am able to do. Be a good cultural ambassador for PNG..."

She is from Morobe, but was raised with relatives in Rabaul, and identifies herself with the East New Britain culture. Out of all the girls I've interviewed, she is the most matter of fact, the one that appears to be the most practical, and straight forward, and I'm getting a frankness about her that is refreshing.

A graduate of the Pacific Adventist University, she's now preparing for further exams, and tells me about her progress so far. She seems devoted to her education and explains the balancing act that she will face as she prepares for both the pageant and its associated activities and her exams.

This will be a tough call for the judges. All the contestants I interviewed have different characteristics and physical attributes. I'm fairly certain these girls are ambitious and have a desire to achieve and excel in life.

For some contestants, these ambitions are clear to see, for others, they are subtly concealed beneath a twinkle of the eye, or a pause in just the right spot mid-conversation. Certainly, ambition is not a bad word by anyone's standards, but perhaps ambition isn't

encouraged as much in girls in our society, so seeing it can often cause a little discomfort on the part of your average PNG bloke! I love it, I think this assertive, not assertive, maybe assertive, playfully assertive thing that each of these girls has going on, is on the whole, quite appealing.

If that appeal forms the immediate spark that gets guys like me talking about this country and listening to what the contestants have to say, then these young ladies have done their bit as cultural ambassadors.

Listening to how they intend to tackle the quest is intriguing as they all seem to share the same ideology but with individual approaches. Westernisation has made us treat our culture and traditions with neglect, and anything that helps us preserve these traditions and values deserves our support as Papua New Guineans. This year's pageant organising committee, chaired by Dr. M. Lam, has set the bar high for all entrants. Perhaps this has to do with the fact that some of the profits from this year's pageant will go towards a scholarship fund for young girls, and so the first ever Miss South Pacific PNG has to be a role model for all young women.

Is this search for a cultural ambassador just another beauty pageant in disguise? Not from this bloke's perspective. The girls I spoke to each have a proven commitment to education, cultural preservation, and they are the best

cheerleaders we as Papua New Guineans could hope for. Asking me to pick a winner is a pointless exercise. Between Sarah's presence, Blanche's playfulness, Augaia's unshakeable self-confidence, and Navancca's straight shooting plain speak, very little separates these girls - criteria wise.



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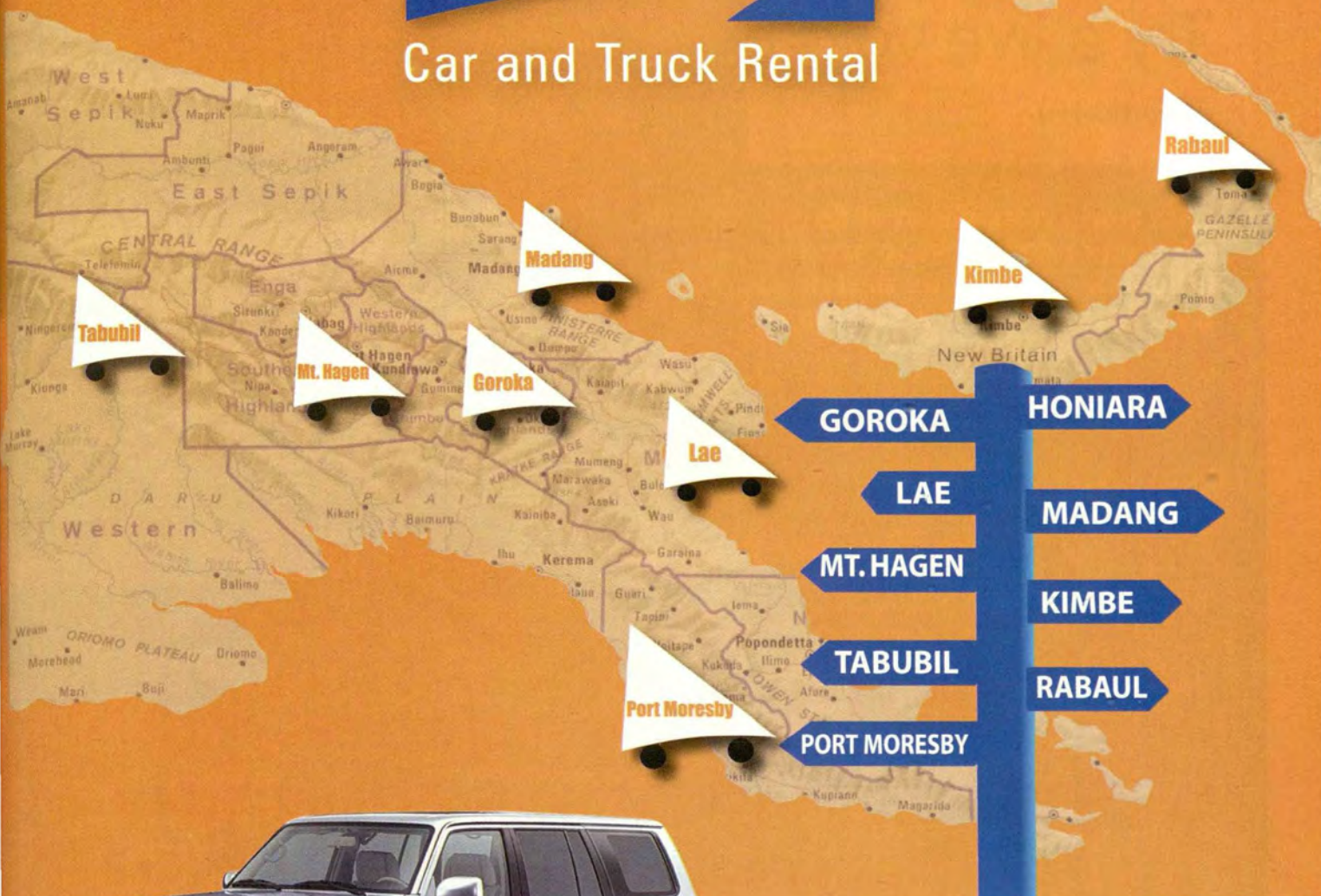
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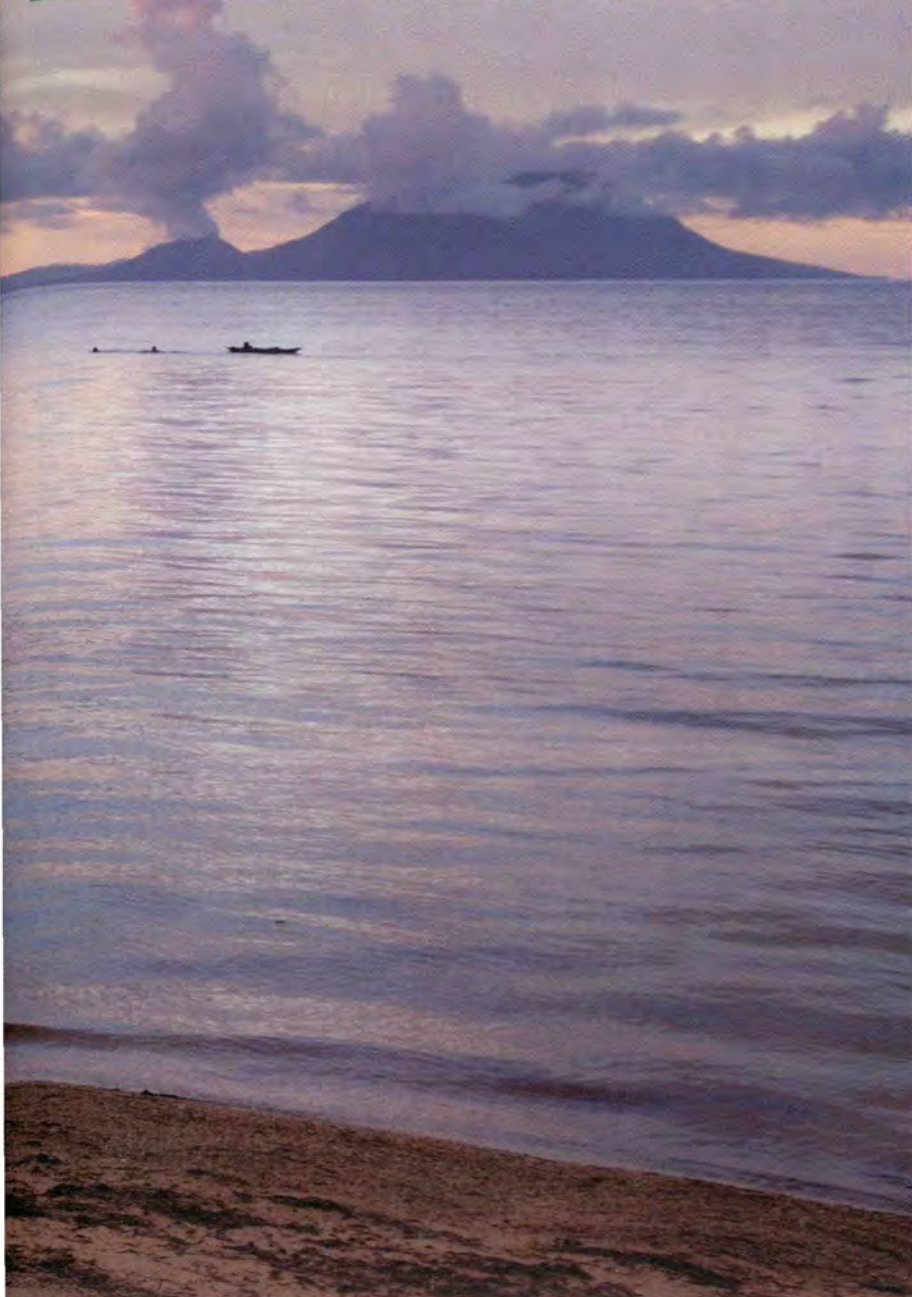
BY KEN HOPPEN

With world-class diving at its doorstep, what more does Kokopo need to make it a little different to other destinations? Well, try a live volcano as a backdrop.





The Pete float plane lies upright on the slope of the volcano, some 26 metres down. It has been covered by ash but is still in good condition.



Have you heard of Kokopo? How about Rabaul?

Located on the north-eastern corner of New Britain, Papua New Guinea, Rabaul is now a virtual ghost town after two major eruptions of the local volcano, Mt Tavurvur, in the Rabaul Caldera, in 1994 and 2006.

Aside from a few businesses around Simpson Harbour, Rabaul's residences have moved in mass to Kokopo, about 15 kilometres to the east, and well away from any potential problems with the smoking mountain.

