

Paradise

inflight with air niugini

VOL 2, 2009



Air Niugini

In addition to its extensive branch network in Papua New Guinea, Bank South Pacific also has branches in the Solomon Islands, Fiji & Niue.

We're Different



We are ready
to provide
you service
in...

- Corporate Finance
- Commercial Lending
- Business Lending
- Consumer Lending
- Treasury
- Personal Banking
- Business Banking
- Electronic Banking
- International Trade
- Stockbroking



Bank South Pacific

www.bsp.com.pg

Bank South Pacific - The Bank for the South Pacific and wholly owned in the South Pacific

YOU KNOW YOUR BUSINESS - DALTRON HAS THE BEST IT SOLUTION TO SUIT YOUR BUSINESS!



Daltron places a strong emphasis on building sound relationships based on mutual trust and quality service delivered at a reasonable cost.

Our main objective is to understand our customer's technological needs and provide the best possible solution.

Our consulting-led approach enables us to assist businesses in leveraging the latest technologies to gain competitive advantage by integrating applications; designing, deploying and managing networks and implementation of advanced ICT infrastructure.

Premier Business Partner



Partnership

OUR SPECIALIST BUSINESS SERVICES INCLUDE:

TECHNICAL SERVICES - over 60 IT professionals from a variety of different ICT disciplines and experience.

CONSULTING SERVICES - our team is backed by the world - wide resources of partners such as Hewlett Packard, Cisco, and Fuji Xerox.

NETWORK SOLUTIONS - using highly trained and qualified support personnel who can manage the installation, support and troubleshooting requirements of any (LAN or WAN) network large or small.

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT - specialise in the delivery and support of a wide range of cost effective custom and packaged software solutions.

TRAINING - using qualified and certified trainers from PNG and overseas we offer IT Specialist, Professional Development, Attache' and Accounting and Microsoft Application Training using our state-of-the-art training centre.

PORT MORESBY
Cameron Road, Waigani.
PO Box 1711, Boroko.
NCD, Papua New Guinea.
P+ 675 302 2200
F+ 675 325 6558

LAE
Ground Flr, Lae Post Office
PO Box 566, Lae.
MP, Papua New Guinea.
P+ 675 472 8449
F+ 675 472 8455

SOLOMON ISLANDS
Commonwealth Avenue
Point Cruz
Honiara, Solomon Island
P+ 677 25100
F+ 677 25114

SUVA
Ellery Street
P.O. Box 299
Suva
P+ 679 3315091
F+ 679 3315093

NADI
Shop 145 Morarji Kalidas Bld.
Main Street
Nadi
P+ 679 6724822
F+ 679 6724832

VANUATU
P.O. BOX 276
Port Villa
Vanuatu
P+ 678 22537
F+ 678 23559

www.daltron.com.pg

daltron
your IT solutions partner

ANZ

Asset Finance



**We
Finance**



We Provide:

- Fully maintained operating lease • Finance lease • Sale & Leaseback
- Foreign currency leasing • Novated leasing

Flexible Finance at competitive rates

Contact ANZ Asset Finance
2nd Floor Defens Haus
P.O. Box 1152, Port Moresby NCD

Email: Sova.Amet@anz.com
Ph: (675) 322 3257
Fax: (675) 322 3253





Brian Bell
& Co Limited

BRIAN BELL GROUP OF COMPANIES



BRIAN BELL GROUP OF COMPANIES PROVIDES EVERYTHING FOR YOUR HOME **WHOLESALE & RETAIL**

Brian Bell & Company Ltd is Papua New Guinea's premier retailer, wholesaler & distributor of quality brand products. Through our extensive branch & distribution network we offer a wide range of products & services to businesses, aid agencies, mining companies, government departments and individuals throughout Papua New Guinea.



DINNERWARE



CUTLERY



COOKWARE



GLASSWARE



FURNITURE, HOME & OFFICE



AUDIO & VISUAL



TOWELS & SHEETS



TV & DVD



HOME APPLIANCES



PLASTICWARE



SPORTING GOODS



SPORTS & OUTDOOR



DIESEL & PETROL GENSETS



SEWING



AGRICULTURE



TOYS



CAMERAS & MOBILE PHONES



COLEMAN COOLERS



REFRIGERATION



COMMERCIAL APPLIANCES

**White Goods | Small Appliances | Soft Touch | Furniture | Audio Visual
Agriculture | Power Generation | Sports & Leisure | Manchester | Hardware
Hotel Supplies | Catering Equipment | Kitchenware | Houseware**

ALL PRODUCTS ARE BACKED BY BRIAN BELL'S WARRANTY, SERVICE AND SPARE PARTS

Brian Bell
Shop with a friend



PLAZA 325 5411 HOMECENTRE-GORDONS 325 8469
HOMECENTRE-LAE 472 3200 TOPTOWN 479 1918
GOROKA 732 1622 KOKOPO 982 9027 MT HAGEN 542 1999
MADANG 852 1899 Email: bbsales@brianbell.com.pg



UMW

UMW NIUGINI LTD
P.O BOX 5243, BOROKO
National Capital District

Email: enquiries@umw.com.pg
Website: www.umw.com.pg

PORT MORESBY ph: (675) 325 5766 KOKOPO ph: (675) 982 9795 LAE ph: (675) 472 2444

AUTOMOTIVE • **EQUIPMENT** • MANUFACTURING & ENGINEERING • OIL & GAS

Industrial & Heavy Equipment

MORE THAN SALES....



MP84154

KOMATSU

STIHL

FG WILSON

Atlas Copco

At UMW, we understand that business is all about people not only meeting, but exceeding expectations.

That's why we provide:

- Trained and qualified fitters specialising in Komatsu, STIHL, FG Wilson & Atlas Copco products.
- Service contracts and 24hr call out service on heavy machinery.
- Range of parts and products for Forestry, Mining and Construction industries.
- Variety of lubricants including Pennzoil as well as Genuine Komatsu & STIHL oil.
- Perkins Genuine Parts for Agricultural, Industrial, Marine and Power Generation applications.

www.mtspng.com | PHONE: PNG 675 852 2766

E-Mail: mtspng@mtspng.com | www.mtspng.com | FAX: PNG 675 852 3542



Chairman's Message

WELCOME ABOARD.

I am pleased to share with you and other readers of *PARADISE* of Air Niugini's exceptional performance in 2008 with a 30.9 percent growth in passenger uplift compared to the last three years.

The airline reached in excess of one million passengers at the end of December 2008 and is confident it will experience a similar growth in passenger numbers over the next few years.

In early December (2008), the unprecedented attendance of delegates from around the globe to the 10th PNG Mining and Petroleum Investment Conference in Sydney clearly expressed the potential investors' confidence in the future of Papua New Guinea's resource sector developments.

With the current downturn throughout the world, there are various opinions on how this will impact Papua New Guinea. These are times to be cautious although there is a view the LNG and other resource development projects will create a very positive economic environment for long-term business opportunities.

Air Niugini is monitoring these developments closely. One of the areas for commercial consideration is the growing executive jet charter market which the airline is keen to enter once customer demand is firmed up.

The airline is also looking at future aircraft needs beyond the current B767 and B757, as well as the maintenance lease arrangements.

Air Niugini remains optimistic of its capabilities to meet the challenges ahead and continue to play a vital role in the country's future developments.

With the exit of the Embraer 145 at the end of January from the Port Moresby-Cairns route and the abrupt suspension of the Embraer 190 from the operating fleet, the F100s have extra flying requirements to maintain schedule integrity. A mix fleet of F100s and Dash 8-300s are servicing the Port Moresby-Cairns route and the F100 is back on the Port Moresby-Honiara-Nadi route.

As a result of the recent drop in the world's crude oil price, Air Niugini joined other regional airlines to reduce fuel surcharge on all its 18 domestic and 10 international routes.

The airline management will continue to monitor the situation and should there be further falls in oil prices, we will pass on the reduction to the travelling public.

New holiday packages for domestic and international destinations (Sydney, Brisbane, Cairns, Manila, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Kuala Lumpur and Fiji) will be available by April.

The current packages are available until the end of March and you can find the details of these well priced packages in the Airline News section of *PARADISE*.

Visitors to our shores can also take advantage of the domestic products to experience destinations such as Rabaul, Madang, Alotau and the Highlands' towns of Mt Hagen and Goroka.

In this *PARADISE* issue, we feature just a glimpse of the magnificent diving experiences our visitors can enjoy in the country. Teeming with remarkable marine species and a great diversity of dive sites, the waters of PNG are truly a diver's Mecca.

We thank you for your continued patronage with us and wish you a pleasant journey on your Bird of Paradise service.

Sir James N. Tjoeng, KBE
Chairman



Break with Convention...



...and give your delegates the kind of conference they will remember!

Hold your next convention at PNG's top Resort?

Unlike Port Moresby, we can offer diving, snorkelling, kayaks, sailing catamaran, tennis, marina, shopping, three restaurants, four pools, landscaped gardens with two lagoons and an unsurpassed absolute waterfront location. PNG's most stunning location for business, Madang

Resort offers five conference rooms and a convention centre catering for 5 - 400 delegates. Two hundred rooms, bungalows, cottages and townhouses all tastefully furnished with everything you would expect of a five star resort for less than you are probably paying in Port Moresby.

Discover the Madang Resort difference, call today.



www.mtspng.com | PHONE: PNG (675) 852 2766

E-Mail: melanesian@mtspng.com

www.mtspng.com

FAX: (675) 852 3543



Paradise is the complimentary inflight magazine of Air Niugini, Papua New Guinea's international airline. It is published six times a year by Islands Business International.

Publisher/Managing Director
Godfrey Scoullar

Group Editor-in-Chief
Laisa Taga

Design
Stanley Prasad

Editorial Consultant
Eva Arni

Advertising & Marketing Manager
Sharron Stretton

Islands Business International
GPO Box 12718, Suva, Fiji Islands
Tel: +679 330 3108
Fax: +679 330 1423
E-mail: advert@ibi.com.fj

Correspondence to the airline to:
The Chief Executive Officer
Air Niugini
PO Box 7186
Boroko, NCD, Papua New Guinea
Tel: +675 327 3458
Fax: +675 327 3550

Editorial correspondence to:
Paradise Inflight Magazine
PO Box 12718, Suva, Fiji Islands
Tel: +679 3303 108
Fax: +679 3301 423
E-mail: editor@ibi.com.fj

Printing
Craft Inprint Pty Limited
Cnr Bilsen & Zillmere Roads
Boondall, Queensland, 4034
Australia

Unsolicited manuscripts, artwork, transparencies and photographs are submitted at the sender's risk. While all care will be taken neither the publishers nor the airline will accept responsibility for accidental loss or damage. No part of this publication may be reproduced without the written permission of the publisher. Statements, opinions and points of view expressed by the writers are their own and do not necessarily represent those of the publisher, editor, or the airline. Information contained in this publication may be correct only at the time it was originally obtained by the writers and may be subject to change at any time and without notice.



Contents



26



56



32



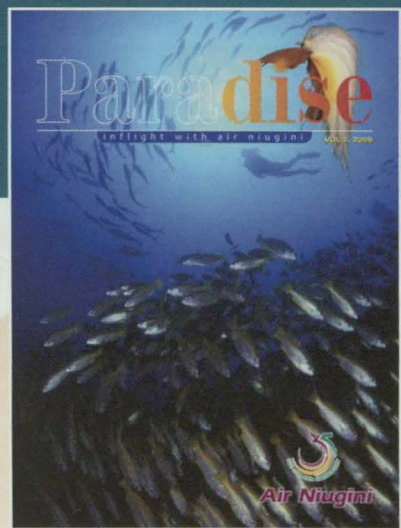
66



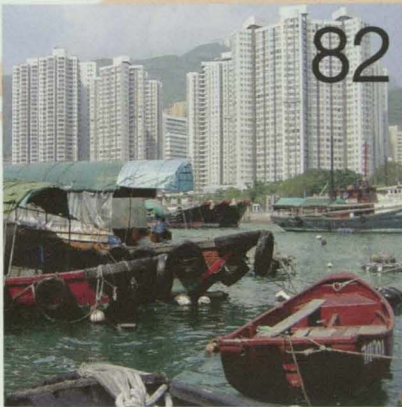
50



74



Cover Photo
Bob Halstead
Story on page 26



82

The Magic Touch

The gentle approach to marine critters

26-31

Heavenly Haveve

A renown trekker's paradise

32-41

Diving in Madang

Unquestionably world class

38-41

Pottery Makers of Bilbil

Creating ornamental pieces

44



90

Did You Know?

World's biggest tree kangaroo

50-51

Stone Age Meets Phone Age

Trekking Baining Mountains

56-62

Yo'obo

Little has changed despite developments

66-73

AIR NIUGINI DESTINATIONS

Fiji

Sofitel...family-friendly

74-81

Hong Kong

Island of contrasts

82-89

Sydney

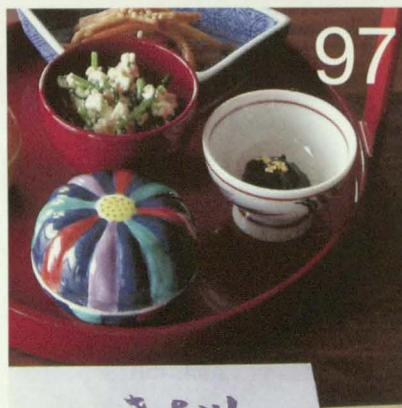
Glints like an emerald

90-95

Japan

Chairman Kaga rules

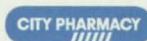
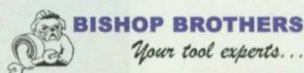
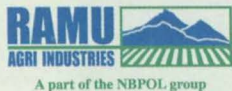
97-100



97



Serious Software for Serious Businesses

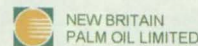


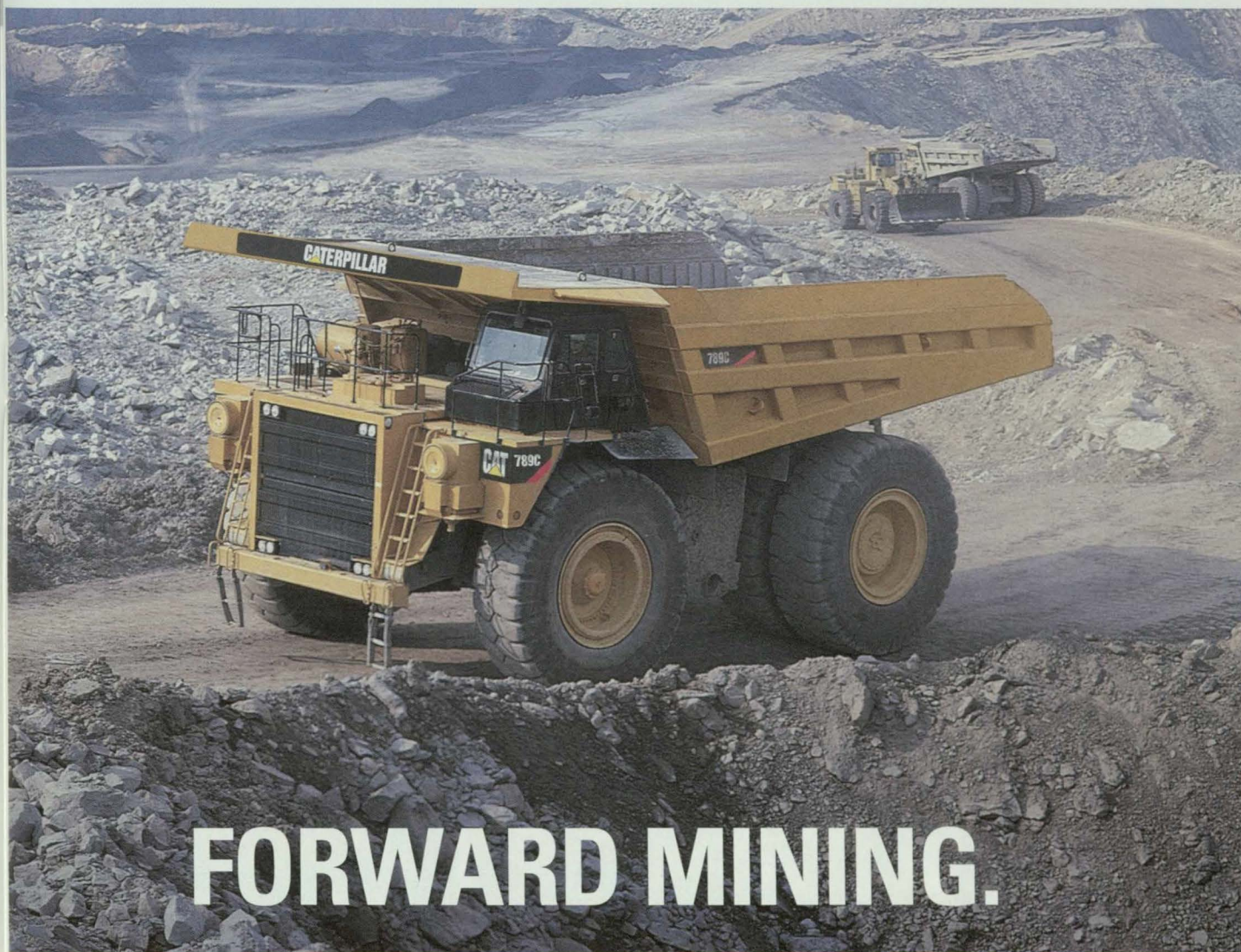
PRONTO-Xi

ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

To learn how PRONTO-Xi can help your business prosper and grow, contact Pronto Software.

Phone: +61 7 3377 1177 349 Coronation Drive
 PNG-Sales@pronto.com.au Milton, Queensland 4064
 www.pronto.com.au AUSTRALIA





FORWARD MINING.



For Caterpillar® and Hastings Deering it's more than just words. It's a way of doing business. It comes through every idea, every Cat product, every product support solution we can provide. Together we innovate, lead, move... FORWARD.

To find out more, register your interest at www.hastingsdeering.com.au

PORT MORESBY	Ph (675) 300 8300	-	Fax (675) 325 0141
LAE	Ph (675) 472 2355	-	Fax (675) 472 1477
TABUBIL	Ph (675) 548 9162	-	Fax (675) 548 9155
RABAU	Ph (675) 982 1244	-	Fax (675) 982 1129
LIHIR	Ph (675) 986 4105	-	Fax (675) 986 4107
KIMBE	Ph (675) 983 5144	-	Fax (675) 983 5144
HONIARA	Ph (677) 30 274	-	Fax (677) 30 692

Hastings Deering



Product People Commitment.

Your Shipping Partner



STEAMSHIPS SHIPPING

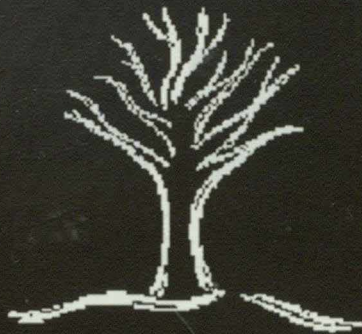
Steamships have been shipping in Papua New Guinea for over 90 years. We operate a fleet of coastal vessels and specialise in estuarine and river trades in the Gulf and Western Provinces. Steamships provides short and long term vessel charters, and reliable cargo liner services using geared, multipurpose vessels. The company can also develop, implement and support inter-modal logistics shipping solutions, linked to land based services such as road transport, cargo handling and storage.

In addition to owning vessels, Steamships is a shareholder and manager of stevedoring companies at seven of the country's ports, where it also operates the largest shipping agency business. As Swire Shipping's in-country representative, Steamships can offer a range of international shipping services to and from North and South East Asia, Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands as well as fast East and West about round-the-world services. All provided by flexible multipurpose-built ships offering container, bulk and triple deck hold configurations, gantry and slewing cranes designed specifically to carry a wide range of commodities, containerised and project cargoes.

Steamships - our experience, capability and capacity make us the ideal shipping partner.

Tel: +675 322 0400 | Fax: +675 321 2815 | www.steamships.com.pg

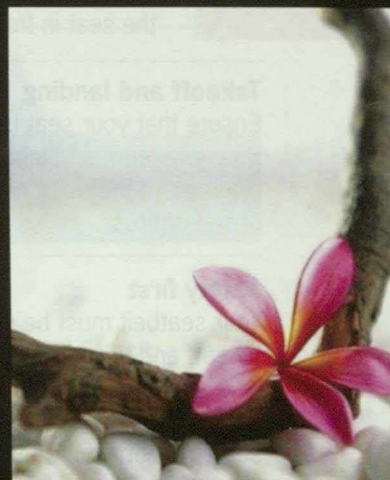
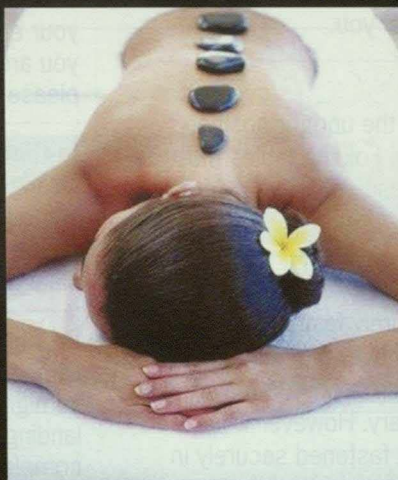
Iiaam®



THE SPA

"It Is All About Me"

*"Lend Us Your Body & We Will Give You
Back Peace of Mind"*



*"Iiaam the Spa,
in a class all of its own"*



Jacksons Parade, Jacksons International Airport, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea Ph: (675) 324 5200 Ext: 3326
Fax: (675) 324 5300, Email: iiaamspa@airways.com.pg Website: www.airways.com.pg or www.jeleya.com



WELCOME ABOARD



We hope you enjoy our Bird of Paradise In-flight Service

Please ask us

If there is anything our cabin crew can assist you with during your flight, please do not hesitate to ask them.

Hand luggage

Please ensure that your carry on luggage is placed in the overhead locker or under the seat in front of you.

Takeoff and landing

Ensure that your seat is in the upright position during takeoff and landing. Folding tables must be returned to their original position in the seat back or the armrest.

Safety first

Your seatbelt must be securely fastened during takeoff and landing or whenever the seatbelt sign is on. When the seatbelt sign is off you may move about the cabin as necessary. However while seated, keep your seatbelt fastened securely in case of unexpected turbulence.

Electronic equipment

Cellular telephones, TV receivers or radio controlled devices are not to be used at any time on board an aircraft. Electronic devices such as portable computers, compact discs or cassette players and video games can be used only when the seatbelt sign is switched off.

Children and babies

The cabin crew will also be pleased to assist in preparing your baby's food and bottle. Baby food and diapers are also available. Please do not hesitate to ask our friendly cabin crew.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted on any Air Niugini flight.

Entertainment

A selection of movies and music including classical, modern, country and local are available on international services. Programmes can be found in the in-flight entertainment section of this magazine.

Pillows and blankets

On International flights, pillows and blankets are available on request from our cabin crew.

Cuisine

Our inflight meals have been specially prepared for your enjoyment. If you require a vegetarian meal or you are on a special diet, child or baby food, please inform us when making your reservation.

In-flight Duty Free

During the flight take some time to look through our In-flight Duty Free brochure located in your seat pocket. Duty free purchases can be made after Meal Service. All major credit cards are accepted.

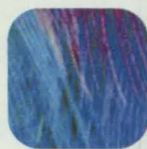
Immigration and Customs Forms

During your flight, our cabin crew will distribute Immigration and Customs forms before each landing point. Ensure that you carefully read and complete these documents and have them ready for inspection with your passport at the Immigration and Customs arrival counters.