Kokopo is now a thriving, modern town and is served by Kabaira Dive (now located at Kabaira, on the western side of the Gazelle Peninsula, and at Rapopo Plantation Resort, on the eastern side), enabling it to service a multitude of brilliant dive sites.

The dives here are a brilliant mix of World War II wrecks and beautiful reefs, with one or two creature muck dives thrown in.

The warm tropical waters that surround this picturesque area were not always peaceful. Japanese plane and shipwrecks litter the area.

Pete biplane

Perhaps the most interesting of these is a Pete biplane, which can be found on the outer slope of the volcano in about 26 metres of water. Surrounded by dark silt of previous volcanic activity, it is remarkably well preserved and makes an excellent dive. There are at least two Japanese Zero fighters near Kokopo, one at 30 metres deep, and the other in just a few metres of water, which makes for a brilliant snorkelling site for those with a sense of history.

The reefs here teem with life - from the small commensal shrimps that live in featherstars to anemones and their clown fish, and to small sharks and dolphins.

Midway

Midway lies to the west of the volcanoes, and is midway between them and the next point. It has a good population of grey reef sharks and white-tips, as well as being a place where you can see pelagic Spanish mackerel, oceanic trigger fish and more exotic blue water creatures. The visibility here tends to be outstanding and it is a place where you can encounter anything!



Look but don't touch! Sea urchins are colourful and bright, but have sharp and often venomous spines.



Clownfish are common in New Britain.



A spot-fin shrimp goby keeps lookout for the blind snapping shrimp that shares its hole and does the housework.



Veronica's Reef

Veronica's Reef is a steep wall out near the Duke of York Island group. It plunges down at a 45-degree angle from the plateau at the top in 12 metres of water, passing through massive upright gorgonian corals, filled with exotic angel fish and butterfly fish, the slope ends at around the 40 metres mark, where many grey reef sharks can be seen patrolling out on the sand. Barracuda pass overhead and eagle rays meander past.

This is a magnificent reef to say the least. Near Veronica's Reef, a pod of over 300 spinner dolphins cruise around as they snooze the daylight hours.

Simpson Harbour

There are massive Japanese wrecks in Simpson Harbour, but with the volcanic ash settling over them, they are now only dived by hardened wreck enthusiasts, the visibility generally being poor in that area.



Spinner dolphins are regularly seen at the nearby Duke of York Islands.

Malais

There are other wrecks around though. The Malais is a scuttled fishing vessel, more than 30 metres long, which was purpose-sunk at the Pigeon Islands - some 15 minutes by boat from Rapopo Plantation Resort.

It rests on the side of a steep precipice with the bottom of the hull being at around the 26 metres mark. Whoever scuttled this vessel was either very precise or very lucky. Three metres to the left and it would have been in the depths, as the wall here goes down a long way. It is a magnificent wreck.

Easily visible from the boat, you can see all of this shipwreck at once and the area is home to schools of eagle rays and the occasional shark and turtle, not to mention the vast array of life on the sand slope.

Beverley's Wreck

Closer to the resort, Beverley's Wreck is accessible from the beach, or from the boat as the last dive of the day. In about 13 metres of water, it doesn't have the bulk of the Malais, but is none the less impressive. The swim back to shore has many highlights as well, including lion fish, masses of huge seastars, clownfish and more.

George's Wreck

The best wreck in the area has to be the massive George's Wreck, located on the western side of the volcanoes. With its bow upwards on the slope, it is not known what this Japanese WWII wreck did, though it is suspected of being a minesweeper or an attending vessel. With its bow in about nine metres of water, and its stern in around 54 metres, it really is a massive vessel.

In all of this we have just touched the surface of the diving and the activities that are available to visitors to Rabaul, Kokopo, and New Britain. It really is a destination that can not only hold your attention, but keep you coming back for more.



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The diving here is not the only drawcard. Land tours will take you to the base of the volcano, where hot springs are testament to the unsettled earth underfoot. A lookout at the Volcano Observatory gives you a magnificent view of the volcano, Rabaul and Simpson Harbour, and for those wanting to push their luck, walks up the volcano can be done depending on the activity at the time.

The Japanese submarine base located on the western side of the volcano is a reminder of the Second World War. Here, Japanese submarines surfaced about five metres out from the cliffs, where supplies were secreted in caves and quickly rolled out over planks to resupply the sub. This vertical wall is also a popular dive site.

The Kokopo War Museum is an interesting stop and then there are the markets and strolling around the local shops.

Every July, a Mask Festival is held, which involves masks and traditional dancing from many of the different tribes around Papua New Guinea.

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Amphlett's Kula Trade Links

BY NANCY SULLIVAN

The Amphlett Islands are mere specks on a good map of Milne Bay Province. Yet their historic importance to the region is enormous.

Small but significant, like precious pearls embedded in big kina shells, the Amphletts have always been valuable links on the wide chains of the regional Kula trade. Their beaches are important ceremonial and resting spots for fleets of kula canoes travelling from Sinaketa in the Trobriands' south to Dobu island, and for Dobuans making their first stop on their long journey to the Trobriands.

The Sinaketans still bring their decorated mwali armbands down to the Amphletts and then to Dobu; and the Dobuans bring their precious spondyllus shell soulava necklaces here, where they sometimes perform a food distribution (a sagali or nabare) before pushing off across the long stretch of water to the Trobriands.

The first time I sailed to the Amphlett island of Nabwageta, I struggled to recognise it from Bronislaw Malinowski's descriptions in his 1922 ethnography, *Argonauts of the Western Pacific*, E.P Dutton and Co., New York: There were the twin mountain peaks of neighbouring Fergusson, the narrow beach beneath a steep mountain wall, a line of stilt homes - all the ambient features he'd described.

This is where Malinowski himself travelled with a fleet of Trobriand Kula canoes in 1918, on an expedition from Sinaketa to Dobu. The Trobrianders had performed a series of magical rites passing through the straits to reach Nabwageta and would conduct even more elaborate ones farther south, in anticipation of their Kula transactions on Dobu Island.

I could see all this now. And yet, visiting Nabwageta was different for me from visiting Kiriwina, in the Trobriands, or other places I'd read about before I'd seen them. It was so humble and perilous looking like one bad storm might wipe it away. Or one bad flu. There couldn't be more than two extended families, it seemed to me, on the whole island. It was as if I'd stumbled upon Shakespeare's birthplace and found it abandoned; or discovered Buddha's home had become overgrown with weeds.

Well, not exactly: Nabwageta is a lovely little place, charming in its details; it's certainly the most isolated place I've ever been to and at the same time one of the most inviting. A single row of stilted houses, a handful of kula canoes at the end of the beach, and a single school room - and that's about it. But this is where they make the pots which are traded along the Kula ring and which comprises, along with stone axe blades and yams, a big part of the wealth that the Trobriands' men give in bride-price.

Some Trobriands legends maintain that Nabwageta, with little more than narrow windswept beaches and a few fragile stilt homes on either side of the island, is actually the birthplace of Kula. Nothing could be more important to the D'Entrecasteaux and Trobriand Islands than Kula, the system of ceremonial shell exchanges that defines a man's living and immortal stature; the sailing endeavour that knits together so many remote islands and unrelated languages; the very means by which magical, technical and social information is transmitted from men to boys; the vocation that allows players to transcend local marriage and death networks, transcend their own ancestry even, and enter a wider and deeper path.

In all these perilous and centuries-old expeditions, chiefs and Kula leaders from far-flung points would stop and pay head to their Amphletts partners on the main island of Gumasila, or on the smaller island of Nabwageta. They might park their canoes, rest a while, sometimes for weeks, and practice the important magic they will need for a safe journey and an effective seduction of their kula partners at their final destination. Magic matters because the game of Kula is that of persuasion and influence - of getting close and distant partners to relinquish certain valuables to the ring.

Players along the ring partners may never meet face to face and yet become locked in competition for better and bigger shells throughout their lives. Only subtle forms of persuasion, through magic, diplomacy and gift giving, can pull a favoured shell away from one's partner and into one's own hand - only to be sent away again by the power of another Kula partner.

It is a system that allows its best players to join a pantheon of legendary players, whose names and deeds are inscribed in these shells, and whose reputations therefore continuously



circulate in this form of communication that rivals any kind of oral history, anywhere.

But what sets the Amphletts apart from all the other islands in the Kula ring, is their pottery. They remain the only source of bride price bowls for islands north and south of them. These are handsome flash-fired and especially strong red and black pots.

Not so much coiled as built from the lip to the base - top to bottom and then smoothed to very thin and even walls - these simple vessels of all sizes are finely incised with decorations around their necks.

Everyone in the Trobriands, in the D'Entrecasteaux and even in the Marshall Bennetts, has one or more of these cook pots in their home. Much like the Wombum Villagers in the Chambri Lakes, who are exclusive purveyors of cook pots throughout the Middle Sepik, the Amphlett potters enjoy a monopoly on the trade throughout the region. Even south of Normanby and towards the Engineer Group Islands, where other local pots form the staple household goods, people still trade for Amphlett pots as well.

Oddly enough, however, neither Nabwageta nor Gumasila has particularly good clay. Potters must sail roughly a day away (without engine) to Yayawana, the site of the Wapolu mine on Fergusson Island's Mt. Kilkerran, to quarry the durable clay they need for their pots.

"There is a legend explaining why the good clay cannot be obtained nowadays in the Amphletts," wrote Malinowski (p282). "In olden days, two brothers, Torosipupu and Tolikilaki, lived on one of the summits of Gumasila called Tomonumonu. There was plenty of fine clay up there at that time. One day Torosipupu went to fish with a trap. He caught a very fine giant clam-shell. When he came back, Tolikilaki said: "Oh my shell! I shall

eat it!" Torosipupu refused it and answered with a very obscene allusion to the bivalvular mollusc and to the uses he was going to make of it. Tolikilaki asked again; Torosipupu refused. They quarrelled. Tolikilaki then took part of the clay with him and went to Yayawana on the main island. Torosipupu afterwards took the rest and followed him. What were their further destinies, the legend does not say. But on Gumasila, there remained only very poor clay, which is all that can be found there ever since." (p.283)

Malinowski himself made the Kula journey in the company of a fleet of canoes from Sinaketa to Dobu in 1918. His fleet made a customarily long stopover on Gumasila, in the Amphletts.

But even though the Austrian anthropologist had become a fixture on the beach at Kiriwina, in the Trobriands, his likes had rarely been seen in the Amphletts, where villagers barely knew what to make of him. In fact, as he reported, his presence caused a mild uproar.