Before you leave

Please check your seat pocket and overhead lockers before you disembark to ensure you have not left any items of value. We look forward to seeing you when you next fly with us on our Bird of Paradise Service.





AIR NIUGINI FLEET

B767-300ER



Aircraft type	Length	Wing Span	Power Plant	Cruising Speed	Normal Altitude	Std Seating Capacity	Range
B767-300ER	59.94m	47.57m	2 PW4000	857kph	11,000-12,000m	214 + bags	8100km

F100



Aircraft type	Length	Wing Span	Power Plant	Cruising Speed	Normal Altitude	Std Seating Capacity	Range
F100	35.528m	28.076m	2 Rolls Royce Tay 650	780kph	11,000m	98 + bags	3000km

DASH 8-Q315



Aircraft type	Length	Wing Span	Power Plant	Cruising Speed	Normal Altitude	Std Seating Capacity	Range
DASH 8-Q315	25.7m	24.4m	2 Pratt & Whitney PW123	440kph	7,500m	50 + Bags	1,800km

DHC-8-202



Aircraft type	Length	Wing Span	Power Plant	Cruising Speed	Normal Altitude	Std Seating Capacity	Range
DHC-8-202	22.25m	25.89m	2 Pratt & Whitney	550kph	7,600m	36 + bags	1700km





IN-FLIGHT EXERCISES

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.





YOUR HEALTH IN-FLIGHT

At Air Niugini we care about your comfort and safety. We have included the following information about your health in-flight that we hope you will find helpful and useful.

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:

- Increasing age above 40 years
- Pregnancy

- Former or current malignant disease
- Blood Disorders leading to increased clotting tendency
- Personal or family history of DVT
- Recent major surgery or injury, especially to lower limbs or abdomen
- Oestrogen hormone therapy, including oral contraceptives
- Immobilisation for a day or more
- 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

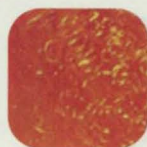
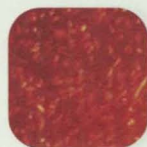
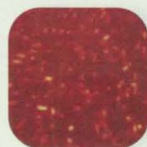
The main cause of jetlag is traveling to different time zones without giving the body a chance to adjust to new night-day cycles. In general, the more time zones you cross during your flight, the more your biological clock is disturbed. The common symptoms are sleeplessness, tiredness, loss of appetite 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.
- Fly direct to minimise flight time. This allows you to relax more upon arrival.
- Leave your watch on home time if you're staying at your 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.

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.

- Drink water or juices frequently during the flight
- Drink coffee, tea and alcohol in moderation. These drinks act 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.

- 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.

Cabin Pressurisation

It is necessary to pressurise the outside air drawn into the cabin to a sufficient density for your comfort and health. Cabins are pressurised to a maximum cabin altitude of 2440 metres. It is the same air pressure as if you were at an elevation of 2440 metres above sea level. The cabin pressure and normal rates of change in cabin pressure during climb and descent do not pose a problem for most passengers. However, if you suffer from upper respiratory or sinus infections, obstructive pulmonary diseases, anaemias or certain cardiovascular conditions, you could experience

discomfort. Children and infants might experience some discomfort because of pressure change during climb and descent.

If you are suffering from nasal congestion or allergies, use nasal sprays, decongestants and antihistamines 30 minutes prior to descent to help open up your ear and sinus passages. If you have a cold or flu or hayfever, your sinuses could be impaired. Swollen membranes in your nose could block your eustachian tubes-the tiny channels between your middle ear chamber. This can cause discomfort during changes in cabin pressure, particularly during descent.

Recommendations

- If you have a pre-existing medical condition that warrants supplemental oxygen, you can order from us. Please give at least seven days notice before traveling.
- To "clear" your ears try swallowing and/or yawning. These actions help open your eustachian tubes, equalizing pressure between your middle ear chamber and your throat.
- When flying with an infant, feed or give your baby a dummy during descent. Sucking and swallowing will help infants equalize the pressure in their ears.

Motion Sickness

This ailment is caused by a conflict between the body's sense of vision and its sense of equilibrium. Air turbulence increases its likelihood because it can cause movement of the fluid in the vestibular apparatus of the inner ear. If you have good visual cues (keeping your eyes fixed on a non-moving object), motion sickness is less likely to occur.

Recommendations:

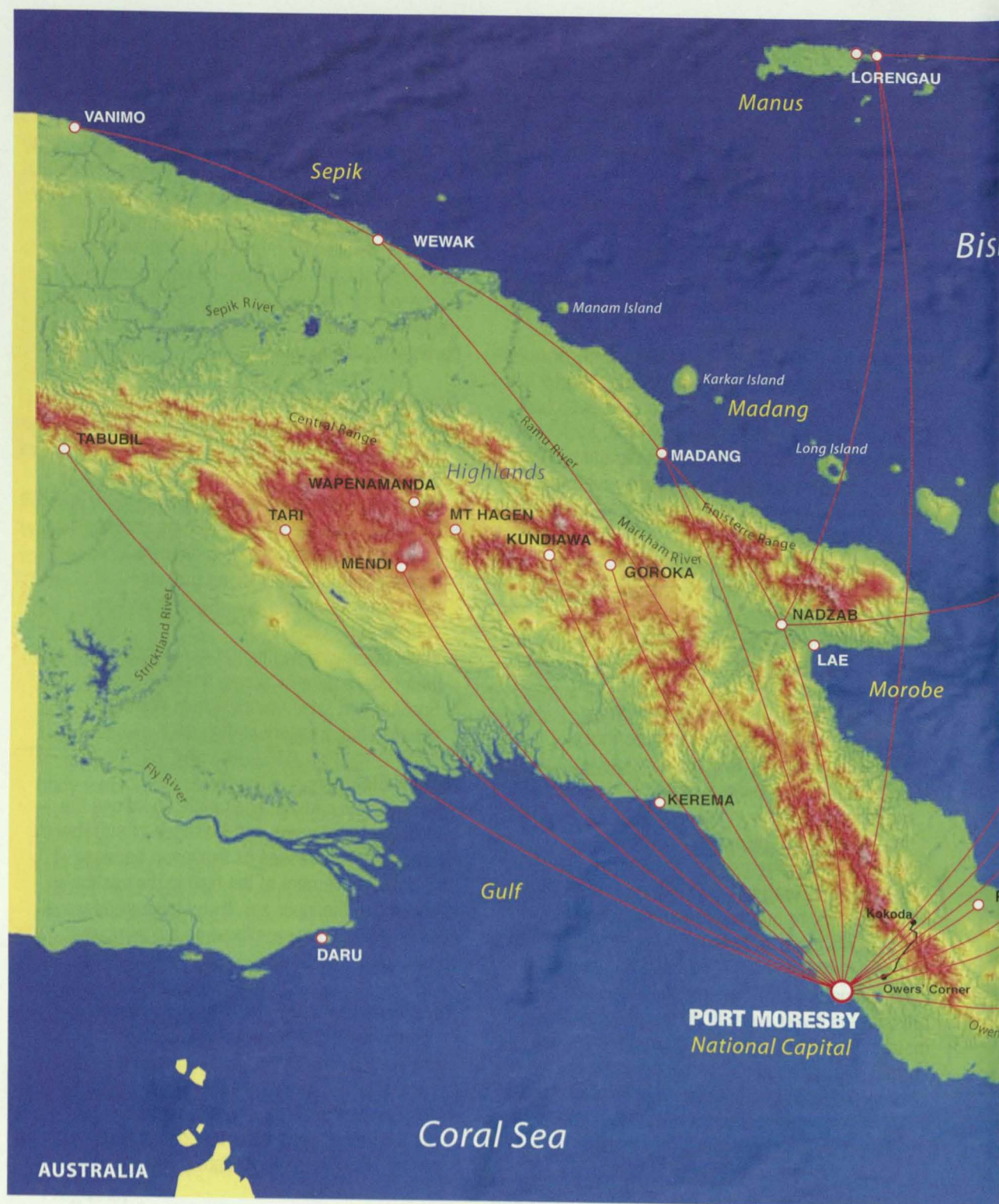
- When weather is clear and you can see the ground, sea or horizon, you are less susceptible to motion sickness.
- You can buy over the counter medications but we recommend that you consult your doctor about the appropriate medications.

With thanks
to Qantas and
the Boeing
Corporation for
allowing us to
reproduce this
material.

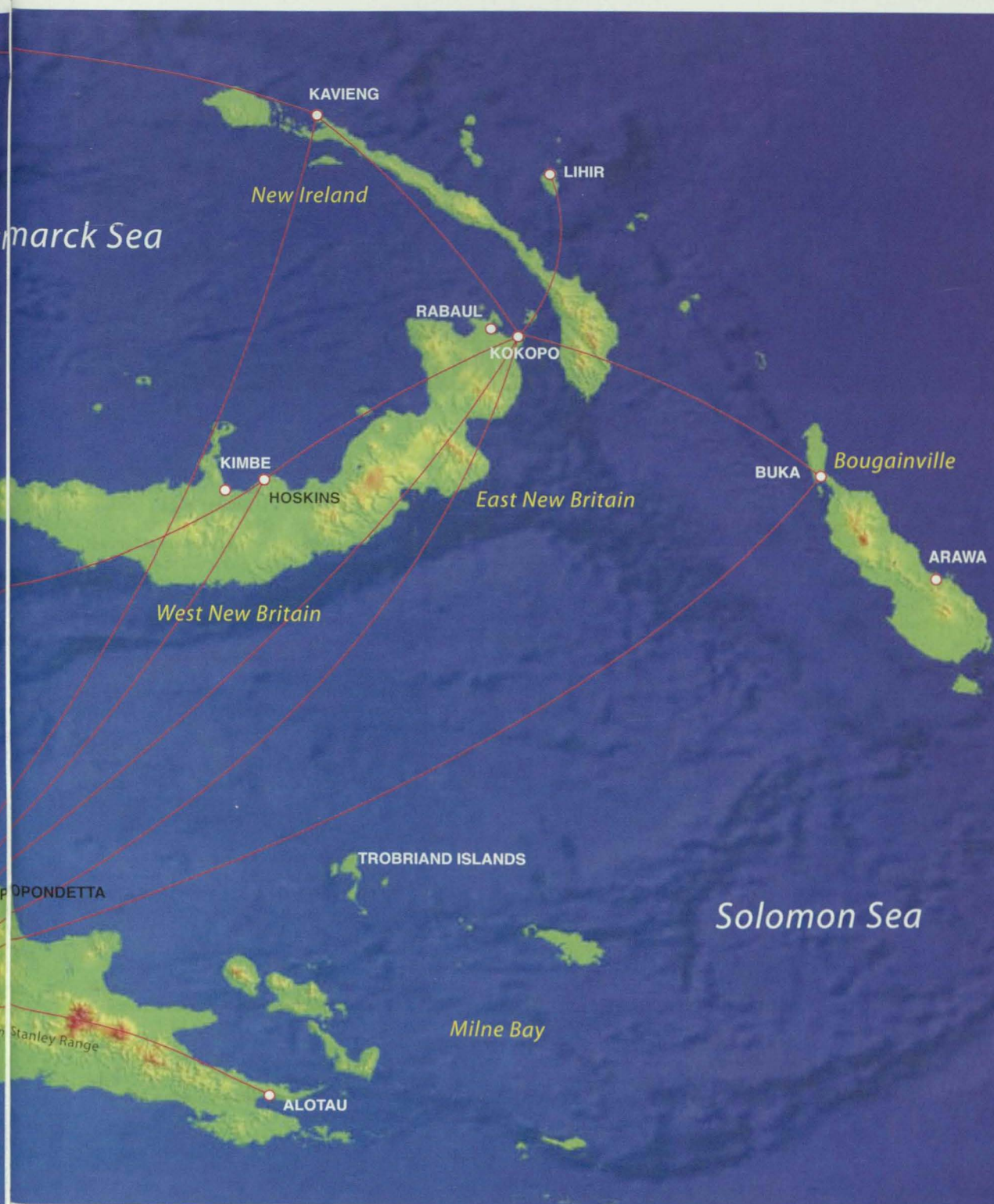




PAPUA NEW GUINEA

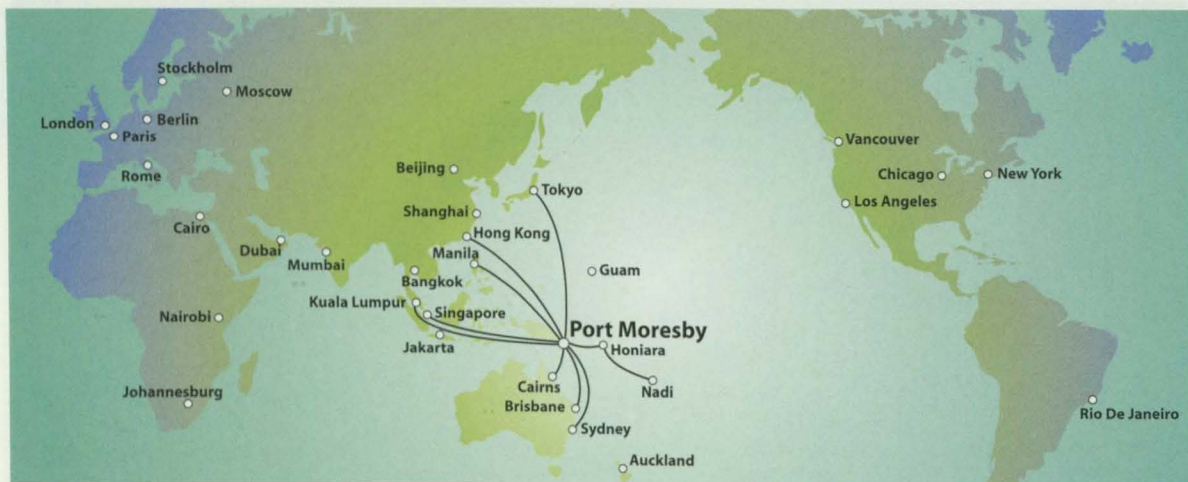


AIR NIUGINI COUNTRY





START YOUR PAPUA NEW GUINEA EXPERIENCE



AIR NIUGINI INTERNATIONAL OFFICES

AIR NIUGINI OFFICES

Australia Wide

Local Call: 1300 361 380

Sydney

Somare House
100 Clarence Street
PO Box 5293 Sydney NSW 2001
Australia
Tel: (61 2) 9290 1544
Fax: (61 2) 9290 2026
Email: sales.sydney@airniugini.com.pg

Brisbane

Level 4
99 Creek Street
GPO Box 2216
Brisbane QLD 4001
Australia
Tel: (61 7) 3221 1544
Fax: (61 7) 3220 0040
Email: sales.brisbane@airniugini.com.pg

Cairns

Ground Floor
Cairns Corporate Tower
15 Lake Street
Cairns QLD 4870 Australia
Tel: (61 7) 4031 1611
Fax: (61 7) 4031 3402
Email: sales.cairns@airniugini.com.pg

Manila

3rd Floor
Fortune Office Building
160 Legaspi Street, Legaspi Village,
Makati City, Philippines
Tel: (63 2) 891 3339/40/41
Fax: (63 2) 891 3393
Email: sales.manila@airniugini.com.pg

Singapore

101 Thomson Road
#11-03 United Square
Singapore: 307591
Tel: (65) 6250 4868
Fax: (65) 6253 3425
Email: airng.sg@pacific.net.sg

Tokyo

6th Floor Chiyoda Kaikan
1-6-17 Kudan Minami
Chiyoda-Ku
Tokyo. 102-0074
Japan
Tel: (81) 3 5216 3555
Fax: (81) 3 5216 3556
Email: info@air-niugini.co.jp
Website: www.air-niugini.co.jp

AIR NIUGINI GSA OFFICES

Auckland/Cook Islands

Walshes World
Tel: (64) 9379 3708
Fax: (64) 9302 2420

Fiji

Discount Flight Centre
Tel: (679) 331 7870
Fax: (679) 331 7873

Frankfurt

Pacific Dream
Tel: (49) 6963 4095
Fax: (49) 6963 1332
Email: info@pngtourism.de

Hong Kong

Tam Wing Kun Holdings Ltd
Tel: (852) 2527 7098
Fax: (852) 2527 7026

Honiara

Travel Industry Services
Tel: (67) 720 336
Fax: (67) 723 887
Email: kevin@gts.com.sb

Italy

Spazio Srl
Tel: (39) 6482 0280
Fax: (39) 6488 0862
Email: sales.rome@airniugini.com.pg

Jakarta

P.T. Ayuberga
Tel: (62) 21 835 6214 - 217
Fax: (62) 21 835 3937

Kuala Lumpur

Abadi Aviation Services
Tel: (60) 3242 4311
Fax: (60) 3241 2322

Los Angeles

PNG Tourism
Tel: (1) 949 752 5440
Fax: (1) 949 4716 3741
Email: sales.usa@airniugini.com.pg

Port Vila

Vanuatu Travel Services Ltd
Tel: (67) 822 2836
Fax: (67) 823 3583

Seoul

Sharp Inc
Tel: (82) 2734 7100
Fax: (82) 2734 7108

Stockholm

Discovery Leisure Group AB (DLG)
Tel: (46) 8651 7410
Fax: (46) 8653 8030
Email: sales.stockholm@airniugini.com.pg

Taipei

Cha May Travel Service
Taipei, Taiwan
Tel: (88) 6 2500 7811
Fax: (88) 6 2500 7970

United Kingdom

Flight Directors
Tel: (44) 0870 24 00 767
Fax: (44) 0870 24 02 208
Email: airniugini@flightdirectors.com

Book online www.airniugini.com.pg



CONTINUE YOUR PAPUA NEW GUINEA EXPERIENCE



AIR NIUGINI DOMESTIC OFFICES

Port Moresby

PO Box 7186 Boroko
Sales Domestic & International
Tel: 327 3444
Fax: 327 3308
Reconfirmation Domestic & International
Tel: 327 3444
Arrival & Departure Information
Tel: 327 3300
Cargo Enquiries
Tel: 327 3245
Cargo Charters Enquiries
Cargo: 327 3226
Pass: 327 3370
Head Office
Airport & Administration
Jacksons Airport Saraga
Tel: 327 3200/325 9000

Alotau

PO Box 3 Alotau
Gurney Airport
Tel: 641 0158
Administration & Reservations
Tel: 641 1031
Fax: 641 1636

Buka

PO Box 169 Buka
Sales
Tel: 973 9655
Fax: 973 9656
Airport
Tel: 973 9082

Goroka

PO Box 683 Goroka
Reservations
Tel: 732 1444
Fax: 732 1439

Kavieng

Administration, Reservations & Cargo
Tel: 984 2135
Airport
Tel: 984 2105
Fax: 984 2337

Kimbe-Hoskins

PO Box 181 Kimbe
Administration, Reservations & Cargo
Tel: 983 5077
Fax: 983 5669
Arrival & Departure Information
Tel: 985 0012

Kundiawa

PO Box 847 Kundiawa
Tel: 735 1273

Lae

Administration, Domestic Reservations & Cargo
Tel: 472 3111
Fax: 472 4758
International Reservations
Tel: 472 4744

Lihir

Reservations
Tel: 986 5151
Fax: 956 5134

Lorengau/Manus

PO Box 170 Lorengau
Administration, Reservations & Cargo
Tel: 470 9092
Fax: 470 9382

Madang

PO Box 140 Madang
Administration & Reservations
Tel: 852 2255
Fax: 852 2079

Mendi

PO Box 210 Mendi
Administration & Reservations
Tel: 549 1233
Fax: 549 1250
Airport Traffic
Tel: 549 1320

Mt Hagen

PO Box 3 Mt Hagen
Reservations Domestic
Tel: 542 1183/542 1122
Reservations International
Tel: 542 1039
Enquiries
Tel: 545 1444
Fax: 542 2361

Popondetta

PO Box 145 Popondetta
Reservations
Tel: 329 7022
Fax: 329 7227
Airport
Tel: 329 7191

Rabaul

PO Box 120 Kokopo
Reservations & Sales
Tel: 982 9033
Fax: 982 9034
Tokua Airport Arrival & Departure Information
Tel: 983 9821

Tabubil

PO Box 545 Tabubil
Domestic Reservations
Tel: 548 3244
Fax: 548 9189
International Reservations
Tel: 548 3325

Tari Agent

Tel: 540 8023

Vanimo

PO Box 239 Vanimo
Tel: 857 1014
Fax: 857 1473
Airport
Tel: 857 7166

Wabag & Wapenamanda

PO Box 213 Wabag
Administration
Tel: 547 1274
Arrival & Departure Information
Tel: 547 1286

Waigani

PO Box 7186 Boroko
Tel: 325 1055
Fax: 325 3683

Wewak

PO Box 61 Wewak
Sales
Tel: 856 2433
International & Domestic
Tel: 856 2367
Fax: 856 2203
Airport
Tel: 856 2367



THE MAGIC TOUCH

By Bob Halstead





I am going to start this story where it hurts.

On a deep dive to search for a rare fish, I spotted an unusual sea star. I picked it up and carried it to the shallow waters so that I could leisurely take photographs. It had no spines, but I soon realised it was stinging me. The stinging cells were able to penetrate the tough skin on my hands. I have never been able to get the sea star identified, but that sting hurts and the pain lasted nearly a week.

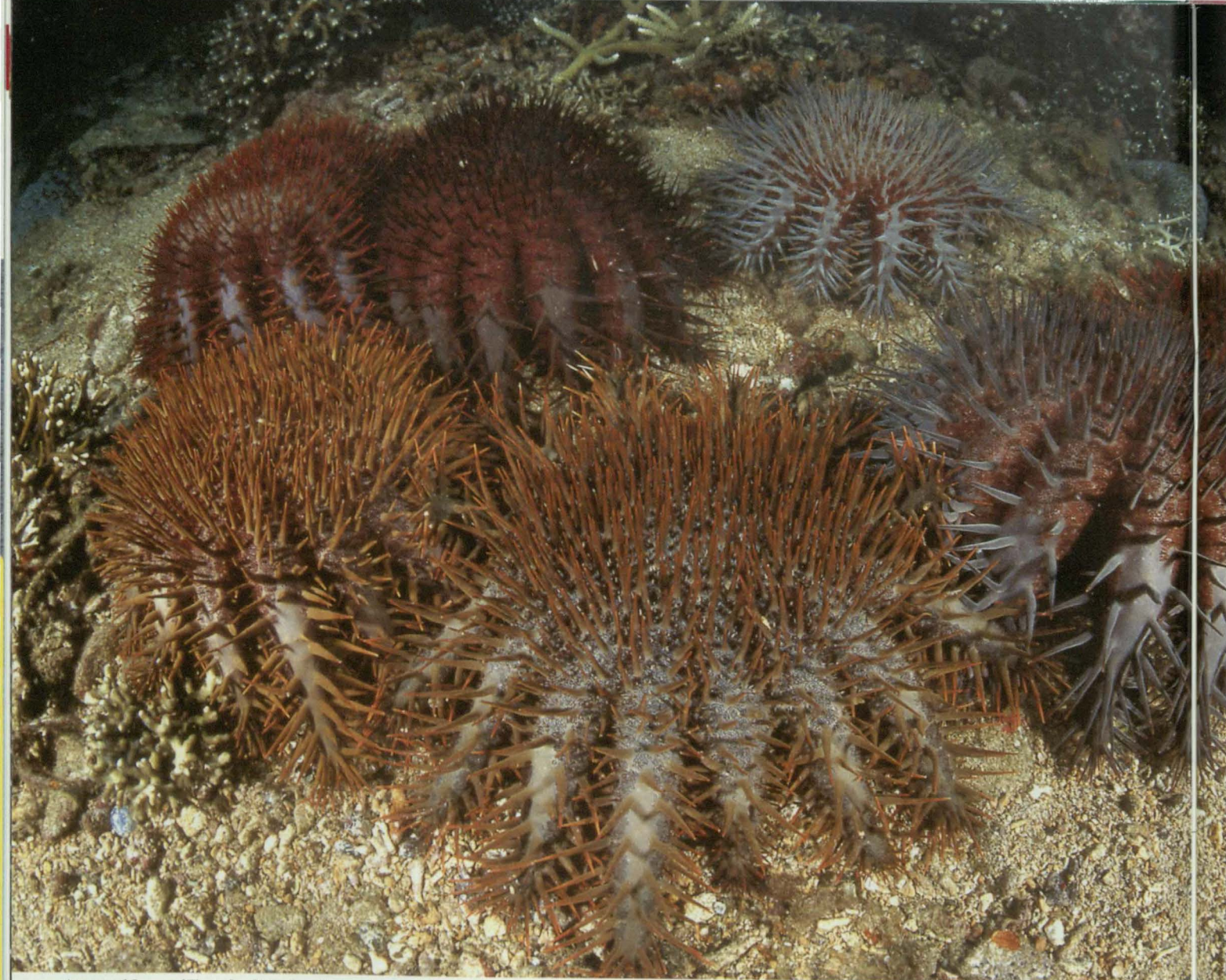
There is no controversy about touching marine creatures that possess sharp spines. We all agree; you definitely should not do it. Sea urchins and the Crown of Thorns Sea Star can inflict nasty wounds.