"My arrival was a very untoward event to the natives and complicated matters, causing great annoyance to Tovasana, the main headman. I had landed in his own little village, Nu'agasi, on the main island of Gumasila... To leave me alone with the women and one or two old men was impossible, according to their ideas and fears" (p379).

But it wasn't just crazy white anthropologists that the Amphlett islanders feared; they were at least as wary of the Trobrianders during their sojourn on their shores. The Trobrianders, it seems, were much more (ahem) - promiscuous than their Amphlett counterparts. Amphlett men feared for their women's chastity. For their part, the Trobriands' men who often remained long in the Amphletts during Kula, found their stay frustrating.

As Malinowski noted: "One of my main informants, Layseta, a Sinaketa man, who spent several years in the Amphletts, confessed to me, not without shame and regret, that he never succeeded in having any intrigues with the women there. To save his face, he claimed that he had had several Amphlett belles declaring their love to him, and offering their favours, but he always refused them: 'I feared; I feared the bowo'u of Gumasila; they are very bad.'

"The bowo'u are the local sorcerers of the Amphletts. Whatever we might think of Layseta's temptations - and his personal appearance and charm do not make his boastings very credible - and whether he was afraid of sorcery or of a sound thrashing, the fact remains that a Trobriander would have to change his usual mode of behaviour when in the Amphletts and keep away from women entirely. When big parties arrive in Gumasila, or Nabwageta, the women run away and camp in the bush till the beach is clear.

"The Amphlettans, on the contrary, were used to receiving favours from unmarried women in Sinaketa. Nowadays, the male inhabitants of that village, always disapproving of the custom, though not to the extent of taking any action, tell the Amphlettans that the white

man's government has prohibited the men from Gumasila and Nabwageta to fraternise with women in Sinaketa. One of the very few occasions when the men from the Amphletts showed any interest in talking to me was when they asked me whether this was true.

"The Sinaketa men tell us that we will go to jail if we sleep with girls in Sinaketa. Would the government put us in jail, in truth?

"As usual, I simply disclaimed all knowledge of the white man's arcane in such matters (p.272-3)."

On my second visit to Nabwageta, there was a thirty foot sailboat moored at the cove. Four German adventurers all from different parts of the globe, were enjoying a week there - just hanging out. It struck them as the last unknown place on a map of the world. Nabwagetans speak little English and the visitors weren't native English speakers themselves, which allowed this week-long illusion and convinced the intrepid sailors that (despite the schoolroom) they may have 'discovered' their own private idyll.


Our party enjoyed their company, delighted in the Stanley and Livingston coincidence of meeting, but most of all relished the pleasure of dispelling this illusion. No, this is really a

famous island, we told them. "You must be joking," one of them said.

Just recently, I was able to visit the out-island from Nabwageta, called Bituma or Bogeta Island. There is a beautiful little village there called Kapukapuna, comprised of little more than its SDA church and a handful of houses. It's a hamlet perhaps even more remote and precarious than the village at Nabwageta. But there's vitality to Kapukapuna that's unmistakable and it seems to come from two divergent sources: from the church, which was humming with Sunday worshippers when we arrived, and from the evidence of a living Kula and pottery tradition.

Standing at the shore as we approached was a handsome young man leaning against a brilliant Kula canoe. He brought us to meet his Uncle, Ninila, who had stayed back from church to look after his son, and he was busy finishing a lovely clay pot. When we looked in through his doorway, we found big freshly fired pots in a back room.

Under his nearby family house were bundles of the special clay he'd brought back from Fergusson. And inside his residence was a collection of rattan chairs he'd also made. For whom? I wondered - as there must have been more chairs in one room than there were



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"You?" he asked, and of course I agreed. Me. We settled on thirty kina and I picked up my new wicker chair.

Much has certainly changed in the D'Entrecasteaux and Amphlett islands since Malinowski's day, what with outboard motors, radio, generators and even TV.

But the last 20 years has also seen an erosion of certain critical forms of development. Small airlines have fallen away and private shipping vessels have jumped in scale to container size, therefore bypassing many smaller client islands.

Cash has become the only currency for fuel and electric power, while the local markets sustain growing competition from imported goods and local fishermen compete for fish with foreign fishing vessels. All of this, has made the islands of Milne Bay more remote than ever before.

They may have radio links to the mainland and feel ever more part of a global economy (or, in the church, a worldwide religious community), but they Kula less frequently and sojourn at each other's shore with less ritual and regularity. In effect, they are more cut off from one another now than they are from the



mainland and the world at large.

Will any new form of communication ever really replace the integrity of the Kula expeditions? Probably not. That's why it's heartening to see, in the nethermost corner of the nethermost

islands, freshly painted Kula canoes parked on the shore of Kapukapuna, and baskets of fresh clay under Ninila's house, waited to be sculpted into pots. These signs of the past make modern radio and shipping networks look somehow ephemeral by comparison.



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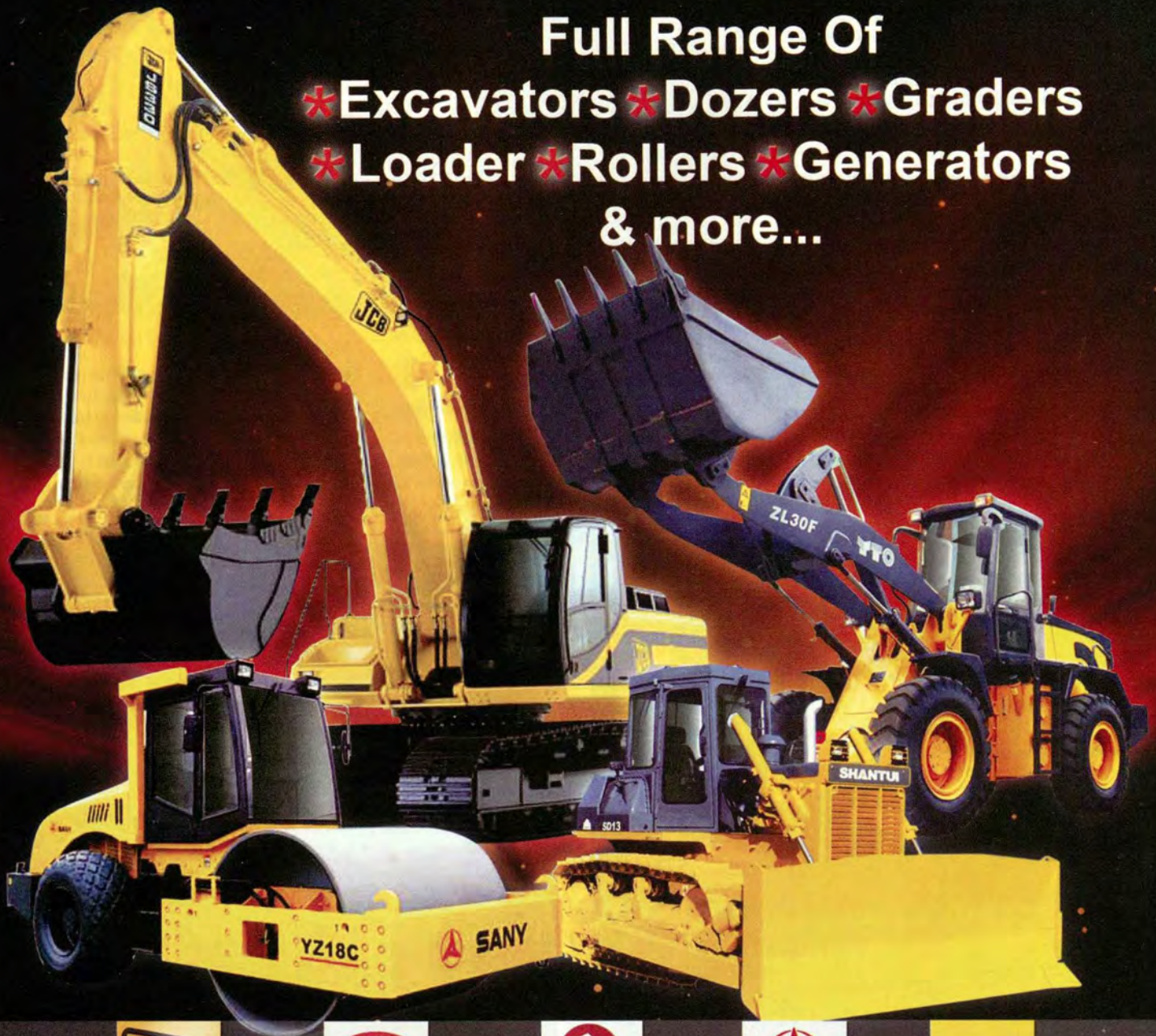
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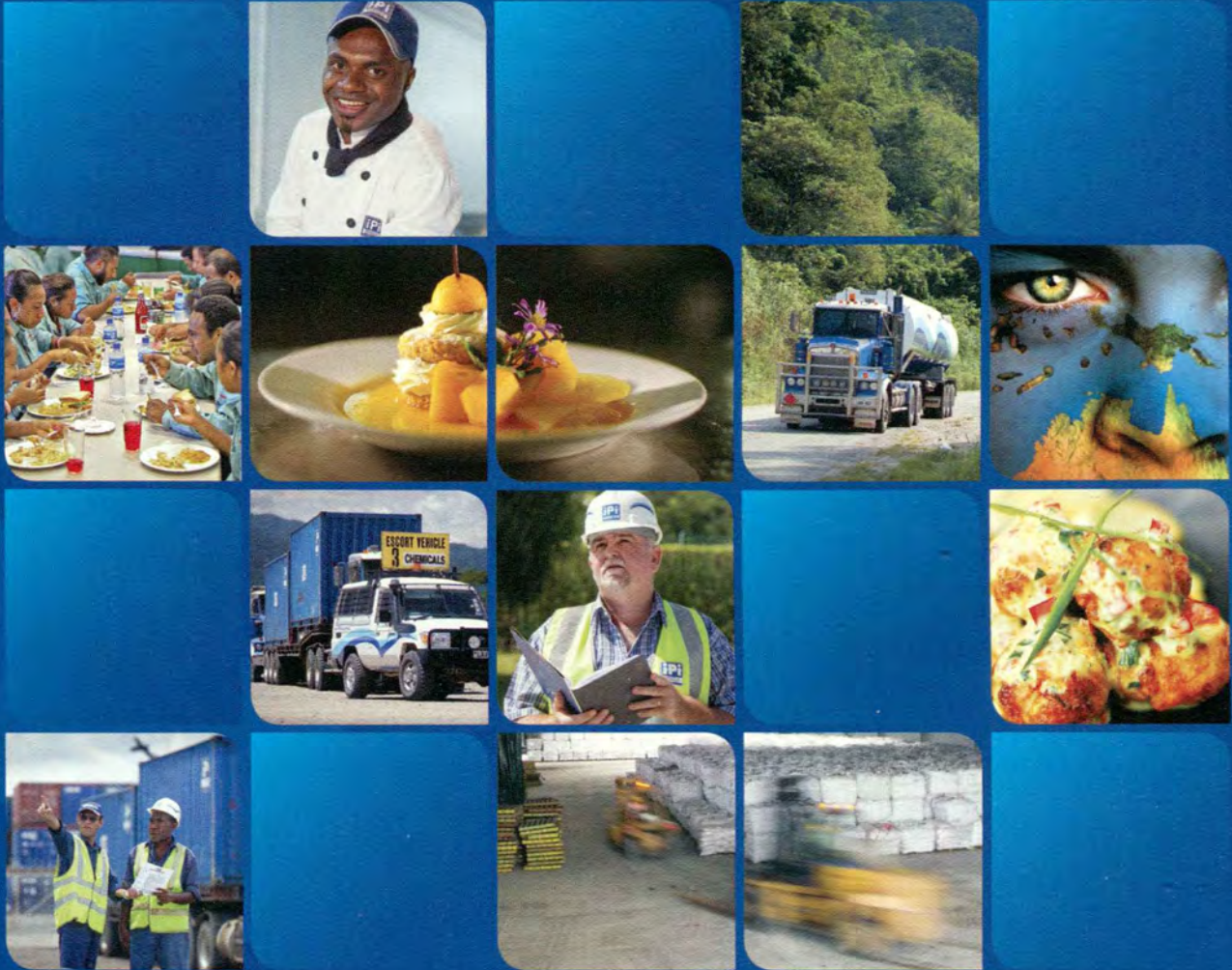
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THE VILLAGE