The risk from other creatures is not so obvious. Once (and only once!) I picked up a giant nudibranch on a night dive and, feeling nothing, brought it back to the boat in my hands, to show my fellow divers.

After transferring the nudibranch to a bucket of seawater, I foolishly lifted my mask and wiped my face. Ouch! It stung like fire! Some nudibranches eat hydroids, and can transfer the stinging cells to their surface. I had wiped the cells onto my hands, and then my tender face.

I was not expecting to be stung by the sea star and the nudibranch, in fact I had never heard of a stinging sea star other than the obviously evil Crown of Thorns. But fire corals, hydroids and corallimorpharians have also stung me. Thus I discovered that divers just have to learn what creatures may be touched, and which are dangerous. I mostly learnt the hard way.

Above: The venomous sea star that stung me, unknown species.
Left: Sharp spines on this sea urchin warn "Do Not Touch".



A group of Crown of Thorn Sea Stars, Acanthaster planci.



A diver demonstrates the gentle touch.

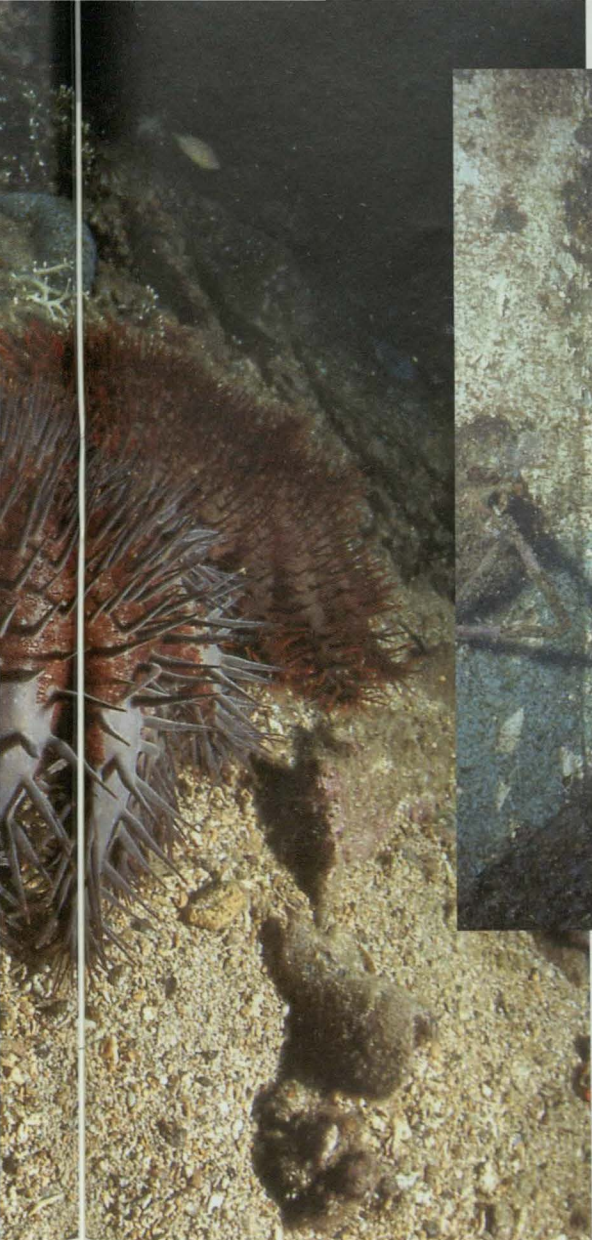
Reading this may save you a lot of pain!

Beginning divers were, and maybe still are, told not to touch anything. To enforce this, divers may be forbidden to wear gloves. But what started as a sensible caution rapidly turned into paranoia. Fear of marine animals became rife.

To counter this, a wonderful lady, Dee Scar, started to run "Touch the Sea" classes for divers at Bonaire in the Caribbean. She also wrote two charming books *Touch the Sea* (1987) and *The Gentle Sea* (1990).

She taught many divers that gentle interactions with marine critters could be safe and include touching. Dee, whom I was fortunate to meet and dive with, inspired many with a love of all marine life. She replaced fear with respect. Around the same time, Australian diving legend and marine life lecturer, Reg Lipson, started his own "Feel the Sea" programmes.

All these encouraged me to start my own "Eat the Sea" and "Poke the Sea" dive adventures.



Dinah cuddles "Nessie".



Not really, they were jokes, but had some truth to them. I do love eating seafood, but I hope I do so responsibly from sustainable fisheries. I never eat shark fin soup for example, and prefer pelagic fish to reef fish just in case I inadvertently eat one of my friends.

We all "Poke the Sea" when we dive and by that I mean that we inevitably change what we go to see underwater by the act of diving. The art of diving well includes minimising this underwater "fingerprint".

We should try to be in harmony and not blundering invaders. We should not damage corals through bad buoyancy control; we should not keep pursuing or poking critters that do not like it.

If you try to touch fishes, some will dart away and hide, or swim off. Others do appear to like, or at least accept, interactions with divers. Empathy, and Dee Scar's gentle approach, is the key.

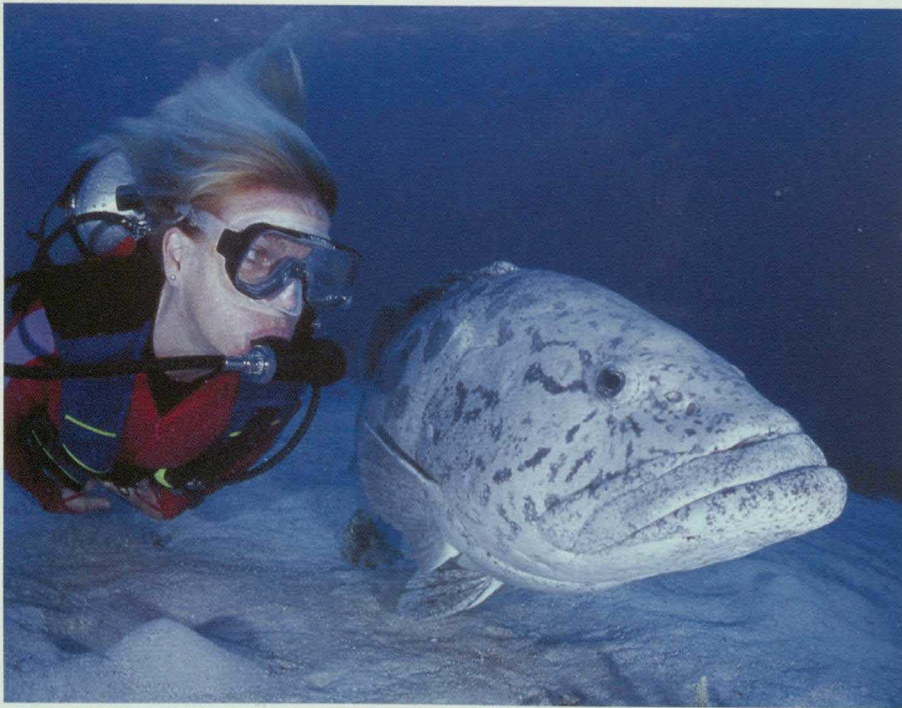
At the same time, we should not be precious about it. For a while, an extremist promoted

"Touch Me And I Die" referring to coral. This is rubbish. Touching a coral will not kill it. Parrotfish eat corals by biting huge chunks out of them, but corals are resilient and re-grow quickly.

In Port Moresby, we had made friends with a large moray eel. We even had a name for it, "Nessie", and I admit it did look like a monster. When we dived, it got so excited it would swim from its lair in an old ship I had sunk,

meet us on the way down, and allow itself to be cuddled. My wife Dinah was its favourite, but it would allow any diver to handle it, and it never bit anyone.

Eel skin, by the way, is silky smooth underwater, and not at all slimy. Unfortunately another group of divers visited the site and were alarmed when Nessie swam out to greet them. One grabbed his dive knife and slashed Nessie across the head. The wound healed eventually and Nessie became friends with us



Potato Cod accepts close interaction but moves away if touched.

again. The diver told bold stories of his attack by a moray, what ignorance!

In the Eastern Pacific, manta rays are known to approach divers and offer themselves for a ride. They actually seem to enjoy themselves - but I have never experienced that with mantas in PNG.

If you stay still, they will approach within millimetres - but if you try to touch, then they will take off. At the famous Cod Hole on the Great Barrier Reef, a Potato Cod will allow a very close approach, but slides away if touched.

In the bad old days, divers would sometimes grab a sleeping turtle and go for a forced ride. The gentle approach is much better, and turtles that have been treated well become fascinated by divers and approach them.

I recently visited the resident Green Turtle at Lighthouse Bommie on the Great Barrier Reef. She was quite happy to have my model Leigh

Telita rides a turtle in the early 1980's.





Leigh Paine gently guides an Olive Sea Snake.

Paine swim right next to her, and even came back for more, though it seemed to me that the turtle was actually interested in Leigh's long blond hair, perhaps confusing it with the delicious tentacles of a sea jelly.

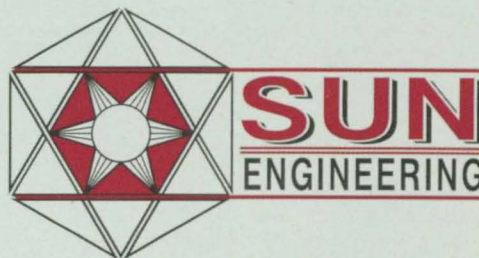
On another dive at this great site, the climax was an encounter with an Olive Sea Snake. Using a gentle caress, without gripping the snake, Leigh was able to guide the snake and I was able to get some spectacular photos.

These snakes are highly venomous, but are more curious than aggressive, and I have never heard of one biting a diver. But there is always a first time, so I do not recommend you try touching them. They have certainly bitten fishermen who have tangled them in nets and treated them roughly. The fishermen should have tried a little tenderness.

I should also remind you not to suddenly touch your dive buddy. You might think it fun to watch him/her jump, but, armed with a dive knife, a dive buddy is incredibly dangerous.



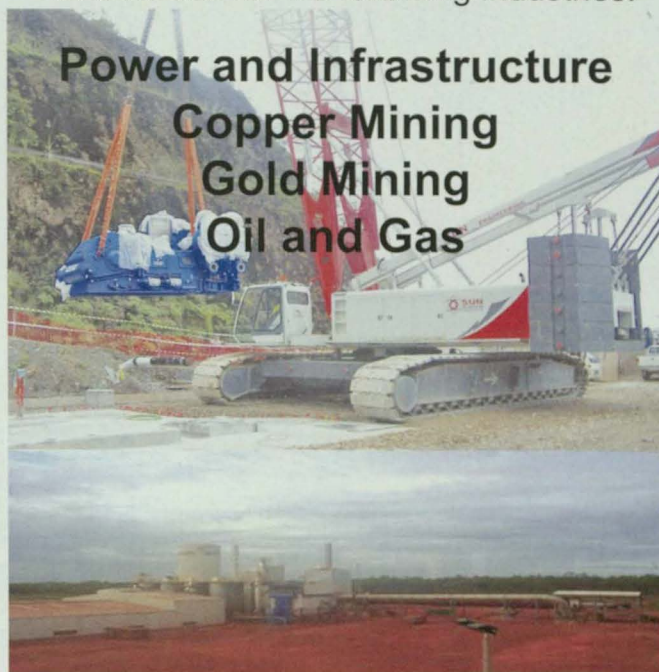
• Bob Halstead is author of the "Coral Sea Reef Guide" with underwater photo identification of over 1000 marine animals found in PNG and the Coral Sea region.



Mine Construction Meeting your Challenges

Sun Engineering PNG has a vast experience in Fabrication and Construction for the following industries:

**Power and Infrastructure
Copper Mining
Gold Mining
Oil and Gas**



**Proud
sponsors
of the PNG
Kumuls
2008 Rugby
League World
Cup campaign**



**Talk to us today about your
requirements**

+ 61 7 3271 2988

sales@suneng.com.au

www.suneng.com.au

HEAVENLY HAVEVE

It's an area renowned as a serious trekkers' paradise, but some of the best walks in the highlands near Goroka are close to the city and can be done in a day.

Story & Photographs: Ben Hall



As we settle into a steady rhythm while trying to keep up with our guide, our progress is slowed as a large black pig trots along the track towards us. As it nears us, it's obvious the pig isn't going to give way so we step onto the grass on the side, and our guide laughs as the animal saunters past, oblivious to our presence.

We're told he's one of the local pets and - shortly after, its owners, a young man and an elderly woman, appear carrying firewood. They stop and introduce themselves before heading back to the village.

This is the Haveve Waterfall track and like all treks in this part of the world, the journey itself is what it's all about and the destination is simply a marker point to an experience that captures the stunning landscapes and fascinating culture of the PNG highlands.

Just 30 minutes drive from Goroka, Haveve is a beautiful traditional village set in a tropical jungle on the banks of a river. As you arrive, the local kids begin to appear seemingly from nowhere to find out where their new visitors are from.



A trekker on the way to Haveve Fall.

It's a laid-back place with a strong sense of community, and it's the starting point for the two-hour trek through lush tropical jungle to the area's waterfall. "We could do the walk in one and half hours if we move fast and don't stop. But you'll miss out on all the beautiful spots on the way," explains our guide, Geha.

Within a few minutes and it's easy to see what Geha means as we traverse the first of five wooden bridges which cross the fast-flowing

river. Each crossing is a picture postcard moment, with the bridges framed by trees which are hundreds of years old with the water cascading over moss-covered rocks and boulders.

"These are the trees we use to build the foundations of our houses, and a little further up we have the grass we use for our roofs and the bamboo which we wrap around the houses," says Geha.

By PNG highlands standards, the walk is relatively easy and it means that we can listen and understand how local people live off the land in this part of the world and how they revere their natural environment. The houses are usually round to retain the heat at night as fires are lit inside to provide warmth. Traditionally, they don't have windows but more and more homes are now being built with them.

Contemporary Living...



Store & Photo Gallery

at the new



HomeCentre

BRIAN BELL HOMECENTRE - GORDONS, PORT MORESBY 325 8469 Email: bbsales@brianbell.com.pg

Meeting the Challenge - Every Day



NCS is the Leader in Camp Management & Catering Services with proven expertise in:

- Comprehensive camp facility operations and management
- Quality assured catering and hospitality services
- Complete camp planning, design and construction
- Local business facilitation, staff training and management



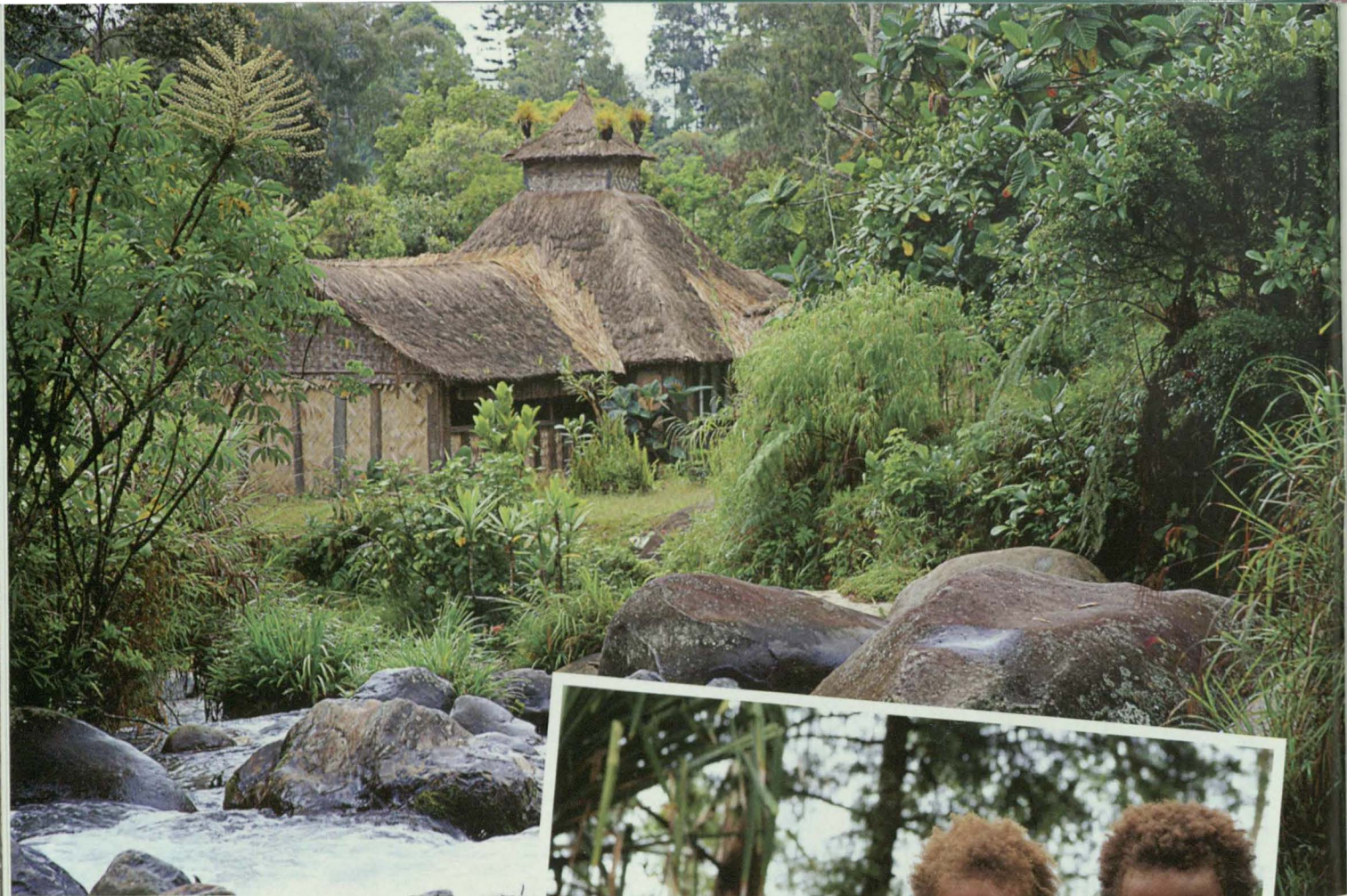
www.ncs.com.pg



PO Box 707 Port Moresby, NCD 121, Papua New Guinea Phone: (675) 321 5577 Fax: (675) 321 5579 Email: enquiries@ncs.com.pg

The Leader in Camp Management & Catering Services

Part of the  **anitua group**



Visitors hut in Haveve.

Geha and the handful of kids that have followed us up know exactly what to do next. They sit down and watch and listen to the waterfall, and say absolutely nothing.

Every few hundreds of metres or so, a fruit and vegetable garden has been cleared in the forest near the river and subsistence farming is still the mainstay of the area's economy (although they're getting more and more visitors like us) and the soil in this area is so fertile they can pretty much grow what they like.

Broccoli, cabbage, breadfruit, yam, bananas, papaya and pineapple are the staples and the ladies of the village also sell and trade their produce at the many markets down in Goroka. Trout also make their way upstream for much of the year.

"We can catch them really easily in the shallow water and then we cook him on a fire right beside the river straight away. It's a beautiful fish and you know it's fresh!" says Geha.



Fact File

Getting There

Haveve Village is accessed by four wheel drive and Goroka Treks & Tours (Tel: +675 732 1281, email: goroka@pngexplorers.com) take visitors to the Haveve Waterfall track. Haveve also has a guest hut for visitors who wish to overnight and do other treks in the area.

All smiles for the camera... village kids in Haveve.

And as for the pigs in the area, like the one that trotted past us earlier, they're kept as pets and are revered in this part of the world. It's not uncommon to see locals petting and grooming their pigs. Like dogs, they often roll onto their backs to encourage their owners to give them a tummy rub.

After two hours, we cross the final bridge and walk along the river bank and we can hear the waterfall ahead. As we approach, the noise

becomes louder and louder and as we round a bend, we finally see what we've come to discover, Haveve Waterfall.

With good recent rain, the waterfall is in full flow and it's easy to see why the Haveve people have claimed this as their special place. Geha and the handful of kids that have followed us up know exactly what to do next. They sit down and watch and listen to the waterfall, and say absolutely nothing.



For all your insurance needs...



MMI
PACIFIC INSURANCE



Business



Medical



Motor



Household



Public Liability



Workers Compensation



Engineering



Marine



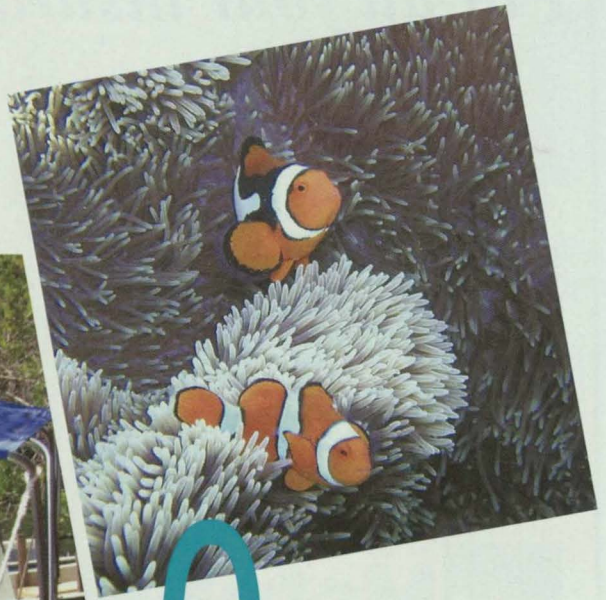
Life



Telephone: 321 4077

Level 4 Pacific MMI Building, PO Box 331 Port Moresby, NCD, Papua New Guinea
Facsimile: 321 4837 Email: enquiries@pacificmmi.com Website: www.pacificmmi.com

Any conservation work will only succeed if the resource owners themselves are taking the lead seems to be the motto that drives the work of divers Tim Rowland and Lesley Schoon.



Originally from Australia, Tim and Lesley have got a groundswell of support for marine conservation work going amongst the coastal dwellers of northern Madang.

"Initially, we began to be more involved with the local communities as we worked with Wetlands International and WWF to get a number of marine protected areas established," says Lesley who met her partner Tim when she was posted to Madang as an Australian volunteer in 1995.

"Ten or so years down the track we have become more and more involved with the communities. We bring divers to the village to watch sing sings, learn how bilums and grass skirts are made, eat traditional meals, visit local schools, etc.

"We are currently working with Mama Graun and have trained a number of the ladies in marine awareness. Together with the ladies we have put together a programme which we are taking to all the local schools in the area.

"We have also been involved in training local villagers to dive and monitor their reefs through the 'reef check' programme."

No need for the couple divers to blow their own trumpets as PADI, in recognition of their work on marine conservation with the local communities, awarded its 'Environmental Achievement Award' to Tim and Lesley in 2007.

Working with the communities to increase their capacity to generate their own income through tourism and effectively manage their own reefs has been the couple's motives in all these.

"We have been here for a long time and worked hard to earn the respect of the local communities. Now we enjoy a close relationship with the people in our area," Lesley adds.

Adventure Dive is the name of the couple's dive shop. After running the dive shop at Jas Aben Resort for a number of years, Tim and Lesley moved down the road to run their own.

DIVING: UNQUESTIONABLY WORLD CLASS

They now live in one of the best spots on Madang Lagoon, about 15 minutes drive up the northern coast from Madang town.

Their dive boats are tied to the timber verandah of their house, which also acts as a pontoon. Amongst the three fibreglass boats is a jet ski, put to good use by the couple's boys, Jai and Taj.

"I'm not sure where to begin as there are so many reasons that we feel Madang is a great place to bring up our boys," explains Lesley when asked by **PARADISE** about their decision to stay and bring up their children in this northern PNG seaside town.

"I could start with the environment; lots of space, clean air, beautiful reefs and islands. Jai and Taj spend most of their time outdoors, there is so much to do and I have never heard them say "I'm bored".

"There is no need for TVs, computers, play stations and battery-operated toys. Although they have these, they are rarely used. Instead, they swim, dive, ride bikes, go canoeing, play sports, make things using local materials, explore their surrounds, climb trees, ride their jet-ski, help drive and even fix dive boats. There is no shortage of stuff for kids to play with and they make their own fun.

"They also have a great sense of belonging. The village communities are their extended families and they feel both welcome and safe. As a mother, I may not see them for hours, but I know they will be safe wherever they are in the village.



"They are also developing a sense of social responsibility. They are aware that kids in Australia have a lot more material goods than the people in the village. They also have access to better education and medical help than the locals. They are grateful for what they have and want to share what they have with

the locals."

What helps with the interaction with the local village is the family home's location. The house is on a waterfront property adjacent to Nitul, which is part of Riwo village. Through the support of international marine conservation NGO Wetlands International.





YOUR COMMERCIAL KITCHEN SPECIALIST !

**For quality food service equipment
Visit our Showroom in Port Moresby & Lae
for all the information you need on the**



**Waldorf 800 Series, Blue Seal & Bakbar range
of Commercial Cooking Equipment.**

- The Total Source
- Extensive Range
- Excellence in Quality
- Customer Satisfaction
- After Sales Service & Installation
- Spare Parts







Only the best brands for your peace of mind!

Head Office – Cameron Rd., Waigani
Ph: 325 6322, Fax: 325 0350
Email: info@tepng.com

Branch Office – Laurabada Avenue, Lae
Ph: 472 6262, Fax: 472 1323
Email: lae@tepng.com

Or visit our website on: www.tepng.com





Tim and Lesley have been assisting with the declaration of marine protected areas on some islands in Madang Lagoon.

"Madang currently has four marine protected areas with a number of other communities working through the process to have their

areas gazetted as marine protected areas. The driving force for most communities is the desire to protect their resources for future generations."

Tim has been a diver for almost 30 years and as a PADI course director, he is PNG's

most qualified diving instructor and knows Madang's great dive sites like the back of his hands.

"Madang has spectacular diving, but the same can be said for all of PNG. Madang offers diversity with wrecks, wall and muck diving



Trekking Adventures
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Photo by Jason Pini

PNG Trekking Adventures
Phone: +675 325 1284
info@pngtrekkingadventures.com
www.pngtrekkingadventures.com



- Kokoda Track
- Skindewai/Black Cat Track
- Bull Dog Track
- Mt Wilhelm
- Mt Wilhelm trek to Madang
- Tufi Traditional Outrigger Safari's
- Mt Albert Edward
- Mt Giluwe
- Port Moresby Weekenders



tufi
experience

adventure resort

www.tufi-experience.com
Bookings Phone (675) 323 3462 Email: admin@tufi-experience.com



"As a diver, you are unlikely to stay in an 'impersonal' hotel with a wall barrier between yourself and the locals. Dive resorts in PNG are by and large small, personal, natural looking resorts with easy access to local villages.

"Diving is unquestionably world class."



Adventure Dive PNG Ltd
P.O. Box 166, Madang, Papua New Guinea
adventuredivepng@global.net.pg
Telephone (675) 8533123, (675) 8533112
B-Mobile - (675) 6757232
Tim Digicel - (675) 72203327
Lesley Digicel - (675) 72545654

and Madang's dive sites are very close which makes for short boat trips to dive sites."

So what sets PNG and indeed Madang apart from other dive destinations to the east or west of the country?

Lesley offers this: "PNG is geographically spectacular and has maintained its cultural integrity. Cultural interactions are real, not just displays to meet the perceived needs of tourists.



PORT MORESBY'S FIRST EXCLUSIVE WATERFRONT APARTMENTS

AN EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT THESE LUXURY APARTMENTS

- A limited selection of 2 & 3 bedroom apartments
- Breathtaking panoramic harbour and city views
- Elegant interiors with incomparable finishes
- Minutes from Royal Papua Yacht Club and Harbour City
- Easy access to CBD and Airport
- On-site 24 Hour Manager
- Short & Long Term Tenancy
- Back-up power and water

FEATURES INCLUDE

- 24 hour security with First class security system
- Fully furnished with modern appliances
- Ducted zoned air-conditioning
- Ample car-parking
- Entertainment area with swimming pool

kingfisher
APARTMENTS LTD



3 BEDROOM UNIT

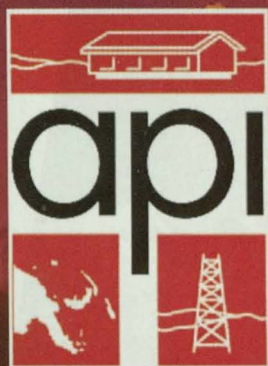


2 BEDROOM UNIT

Inspect:
By appointment only (no agents)
tel +675 311 3306

Contact:
Michael Bai +675 7294 4802
mbai_bnd@daltron.com.pg

Dadi Toka Jr +675 684 0300
dadi@tokarealestate.net



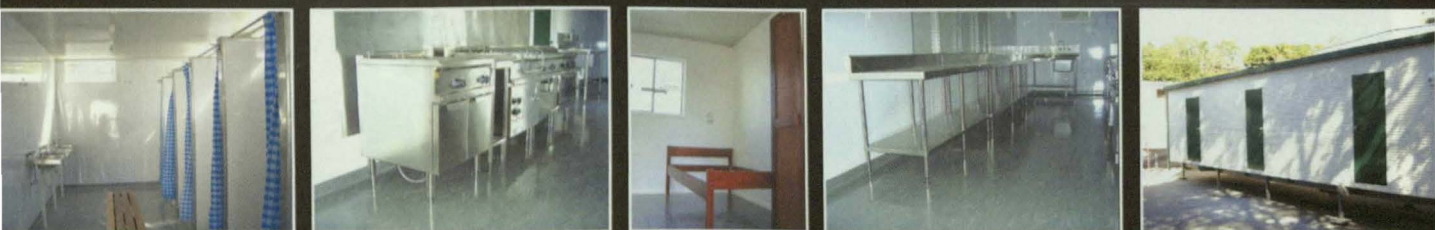
API BUILDINGS LTD

FOR CONSTRUCTION - MINING
OFFICES & ACCOMMODATION

HELPING TO DEVELOP
PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOR OVER 20 YEARS



WE SELL AND HIRE



Designed and Manufactured in PNG!

- Site Offices • Complexes • Kitchen/Diners
- Mining Camps • Toilet Blocks
- Ablution Blocks • Bunk Houses

Why waste money on timber that won't last.

Save Our Forests - Use Steel.

www.apibuildings.com

A.P.I. Limited,
Tamara Road, Six Mile N.C.D.,
PO Box 6434, Boroko, Papua New Guinea
Telephone: (675) 325 4200 Facsimile: (675) 325 2895 Email: api@global.net.pg



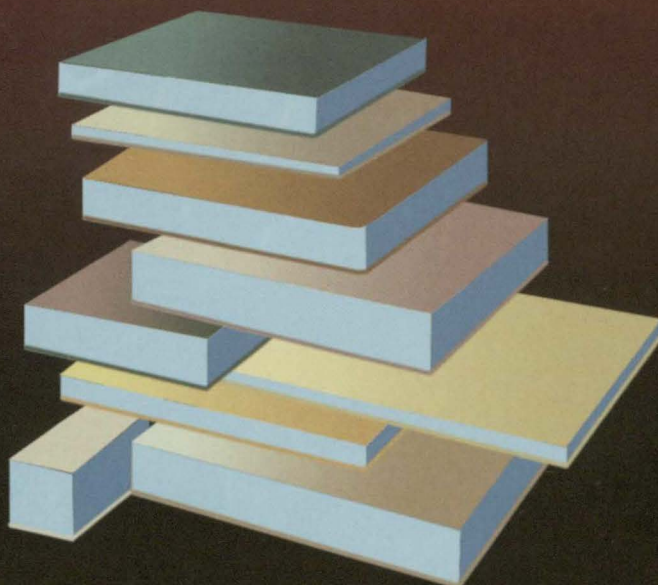
API BUILDINGS LTD

FOR CONSTRUCTION - MINING
OFFICES & ACCOMMODATION

HELPING TO DEVELOP
PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOR OVER 20 YEARS



Use API Composite Wall and Roof Panels



**We are now manufacturing composite panels in Papua New Guinea,
which have excellent thermal qualities, with many uses.**

- Portable Buildings and Houses • Internal Wall Partitions
- Freezers and Coolrooms • Panels for Refrigerated Trucks
- Insulated Roof Panels • Facade Panels

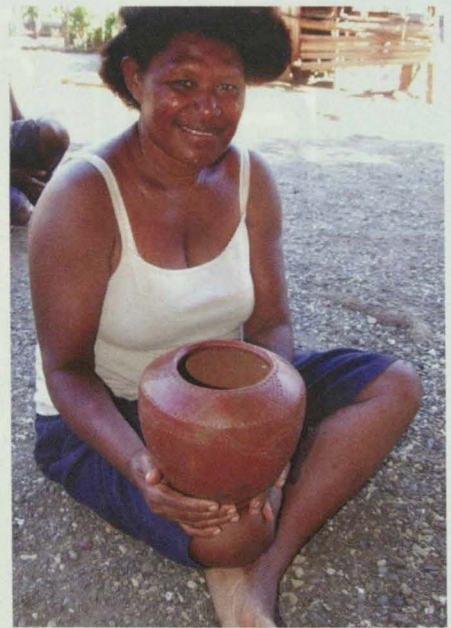
A.P.I. Limited,
Tamara Road, Six Mile N.C.D.,
PO Box 6434, Boroko, Papua New Guinea
Telephone: (675) 325 4200 • Facsimile: (675) 325 2895 • Email: api@global.net.pg



Out in Bilbil village are a bunch of hardworking creators.

Women like Dorcas Kana, who with a fair bit of clay and a lot of imagination, turn dirt into jars and pots.

This they do with their bare hands, never with the help of a wheel or any other ceramic making devices.



POTTERY MAKERS OF BILBIL



Dorcas prefers to create ornamental pieces; miniature mugs and pots. I couldn't resist picking up two as souvenirs.

One was quite neat in design as it had stands like a three-legged stool.

Inscribed on it was 'Noah'.

"Is that Noah, the Bible character?" I asked.

Dorcas smiled. "No, Noah is my son."

For miniatures like these, Dorcas says it usually takes a fortnight to complete.

Like other potters in Bilbil, she fetches her wet clay from a swamp inland.

This is mixed with sand from the beach on the village's waterfront and water, and beaten into the desired shape.

Once the potter is satisfied, the ceramic is heated in a kiln to harden and settle its shape.

Some of Dorcas' neighbours do bigger pots which can be used for household cooking.

"It can be a very good business," she explains.

"At least with me, money from my pottery helps towards sending my two older pikinini (children) to school."



• For interest on Bilbil Village pottery, enquire with Bumble Bee

c/o Melanesian Tour Services, Madang Resort;
Tel: (675) 854 1317; Fax: (675) 852 3543;
Email: mtsmanager@mtspng.com

Or snail mail: P O Box 707, Madang, Papua New Guinea.

Raun gut... discover!



Explore; discover; uncover; immerse yourself; get around; raun gut... Taklam Lodge & Tours is located in the middle of Kokopo and is the perfect 'home-base' from which you can enjoy the wonders of East New Britain.

- Located close to the local fresh market and shops
- Airconditioned rooms with satellite TV
- Land & Sea Tours including Duke of York village stays
- Hire Cars
- Chopsticks Restaurant
- IDD phones & internet access

Call us to discuss your escape on 982 8870.

Close-up view of active volcano, Mt Tavurvur.



TAKLAM

LODGE & TOURS

Ph: (675) 982 8870 • Fax: (675) 982 8370 • Mobile: 682 4457 • Email: taklam@daltron.com.pg

www.taklam.com.pg

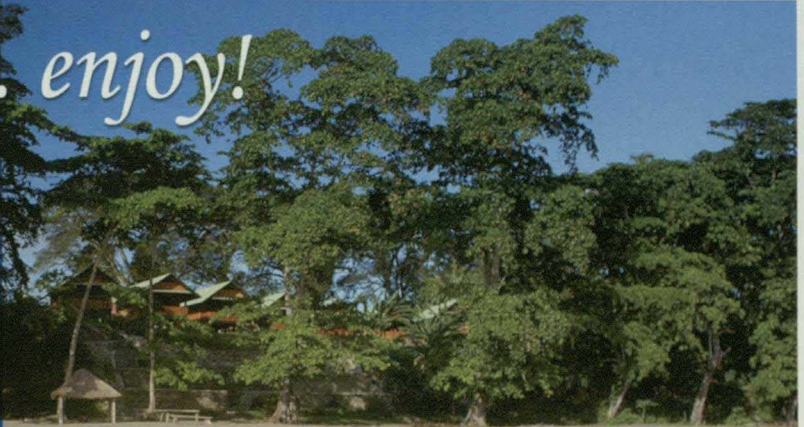
Stap isi... enjoy!

Relax; take it easy; time-out; getaway; escape; stap isi... however you say it, Kokopo Beach Bungalow Resort is perfect to do just that and enjoy island hospitality in modern facilities.

Located in the heart of Kokopo Town and within walking distance of the commercial centre Kokopo Beach Bungalow Resort is built along the water front overlooking the crystal blue waters of Blanche Bay and active volcano - Mt Tavurvur.

Enjoy private beach access for swimming, the hauswin open air restaurant offering western & Chinese cuisine, 'Lulak' lounge & bar, 'Phebe' conference room. IDD phone and internet access is available.

Call us to discuss your escape on 982 8788.



Kokopo Beach

BUNGALOW RESORT



Ph: (675) 982 8788 • Fax: (675) 982 8700 • Digicel: 7253 8708 • Email: kokopobeachbungalow@global.net.pg

www.kbb.com.pg



Special weekend rates available at all properties

Coastwatchers Hotel

PO Box 324, Madang

Tel: 852 2684 Fax: 852 2716

E-mail: coastwatchers@coralseahotels.com.pg

Gateway Hotel

PO Box 1215, Boroko, NCD

Tel: 327 8100 Fax: 325 4585

E-mail: gateway@coralseahotels.com.pg

Ela Beach Hotel

PO Box 813, Port Moresby, NCD

Tel: 321 2100 Fax: 321 2434

E-mail: elabeach@coralseahotels.com.pg

Melanesian Hotel

PO Box 756, Lae

Tel: 472 3744 Fax: 472 3706

E-mail: melanesian@coralseahotels.com.pg

Bird of Paradise Hotel

PO Box 12, Goroka

Tel: 731 3100 Fax: 732 1007

E-mail: thebird@coralseahotels.com.pg

Highlander Hotel

PO Box 34, Mt Hagen

Tel: 542 1355 Fax: 542 1216

E-mail: highlander@coralseahotels.com.pg

Lamington Hotel

PO Box 27, Popondetta

Tel: 329 7222 Fax: 329 7065

E-mail: lamington@coralseahotels.com.pg

Huon Gulf Motel

PO Box 612, Lae

Tel: 472 4844 Fax: 472 5023

E-mail: huongulf@coralseahotels.com.pg



Serviced Apartments in Port Moresby, Lae, Goroka and Mt Hagen



Surprise
someone
special

With a Coral Sea Hotels Weekend Voucher



State-of-the-art conference facilities

Coral Sea Hotels

Toll Free Reservations: 180 20 20

E-Mail: sales@coralseahotels.com.pg Website: www.coralseahotels.com.pg



Em ples bilong mi!

Wireless Internet & E-mail is now available at all Coral Sea Hotels



Frequent flyer

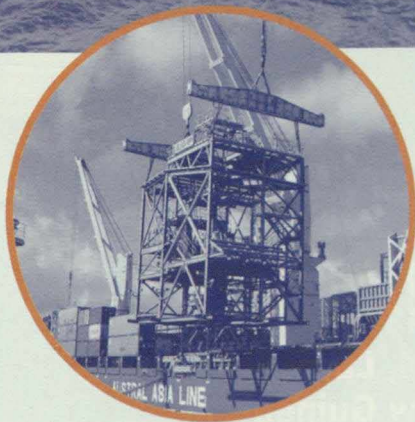


AUSTRAL ASIA LINE

the **better** choice



AAL0047



offering **better** links
for breakbulk and
project cargoes

for more information enquiries@australasia.com

www.AustralAsiaLine.com

plumtrade LTD

Plumbing • Hardware • Timber



Phone: (675) 472 6244 Fax: (675) 472 6249

Account Fax: (675) 472 3431

**PO Box 2336, Milfordhaven Rd, Lae,
Morobe Province 411, Papua New Guinea**

**rod.brown@plumtrade.com.pg
aaron.clamp@plumtrade.com.pg**

**ian.kuskie@plumtrade.com.pg
bob.seiler@plumtrade.com.pg**

RAD-TEL (PNG) LTD

COMMUNICATIONS
SALES & SERVICES

- Business Telephone Systems (LG ARIA PABX)
- Radio & Satellite Communications
- Cordless Telephone Systems
- Wireless Solutions
- Rad Data Communication
- Consulting Services
- Radio Repair & Services

P.O. BOX 43 WAIGANI, NCD
PH: 325 2555(POM)
472 6203(LAE)
FAX: 325 0872(POM)
472 7577(LAE)
email: radtel@radtel.com.pg
http://www.radtel.com.pg

Takes you around the world



The very best for less



There is no better way to see Papua New Guinea than with Avis, and at prices that will pleasantly surprise you.

Avis offers clean and reliable latest model vehicles which are kept in superb condition for your renting pleasure.

We have a variety of vehicles to fit your needs and your budget as well.

So when you're in PNG choose the very best. Choose Avis. Papua New Guinea's leading car rental company.



AVIS

We try harder.

For information and reservation contact Avis on: (675) 324 9400

Email: reservations@avis.com.pg Website: www.avis.com.pg Fax: (675) 325 3767

DREAM INN

Well established serviced apartments to cater for family and executive needs. Each apartment contains one master bedroom and one single room with spacious dining and living rooms. The kitchen is well set up for traveller's own use and guests. All rooms are air-conditioned.

Although located in the central business area at Waigani, Port Moresby, it feels isolated and is quiet, offering a peaceful retreat for busy guests.

Other complimentary services include escort bus service and 55 channel cable TV. Office staff are available day and night to attend to customers' needs.

Security is maintained on a 24-hour basis.

Dreaming? No, its real...

Ph: (675) 325 3600 • Mobile: 6983465/6826337
Digicel: 72108805 • Fax: (675) 325 3609
Email: dreaminn@dalttron.com.pg



Your home away from home





DISCOVER WORLD-CLASS SHOPPING RIGHT AT YOUR DOORSTEP.

Take an easy 5-minute stroll from your room at The Hotel Cairns and discover the world-class shopping of Cairns. Explore the 180 specialty stores at Cairns Central, or find designer labels at clearance prices at the new Direct Factory Outlets Centre.

After your shopping adventure it's easy to escape the hustle of the city and return to the comfort and seclusion of your room at The Hotel Cairns – a tropical haven in the heart of Cairns.

To make a reservation simply call The Hotel Cairns today or visit www.thehotelcairns.com



THE HOTEL CAIRNS, CNR ABBOTT & FLORENCE STS, CAIRNS,
TEL: +61 (0)7 4051 6188
reservations@thehotelcairns.com | www.thehotelcairns.com

Did you know?

World's Biggest Tree Kangaroo

By John Brooksbank

Nine of the eleven species of tree kangaroo in the world live on the island of New Guinea, which of course includes Papua New Guinea. The largest of these is Doria's Tree Kangaroo, *Dendrolagus dorianus*, named in 1883 after the Marquis of Doria, a well known ornithologist of the time.

They may be nice, big, cuddly and friendly but the skin of certain tree kangaroos is also particularly favoured as the preferred head covering for certain Highlands clans - to whom the cream and gold fur of some species is an integral part of their traditional dress. To be part of a headdress unfortunately also means that the tree kangaroo has to be dead!

Tree kangaroos are marsupial macropods (that is they have big feet!) and arboreal - in other words they have taken to the trees, unlike their ground hugging wallaby and true kangaroo cousins of the Papuan grasslands.

On the ground they appear slow and clumsy but once up in the



branches they are agile, using their powerful limbs to climb and jump from tree to tree with ease. As climbing aids, their feet have long claws and rubbery soles.

Up in the forest canopy the tree kangaroos long tails are used to help them balance whilst moving around. They have been recorded as leaping more than nine metres between trees and apparently have the ability to jump to the ground from as high as 18 metres without being hurt.

Doria's Tree Kangaroo - this teddy bear of the tree tops - is classified as Vulnerable by the IUCN due to the gradual destruction of its lowland habitat, its size, small family group lifestyle and susceptibility to hunting, particularly now that the use of shotguns is common.

Although first found by Europeans in the hills of the Astrolabe Range near Port Moresby, where Variarata National Park now is, this tree kangaroo is now known to live in a number of parts of Papua New Guinea at altitudes between 600 to 3,600 metres.

Adult males, who are usually larger than their female counterparts, weigh in at about 14 kilogrammes.

Their bodies can be up to 70 centimetres long, with a tail of the same length. Tree kangaroos eat leaves and fruit and, whilst not ruminants, have large stomachs which act as fermentation vats where bacteria assist in breaking food down.

Tree kangaroos are naturally shy creatures that are notoriously difficult to find in the bush and new species are still being found. Well-known mammologist Dr Tim Flannery has spent much time in Papua New Guinea and across the border in West Papua studying these animals and has discovered a number of previously undescribed species, some of which are sub-species of Doria's Tree Kangaroo.

For the sake of helping Papua New Guinea's diversity, we would all prefer that in future tree kangaroos are shot by camera rather than gun and therefore adorn photograph albums rather than headdresses!