THE IMPORTANCE OF 'PLES'

BY JOHN BROOKSBANK



“Which village are you from?” “What is your wife’s place?”

These are often the first questions asked when one first meets a stranger, almost anywhere in Papua New Guinea. It is important for people to know where you were born, brought up or to which clans your marriage affiliations are - and this is still as meaningful as it was many years ago, when it could have been a matter of life and death.

Knowing where someone is from is not necessarily so that they can be slotted into a stereotype, for example as a Simbu, Samarai or Sepik, although this superficial categorisation is common. Awareness of village associations also provides a base for establishing social links and common connections.

For some, the village is a place they never leave, whilst for others, it is where they retire or perhaps return to die. For other individuals, it may even be where they are running away

from. So, why is the village so important in this country and what does it really mean to belong to a particular place?

Villages, of course, come in all shapes and sizes. The PNG National Census results, as inaccurate as these are, tell us that in 2000 at least 80% of the population live in rural villages, of which there are many thousands - found from the islands, archipelagos and coastal plains to the highlands, valleys and all the environments in between. Located near coral reefs, mangrove swamps or astride ridge lines, some have an alpine coolness, whilst others swelter in tropical humidity.

Villages can be windswept, others become nightly inundated with voracious mosquitoes or perhaps experience near-zero temperatures that force families to sleep huddled together in their huts close to open fireplaces.

Traditionally, the village and its associated food gardens represented physical evidence



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of clan ownership or at least custodianship of a particular area of land. In most places, relatively low population density meant that people - hunter-gatherers or swidden agriculturalists - ranged over quite large tracts of land or sea and regularly moved residence within these homelands.

In some parts, the village means a men's house or longhouse flanked by houses of women, children and the uninitiated men.

In other places, villages are built on stilts over the sea, strung out along shorelines and riverbanks, on defensible ridge lines or in fact don't exist at a single location at all, and names denote an area that contains scattered family hamlets.

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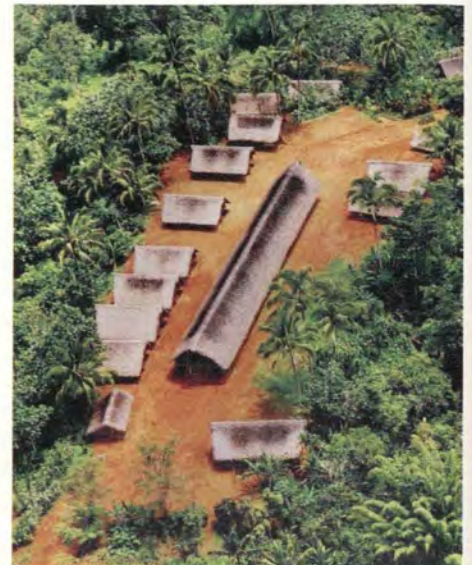
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These suburban communities such as those in Port Moresby have good road access, communications and all essential reticulated services. They contrast however, with majority of villages that have no running water, sewerage, electricity or no easy access to basic health and educational services.

The rivalry between Digicel and BeMobile does however mean that a lot of the country now has mobile communications coverage, which provides the opportunity for mobile banking services.

Some of the better known urban villages in Port Moresby such as Hanuabada, Pari, Kila Kila and Vabukori are home to traditional coastal Motuan or inland Koitabuan landowners. However, many others are settlements, some would say squatter settlements, of people from elsewhere in the country who reside together due to family links or for mutual protection.

In the nation's capital, these settlements include Nine Mile and Horse Camp, and are home for groups of people from different parts of the country. Yet even in these 'urban jungle' communities, where people may stay most of their lives, they all still know that their 'real' home - their village - is in Simbu, Gulf or Oro provinces, and so on.



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When Christmas, school or annual holidays come around, Air Niugini and other third level airlines are full of passengers 'going back to the village'. It's life in the village that influences the way people in the towns live their lives in many ways - such as the coconut brooms, gardens of food plants transported from home or even a 'haus win' in traditional style.

One of the most telling signs that village life

is alive and well is the nationwide practise of sending home the bodies of those who have died. There is a deep-seated belief that the soul of the departed can only be at rest if interred by family members in village cemeteries, alongside their relatives and ancestors.

From time immemorial, villages have been self-sufficient residential units growing, catching, harvesting, trading, hunting or

gathering as necessary to fulfill basic human needs for water, food, clothing and shelter.

After more than 35 years of independence, there have been many changes to traditional village ways of life, to varying degrees in different provinces - dependent on road and resource development, access to education and the prominence and influence of particular 'home-grown' politicians.

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In some places, access roads have been constructed, aid posts and schools built by government or the all-important enclave mining and petroleum companies, cash crops introduced and facilities such as communal water supplies installed.

Yet even with some improvements in basic social services, only a small percentage of the population are in regular salaried employment, and most Papua New Guineans would still consider themselves to be villagers.

Most village people subsist to a greater or lesser extent in the same manner as their forebears - albeit now with the assistance of modern accessories such as steel tools, nylon fishing nets, outboard motors and shotguns.

The village is where many people start their lives and where many know they will end their days.

In preparation for this and to fulfill ongoing family obligations, those living or working elsewhere regularly send home funds to pay school fees for relatives or for materials to build a permanent home, perhaps with solar hot water or even solar-powered electrics.

So...no matter their particular characteristics, villages are home to most Papua New Guineans. Villages mean family, friends, memories of childhood and the sense of security that comes with being in the familiar surroundings of a small community.





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The village provides you with your identity; it is where culture is protected. The village is where traditional practices are maintained, bride prices are made and festivals celebrated with dance and song.

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Sadly, as Papua New Guinea develops and gradually becomes more urbanised, the social discipline that comes from a rural village community structure often starts to show cracks.

This is possibly one of the causes of increased crime in the main centres in the last two decades.

Increasingly, people marry partners from other provinces or even other countries. Policemen, teachers, company employees and public servants are posted to a succession of towns or government stations where they raise their families and have only temporary, tenuous connections with the communities within which they reside. Many people now may have links to more than one home village - that of their mother and father.

The social fabric of the village is intertwined with links of blood, marriage, trade and the wantok system - that time tested social safety net of clan obligations that ensures that family or clan members are never totally destitute.

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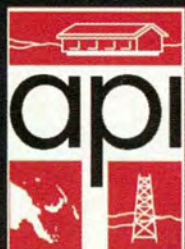
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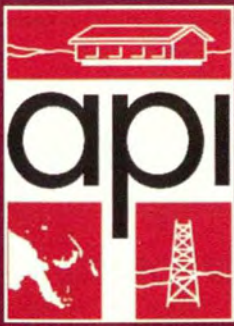
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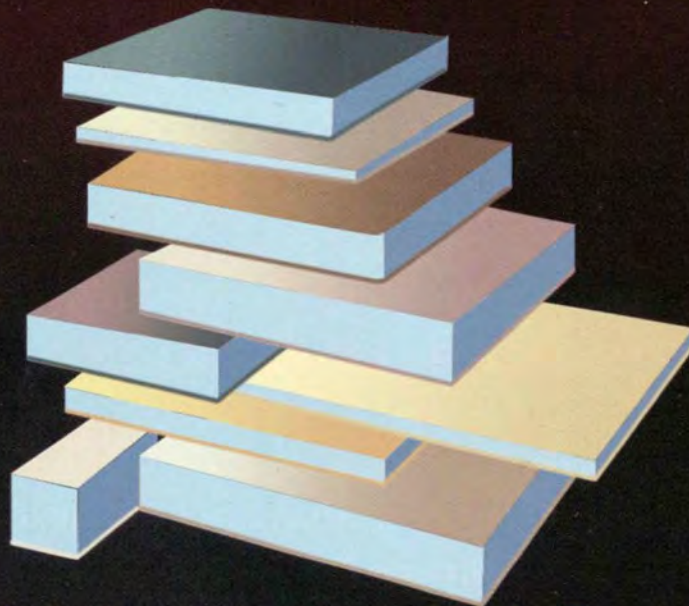
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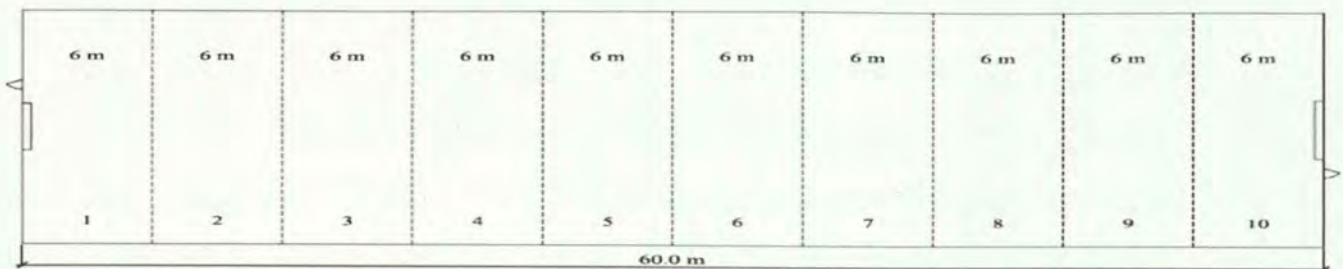
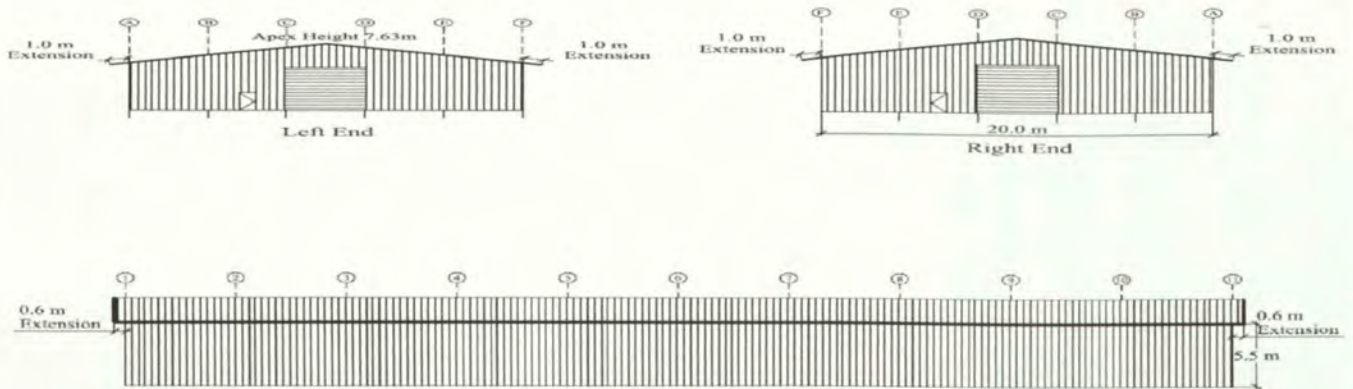
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The recent opening of H&M saw shopaholics camping overnight to be first in line, and thousands of others joined them in a queue that reached two blocks away. The city even dedicates an entire two months to celebrating consumerism, with the Great Singapore Sale running from May to July every year.