**1st CHOICE
IN EQUIPMENT
PARTS**



**Cutting Edges
Equipment Parts**

**Australia's Market Leader in Aftermarket
Ground Engaging Tools and Replacement
Parts to Suit Heavy Duty Diesel Engines
and Earthmoving Machines**

- | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Cutting Edges & End Bits | • Compaction Feet | • Filters |
| • Teeth & Adaptors | • Crusher Wear Parts | • Air Intake Pre-cleaners |
| • Hammerless GET systems | • Engine Parts | • Pins & Bushes |
| • Plow Bolts & Nuts | • Gasket Kits | • Hydraulic Pumps |
| • Grader Blades | • Brake Components | • Hydraulic Seal Kits |
| • CC1500 Wearplate | • Wet Brake Discs & Plates | • Silicone Hoses |
| • Grouser Bars | | |

Phone: +617 3274 3544
Fax: +617 3274 3574
Email: export@cuttingedges.com

For more information visit our comprehensive website:
www.cuttingedges.com

RANGE VALUE QUALITY SERVICE SUCCESS

Industrial Training



Courses in:
Occupational Health & Safety
|
Crane Operation (All types)
Dogging / Rigging (All levels)
Elevated Work Platform
Forklift Operation
Hoist Operation
Scaffolding (All levels)
|
Plant Operation:
Backhoe
Dozer
Excavator
Front End Loader
Grader
Order Picker Forklift
Roller
Scraper
Skid Steer Loader (Bobcat)

Contact: Chris Hagan

Phone: 675 322 4544
Fax: 675 320 2562
Mobile: 675 686 0963
Email: chris.hagan@aon.com.pg
NTC Reg No : 034

AON

BUILDING BUSINESS

between

AUSTRALIA AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA



25th

PAPUA NEW GUINEA AUSTRALIA BUSINESS FORUM 2009

*Exploring Business &
Investment Opportunities
in PNG*

**Madang
17 -19 May 2009**



Business Council
of Papua New Guinea
www.bcpng.org.pg



If you do business in Papua New Guinea and have an interest in the economy there, the Australia Papua New Guinea Business Forum held each year is an event which you should not miss.

The Forum is the premier bilateral business event between Australia and Papua New Guinea, and attracts an attendance of three hundred or more representatives from government and business in Australia and Papua New Guinea.

The Forum is arranged jointly by the Australia Papua New Guinea Business Council and the Business Council of Papua New Guinea.

The 25th Australia Papua New Guinea Business Forum will be held in Madang, Papua New Guinea, from 17 to 19 May 2009.

Participants at the Forum include government ministers and officials, and senior business people from both countries.

Post-Forum participant surveys conducted by a market research company have shown that networking opportunities created by the Forum are as important a factor in the attendance of participants as gathering the information provided by speakers.

At the end of the Forum each year a Communiqué is produced identifying key issues to be pursued by government and business over the following year, and beyond. By attending the Forum you can contribute to the identification of issues important to business.

The Australia Papua New Guinea Business Council and the Business Council of Papua New Guinea continue to work closely in partnership to make the 2009 Business Forum an even more valuable tool in promoting the bilateral business relationship and economic growth in Papua New Guinea.

For registration and all other details visit www.apngbc.org.au • www.bcpng.org.pg

or contact (675) 3213530 ext 322 – regdeskbusforum@trukai.com.pg • (07) 33485142 – businessforum@apngbc.org.au
(675) 3200700 – executive@bcpng.org.pg

BOROKO **MOTORS**

Now you have **MORE CHOICES**
from PNG's **LARGEST RANGE**
of Vehicles, Trucks and Equipment with
Full Service & Parts Backup
Countrywide

- **NISSAN** • **MITSUBISHI** • **ISUZU** • **MERCEDES**
- **HUMMER** • **UD NISSAN DIESEL** • **KENWORTH**
- **NEW HOLLAND** • **TCM** • **FUSO** • **HONDA**
- **JOHNSON/EVINRUDE**



BRANCHES
PORT MORESBY
LAE
MT HAGEN
TABUBIL
RABAU

ph: 325 5255
ph: 472 1144
ph: 542 1933
ph: 548 9048
ph: 982 8193

DEALERS
MADANG
KIMBE

ph: 852 2659
ph: 983 5035

EMAIL
info@borokomotors.com.pg

WEBSITE
www.borokomotors.com.pg
www.nissan.com.pg

HEAD OFFICE

PORT MORESBY
PO Box 1259, Boroko
Cnr Waigani Drive & Cameron Road,
Gordons.

Phone: 325 5111
Fax : 325 5301

AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Australian volunteers play an important role in Papua New Guinea's development. From nurse educators through to drama teachers, the Australian Government has provided support to over 11,500 Australian volunteers overseas since the 1960s.

In Papua New Guinea there are four Australian Government programs matching volunteers with PNG public and private sector organisations:

Australian Business Volunteers provides volunteers to facilitate business development and skills transfer, usually within the private sector. Volunteers also work in government and some NGOs in organisational management with placements varying from one to six months.

Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development places young Australians between 18 and 30 years of age on short-term assignments (3-12 months) in areas such as education, health and child protection. UNICEF, the PNG Ombudsman and the Milne Bay Church Development Fund are currently hosting volunteers.

Volunteering for International Development for Australia volunteers work with local counterparts to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development in the communities in which they work, through skills and knowledge exchange, institutional strengthening and capacity building.

Australian Volunteers International implement management and administration systems, train staff in new technologies and project management, supporting income generation and farming projects and youth development and sport. There are more than 30 partners in PNG including the Institute of Medical Research, Sisters of Mercy, the Anglican Church of PNG and Port Moresby City Mission.

Nursing manual a lasting legacy

Rewarding, but at times incredibly frustrating is how Darwin's Kylee St George describes her nine months working at the Alotau General Hospital through the Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development program.

"It can tear your heart out when you see people dying of preventable and treatable illnesses like tuberculosis and malaria," said Darwin-based Kylee.

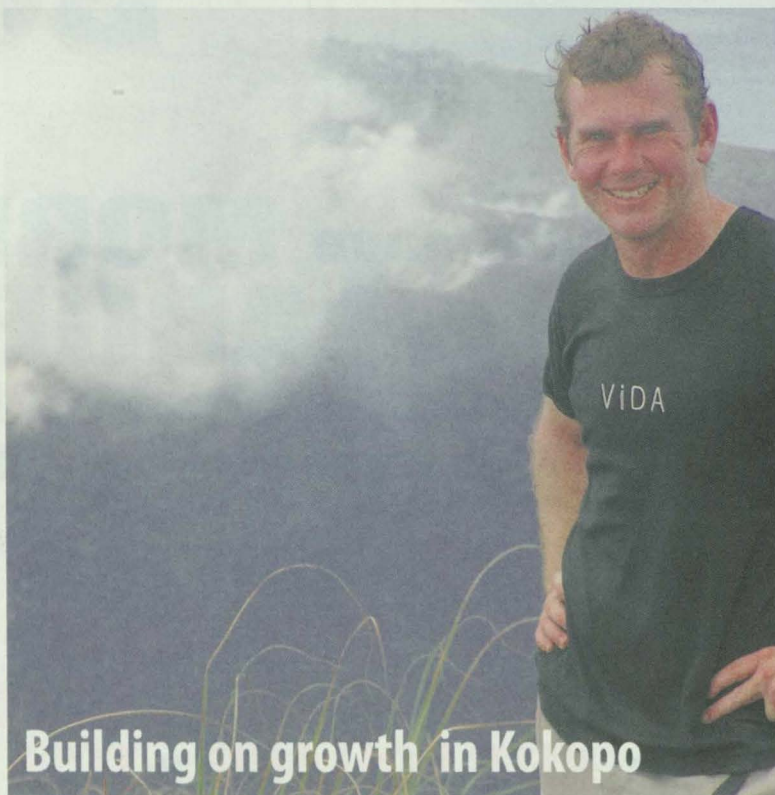
Her main role was teaching and supervising ward rounds but Kylee also worked hard to improve facilities for the students, successfully applying for grants to set up a clinical laboratory and obtain computers.

"The lab will provide somewhere to practice skills and Internet access will make a huge difference because the students have such limited resources."

Kylee has also developed a step-by-step guide to basic nursing techniques.

"I decided to make a procedures manual my priority because I wanted to be able to leave something behind that would continue to be useful."

Australian nurse educator Kylee St George with student nurses at St Barnabas School of Nursing in Alotau.



Building on growth in Kokopo

Town planner James Burford at Mt. Tavurvur. As an Australian volunteer James was welcomed into the community and made the most of his weekends including some breathtaking bushwalks around East New Britain.

The aim of Australian volunteer programs is skills and knowledge exchange.

James Burford's 18-month placement as a town planner with the East New Britain Division of Physical Planning is a good example of a long-lasting contribution by a volunteer.

"With some 200 planning applications coming through the division in a year, one important project was to develop guidelines to use as a checklist to say yes or no to a building, sub-division or development," explained James.

"I didn't see the point of me, writing the manual, filling it with my technical jargon, when I was not the one going to say yes or no." Two trainees were mentored by James in setting up checklists.

"I guess if asked about the success of the placement, I can say these trainees are now running their own planning division and contributing to the growth of one of the fastest growing towns in the Pacific. That is ultimate success."

The experience gained has also had a spin-off for James who has recently taken up a new position as environmental planner with the Sydney Ports Corporation.



Does your organisation need a volunteer?

What does it cost?

Volunteers are paid a living allowance equivalent to a local salary. In some cases hosts will have to assist with this as well as finding and perhaps contributing to accommodation costs. Contributions for some may also include offering a return airfare to Australia. Discuss your financial situation with the in-country manager to work out a solution. The contribution made by the host organisation demonstrates a commitment to supporting the project outcome.

How do I know if my organisation is eligible?

Predominantly non government not-for-profit organisations host volunteers, however in some cases private business may be eligible as well as government departments. Contact the in-country manager, they will look closely at your organisation's needs and may make a recommendation.

My organisation is in a remote part of the province - will someone still come?

Volunteers are interested in a variety of placements across Papua New Guinea in rural and urban areas.

How soon can a volunteer arrive?

It can take up to six months to match a volunteer with your needs as well as processing visas and finding accommodation. For VIDA for example there are two major mobilisations each year March/April and September/October.

What sort of work can a volunteer do?

Volunteers perform a variety of roles from professional advice on how to write a business plan to providing vocational training in areas such as carpentry and water and sanitation.

There are no restrictions on what kinds of work an Australian volunteer can do. It is important to note volunteer placements do not replace local staff and where possible pass on the knowledge for the activity to continue.



Mosquito nets are one step in prevention campaigns against the lymphatic filariasis virus which attack the lymphatic system, causing organ damage, and can lead to painful swelling. Based in the port town of Kiunga with husband David, Margaret Bruffell helped distribute 9,500 bed nets to families in remote Western Province.

Malaria nets for North Fly

"If I can measure my success I suppose as well as malaria prevention, additional achievements like teaching field staff how to use computers, even drive manual cars are all skills not here before," said the Victorian primary school teacher Margaret Bruffell.

Through Australian Volunteers International, Margaret was the Australian Doctors International Field Coordinator in Kiunga, among her roles to help distribute insecticide-impregnated mosquito nets.

"Sixteen of my thirty years school teaching was spent at the same school in a small country town in central Victoria so camping out, driving hours up mud highways and intermittent electricity, phone, internet and limited fresh food pushed me far beyond my comfort zone and I loved all of it."

Margaret coordinated survey teams to map previously unrecorded information about villages, such as walking time, family numbers and ages, and travel data to assist with distribution.

One hundred bed nets weigh about 45 kilograms and can only be delivered using a combination of plane, boat, 4WD and long days of trekking through dense jungle.

Results already speak for themselves: Since 2003, 45,000 bed nets have been distributed to North Fly. Malaria cases at Tabubil Hospital have dropped from 9,026 in 2006 to 4,892 in 2007, a decrease of 46 percent.

Focus on ability creates work options for youth

One of the biggest challenges for employees of Port Moresby General Hospital's Sheltered Workshop was having the skill and confidence to use heavy equipment and tools.

This meant the range of products was limited. Shelves, tables, trunks, and furniture are now being made, with Peter Dorman teaching staff how to adapt and use a wide range of tools designed for able-bodied people.

Ross Tito, Manager of the Sheltered Workshop, says Peter's five week placement through Australian Business Volunteers has been a blessing.

"Whenever any of the boys said they couldn't make something or hold one of the bigger tools, he'd pick it up, put it in their hands and steady them. Now they don't even think twice. And there's so much more quality in the work they do," he said.

Peter Dorman's placement with Port Moresby General Hospital's Sheltered Workshop also included a four-day training workshop for young people living with disabilities from the Cheshire Homes and St John Association for the Blind.



Who do I contact in PNG if I want to know more?



Chamber of Commerce and Industry 321 3077/7200 3077
abvpng@pomcci.org.pg
www.abv.org.au



Chamber of Commerce and Industry 321 3077/7200 3077
ayad@pomcci.org.pg
www.ayad.com.au

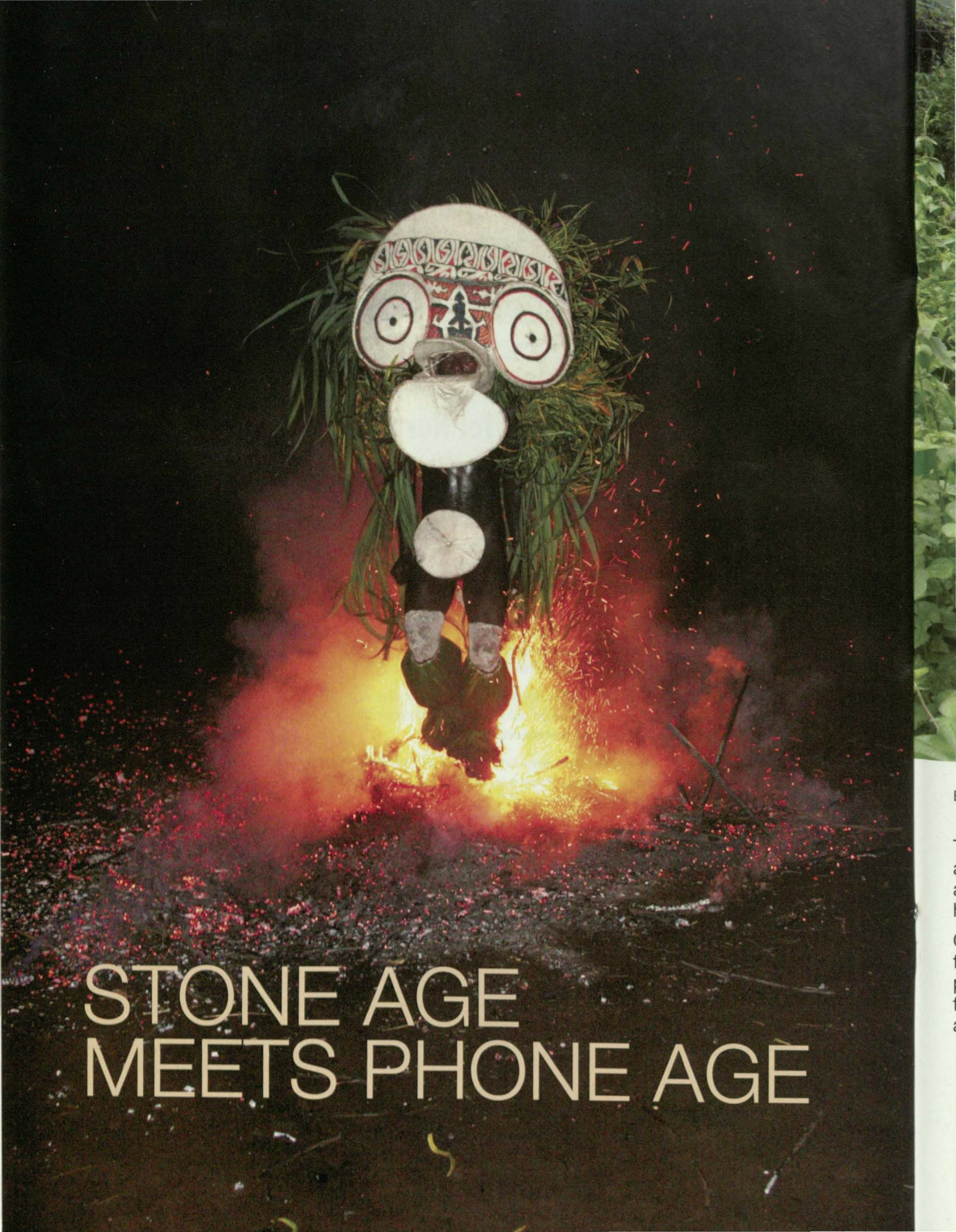
VIDA

volunteering
for international
development
from australia

Chamber of Commerce and Industry 321 3077/7200 3077
vida@pomcci.org.pg
www.vidavolunteers.com.au



Chamber of Commerce and Industry 321 3077/7200 3077
rsteele@australianvolunteers.com
www.australianvolunteers.com



STONE AGE MEETS PHONE AGE



By John Borthwick

The Baining tribesmen dancing around the raging bonfire are almost naked but for their huge white face-masks.

One by one they leap into the fire, staying there as long as possible. Gyrating amid the flames, they seem made of asbestos.

We have spent days slashing our way through some of Papua New Guinea's thickest jungle, crossing the Baining Mountains of East New Britain Province to reach the remote village of Mondrabat.

On our arrival, the villagers build a huge bonfire in their clearing. With nightfall, the spectacular fire dance begins, then continues into the small hours.

I awake next morning in this jungle plateau settlement so remote that its people still barely use items made of metal.

The first spectacle I see is almost as extraordinary as last night's fire dance - our trek leader talking on a satellite phone while a tribesman holds up a thin aerial.

Neither of these extremes matches the experience of the Australian soldiers who dragged their starving bodies through these jungles in early 1942.

Retreating from Rabaul ahead of 15,000 Japanese invaders, they were attempting to

reach evacuation points on the south coast of the Gazelle Peninsula. Of the 1600 men, barely 300 made it back to Australia.

Our adventure starts with meeting our Baining guide, Weekli and four porters and our leader, 35-year old Peter Gosling, a lanky, Brisbane-based adventurer.

Soon we're slogging through the green crush of jungle, summiting one ridge after another. Below us, it's all mulch and boot-sucking mush; above us, stained-glass sunlight filters through the tree-top canopy.

Following a track southwest across the Baining Mountains that the "Diggers" took, we have the luxury of tents, rations and bug repellent.

They had little but the clothes they walked in as they traversed the 120 kilometres of merciless, crocodile-infested terrain.

"We had a quinine tablet for breakfast, a fag (cigarette) for lunch and quinine for tea," wrote one survivor.



*Peter Gosling and Baining guides
taking a rest in front of a tall hardwood tree.*



We trek without speaking through the green trance of the jungle, hearing the thrum of hornbill wings high in the canopy.

Weekli slashes a way forward with his machete. Ridges drop to cool rivers. I just stand in a sunny spot for five minutes and soon start to steam dry.

We camp overnight at Braham, a settlement of six huts, three families and their cassava and taro gardens.

The mungies (kids) are fascinated by the stuff we "whiteskins" carry, like freeze-dried food and battery-powered headlamps.

As we sit around the fire, a Baining man begins beating a bamboo pole on a baseboard. Other voices join in with haunting, chanted harmonies and rising cadences.

"What kind of songs are they?" Peter asks. "This village is Christianised, so these are church songs," says Weekli. "Nothing like the church I went to," quips Peter.

Next morning, Peter, who loves his high-tech gizmos and has been plotting our progress by GPS, announces that even here a dozen satellites are in range. Via his sat-phone, he reports our position to his partner in Brisbane.



CORPORATE TRAINING

*Cost effective courses
providing knowledge and skills that*

- ★ *Improve individual performance*
- ★ *Increase organisational productivity*
- ★ *Develop professional careers*
- ★ *Foster national development*



PAPUA NEW GUINEA
Institute of
**BANKING
& BUSINESS**
management

ToRobert Business Training Centre
PNG Management College
Microfinance Competence Centre.

P.O.Box 1721, Port Moresby, NCD. Telephone: (675) 322 1000, Facsimile: (675) 321 2960

Location: Vanama Crescent, Konedobu, NCD.

Email: akanaga@ibbm.com.pg

Website: www.ibbm.com.pg

"One time I even had a group of Baining women sing to her over the phone..."



Baining girl at Rhungagi village.

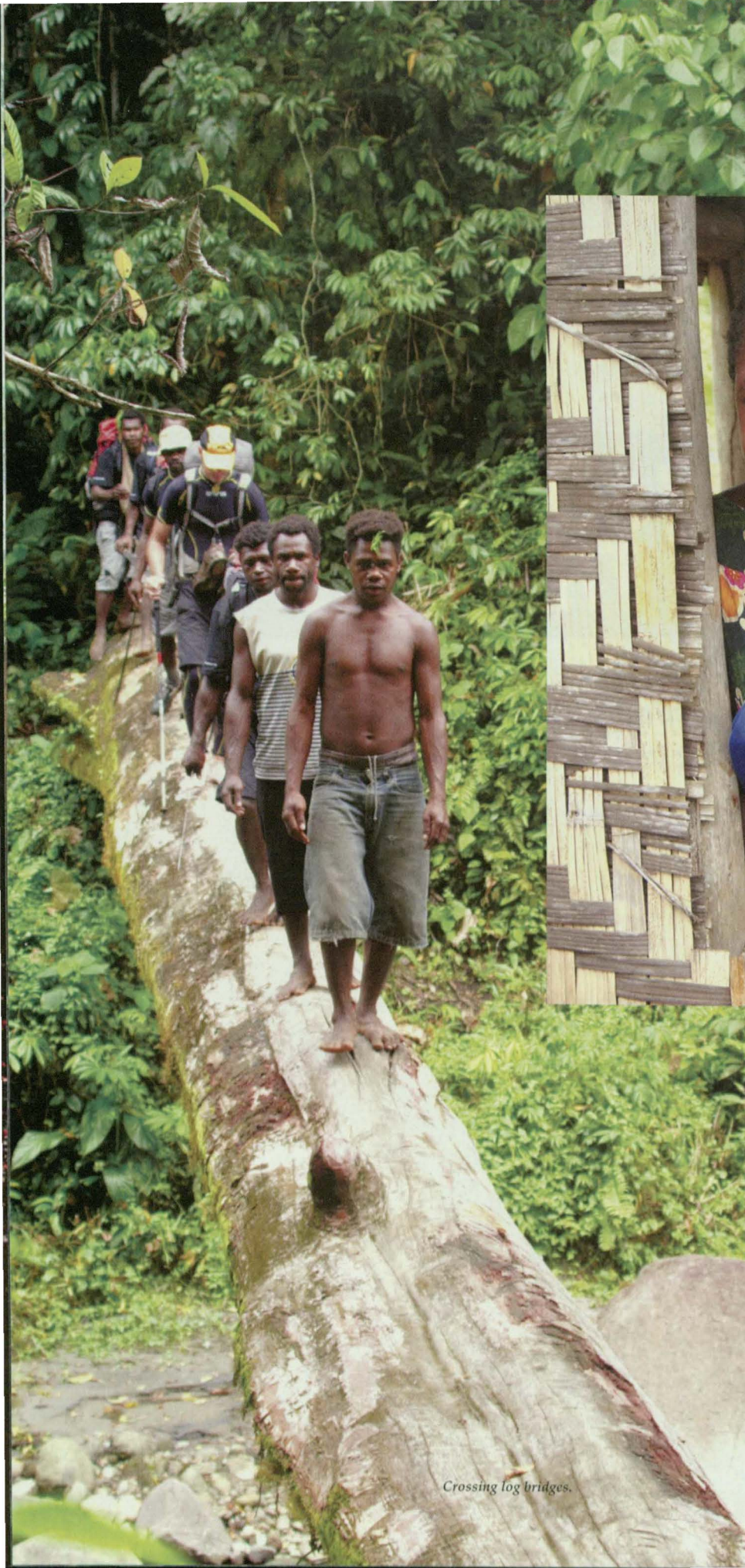
"One time I even had a group of Baining women sing to her over the phone," he recalls.