For eight weeks, the entire population gets into discount shopping mode, with many shops slashing prices by up to 70%.

While the strong Singapore dollar means the city is no longer the bargain-hunter's paradise it once was, shopping enthusiasts will be spoiled for choice, whether opting to splash the cash in the vast air-conditioned malls, local wet markets or souvenir-laden street stalls.

BY MARIANNE ROGERSON

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From ground-level up, big brand designer names such as Prada, Gucci, Cartier and Louis Vuitton abound, while as you descend underground the labels become distinctly more high street. Its impressive food court on basement level 4 offers welcome sustenance to weary shoppers.

Other standout malls include designer-filled Ngee Ann City and Paragon, down-to-earth Wisma Atria and independent boutique-laden Mandarin Gallery, which opened last year after a \$200 million dollar facelift.

Differentiating itself in a saturated market, the Mandarin Gallery houses over a hundred small independent boutiques, making a welcome change from the same-old brand names that feature heavily in the other Orchard Road malls.

Away from Orchard, the biggest collection of designer goodies can be found at Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands.



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Named because of the vast quantities of melting ice, and the constant washing-down of the fish and meat stalls, the wet markets house hundreds of stalls hawking all manner of fruit and vegetables, spices and herbs, dried goods, seafood, meat and poultry.

The Tekka Centre in Little India is one of the biggest and busiest wet markets in Singapore. Known for its large fish and seafood section, it is also the place to buy Indian spices and curry pastes.

The stalls upstairs are a good source of Indian clothing and sari material and the food stalls in the hawk centre specialise in Indian dishes. By contrast the wet market in the basement of the Chinatown Complex is crammed with Chinese ingredients – keep a look out for live frogs and turtles too!

Singapore keepsakes

Chinatown is also the place to head to for souvenirs. The street markets and shops here are brimming with ideas for gifts, with plenty of bargains thrown in. Try not to be put off by the abundance of 'Singapore is a FINE city' t-shirts, Merlion paper weights, or Chinese dragon puppets; if you dig a little deeper, there are some great deals to be had.

Silk cushion covers in varying designs go for three for \$10.00, while silk dressing gowns and pyjamas, Chinese fans and ethnic clothing can be had at bargain prices too. Tucked away behind the street stalls, tiny cramped shops carry attractive ranges of antique furniture and lacquer ware - choose from beautiful bowls, place mats, candle holders and vases in a variety of stunning colours.



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Bag a bargain

Many shops offer special discounts for tourists, so carry your passport with you. Several also offer discretionary discounts, so if you are in the market for a new camera, diamond bracelet or designer watch, be sure to ask if there are any special offers.

It helps that similar shops are often




Vegetable galore at the wet market.

concentrated in one area in Singapore (eg. Funan IT Mall for cameras/laptops/MP3 players or Jewellery Street at ION Orchard for anything sparkly), which makes comparing prices and bargaining easier.

Remember also that visitors to Singapore are entitled to claim back their Goods & Service Tax (GST, currently 7%) when they leave the country.

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Enjoying drinks with a friend at Harlan's with the view of Hong Kong at the background.

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BY ROB DUNLOP

Harlan's

We start at Harlan's with drinks that quite fittingly encapsulate the East meets West ethos of Hong Kong - Lychee Martini meets Gin & Tonic.

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Ozone bar...sits atop the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

SEVVA, via its terrace bar, claims one of the best vantage points.



Ozone

It makes sense that the world's highest hotel also boasts the world's highest bar. The swanky Ozone bar sits atop the Ritz Carlton Hotel on the 118th floor. Both the hotel and bar, which opened in March 2011, have quickly gained a reputation for combined funk and style.

The outdoor terrace offers spectacular views over the city and Victoria Harbour. Asian tapas style food is soaked up by signature cocktails and soothed away by cool DJ beats. Nice.

Address: 118th floor, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

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Sugar, 32 floors above the EAST hotel, cleverly embraces outdoor lifestyle. The bar, which closed to completely rework its outdoor deck area, reopened to great fanfare in September 2011.

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Eye Bar...known for its sophisticated cocktails.



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Aussie, Aussie, Aussie. Oi, Oi, Oi. Aussie... Steady, mate. Maybe we should call it a night. Till next time...

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The Daintree Secrets

Where rainforest meets the sea

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Scarface was the big man of the area ever since Fat Albert had disappeared under mysterious circumstances; he lay unconcerned on the riverside for all to see. We then looked unsuccessfully for Dusty at the entrance of Sawyers Creek but luckily a few moments later, found Elizabeth curled up sunbaking, just downstream.

We are on the Daintree River Cruise Centres' MV Matilda as boat captain and naturalist David Cook points out items of interest along the banks of the river, including, of course, the very territorial saltwater crocodiles who are all personally known to local residents.

The tide is dropping and the huge beasts - Scarface about 4.5 metres and Elizabeth, just over three metres long - take time out to bask and warm up on mudflats in their area. They and others such as Nelson and Beatrice are accustomed to the croc-spotting boats and do not move, even when the vessels come within metres of their afternoon nap.

The ferry over the Daintree River is just a couple of hours drive north of Cairns. On south side are broad, flat acres of sugar cane fields, whilst on the other is a unique rainforest that has remained essentially unchanged for millions of years.

Once a journey only undertaken by intrepid travellers in 4WDs, the road into the Daintree is now sealed and easily accessible to anyone prepared to make the drive.

The return ferry fare of A\$22 is a small price to pay for the opportunity to experience this very special part of Australia and for those with an interest in trivia, the previous Daintree ferry is now found in Papua New Guinea, operating on the Kikori River at Kaiam crossing.

The Daintree, as it is usually referred to, is the area bounded to the north and south by the Bloomfield and Daintree rivers respectively, and covers about 1200 square kilometres.

It is the largest area of continuous tropical rainforest in Australia, where some trees are

Tourist boat on Daintree.



Elizabeth sunbaking.
Bottom: Scarface warming up on the mud flats.

estimated to be over 2,500 years old. It is also special in other ways - it is the only place in the world where two World Heritage listed areas actually meet, in this case the Queensland Wet Tropics and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

It is the last remaining example of warm and wet rainforest from the time of the Gondwanaland supercontinent, containing ancient species of plants found nowhere else on the planet. It is believed that the area has remained unchanged since the formation of the Great Dividing Range some 110 million years ago. Since that time, the Daintree, named after geologist Richard Daintree, has had a rather checkered history and what exists today is part National Park, part State Forest and part private land.

As one drives along the narrow coast road, winding around the Alexandra Range, across innumerable creeks and past inviting sandy beaches, one can't miss the private properties along the roads, predictably named after tree species that populate the rural subdivisions where it is estimated that more than a thousand people live.



Cow Bay Beach.



Some folk come to get away from it all, some to eke out a sustainable existence, while for others, it is a place of work, serving the daily flux of tourists that visit and perhaps stay in the region for a few days. From the pegged real estate 'For Sale' signs, some people also seem to want to move out.

One cannot ignore the forest-clad coastal range that rises steeply above the coast; Thorntons Peak is a high point that broods over the littoral strip and although the very green environment pervades everything, there are plenty of things for visitors to do other than look at the rainforest.

There is mile after mile of almost deserted picture postcard beaches that demonstrate the reality of 'reef meets the rainforest' slogan emblazoned on the ferry. They include Cow

Bay, Alexandra Bay, Thornton Beach, Coconut Beach and Myall Beach - where one can lie and sunbathe, explore, swim or snorkel. Cow Bay, north of the Daintree is where the first European settler Andrew Mason, built his house in 1927.

Cape Tribulation, 36 kilometres from the ferry and where the sealed road ends, was named by Lieutenant Cook as the point closest to where he managed to jam the Endeavour onto a coral reef, requiring him to limp north and careen the vessel for repairs on the bank of a river named after his ship and at a location named after him - Cooktown.

The remoteness from 'civilisation' led to an influx of hippies to Cape 'Trib' in the 1970s, who apart from smoking vegetable substances, also participated in protests against the

continuation of the road further north, known as the Bloomfield Track.

Ironically, some turned entrepreneur and, after leasing large areas, proceeded to log them, against strident local opposition!

The beaches are serviced by a host of small resorts, spas, homestays, backpacker hotels, camping grounds, bed & breakfast homes, an assortment of cafes and even a pub or two.

All sport eco-friendly self-composting toilets too, in case that is a concern. There are a range of rainforest walks, boardwalks, horse rides, bird watching tours, night-time spotlighting walks, environmental interpretive centres, exotic fruit farms, river tours, fishing opportunities and mangrove cruises to choose from.

You will find someone willing to hire you a kayak, boat or mountain bike. Local businesses such as the Daintree Tea plantation and Daintree Ice Cream Company are well worth a visit.

The mile-long light aircraft grass strip at Cow Bay is not often used, but its claim to fame is that it has featured in movies made in the Daintree area. Films made in the area include *The Thin Red Line*, *Ocean Girl*, *Paradise Road*, *The Island of Dr Moreau*, which was partly filmed at the now defunct Coconut Beach Resort and the World War II mini-series *The Pacific*.

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The Daintree must be one of the few places in the country where the man from Australia Post requires a 4WD - since in the wet season, the rivers rise and anywhere off the few sealed roads gets a bit sticky. The traditional Aboriginal landowners of the Daintree, Kuku Yalanji speakers, have their own names for places and these are displayed at all the principal points of attraction.

At the Daintree Eco Lodge for example, local guides conduct tours that educate people on how plants of the forest were utilised by the original rainforest residents.

The Daintree contains species that represent just about every stage in the story of the evolution of plants on earth. It is a time capsule of botanical development - starting with ferns, then cycads and finally flowering plants.

There are huge examples of King Ferns - the world's largest fern, and some plants that are found nowhere else such as the very poisonous *Idiospermum australiense*, or Idiot Fruit Tree, which until recently was thought to be extinct. Then, there is the amazing cycad, *Bowenia* spp, that has reproductive habits that underscore the very nature of evolution.



Boyd's tree dragon.

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It is one of only two surviving plant species that procreates with flagellated sperm, which swim to fertilise the seed. Although it is not an endemic species, there are examples of the ylang ylang custard apple tree (*Canagra odorata*) whose beautiful night scented flowers are the base for Chanel No.5 perfume.

To the casual visitor though, the overall impression of the Daintree is one of almost overwhelming greenness everywhere, a lowland forest that seems to be dominated by attractive, towering fan palms (*Licuala ramsayi*) and vines, including the viciously barbed lawyer vine (*Calamus muelleri*) whose spiny whip-like tendrils can rip jeans and flesh- it well deserves its common name of 'wait-a-while'.

Of course the rainforest is not just about the plants, there are also more animate creatures such as bats & butterflies - the Daintree hosts 65% of all the species found in Australia, plus 12,000 species of insects and a third of the nations' marsupial, reptile & frog species. Some species such as Bennet's Tree Kangaroo and the Daintree River Rigtail Possum are found nowhere else.

Not that you will see many of these timid or nocturnal creatures without the assistance of a guide who knows where to go, but if you are lucky you may catch sight of a colourful brush turkey or yellow-footed scrub fowl near one of the walking tracks. Other creatures however,

are destructive and there are active campaigns to, for example, keep the numbers of feral pigs to a minimum in the region.

Apart from just looking at the environment, there are individuals actively restoring parts of the Daintree. The not-for-profit NGO, Rainforest Rescue, has with the help of people from within the country and from overseas organised by Conservation Volunteers Australia, been busy planting rainforest trees on previously cleared private land in the region.

They are taking advantage of a Queensland State arrangement whereby private sector grants are available to landholders wishing to replant native trees on the condition that their lease is covenanted so that the replanted areas are never cut and remain a nature refuge in perpetuity.

As can be seen from many places along the road, the Daintree is also home to ordinary people just making a living looking after beef and dairy cattle or growing mangoes, bananas and other fruits and vegetables.

There is a local primary school, council depot and 'waste transfer station' just like any bit of suburbia, the only difference being that homeowners here have to collect their own rain or bore water, have septic sewerage and often also generate their own power.

The Daintree is clearly a very special place,



Cassowary and chicks.

home to many rare and endangered species of flora and fauna, but it is also home to humans. Giving visiting tourists an appreciation of the beauty and unique nature of this World Heritage area will help ensure a sustainable balance is reached, allowing the preservation of this unique part of Gondwanaland.



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SURFING CHARLIE'S APOCALYPSE

BY JOHN BORTHWICK

Colonel Kilgore: "You can either surf, or you can fight! If I say it's safe to surf this beach, then it's safe to surf this beach!"

It's one of cinema's signature rants, belloyed by Robert Duvall in Francis Ford Coppola's 1976 Vietnam war classic, "Apocalypse Now."

Strutting on a hellfire beach, Lt. Col. Bill Kilgore (Duvall) orders one of his soldiers, a famous surfer, to demonstrate his surfing technique while a vicious fire-fight with "Charlie", the Viet Cong, rages around them.

Stetson-hatted Duvall then delivers two infamous lines, firstly, "Charlie don't surf!", followed by a line voted the 12th most famous movie quote of all time, "I love the smell of napalm in the morning."

Duvall, Martin Sheen and Coppola held sway 35 years ago on a remote beach at Baler, (pronounced Bal-air) in north-eastern Luzon. Long gone are the remnants of the Vietnamese village that Coppola spent months building before he sent in the helicopters to immolate it with napalm. What remains is the beach's nickname, Charlies Point, and surfboard riding. In Baler today, in Kilgore's language, Charlie do surf.

Baler, the snoozy capital of Aurora province, now the heartland of Philippines surfing, is a neat town of 35,000 people. When Hollywood came to town, Coppola had scheduled a six-week shoot here and elsewhere in Luzon.



Instead, it took him 16 months, 11 of those spent in Baler.

The Malibu long boards that the Apocalypse crew left behind were snapped up by locals like Edwin Namoro, Philippine's first national surfing champion, and Rodel Tolentino, both of whom still surf today. These days, the Baler locals ride modern short boards, often left behind by visiting foreign surfers as they snap re-entries in the Sabang shore break.

Out surfing I meet Noel who tells me he was an extra in the great movie while in 6th grade at school and then began riding a board left by the crew. He still surfs almost daily. After our session, he straps his board to the roof of that distinctly Filipino conveyance, a "tricycle" motorcycle with a canopied sidecar.

Baler's waves are seasonal, the best Pacific swells being between October and March. Its main beach breaks offer relatively short rides but this is offset by the lack of crowds and thus plenty of waves for everyone. A couple of kilometres south are the board-snapping reef waves of Cemento, a short, sharp and much more serious break that plays host each February to the Aurora Cup, the country's most prestigious surfing competition.

I hike two kilometres up the beach in search of the fabled Charlies Point. The shoreline curves north past budget lodges and a grand, towered mansion owned by the provincial



governor, gradually fading to a distant jungle shoreline that's framed by the blue Sierra Madre. I reach the mouth of the Aguang River and a tranquil lagoon, the site of Coppola's doomed Viet Cong village and bridge. Beyond them is the tree line that went up in a spectacular napalm conflagration. The local name of the spot is Kagewad, but to surfers and film buffs, it will always be Charlies Point.

Local surfer Rodel Tolentino was an 11-year old extra in the movie. "Until today, I'm wondering how the Americans found this place? It's so hard to get to," he says.

Charlies Point is still hard enough to get to and perhaps because of this, it remains wild and beautiful. It seems bizarre to stand amid its calm and to imagine the firestorm rained upon the place by Coppola's aircraft.



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Baler is still a picturesque town. With its surviving teak shop-houses facing a classic, Spanish-era square, plus its daily markets, jeepneys and tricycle taxis, this is an unmistakably Philippine rural town. And, as one blogger observed with a smile, "every clock and watch in town gives wildly conflicting estimates of the time."

Baler's little town church has a real story to tell. It hosted a dramatic sideshow to the Spanish-American War when, for 337 days during 1898-99, it was the site of an extraordinary siege by Filipino forces.

The Spanish soldiers holed-up in the church simply refused to believe that Spain's most treasured colony had been surrendered to the invading Americans and rag-tag locals. Of the 57 men inside at the start of the siege, only 33 survived to return to Spain, although they did so as heroes, "Los Ultimos de Filipinas" - the Last Out of the Philippines.

Seven Franciscan missionaries and a handful of settlers including the Angara family founded Baler in 1609. Four centuries and having survived typhoons, coups, Spanish and American colonials and a tsunami that levelled the town in 1735, the Angara dynasty is still going strong, counting among their number a mayor, provincial senator, congressman and governor. With a good slice of the prime beachfront also under their control, the wise development of the little surf city of Sabang is in their hands.

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Aurora is one of the poorest provinces in the Philippines but a new road over the mountains will be completed in a few years, bringing Manila very much closer to Baler.

There is apprehension about what changes this might deliver, especially if the sort of charmless, cheek-by-jowl developments as seen in other beach resorts were to occur. Right now, it is time to head to beautiful Baler before the wannabes bring jet skis and SUVs to wreak their own kind of apocalypse on the place.

Meanwhile, back at Sabang and Cemento, the waves are still pumping, the locals are cool and visitors welcomed. At Charlies Point, there is no one to remember Robert Duvall, Martin Sheen and Marlon Brando, but the surf is still working. As Rodel Tolentino says, "They used the same wave we are surfing today. So many things have changed - but the wave is always the same." 

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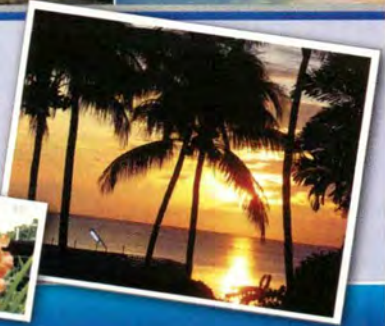
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On board a cruise boat at Knuckle Reef, Whitsundays.

BRISBANE TO CAIRNS IN A CAMPERVAN

BY RENEE CLUFF

Travelling the Queensland coast in a campervan is a great option for anyone who believes the journey can be just as much fun as the destination.

The grey nomads and the backpackers have been on it for a long time.



We arrived in Brisbane with a rigid plan to be flexible. Our only limit was that we needed to be in Cairns in three weeks' time. So, as we picked up our mini-van camper, the prospect of 21 days of quality family-time right along the Queensland coast was exciting to say the least.

Our enthusiasm was dampened only slightly when we realised we probably should have booked a bigger model. With two adults and two children in the motor home together, you barely had room to pat a cat, let alone swing one. We did get more accustomed to the lack of space as time went on though, and learning to organise our storage also made life easier. The children didn't share our concerns at all - for them it was cubby house heaven.