With a quick "mamramas" (thank-you) to the villagers, we plunge back into the jungle, padding on through sun, mud and rain. We cross logs felled across rivers; wobbly, narrow moss - and vine - covered trunks where the last thing you want is for the man in front to stop.

Ahead of me, Weekli pauses. "Keep going!" I yell, before my fate becomes a vertiginous topple into the river below.

For every descent there is a clambering ascent back to the next ridge. I drink litres of water to replace what I lose in sweat. The Bainings, padding along, casual and barefoot, don't even break into one.

The Diggers' trek in 1942 was agony. As one officer wrote of his men: "The mosquitoes and insects drove them mad at night, for we had



Crossing log bridges.

no nets. Boots began to give out. Those who could, marched on foot, tattered skeletons of men who often staggered and fell as they forced themselves westward."

Many died of malaria and dysentery while the survivors fought off hostile Molkolkol natives.

Camped for the night beside a river, I fall asleep to the industrial shrill of insects, the rattle and thrum of rain.

With morning, the porters spot puk-puk (crocodile) tracks but seem unconcerned. We press on through the jungle, wading as though at the bottom of a green ocean.

Late on day three, rain has made the trail treacherous, with the steep descents becoming real knee-cappers.

Such are the joys of the jungle. I would never swap these soaring, unlogged forests, the avenues of bamboo or even those hitch-hiking little bludgers, the leeches between my toes, for a month of natter and lattes back in the Comfort Zone Café.

We reach the Mondrabat "men's house" where they are preparing huge white masks for the fire dance. Made of tapa-like cloth, then moulded into giant heads with enormous eyes, these creations - and not much else - will be worn by the men. Barefoot, their only protection from the heat will be palm fronds bound around their shins.



Baining female dancers at Mondrabat village.



ENJOY THE SAME GREAT TASTE IN A REFRESHING LOOK.



SOUTH PACIFIC EXPORT LAGER
Brewed locally. Loved globally.
Enjoy Responsibly



Fact File

Getting There

Air Niugini flies to Port Moresby, then to Rabaul, East New Britain Province.

The Trek

True North Journey's 11-day "Escape from Rabaul" expedition includes a four-day jungle trek, touring Rabaul's historic WWII sites, and two-day excursion to the Duke of York Islands. The price, \$4350 (ex-Rabaul) covers accommodation, meals, excursions, guide, porters and pre-trip training.

Details

www.truenorthjourneys.com.au.

Mother and child at Braham village.



Come night, Mondrabat is all blackness but for the jitterbug lightning of fireflies. Then, the bonfire flares. Six ghostly women file into the clearing, wreathed in long white fronds and wearing bug-eyed masks.

They circulate slowly around the fire, shuffling to the beat of hollow poles and men chanting.

After the women, the bonfire is re-stoked. Suddenly, a glistening, near-naked jester leaps into the clearing, followed by six masked young men. The drummers quicken their pace. The dancers circle.

One plunges into the bonfire and prances there as long as super-humanly possible, until twenty, perhaps thirty seconds later, he can stand it no longer.

Another asbestos-soled warrior leaps into the

inferno, followed by another and another.

Hours later, and long after I've fallen asleep, the dancers, singers and drummers succumb to sheer exhaustion.

In the early hours, I wake for a moment - in a darkened village on a high plateau deep in another human era. The next time I awake, it is daylight and a lanky young whiteskin is dialling tomorrow via a satellite. Stone Age meets Phone Age.





PNGFP
BUILDING
SYSTEMS



PNG Forest Products provide project solutions for PNG and the South Pacific

PNG's Ultimate Downstream Processing Company

- Powered by Hydro
- Utilizing sustainable plantation pine
- A Ply Mill producing plywood to Australian standards
- Timber Mill and Planing Factory producing pressure treated and kiln dried timbers to Australian Standards
- Transportable building manufacture for Exploration, Road and Temporary Camps
- Prefabricated building manufacture for the Mining, Residential Housing, Education, Health, Agriculture and Tourism sectors
- Architectural, Engineering and Project Management Services
- Quality Assured



Contact us on:

Phone: (675) 474 5322

Fax: (675) 474 5160

Email: buildingsales@pngfp.com

Administration - Bulolo, PNG

Mail: PO Box 88, Bulolo,
Papua New Guinea

Speed, strength, size and strategy.
A winning team combination.



Our strong team of specialists at QBE Papua New Guinea have been providing tailored insurance solutions based on unmatched local knowledge and regional expertise.

We understand the environment in which you operate and the specific risks you face. We are backed by the QBE regional network and global financial strength. Quick thinking, fast acting. That is why our skills can help you or your business get back to normal in the shortest possible time. For customised insurance solutions contact your insurance adviser or visit our website at www.qbe.com.pg



QBE Insurance (PNG) Limited
e-mail: info.png@qbe.com

Port Moresby
Tel: +675 321 2144

Lae
Tel: +675 472 1627

Kokopo
Tel: +675 982 9396

COMMERCIAL PACKAGE • INDUSTRIAL SPECIAL RISKS • CONTRACT WORKS • WORKERS' COMPENSATION •
PUBLIC LIABILITY • PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY • DIRECTORS & OFFICERS' • MEDICAL & REPATRIATION •
SPECIALIST MARINE • MARINE CARGO & COMMERCIAL HULL • MARINE PLEASURECRAFT •
HOME AND CONTENTS • MOTOR VEHICLE



SEETO KUI (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

☐ P.O. Box 456, Lae, Morobe Province. ☐ P.O. Box 1405, Boroko, NCD.
 Papua New Guinea
 Phone: (675) 472 1111
 Fax: (675) 472 1335
 Email: sklae@seetokui.com.pg

Papua New Guinea
 Phone: (675) 325 4700
 Fax: (675) 325 4474
 Email: skpom@seetokui.com.pg

SOLE DISTRIBUTORS:



Agency Distributors and Grocery Wholesalers established in Papua New Guinea for over 60 years.

Please contact our friendly staff for all your enquiries.



MAINLAND PLUMBING & HARDWARE SUPPLIES

☐ LAE
 Phone: (675) 472 4177
 Fax: (675) 472 3629
 PO Box 954, Lae, Air Corps Rd.
 Papua New Guinea
 Email: mpslae@seetokui.com.pg

☐ PORT MORESBY
 Phone: (675) 325 6734
 Fax: (675) 323 4901
 P.O. Box 1405, Boroko, Ahuia St.
 Papua New Guinea
 Email: mpspom@seetokui.com.pg

SPECIALISTS IN PLUMBING & HARDWARE SUPPLIES

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Tanks | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power Tools | <input type="checkbox"/> Solahart | <input type="checkbox"/> Paints & Accessories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BILDA Hardware & Handtools | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Water Goods | |



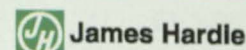
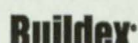
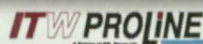
LEADING SUPPLIER OF
HARDWARE, PLUMBING,
BUILDING MATERIALS &
ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS

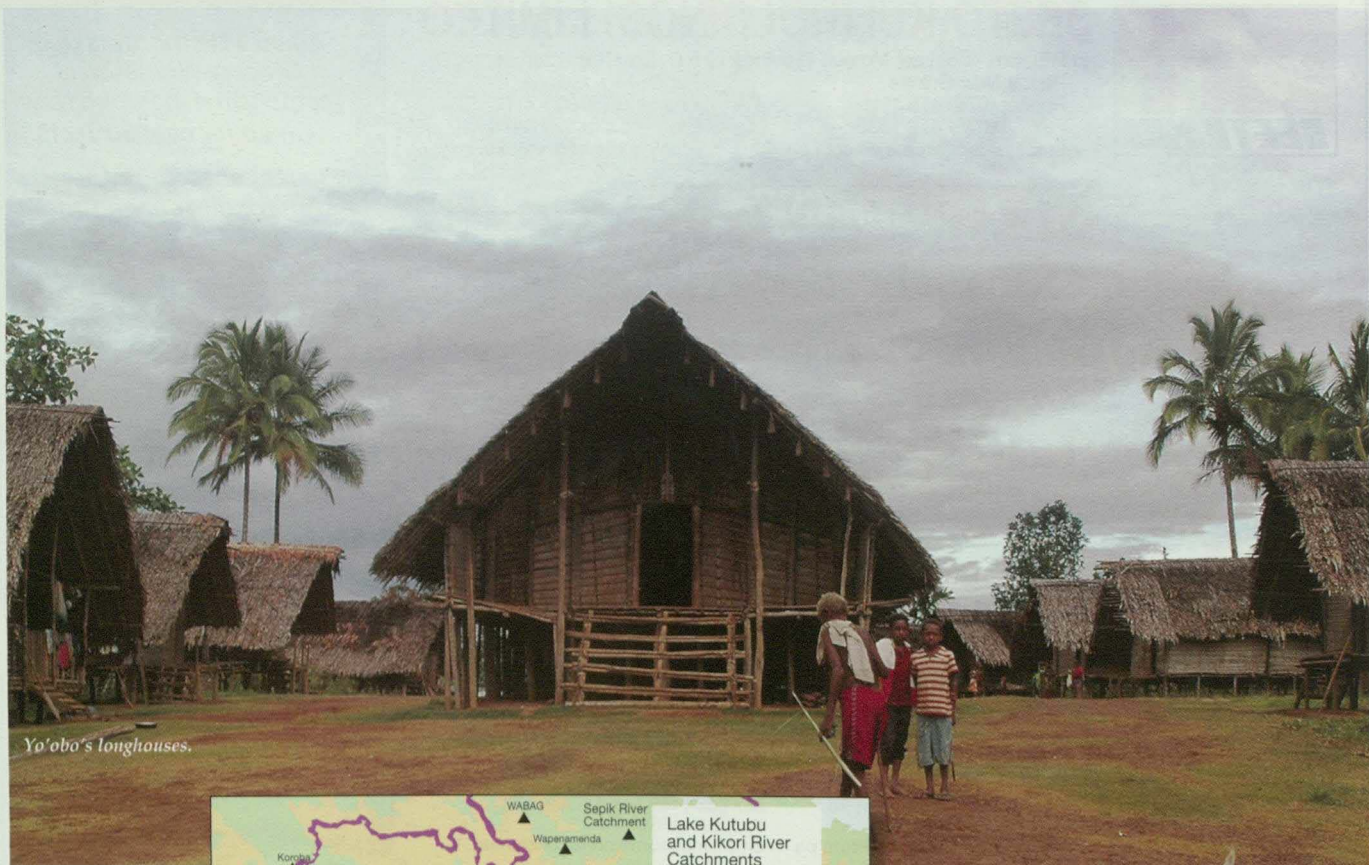


P.O. BOX 1478, KISERE ST. LAE PAPUA NEW GUINEA EMAIL: bowmans@seetokui.com.pg

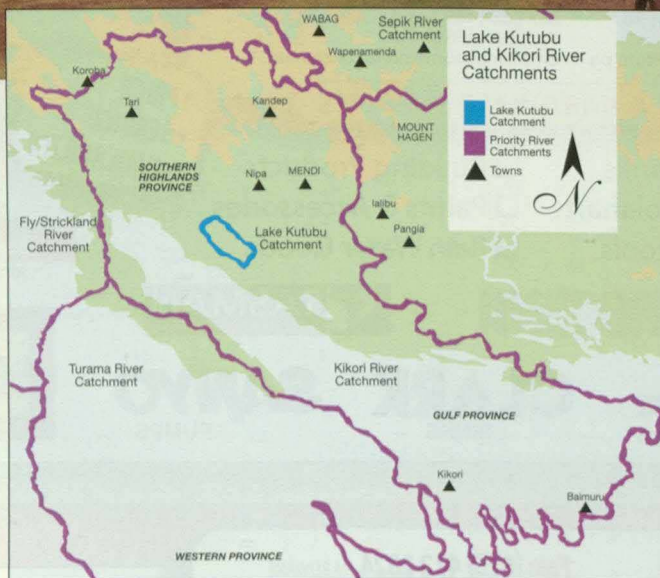
CUSTOMER SERVICE & SATISFACTION IS OUR PRIORITY

LEADING DISTRIBUTOR OF STATIONERY & OFFICE SUPPLIES





Yo'obo's longhouses.



Standing in front of the men's longhouse at Yo'obo and looking out over the glassy smooth waters of Lake Kutubu glinting in the afternoon sunshine, it was hard to believe that the village was on the very doorstep of the hub of Papua New Guinea's petroleum industry.

YO'OBO

Little has changed
despite developments

By John Brooksbank

Despite being close to the Oil Search Limited's Moro airstrip, camps, central processing facility, innumerable well heads and associated pipelines, some just a ridgeline away - the small footprint of these petroleum developments that have been so important to the economy of Papua New Guinea for more than 16 years - Yo'obo and the surrounding countryside is little changed.

The traditional village structure, with houses for women and children flanking the imposing men's longhouse, is unchanged, although now there are also school buildings, a church, a generator, outboard motors and some store bought dinghies.

Yo'obo is the venue for the celebration of World Wetlands Day 2009. It is held annually around the globe on February 2. Local community leaders and representatives of



Canoes racing to the finish line.

This year the theme is "Upstream and Downstream - Wetlands Connect Us All", which has particular relevance to the Lake Kutubu environment.

Oil Search, CDI Foundation - a community development organisation supported by the oil company, WWF and hundreds of villagers have descended on this small village to mark this important event.

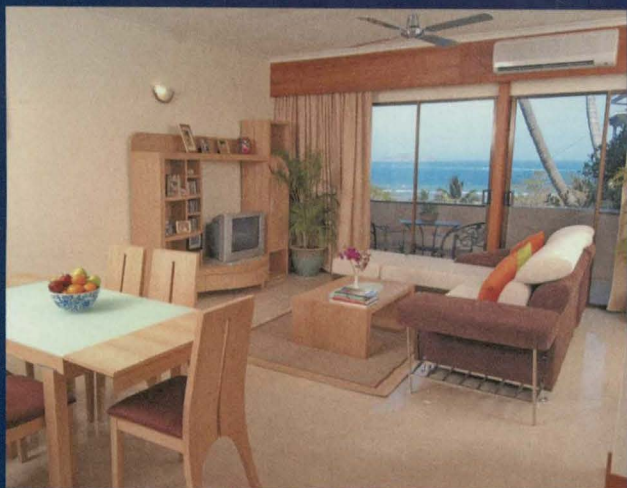
This year, the theme is "Upstream and Downstream - Wetlands Connect Us All", which has particular relevance to the Lake Kutubu environment.

Many streams feed into the lake from the surrounding ridges and valleys but only one - Soro Creek - drains from it, which makes its proper management of concern to everyone in this part of Southern Highlands Province.

Maintaining the lake environment relies on understanding by the villagers who live along its shores and in nearby hamlets of the risks the area faces.

WWF has been working with communities in Kutubu since 1994, focusing on education and training - another reason why the Wetlands Day celebrations this year revolve around activities for the next generation - children from five local elementary schools.





Apartment Space Hotel Service

- Ideal environment for corporate travellers and consultants in central locations
- Daily, weekly and monthly rates available for 1, 2 and 3-bedroom apartments
- Apartments serviced 6 days per week
- State-of-the-art kitchen, in-room electronic safe, laundry service, best available cable TV with movie channels, 24 hour security and maintenance with on-site management, back-up genset and water etc
- Use of all usual hotel facilities including room service and free E-mail access each day between 5pm and 10pm from the hotel's Business Centre



Em ples bilong mi!

Serviced apartments in:
PORT MORESBY ○ LAE ○ GOROKA ○ MT. HAGEN

Toll Free Reservations: 180 20 20

E-mail: sales@coralseahotels.com.pg Website: www.coralseahotels.com.pg



The whole event was well organised, with canoe loads of young participants and their teachers arriving early to prepare themselves for the traditional dancing displays.

In fact, almost unbelievably, the whole day went like clockwork and was in line with the timetable circulated to all attendees.

Activities for the participating elementary schools included a poster competition, a canoe race, drama presentations and traditional dancing by the children.

The canoe race, from halfway across the lake to the shore, was entered enthusiastically by each team of two girls and two boys, although after a few capsizes some teams ended up at the finish line minus a paddler!

The time taken to dress the children paid handsome dividends - they were resplendent in black cassowary feathers, kina shell necklaces and traditional skin diwai tapa cloth rain capes.

Find out who's **really** working for you.



When you're not at the coalface everyday, it can be hard to keep track of your staff and even harder to know who's doing the actual work. Time theft is a major issue for PNG organisations and businesses (costing millions of kina every year) and occurs when staff are paid even when they're in

late, out early or take long breaks. That's why Time and Access offer a range of systems and software packages that will prevent time theft in your business. Our solutions seamlessly integrate with most payroll systems and what's more, we offer localised support in Port Moresby, Goroka,

Lae, Madang, Mt Hagen and Wewak. So if your staff are being generous with your time, give us a call on 7200 6332 (within PNG) or +61 7 3252 8822.

 **time&access**
systems



**The proof is indeed
in the pudding...**



The iPi Group's Mountain Catering is driven by pure passion to provide only the very best of large volume, innovative and exceptional foodservice to its valued Clients.

Holding full ISO 9001-2000 Quality Assurance Certification and HACCP Accreditation, Mountain Catering continually strives to enhance service and presentation standards along with exceeding consumer expectations.

Having the strength of the iPi Group of Companies behind our catering division, we offer a diverse Client base specialist and tailor made solutions for all Camp catering and foodservice needs.

If quality and proactive involvement in your catering objectives is a must have, then Mountain Catering has the approach and the outcomes for your Project.

iPi Mountain Catering Limited

P.O. Box 795 Lae, Morobe Province, PNG

Ph: (+675) 475 1400 Fax: (+675) 475 1417

Email: iPiGroup@iPiGroup.com.pg

www.iPiGroup.com.pg



PHOTO: JAS-ANZ



The tapa cloth and red ochre typical of the Foe people of the lake villages contrasted in some school groups with the white cockatoo feathers of the neighbouring Fasu people and cuscus fur from other Highlands areas, reflecting inter-marriage with surrounding language groups.

After some initial shyness the children got into the swing of things with encouragement from parents and teachers and the air was soon filled with the rhythmic cadence of well-practiced traditional chants.

The children's short drama presentations all

related in some way to the theme of the day - the traditional myth about the creation of Lake Kutubu, the effects that pollution could have on the lake and the need to have no-fishing zones around the lake at certain times.

Lake Kutubu is part of the ecologically diverse

**Around the clock...
day in, day out...**



iPi Transport is singularly the only PNG based haulage operator which has full ISO 9001:2000 Quality Assurance Certification and this is at the forefront of our extensive suite of professional industry qualifications. We are dedicated and committed industry leaders in specialist bulk fuel and dry cargo movements.

Providing innovative and tailored transport, warehousing and storage and logistics solutions for our valued Clients is the very essence of our proactive and responsive culture.

Whether it be shifting oceans of fuel requirements per day into some of the most remote parts of PNG or moving general dry freight along many of PNG's most traversed routes, iPi Transport provides both the answers and the opportunities.

Moving forward is the only direction iPi Transport takes...

iPi Mountain Transport Limited

P.O. Box 795 Lae, Morobe Province, PNG

Ph: (+675) 475 1400 Fax: (+675) 475 1417

Email: iPiGroup@iPiGroup.com.pg

www.iPiGroup.com.pg



PHOTO: JOTACOM_MF



Kikori River catchment and is one of the largest lakes in Papua New Guinea, second only to Lake Murray in Western Province. With its greatest depth at about 75 metres and sitting at 800 metres above sea level, the lake is the only home for 12 particular species of

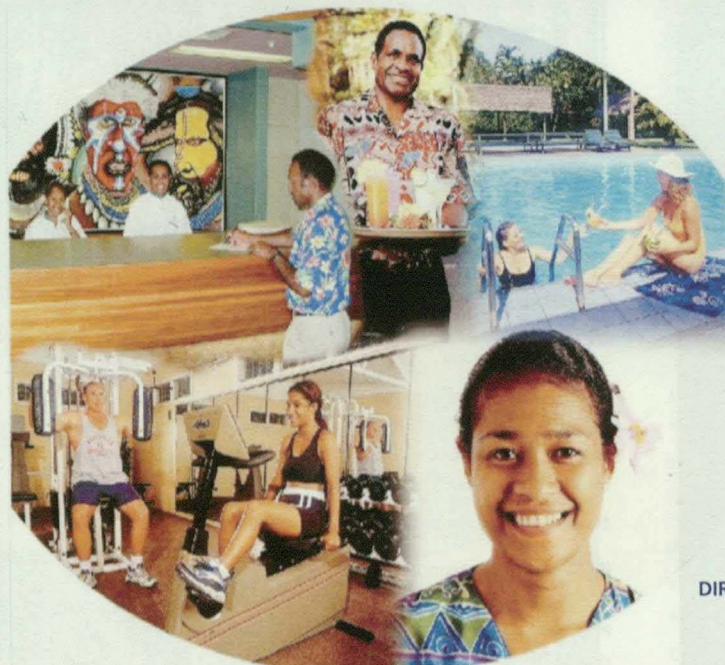
fish, some which are a food source for the lake communities. These include a tandan, a grunter, two rainbow fish and five mogurndas. Such unique endemic species are exposed to a number of risks, including over-fishing by local villagers, pollution and predation by

introduced fish species.

The presence of these endemic species was one of the factors that led to the lake being declared a 'Wetland of International Importance' under the Ramsar Convention in

The Lae International Hotel

In the heart of Lae



Accommodation

Apartments
Suites
Executive Rooms
Deluxe Rooms

Convention & Business Centre

Haus Win
Bulolo Room
Board Room

Restaurants

Vanda Fine Dining
Kokomo's Coffee Shop
Luluai's Italian Restaurant

Lounges

Aero Bar
Sportsman's Bar
Tennis Court
Swimming Pool
Aerobics
Gymnasium

Fitness Centre

And more ... Travel Agency, Gift Shop
Boutique, Car Rental

DIRECT DIAL RESERVATIONS (675) 472 7000

Ph: 472 2000 Fax: 472 2534
4th Street, Lae, PO Box 2774 LAE



An Oasis of Luxury

Email: laeinter@global.net.pg



1998. Lake Kutubu and its environs is also a Wildlife Management Area, recognised by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

The day's events ended with the award of prizes to the winners, and almost all runners up, of the various competitions and the

distribution of more educational posters by the WWF team - a fun day that also reinforced some important environmental messages.

It is a testament to the petroleum developers, the activities of the WWF project officers who have been in the area since the start of oil

production and attitude of the local villagers themselves that the environment of Lake Kutubu is almost as pristine today as when it was first discovered by the outside world in the 1930s.

Let's hope it stays that way!



THE INTELLIGENT CHOICE IN BUSINESS PHONE SYSTEMS.



To stay in touch with the current trend of business demands, Telikom is offering these new business systems to meet your telecommunications needs and gives you competitive edge.

Aristel DV-38 Key System

- this telephone system is a digital telecommunication device for small and medium size enterprises. The system provides PCM, TDM switch mode, superb and stable voice quality.

Alcatel OmniPCX Office e-50 PABX System

- the PABX system with a capacity of 16 to 56 users brings advanced telephony, internet and data solution, fully featured and easy to use.

Alcatel OmniPCX Office e-50 PABX is a single, integrated communication system that can provide advanced telephony (TDM and IP), shared images, high speed Internet access, e-mail, LAN switching, etc.



TELIKOM PNG LIMITED
Always there!

For more information, call into the nearest Telikom Business Office or:
contact Sales on Telephone (675) 300 4046, Facsimile: (675) 323 3653,
Email: sales@telikompng.com.pg, Website: www.telikompng.com.pg

Lagoon Restaurant...relaxing setting for succulent seafood feast.



Family-friendly and relaxing SOFITEL

By Briar Jensen

A gentle breeze cools the evening air as we sit in the open-sided pavilion, surrounded by lily ponds. Fragrant frangipanis, underscored by brilliant bougainvillea fringe the pond, illuminated by flaming lanterns.

It's a relaxing setting for our succulent seafood feast at Lagoon Restaurant at the Sofitel Fiji Resort and Spa at Denarau.

We're on a combined family holiday and celebratory get-together with friends (four of the adults are celebrating the same significant birthday), and combining the two proves seamless, thanks to Sofitel's extensive facilities and family-friendly philosophy. Both adults and children are having heaps of fun.

VSAT TECHNOLOGY



Telikom's powerful new communications tool, the VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) system offers a wide range of satellite solutions to deliver voice, internet, and other solutions to different array of users' nation wide. It is the perfect technology platform to deliver vital communications link within the reach of isolated PNG communities. VSAT is smaller, less expensive, less power-dependent and is a simple modern technology creating communications revolution in Papua New Guinea.

Customers can choose from these ranges of VSAT systems that suits their individual business communications needs:-

VSAT Broadband

Telikom's VSAT service connects customers through satellite from any location to enable high speed Internet access. It can carry voice, high speed data and internet services simultaneously. The technology is proven for companies with wide ranging operations.

TELI-SAT

Telikom's Teli-Sat service is the ultimate solution for communities and businesses in areas where fixed line and internet services are currently not available.

This system provides six telephony lines and an optional IP port. Through its carriage of voice and IP services, low cost Teli-Sat is opening up the world of telephony and Internet communications to previously isolated areas of Papua New Guinea.

For information: Telikom Sales Division
Ph: (675) 300 4046
Fax: (657) 323 3653

Email: sales@telikompng.com.pg
Website: www.telikompng.com.pg



TELIKOM PNG LIMITED

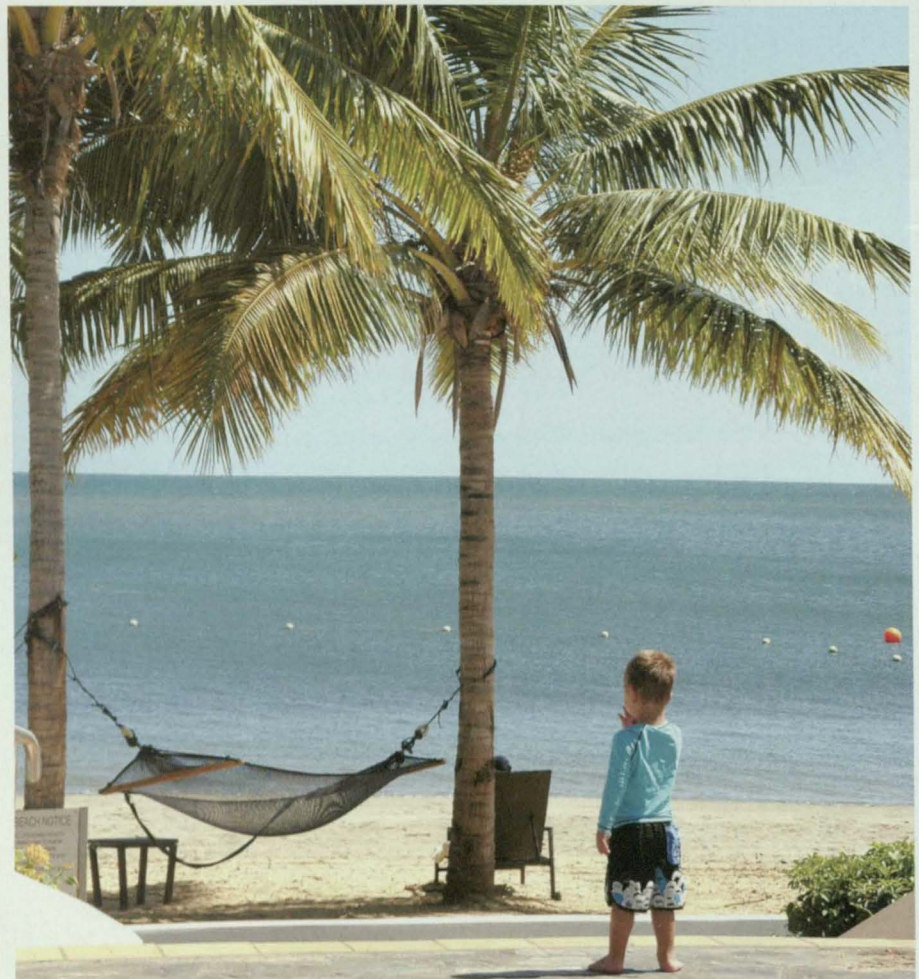
Always there!

The lagoon-style pool has zones for the whole family.

Sailing, jet skiing and parasailing are all available.



The private beach is a great place for children.



The hotel offers our family - first time Fiji visitors - a welcome introduction to Fijian culture. Broadly smiling staff offer a friendly "Bula" at every turn, local musicians play throughout the resort and Fijian artefacts adorn the buildings.

My favourite is a collection of tapa cloth clothing, including an elaborate wedding dress. Lessons in weaving, pottery and dance are offered throughout the week for those wanting to learn local skills.

The resort includes the usual five-star facilities, such as enormous lagoon-style pool, private beachfront, sophisticated spa, kids club and a selection of shops.

Water activities of jet skiing, sailing, kayaking and parasailing ensure there's plenty of variety for an extended stay.

In fact I'm wishing we were here for longer than our four days, as we're having trouble fitting everything in.

The pool is our favourite spot. A shallow end allows littlies to splash about safely, while a spiral slide entertains older kids, but there's room for swimming and general water fun too, including aqua aerobics under the tutelage of Kolinio Temo, activities supervisor and recent recipient of the tourism 'Frontliner of the Year' award.



NASFUND
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

"Leader in Superannuation"

THE NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION FUND OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Service with Value



**NASFUND
CONTRIBUTORS
SAVINGS & LOAN
SOCIETY**

www.ncsl.com.pg

Short term savings facility

EDA SUPA



Voluntary superannuation



**MEMBERSHIP
DISCOUNT
PROGRAM**

Save when you shop



TEXT BAL

Get your balance on
your Mobile Phone



**PNG BUSINESS
COALITION
AGAINST HIV & AIDS**

www.baha.com.pg

Strong social awareness program



**RETIREMENT
SAVINGS
ACCOUNT**

Earning an income in retirement



WILL KIT

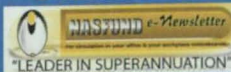
Access through the
NASFUND website

Secure your assets

E-NOVATION
enovation

Electronic services

E-NEWSLETTER



itsupport@nasfund.com.pg

Keeping you informed

Principles of Value



GOVERNANCE



TRANSPARENCY



ACCOUNTABILITY



REFORM



INTEGRITY



COMMITMENT



SERVICE



SOCIAL AWARENESS

- fastest growing superannuation fund in Papua New Guinea
- demonstrated commitment to strong corporate governance regime
- strong focus on client service delivery

www.nasfund.com.pg

Proud to be Papua New Guinea's No.1 Superannuation Fund!

Call us on:

Port Moresby 325 9522

* Alotau 641 0162 * Buka 973 9050 * Goroka 732 1089

* Kavieng 984 1599 * Kimbe 983 4114 * Kokopo 982 8730

* Lae 472 4633 * Madang 852 1835 * Mt. Hagen 542 3145

* Popondetta 329 7400 * Tabubil 548 8091 * Wewak 856 1010



www.baha.com.pg

MEMBER

With imported sand, it's not the South Pacific idyll but it is a sandy beach with hammocks under the palm trees and sun loungers facing the water.



In a hammock and watching the world go by.

While there's plenty of pool space, it's the deck chairs that garner competition, with many guests selfishly claiming one with their towel before they head off to breakfast.

My girlfriend persuaded me to bring my sports clothes to try out the hotel's gym, but we never made it.

She and her husband walk the perimeter of the adjacent golf course each morning, but my exercise is limited to the pool and walking along the beachfront.

With imported sand, it's not the South Pacific idyll, but it is a sandy beach, with hammocks under the palm trees and sun loungers facing the water.

While three years old, the Sofitel still holds its own against the newer hotels on Denarau Island. All 296 rooms, with beach or garden views, have a balcony or ground floor terrace.

Innovative family rooms combine a queen bed with partitioned corner for the kids with bunks and a Sony PlayStation, and include a bath as well as a shower. Location on the ground floor means the kids can run around the extensive gardens while you relax on the terrace with a drink. But if you want time alone, local nannies and babysitters are available too.



B MOBILE

INTERNATIONAL ROAMING

Telikom PNG Ltd has achieved another highly diversified milestone. With its constant and aggressive drive to offer telecommunications services, as our "Our Communications Company", nationally and internationally, it has added into its Services Portfolio, the B Mobile Global Mobile System (GSM) International Roaming (IR). The World Mobile Operators have seen and have a confident belief in Telikom PNG Ltd, and that is possible through commercial International Roaming Agreement.

The GSM Mobile International Roaming is a premium service complimenting the B Mobile Postpaid Service. The service facilitates both Outbound and Inbound Roamers. The services include voice, SMS, supplementary services and possibly data services.

The outbound service is available to customers who subscribe to B Mobile Postpaid service. Under the IR services, Papua New Guineans are given the opportunity to roam to other countries using their B Mobile postpaid Mobile. Telikom PNG Ltd will endeavour to cover destinations that many nationals visit and conduct business.

Telikom PNG Ltd, is also offering IR (inbound) service to incoming business, tourists and visiting travelers visiting PNG. These visitors can come into PNG and use their Mobiles to make calls and receive calls using B Mobile.



TELIKOM PNG LIMITED
Always there!

For more information contact:

Mobility Sales on Telephone (675) 323 5555, Facsimile: (675) 323 2554,
Email: mobility@telikompng.com.pg, Website: www.telikompng.com.pg

As our children are older, 12 and 16, we have gone for adjoining rooms with interconnecting door - perfect for nipping through to wake them up or when they require us to sunscreen their backs.

Our room, with its king size bed, includes a sofa and table with two chairs. Additional chairs on the balconies mean there's plenty of seating when we all get together.

The children's room has two double beds and both rooms feature walk-in wardrobes with plenty of storage space for luggage and awkward items like snorkelling gear.

The bathrooms are cleverly designed with toilet and shower behind a closed door, with a separate vanity area overlooking the room, allowing the flow of natural light, although shutters offer privacy if required.

While many hotel bathrooms don't have room for a single toiletry bag, this vanity area, almost the width of the room, has the luxury of extensive shelf space for the myriad bags of toiletries, sunscreens and medicines most families travel with.

Unfortunately, one of our friends finds himself locked out of his room when the battery in his electronic key lock fails, which takes an inordinate amount of time to fix.

But the only problem with our rooms, apart from a shortage of face cloths and hand towels, is the specially designed 'Sofitel MyBeds'.



A typical Sofitel room.



"We know Finance in Papua New Guinea"

- Consumer Loans
- Leasing Finance
- Personal Loans
- Commercial Property Finance
- Motor Loans
- Term Deposits

• Port Moresby: 325 4209 • Lae: 472 7240 • Mt. Hagen: 542 1492 • Goroka: 732 3504 • Kokopo: 982 8340

Head Office: 323 2399

www.fincorp.com.pg



As I suck on oysters, savour prawns and sip Sauvignon Blanc at the Lagoon with seafood lovers amongst our group, our daughter is across the pool dining with our friends in Salt Restaurant - and everyone's happy, which makes a great holiday.



SHELL OIL PRODUCTS (PNG) LIMITED

Incorporated in Papua New Guinea, Registered User of Shell, Post Office Box 921, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Telephone (675) 321 6102. Facsimile (675) 321 6287
Shell Jacksons Depot Telephone (675) 325 5520. Facsimile (675) 325 9278

They are too cosy and comfortable; I don't want to get up in the mornings and neither does our daughter, who actually sleeps until lunchtime the first three days.

But my husband drags me off to the buffet breakfast, which I'm thrilled to find, includes complimentary French Champagne.

Nothing like bubbles in the morning to kick start your day. The buffet is kept full, despite some large conference groups, and we're given a takeaway continental breakfast box for our sleepyhead daughter.

Although we're inclined not to leave the resort, we do manage a few excursions. Taking the free open-sided 'Bula Bus' that stops at the hotel, we explore nearby Denarau Marina precinct and on a damp afternoon we catch a taxi into Nadi to visit the town market.

We also take a half-day tour to South Sea Island for swimming, snorkelling and generally lazing on the beach.

Unfortunately, I run out of time to indulge at Sofitel's Mandara Spa, and our son misses out on his parasail, because it's too windy.

With a choice of three restaurants and three bars, as well as numerous comfy nooks for a relaxing drink, we don't have to leave the Sofitel to dine or get bored with a single restaurant. (Though it's a bit of a worry when I find my husband is on a first name basis with all the barmen.)

We miss dining in sophisticated V Restaurant, but enjoy an Asian buffet at Lagoon and a variety of dishes at award-winning Salt, overlooking the beach. And now, on our last night we're doing both.

As I suck on oysters, savour prawns and sip Sauvignon Blanc at Lagoon, with the seafood lovers amongst our group, our daughter is across the pool dining with our friends in Salt restaurant - and everyone's happy, which makes a great holiday.



Air Niugini flies to Fiji two times a week - on Friday and Sunday.

Fact File

The Sofitel Fiji Resort and Spa, set in 26 acres of garden, is located on Denarau Island, 20 minutes drive from Nadi International Airport. A broad selection of king and queen-size rooms with resort or ocean view options, family rooms, and suites are available. Prices range from FJ\$399 (including Tax) for a resort view room and from FJ\$549 for a studio suite.

Tel: (+679) 675 1111

Email: reservations@sofitelfiji.com.fj

Website: www.sofitelfiji.com.fj



AIR BRAKE PARTS AXLE PARTS BEARINGS CONTAINER PARTS CLEANERS & DEGREASERS DIFF PARTS

WHEEL STUDS & NUTS

SUSPENSION EQUIPMENT

5TH WHEELS

ELECTRICAL PARTS ROAD TANKER EQUIPMENT LANDING LEGS HIGH TENSILE NUTS & BOLTS KING PIN KITS

BRAKE MATERIAL BRAKE DRUMS & SPIDERS FORKLIFT PARTS CLUTCH





Sampans stand out in contrast to the high-rise buildings of Hong Kong.

ISLAND OF CONTRASTS

By Susan Eames

Jumbo Kingdom floating restaurant dominates Aberdeen Harbour.





Extra platforms tethered to tanka houseboats.



The perpetual haze that blankets Hong Kong Island is less obvious from the water. As our sampan wove between the rows of moored houseboats, we were able to catch a fascinating glimpse of life on these water-borne dwellings.

Families had expanded their sampans and junks to include small floating platforms; some loaded with potted plants.

These extra platforms were tethered to the backs of their boats. I marvelled at the ingenuity and human desire for a little patch of greenery.

We were on a boat trip in Aberdeen Harbour, located half an hour from the central business district of Hong Kong, known simply as Central.

Hong Kong's remaining fisherfolk - the tanka - live in a substantial community of up to 3,000 boats in Aberdeen Harbour.

Formerly a pirate refuge, Aberdeen Harbour was commercialised by the boat people with floating restaurants after World War II.

Arguably the most famous floating restaurant - and certainly the most visible - is Jumbo

Kingdom. The restaurant dominates a wide area of water and looks like a pile of decorative Chinese homes that someone has tumbled together.

The juxtaposition of the raggedy houseboats with the high-rise buildings and yachts in the Marina Club and Aberdeen Boat Club encapsulated the contrasts and extremes of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is called Xianggang in Mandarin, meaning 'fragrant harbour'. The Cantonese pronunciation of Xianggang sounds like Hong Kong and since the people in Hong Kong are mostly Cantonese speakers, it was their pronunciation of Xianggang that was interpreted and the name 'Hong Kong' was born.

More commonly known as Victoria Peak, Tai Ping Shan means Mountain of Great Peace. In 1880, the world's steepest funicular railway was opened to transport visitors up to The Peak.

The ride to the top from Central in the quaint old trams takes seven minutes. Cables

attached to electric motors pull the trams up and down the track. Parts of the route are so steep as to be almost vertical and I found myself involuntarily clutching my seat.

The upper terminal leads visitors into The Peak Tower, 1805 feet above sea level.

We ignored the shops, restaurants and even Madame Tussaud's wax museum and headed straight to the viewing platform on the mall's roof.



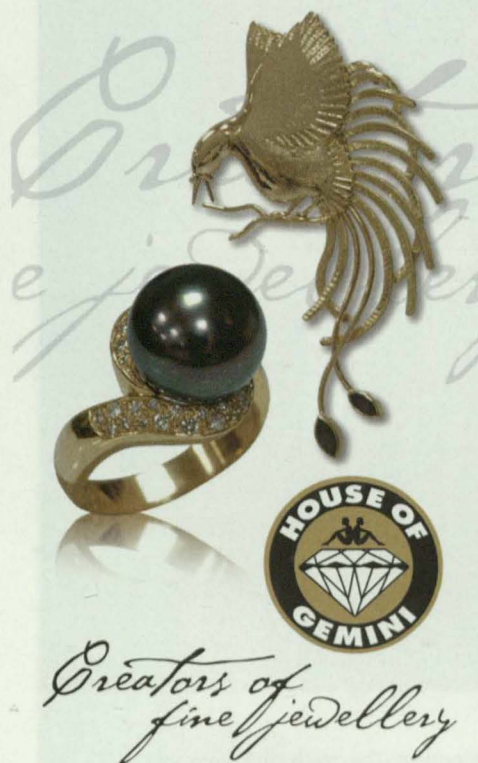
Passengers wait for The Peak Tram, the world's steepest funicular railway.

The skyscrapers of Hong Kong spread below us. Beyond the skyscrapers the harbour waters glittered and we could see tiny dots zipping back and forth across the water.

Across the harbour, bustling Kowloon and her eight distant mountains faded into the haze

like a mirage. The view was stunning, but we wanted more.

A bus ride past the Happy Valley Racecourse took us high above the city. We disembarked at one of Hong Kong's 23 parks and continued on foot up a narrow, winding track.



Level 1 A.N.G House Hunter Street Port Moresby Tel: 321 1860
Brian Bell Homemaker Centre Gordons Port Moresby
www.houseofgemini.com



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Your Investment Destination






INVESTMENT PROMOTION AUTHORITY

www.ipa.gov.pg

**“Your first Point of Call to do Business
Here in Papua New Guinea”**

P.O. Box 5093, Boroko, NCD 111, PNG

Ph: +675 308 4444 / 321 7311

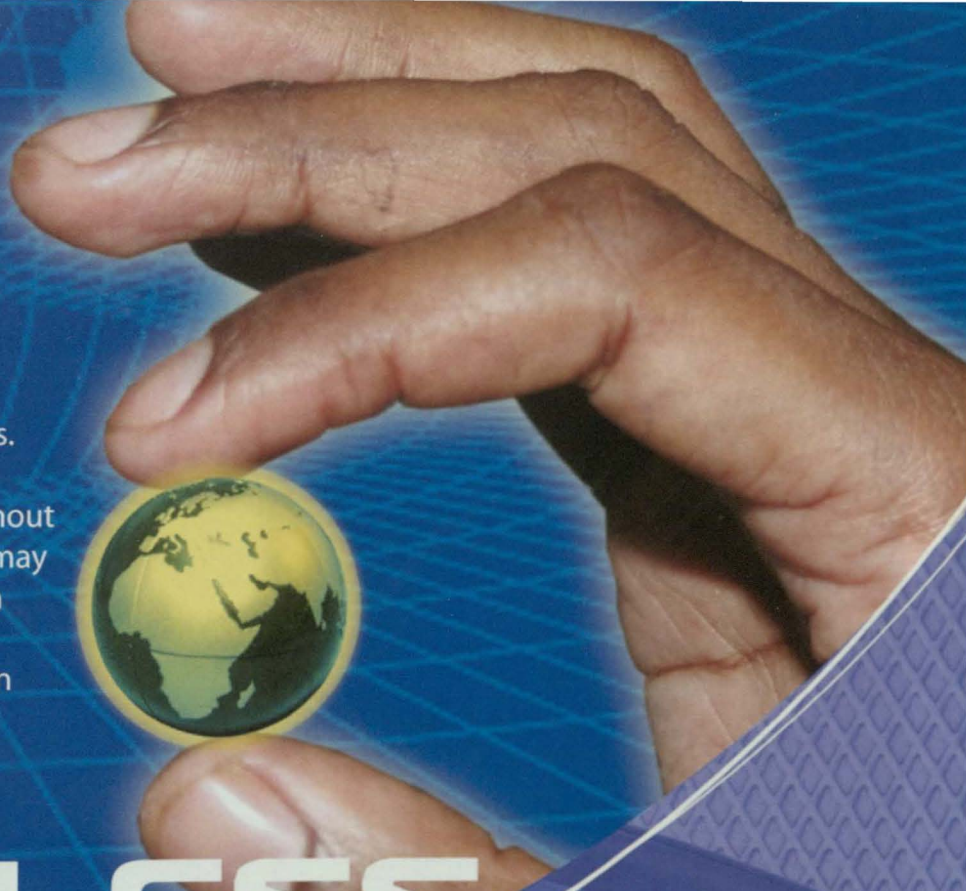
Fax: +675 320 2237 / 321 2819

Email: biepd@ipa.gov.pg or ipa@ipa.gov.pg

THE WORLD IS
SMALLER THAN
YOU THOUGHT

The world is demanding more from wireless communication technologies than ever before as more people around the world are subscribing to wireless. Wireless communications is the transmission of information without wires. Wireless communication may use radio or optical transmission for communication.

Use it at home or when you're on the road, at the beach or simply out and about town.



WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY

Telikom's Wireless Communications Technology gives you Voice Telephony and fast Internet access from anywhere within the network coverage area.

Wireless Hot Zone

- The 802.11 (Wi-Fi) Based wireless service enables customer access to internet at more than 10MBPS within Telikom's Hot Zone areas (e.g. Airports)

Fixed Wireless Telephone & Data Services

- An exciting Wireless technology that provides wireless telephony and data services and applications such as wireless email, web, digital picture taking/sending, TV broadcasting, etc.

Broadband Wireless Access

- Based on WiMAX, this communications technology provides Internet access at broadband speeds, Point - Multipoint Data service telephony and fax services

For more information contact:

Sales on Telephone (675) 300 4046, Facsimile: (675) 323 3653,

Email: sales@telikompng.com.pg, Website: www.telikompng.com.pg



TELIKOM PNG LIMITED

Always there!



Hong Kong from near the top looks like a watercolour.

A panorama of emerald green mountains, forests and islands lay before us. Clouds diffused the sun's rays. The gauzy light softened the distant landmarks, painting the scene like a watercolour.

The skyscrapers of Central were still evident, but we felt remote and disembodied from the city. With nothing but the birds for company, we drank in a view that lent Hong Kong an atmospheric aura entirely different to the view from The Peak.

The ferry pier to take people back and forth between Hong Kong Island and Kowloon has been in operation since 1898.

The distinctive old green and white Star Ferries that ply the harbour waters are a must-do for first time visitors to Hong Kong.

We bought our tickets and joined the throng of people as they jostled and hurried along the gangplank onto the ferry.

The ferries don't turn around and I was

delighted by the ingenious way the rows of seats could be flipped around so that you can always face the direction of travel.

Kowloon has a different flavour to Hong Kong Island.