First stop was the Sunshine Coast. With its beautiful beaches, eateries, shopping and activities on offer, the region is geared up for tourists. Our intention was to get back to basics, so we bypassed the most famous tourist attraction in the area, Australia Zoo, and set up camp in Noosa just as the sun was setting.

The next morning we took a stroll through the national park, which is one of just a handful to be based right on the coastline. The scenery is stunning, with pandanus trees framing a sparkling blue ocean. The children had a play in the rock pools before we headed back to the campervan to continue our journey.



Via the country town of Gympie, we headed for Rainbow Beach to see the spectacular Carlo sand blow, which overlooks several other towers of multi-hued sands. A sand blow is a parabolic dune which moves with the wind and is devoid of vegetation. The Carlo sand blow continues to swallow entire forests. It covers a massive 15 hectares.

Just around the corner, we stopped at Tin Can Bay for the night, to be sure we would be at the scheduled 8am dolphin feeding at the marina the following morning. Of course, no-one told the wild Indo Pacific dolphins our plan and they were a little sluggish in arriving. It was certainly worth the wait though - we were able to hand feed the dolphins, who were surprisingly gentle and well-mannered. Another item on our bucket list ticked off.

From there, we went inland to Maryborough and strolled through the historic riverside streets of the town, which in the late 1800s, made up one of Australia's busiest ports and the country's major immigration port. It's strewn with amazing colonial architecture, which you can view on a self-guided tour.

Just 30 minutes drive away, we sauntered down the 1.1-kilometre Urangan Pier at Hervey Bay, which in the early 1900s, was used to transfer coal, sugar and timber on to waiting ships. As we walked, we kept a close lookout for the bay's famous humpback whales. There are plenty of whale-watching cruises on offer at Hervey Bay, which is a breeding ground for humpbacks.

However, we'd received a tip-off that the whales were in vast numbers in the Whitsundays, so we decided to forgo a cruise until then.

Hervey Bay is also the best place to get to Fraser Island, the largest sand island in the world. It's expensive to get there but also extremely impressive with plenty of unique wilderness areas to see.

Our next stop was Agnes Waters and its neighbouring community of Seventeen Seventy, which is known as Queensland's birth place. It's where James Cook first landed in the state on 24 May, 1770. It's also the launching place for the southern-most point of the Great Barrier Reef and cruises are on offer

to take visitors to Lady Elliot Island to snorkel.

Seventeen Seventy also has a spectacular headland to explore, a picturesque foreshore, perfect for barbeque picnics, and a wonderfully large inlet, well-suited to kayaking and fishing.

We swapped the tiny seaside community for the big smoke of Rockhampton, where we toured the city's impressive and historical Botanical Gardens and zoo. The zoo contains mostly Australian animals, but it is particularly memorable for us because of our son's amazing interactions with a chimpanzee, which imitated his actions.

Just outside Rockhampton are the Capricorn Caves, a dry cave system, possibly the only privately owned cave system in the country. It features a cathedral cave which has almost perfect acoustics, its levels rivalling those of the Sydney Opera House. When our guide turned off the electric lights, lit candles and played 'Amazing Grace' inside the cathedral cave, the moment was surprisingly emotional. Even to my untrained ear, the sound was phenomenal. The tour ended with a candle-lit climb through a naturally formed tunnel, replicating the experience of the cave's discoverer in the 1800s.

One of our favourite stops was just north of Mackay, in the Cape Hillsborough National Park. It's littered with great walking tracks and wildlife is abundant, with wallabies bouncing on the beach at dawn and dusk to eat the seeds that have washed up with the tide.

At the waterfront van park, there is a resident grey kangaroo who sunbathes under the clothes lines all day. Views from the lookouts are spectacular, featuring clear aqua water dotted by sailing boats and tiny islands, one of which you can actually walk to at low tide, via a causeway.

Rainbow Beach...to see the spectacular Carlo sand blow.





Scuba diving at Knuckle Reef.

The collection of shells we gathered at Casuarina Beach was diverse, interesting and colourful and all along the beach, tiny balls of sand had been piled up by crabs making their holes. It was a great place to pass a lazy afternoon.

On our way to Proserpine and Airlie Beach, we stopped off at a strawberry farm, one of many situated just off the Bruce Highway. It offers visitors the chance to pick their own punnets of strawberries.

The farmer there gave us some tips on the colour and texture of the best ones to pick before she let us loose on the strawberry fields. The children couldn't help themselves,

sampling the wares they picked. We gathered some of the biggest and sweetest strawberries I've ever seen, which we continued to munch until we reached Airlie Beach, the launching pad for the Whitsunday Islands.

On our first full day there, we took an island hopper cruise, a ferry service which allows travellers to stop off at Daydream Island, South Molle Island National Park, Long Island and Hamilton Island. You can pick and choose when and where you get on and off the two ferries that continuously navigate the round trip.

Daydream Island was the favourite spot for our children, who loved the island's living lagoon, a man-made coral reef which meanders through the resort and is filled with brightly coloured fish, sting rays and sharks. Day trippers can also swim in the resort's pools and spas for free and can opt to take a scuba diving course or have lunch in one of the resort's restaurants. There's also a state-of-the-art putt-putt golf course, children's playground and tennis courts.

We opted to have lunch at Long Island, where my husband and I also indulged in the obligatory Long Island iced tea as we strolled along the sizeable mudflats as the tide went out. Everything about Long Island is long, including the wharf. In fact, it's so lengthy a tractor train picks up visitors to take them into the resort.

The Island hopper cruise also gives people the chance to overnight at one of the four islands it travels to. You can camp on South Molle Island, or indulge in a room at Daydream, Long or Hamilton Island.

What we really wanted to experience, though, was the world heritage listed Great Barrier Reef, so the following day we took another cruise to Knuckle Reef, home to several bommies and a state-of-the-art pontoon from which people can snorkel, scuba dive, take a trip in a glass bottom boat or view the reef from the pontoon's underwater observatory. It also has a waterslide which plunges both children and the young at heart, into the ocean.

Those who don't want to get wet can have a massage, soak up the rays on the sun deck or take a helicopter ride to see the famous heart reef, which from the air, is shaped like a perfect love heart.

The staff onboard the pontoon and cruise boat were a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm about the reef, which is brimming with life. There are colourful schools of fish of all shapes and sizes, as well as diverse coral. It's an underwater wonder world and we were lucky to score the perfect conditions and tides, which enhanced the clarity of the water.

We also lucked out with the whales – our decision to postpone our whale watching tour paid massive dividends. On the two hour trip

out to Knuckle Reef we spotted no less than six whales, including a mother and her calf that came very close to our boat. The return trip bestowed a further eight whales. They were everywhere and we got very used to spotting the white plume of blowhole water and tail slapping splashes. Everyone on the boat was thrilled to be witnessing such spectacles.

Just outside Airlie Beach is a tiny town called Hydeaway Bay, a quiet, secluded bay which is perhaps the Whitsunday region's best-kept secret. It's absolutely gorgeous and we were able to pull the campervan right up to the beach and build a camp fire – quite a treat, because it's something that is banned in most coastal Queensland national parks and camping areas.

After leaving the bay, we headed for Bowen, which was made famous by the film 'Australia'. The scenes featuring Darwin were all shot in Bowen, which was selected by director Baz Luhrmann for its wide open coastal landscape and extremely long wharf. Remnants from the movie still exist, with the local watering hole among them. And who can pass on a chunky Hugh Jackman from the famed Bowen pie shop?

Another must-do is the local lookout, which offers breathtaking 360 degree views. There are several beaches to frolic in and you can get a taste of country living in Bowen, which is known as the town where the bush meets the beach. Mangoes are the main agricultural export, along with sugar cane.

From there, we descended on Townsville, the capital of far north Queensland. There is plenty to do there, although we only spent a short time in the city to allow the children to play at the fantastic water park on the esplanade.

From there, we entered cassowary country, bunking down in Mission Beach, which has become quite a trendy bohemian town popular with backpackers. The actual beach is the main attraction though and the sunset was spectacular, with horses ridden along the shoreline as a full moon rose over the water.

Mission Beach is also where you get a good impression of the force of cyclone Yasi, which passed across that area of coastline earlier this year. Loads of trees have been knocked down and those that remain have had their leaves blown off. The new growth resembles that of a tree recovering from bushfire and entire hills are covered in them, looking like mounds of slightly furry matchsticks.

After passing through Innisfail, where cane farm country briefly changed to banana growing country, we headed inland, to the highlands of the Cairns region. The Mamu canopy rainforest walk near Millaa Millaa offers a birds-eye view as you walk among the treetops. There are also three impressive waterfalls just outside Millaa Millaa, two of which you can take a dip under. The nearby



Millaa Millaa Falls...one of three waterfalls in the highlands of the Cairns region.

Atherton Tablelands are also worth a stop, even just to spot a platypus in the wild.

On the way to Cairns, you can opt to pass through the town of Kuranda, which has great markets, plenty of art galleries featuring indigenous art and a train station dripping with tropical plants and history. But the main attraction is the Barron Gorge. You can take a train there, walk there or pass by on a cable car, which travels between Kuranda and Cairns.

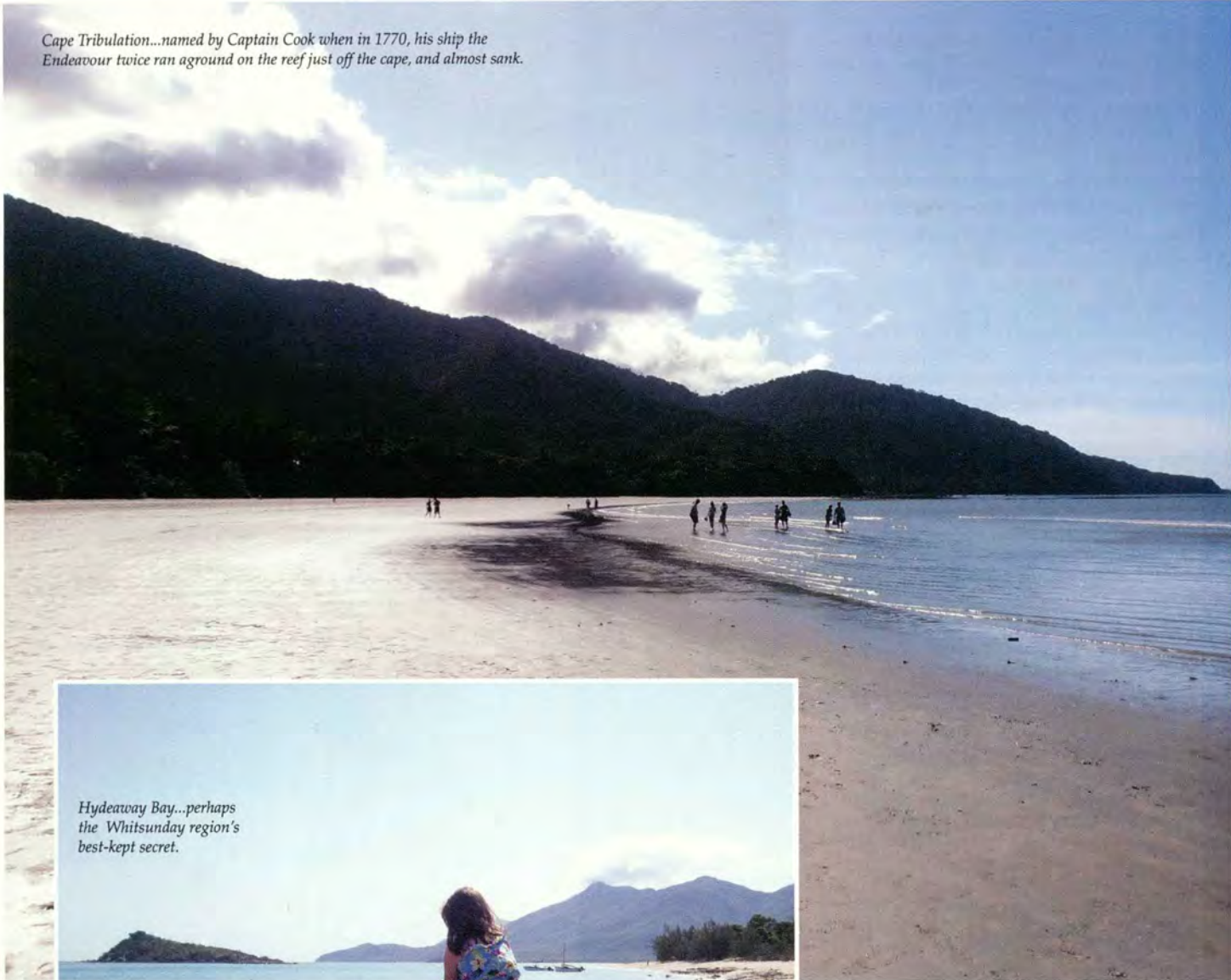
The Cairns esplanade is also a tourist mecca, featuring a man-made lagoon and massive children's playground.

Just across the road is the entrance to Rusty's market, which opens on the weekends and the night markets, which are open every night.

We opted to base ourselves about 20 minutes north of Cairns, at Palm Cove. It's known as Queensland's spa capital but is so much more. It's a very popular spot for newlyweds to have their photos taken, which gives you some idea of the quality of the scenery.

A protection order on the esplanade's melaleuca trees only enhances the ambience, with the trees managing to both outshine and enhance the hotels and restaurants, which have been built around the trees.

Cape Tribulation...named by Captain Cook when in 1770, his ship the Endeavour twice ran aground on the reef just off the cape, and almost sank.



Hydeaway Bay...perhaps the Whitsunday region's best-kept secret.



The van park in Palm Cove is council-run, cheap and in a fantastic position, and the wharf is a great place to drop in a line. Cairns tropical zoo is also situated in Palm Cove and their night zoo adventure is a hit with children - just make sure they have an afternoon nap if they're unlikely to last 'til 10pm.

From Palm Cove, it's less than an hour to Port Douglas, where the rich and famous go to play, and then a further 20 minutes to the stunning Mossman Gorge, a croc-free swimming hole, where you can also fill up your water bottle with sparkling rainforest water. I also recommend a walk across the suspension

bridge if you're not prone to vertigo. Another 15 minutes up the road is the world heritage-listed Daintree National Park, where we did spot a croc in the wild, sunning itself right next to the launch point of the Daintree River ferry.

The Daintree is where the rainforest meets the reef. There are beautiful, clear, rocky creeks running through the tropical forest vines to a stunning shoreline. The coast includes the famous Cape Tribulation, named by Captain Cook when in 1770, his ship the Endeavour twice ran aground on the reef just off the cape, and almost sank. The extensive damage came

close to preventing Cook from claiming what was then known as New Holland.

You can certainly go further north but the road soon turns to a four-wheel-drive-only thoroughfare. In any case, our time was up. Next time perhaps.

Choosing a motor home

There are plenty of options available, depending on your budget and the size of the motor home you're after. Couples can easily get by with a mini-van, which is certainly easier to manoeuvre and find parking spots for. However, they don't come with a shower or toilet, which means you will need to be comfortable with ducking into the bush to do your business if you are not staying in a van park or close to public toilets.

The bigger models do come with showers and toilets, but this also has a downside - someone will need to empty the toilet bucket at dump stations, which are found in van parks. It's not a pleasant job. On the plus side, most of the bigger models will have a



planning to end your trip in and whether pick-up times for the motor home suit your flight arrival time.

Expect to pay between \$100 and \$400 per day for a motor home. And be sure to check out the insurance conditions - some motor home companies will swipe thousands of dollars off your credit card as security, which will then be refunded once you return the motor home in good order.

Van Parks

A night in a van park in Queensland will range from about AUD\$15 to AUD\$80, depending on the park itself and whether you want a powered site, unpowered site or ensuite site.

As the name suggests, ensuite sites come with your own personal shower, toilet and sink which is great for anyone who likes their privacy and shudders at the thought of sharing the amenities block with everyone else in the park.

It's also a bonus for families with young children, whose smaller bladders sometimes don't last the trek to the amenities block.

Powered sites will allow you to plug in and recharge your battery - allowing you to freely use your microwave and TV (if your camper has one), as well as plug in and recharge your laptop or mobile phone. I even plugged in a hairdryer.

You won't be able to plug in if you select an unpowered site, but you can still use the park's amenities, laundry, dump station and water supply to top up your tank.

The most expensive park we used was a five star resort, complete with a water park, giant jumping pillows, resort-style pools, a restaurant and an outdoor cinema. Most are not so luxurious and will hover around the AUD\$25-AUD\$40 mark for a powered site.

Stingers and Crocs

Signs warning of saltwater crocodiles will be spotted at almost every water source. Crocs have even been found in drains in Cairns, so it's important to always be aware of your surroundings. Just because the water is fresh doesn't mean crocs won't inhabit the area.

Stinger season is between November and May/June and is when the deadly box jelly fish and tiny irukandji are at their most prominent.

Stingers can in fact inhabit the tropical Queensland waters all year round and bottles of vinegar are in place at almost every beach to help treat victims.

If you are really worried, swim at beaches with stinger nets. Many cruise companies will also have stinger suits for passengers to swim in.

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bed situated over the roof of the driver's cab, which can be left made up, thereby cutting down on the need to put your bed together each night. If you have more than two people, though, the dining table will generally need to be converted to a second bed.

The bigger motor homes are available in four berth to six berth. But be warned, this doesn't necessarily mean a six berth motor home will comfortably house six people. Just imagine squeezing six adults into a vehicle that size during wet weather - and then trying to cook and make beds! You may however, be more comfortable if some of those six people are young children. It's all about tailoring the model to your personal needs.

Other things to look out for are battery life and power supply, the size of the water storage area, whether there are extra costs for linen and pillows, and whether the motor homes are set up for infant's seats and children's booster seats.

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General Information

Lying entirely within the tropics, barely south of the Equator and just north of the Australian continent is Papua New Guinea, the second largest island in the world. With a total land mass of 473,189sq.km it is the last of a string of Islands spilling down from South East Asia into the Pacific.

Apart from the mainland, Papua New Guinea comprises a remarkable collection of islands, atolls and coral reefs scattered around its coastline. The mainland is divided by the Owen Stanley Range—a rugged central spine with peaks over 4,000 metres high. Great rivers begin their journey to the sea from these mountains—among them, Fly and Sepik waterways. Below the mountain chain, fertile coastal plains, flooded delta regions and mangrove swamps exist alongside broad sandy beaches, sheltered bays and dense rain forests.

The coastal regions are tropical however in generally the climate is warm to hot and humid all year round. Temperatures on the coast vary between 25-30 degrees throughout the year. The Highlands regions enjoy a temperate climate, ranging from 20 degrees during day to as low as 10 degrees during the evenings. Rainy season varies from province to province, however generally the country is driest from May to December.

Fully independent since September 16, 1975, the country has a freely elected democratic government. PNG became the 142nd member of the United Nations on October 10, 1975 and is also a member of the British Commonwealth.

The population is just over 5 million with over a third in the Highlands region of the country. The people are Melanesian though in

appearance they are quite varied.

There are more than 800 distinct “live” languages with Melanesian pidgin and Hiri Motu being the two most widely used. English is the official language in education, business and government circles.

Papua New Guinea has a vibrant and multifaceted economy with two distinct systems operating side by side.

The vast majority of the people live a traditional, non-monetary barter economy that existed long before European colonization began. Co-existing with this is the modern economic system based on mining, petroleum, fishing, forestry and agriculture.

The main exports are gold, copper, oil, coffee, tea, copra, oil palm and forest products.

What to See and Do



Ideal Cruising Experience

The wonders of Papua New Guinea never cease to impress even the most intrepid traveller. Offering a multitude of ideal experiences, the visitors will find a country rich in culture, ethnic diversity and where little has changed over centuries. Cruising Papua New Guinea is relaxing since island life is slow-paced and informal. Rich in cultural and ethnic diversity PNG promises to reward cruise enthusiasts with unforgettable sights and sounds.

Diving

This is home to some of the world's most spectacular diving, dubbed as ‘underwater photographer's paradise.’ It is said to have twice as many species as the waters of the Red Sea, and up to five times as many as the Caribbean. The waters are a wonderland of elegant reefs, sunken wrecks, brilliantly coloured coral and marine life. The immense diversity of dive sites includes barrier reefs, coral walls (drop-offs), coral gardens, patch reef, fringing reefs, sea grass beds and coral atolls.

Trekking the rugged terrains

Trekking in Papua New Guinea is a challenge which portrays the real meaning of adventure in paradise. An extensive network of walking

tracks covers most mountain areas, and experience bush walkers are well catered for. The most popular is the Kokoda Track which continues to provide challenges and experiences beyond men's imagination. Others include Mt. Wilhelm, Bulolo, Wau and Madang. The Kokoda Trail, so significant to World War II continues to grow in popularity amongst serious trekkers.

Excellent Fishing

The country's reputation for excellent fishing localities and choices of catch is fully boosted by the wonderful climate.

Surfing the waves

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