Awash with shopping opportunities, it nevertheless doesn't have the feeling of wealth and striking modernity of Hong Kong's Central. We were immediately hustled by would-be tailors offering to make my husband a suit.

Japan's No1. Vehicles Supplier

AUTOREC

Direct Imports

www.autorec.co.jp

Keyword : "Paradise Autorec"
Please mention the keyword when ordering.
We would give you PGK 300 discount!!

Autorec (PNG) Ltd.

P.O.Box 1821, Boroko, NCD Papua New Guinea
 Phone +675 6389341 or 71884240
 E-Mail : autorecpng@hotmail.co.jp

Autorec Enterprise, Ltd. Japan

Phone +81 567-56-6111 Fax +81 567-56-6511



View of Hong Kong from The Peak.

Star Ferries ply back and forth between Hong Kong and Kowloon.

A long walk up to Temple Street Night Market proved a disappointment. I had cajoled my husband to visit Temple Street because I was hoping to find some irresistible bargains in a traditional Chinese market. Instead we found stall upon stall of touristy souvenirs.

However the trip to Kowloon was worth it for the evening return journey to Hong Kong Island.

Apart from the wonderful neon-lit buildings, Hong Kong dazzles every night under a synchronized laser show called Symphony of Lights.

Viewed from the water as we crossed back from Kowloon, the show was spectacular.

Many of the skyscrapers of Central are eye





Premium Quality

Dolly

Healthy flavoured tuna delights

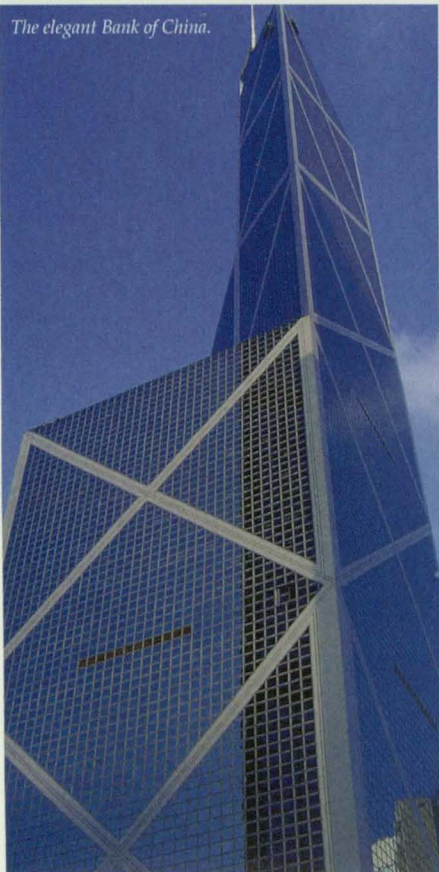


Manufactured by:
RD Tuna Cannery Ltd





The elegant Bank of China.



Temple Street Night Market in Kowloon.

catching, but for me, none more so than the Bank of China tower. Chinese American architect, I.M. Pei designed the building which was opened in 1990.

It is an elegant piece of architecture with a geometric pattern running across the facades inspired by 'the elegant stature of bamboo'.

At a height of 367.4 metres including its 50 metre masts, the building was the tallest in Hong Kong when it was completed in 1989 and remains one of the tallest to this day.

As we wandered the streets I was struck by the high and low-tech contrasts in this city. Modern buildings and expensive designer

CONXIONS
Limited

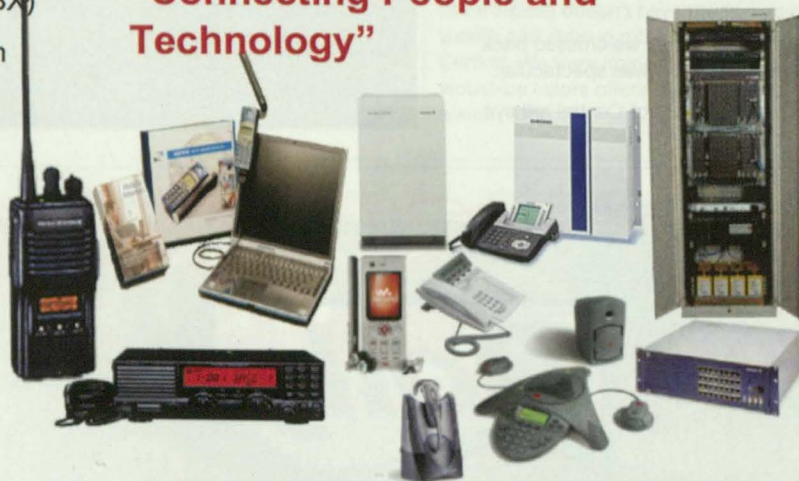
Telstra Business Systems
Solutions and Services Partner

TEL: 325 6566
FAX: 325 4443



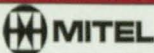
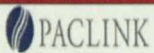
- ✓ Business Telephone System (PBX)
- ✓ Radio & Satellite Communication
- ✓ GSM Mobile & Fixed Phones
- ✓ GSM Repeaters & Boosters
- ✓ Voice & Data Integration
- ✓ Wireless Solution
- ✓ Voice & Data Cabling
- ✓ Telecommunication cables
- ✓ Consulting Services
- ✓ Training

"Connecting People and Technology"



Kunai Street Hohola, P.O Box 5602, Boroko, POM & First Floor ANZ Haus Lae

Email: sales@conxions.com.pg or support@conxions.com.pg





Old fashioned trams traverse Hong Kong's modern streets.

shops towered above roads with old fashioned transportation in the form of trams.

The spotlessly clean city streets sometimes carried the reek of drains. A building under renovation was clad in simple bamboo scaffolding. A short walk from Central and we were immersed in a very Chinese area of


open-fronted shops selling barrel loads of pungent smelling dried seafood products.

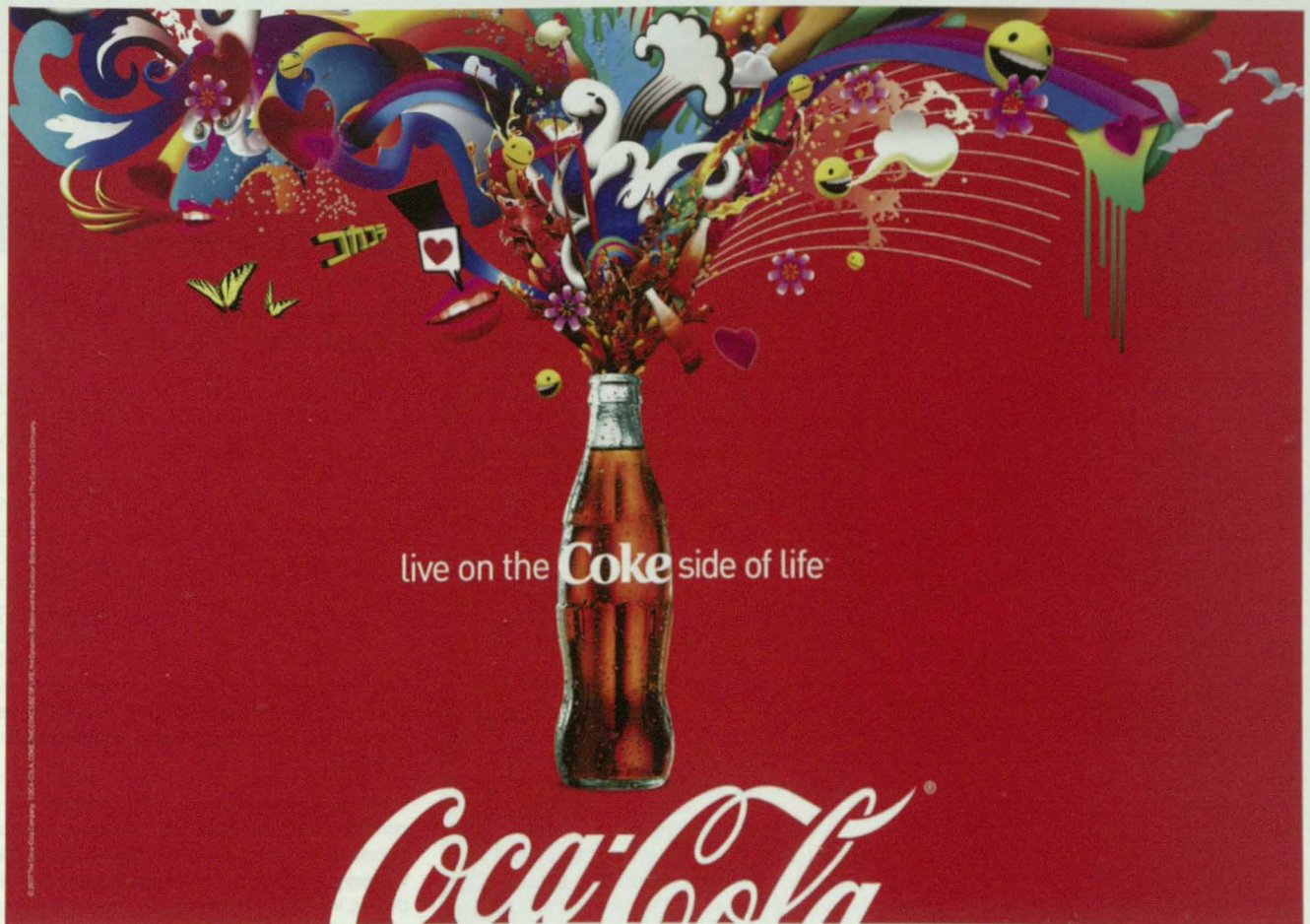
We ate delicious breakfast dumplings for a dollar in a sidewalk café and drank outrageously expensive coffee in the Mandarin Oriental Hotel after lunch. We ate fancy smoked trout salad in one restaurant and narrowly avoided 'sour

vegetable and pig's hand soup' in another.

From its antiquated forms of transport to its high-tech skyscrapers, Hong Kong is a vibrant, fascinating island of contrasts.



 **Air Niugini flies once a week - on Monday - to Hong Kong.**



live on the **Coke** side of life

Coca-Cola

© 1997 The Coca-Cola Company. "Coca-Cola" is a trademark of The Coca-Cola Company. "live on the Coke side of life" is a trademark of The Coca-Cola Company.



SYDNEY

GLINTS LIKE AN EMERALD

By Julie Ihle

From the moment dawn breaks on the harbour, highlighting the billowing Opera House sails and polishing the Harbour Bridge, Sydney glints like an emerald.

We have started early, on a weekend break from Sydney's suburban outskirts, and are keen to experience as much of our city as possible, even though we'll only skim the surface of Sydney's attractions.

We kick off with pancakes and a round of bacon washed down with a heart-starter espresso at the Opera House forecourt. With reasonable prices and a million dollar view, we

feel like we've won the jackpot but we don't want to be late for our Opera House behind-the-scenes tour, so there's no ordering another round.

We meet our group for the Opera House backstage tour and follow guide Peter Salina to discover the inner workings of Australia's most famous structure.

Peter leads us down a labyrinth of secret corridors and dark alleyways where we see row upon row of costumes and sets in storage; as well as sound rooms, orchestra pits and loading docks. We take a peek inside a dressing room



The behind-the-scenes tours of the Opera House are nearly as popular as the front-of-the-house tours and I know I'll never look at a performance the same way again.



and can almost smell the nerves mingled with anticipation, and then get to check out a live rehearsal. The behind-the-scenes tours of the Opera House are nearly as popular as the front-of-the-house tours, and I know I'll never look at a performance the same way again.

From the Opera House, it's a short and scenic stroll around Circular Quay to The Rocks for our BridgeClimb. The BridgeClimb walks are one of Sydney's most popular activities, after founder, Paul Cave, took ten years of working through red tape to finally establish. We don our very unflattering slate grey overalls and release our valuables to the locker, but any fashion faux pas are worth the wraparound view of the city from on high, and leave us busy planning a night climb next time.

From The Rocks, there's a myriad of eateries to tempt us: from a German beer hall to modern Australian, Italian or Japanese. We choose modern Australian and chow down in a bistro garden courtyard where the dappled sun makes it very hard to leave.



a quality product of The Coca-Cola Company
NATURE'S OWN[®]
Purified Water

PNG's OWN[®] WATER

Nature's Own[®] 2003 is a registered trademark of The Coca-Cola Company



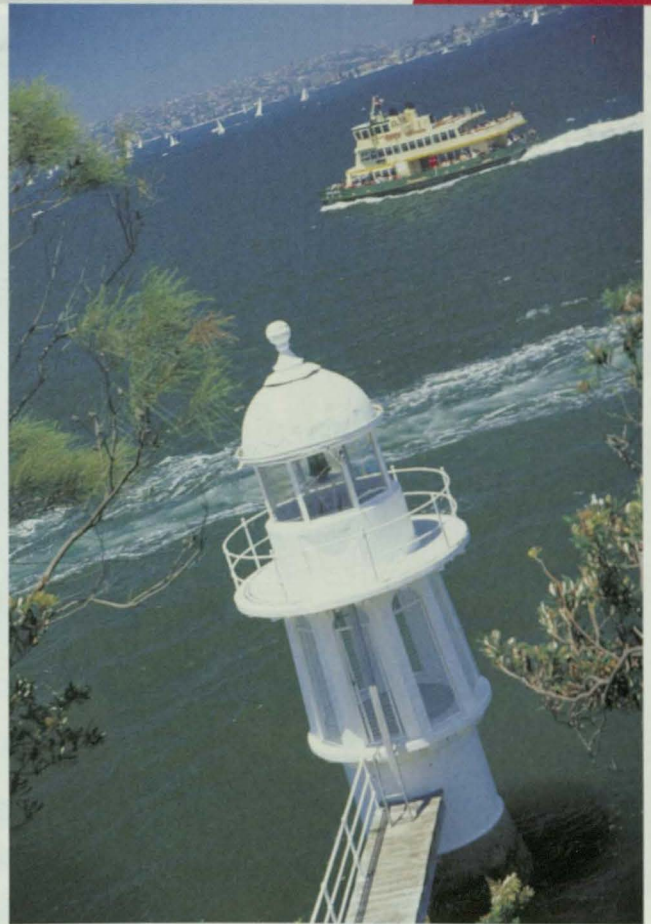
At Circular Quay you can catch a ferry to just about anywhere, and it is still the best and cheapest way to feel like a local.

As the scene of Australia's oldest European settlement, The Rocks is a fascinating maze of convict hewn stone buildings and alleyways. It houses Australia's oldest pub - The Fortune of War - and at night ghost tours of The Rocks are said to be genuinely scary. Looking up the jumble of rough sandstone alleyways, it's easy to believe there might be a few tales to tell.

At Circular Quay you can catch a ferry to just about anywhere, and it is still the best and cheapest way to feel like a local. Ferries head to Parramatta, Hunters Hill, Watson's Bay (for Doyles famous fish and chips) and Manly. We take the iconic Manly ferry and once we reach the heads that mark the harbour's entrance, as if on queue, the ferry rocks up and down before chugging into the calm waters of Manly Cove.

Manly was named by Governor Phillip, Australia's first governor. On an expedition to explore the northern beaches, he thought the aboriginal men there looked very masculine and so Manly was named. Today there is plenty of masculinity on display lying on the beach, surfing waves, paddling kayaks or windsurfing.

Despite the activity, there are ample opportunities for getting away from it all. Walk a short distance to prettily named Fairy Bower which lives up to its name and feels like a secret enclave, though it's only a stone's throw from Manly.



Total Office & Document Management Solutions

- Konica Minolta Copier & Printer Range
- ZyLAB Digital Document Storage Solutions
- Computers & Accessories
- Printer, Copier & Fax Supplies
- Network Solutions
- Point of Sales Systems
- PrintSmart - Facility Management
- Brother Wholesaler

PNG's Only Authorised Dealer of ZyLAB & Konica Minolta

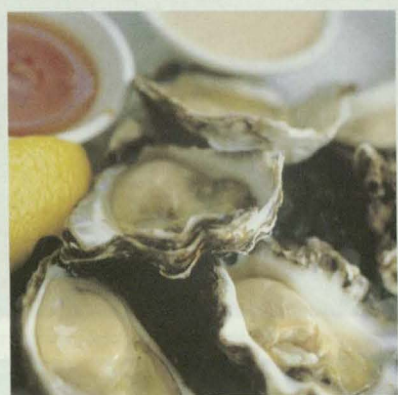
•Goroka•Kokopo•Lae•Madang•Mt Hagen•Wewak•Kimbe



RemingtonTechnologies
PRINT & DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS

www.remington.com.pg

Munidubu St, Konedobu Phone: 321 1100 Fax: 321 3185



Sydney is spoiled for dining choice – there's Vietnamese at Cabramatta, authentic Chinese at Haymarket, Portuguese at Petersham and Greek at Marrickville.



Manly is also the starting point for a great Sydney bushwalk, the Manly to The Spit trail, encompassing coastal and bush views, city look outs and even one of Sydney's nudist beaches!

Having bridge climbed, opera housed and ferried our way through Sydney, we reckon we have earned some good food and wine so we head to Leichhardt, Sydney's Italian precinct, for a sumptuous southern Italian feast at Elio restaurant.

Sydney is spoiled for dining choice – there's Vietnamese at Cabramatta, authentic Chinese at Haymarket, Portuguese at Petersham, Greek at Marrickville, whereas Newtown offers a world tour simply by strolling the restaurant strip.

We set out early the next day with a tour of the fish markets at Pyrmont followed by breakfast and then drive a short distance to Olympic Park. Dusting off its white elephant status following the 2000 Olympics, Olympic Park is now an arts, sports and cultural precinct. We try the new Segway tours, an eco-friendly personal transporter. No experience is required - just willingness to feel like a fool for a few minutes before you get hang of it - then it's great fun for kids and big kids alike.

We can take the popular sports lovers tour that shows visitors behind the scenes of Olympic Stadium, but instead hire bikes and explore the 35km of bicycle tracks through mangroves and past rusting shipwrecks in Homebush Bay. Apart from the distant traffic din, it's hard to believe we're in the middle of a metropolis.



From Sydney Olympic Park you can spear west to explore the Blue Mountains but we'll leave it for another day. In one weekend we have barely scratched the surface of everything Sydney has to offer. But as we relax at Bacar restaurant in Olympic Park's boutique hotel, The Pullman, devouring seared scallops and to-die-for ocean trout we have huge smiles on our faces.



Air Niugini flies direct to Sydney twice a week - on Friday and Sunday.

• For more information on fares and flight schedules, check www.airniugini.com.pg
More: visit www.sydney.com - Sydney's tourist information site.



ESCO

LIMITED

For a complete range of Wholesale Electrical Supplies

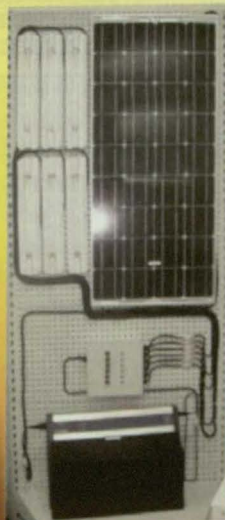


Available from Esco & authorised distributors

COMPLETE RANGE OF:

- SOLAR WORLD PANELS
- VILLAGE LIGHTING KITS
- SOLAR REGULATORS
- SOLAR BATTERIES
- 12 VOLT LIGHTS & CABLES
- 12 VOLT SOLAR PUMPS
- 12V & 24V INVERTERS
- SOLAR REFRIGERATION

Also
Maintenance free VRLA
Batteries for UPS Systems
Emergency Lighting
& Security System



Port Moresby

P.O. Box 143, Boroko
Ph: 325 5300
Fax: 325 9020
Email: admin@pom.esco.com.pg

Lae

P.O. Box 1806, Lae
Ph: 472 1933
Fax: 472 3043

Mt Hagen

P.O. Box 88, Mt Hagen
Ph: 542 3073
Fax: 542 2737

Rabaul / Kokopo

P.O. Box 2153, Rabaul
Ph: 982 9154
Fax: 982 9170

Kimbe

P.O. Box 99, Kimbe
Ph: 983 4205
Fax: 983 4214

Solar World

"when everyday is a sun day"



frangipani
CAR HIRE

NOW OPEN
IN KAVIENG



- ✓ Modern Fleet
- ✓ Clean Reliable Vehicles
- ✓ Chauffeur can be provided

- ✓ Friendly & Helpful Staff
- ✓ Excellent Quality Service
- ✓ Child seats available

Central Reservations
Head Office: Kokopo
Phone: 982 9311
Facsimile: 982 9335
Email: frangipani@datec.net.pg

Port Moresby Branch
Phone: 321 0913
Facsimile: 321 0841
Email: rk_frangipani@datec.net.pg

Kimbe Branch
Phone: 983 5800
Facsimile: 983 5800
Email: frangipani@datec.net.pg

Kavieng Branch
Phone: 984 2616
Facsimile: 984 2616
Email: frangipani@datec.net.pg

Helping to Promote Tourism in Papua New Guinea www.frangipani.com.pg

JDA Wokman has been operating in Papua New Guinea for over 20 years. We provide a comprehensive and innovative range of human resources management services to the Mining, Petroleum, Manufacturing, Agricultural and General Sectors.

Our services include:

- Recruiting skilled PNG citizen personnel
- Recruiting skilled expatriate personnel from our international database, including SE Asia
- Payroll bureau services
- Processing of work permits, visas and immigration
- Professional staff and trades contract labour
- Cultural induction, airport meet and greet



WOKMAN LTD
'First by Choice'

Contact our Port Moresby office:

E : Information@wokman.com.pg

T : + 675 321 0800

F : + 675 321 0806

www.jdawokman.com.pg

JDA Wokman Limited Level 6 - Pacific Place Cnr Musgrave St & Champion Pde Port Moresby NCD Papua New Guinea



**The Leading Security
and Communications Organisation
in Papua New Guinea.**



- Static and mobile security
- Armed and unarmed escorts
- Attack dog security teams
- Client radio network support and monitoring
- Extensive UHF and VHF radio network
- 24 hour monitoring control room
- Linked monitored alarm systems
- Supply & service of fixed and hand held radios
- Satellite voice and data communication systems
- CCTV security installation and service

Head Office: Port Moresby Phone: 325 6377 Fax: 325 8204 www.prosec.com.pg

Branch Offices: Lae, Madang, Goroka, Rabaul, Kimbe & Mt Hagen

My first experience of this was via the humble cheese and cracker chow down; the cream cheese is laced with real gold leaf.

CHAIRMAN KAGA RULES

By Rob Dunlop

I'm not at all surprised by the foodie shenanigans going on in Kanazawa, central Japan.

It's the home town of Takeshi Kaga, the fabulously eccentric MC, Chairman Kaga, of the cult television program, the Iron Chef.

Yes, he may be a mad-hatter, and I can't help by being framed by his flamboyant antics and demands for truly unique food when I visit his birthplace. But I also discover there are too many home truths to think otherwise.

In the show, Chairman Kaga rules his clan of Iron Chefs from his castle. During the Feudal Period, Kanazawa was the capital of the Kaga domain and was ruled from Kanazawa castle by a powerful samurai clan who were partial

to gardening, the arts and culinary expression, even influencing the development of the tea ceremony and accompanying sweet treats.

According to legend, Kanazawa means golden stream and was named for a potato farmer who discovered gold dust on his potatoes in a marsh. Ever since, the loopy Kanazawans have been sprinkling gold leaf on their food.

My first experience of this was via the humble cheese and cracker chow down; the cream cheese is laced with real gold leaf. But they're just showing off. Today, Kanazawa accounts for 99% of Japan's gold leaf production.

Here are the best of bizarre foodie experiences in Kanazawa:



Kanazawa Castle

ARE YOU READY FOR LNG IN PNG? BISHOP BROTHERS ARE

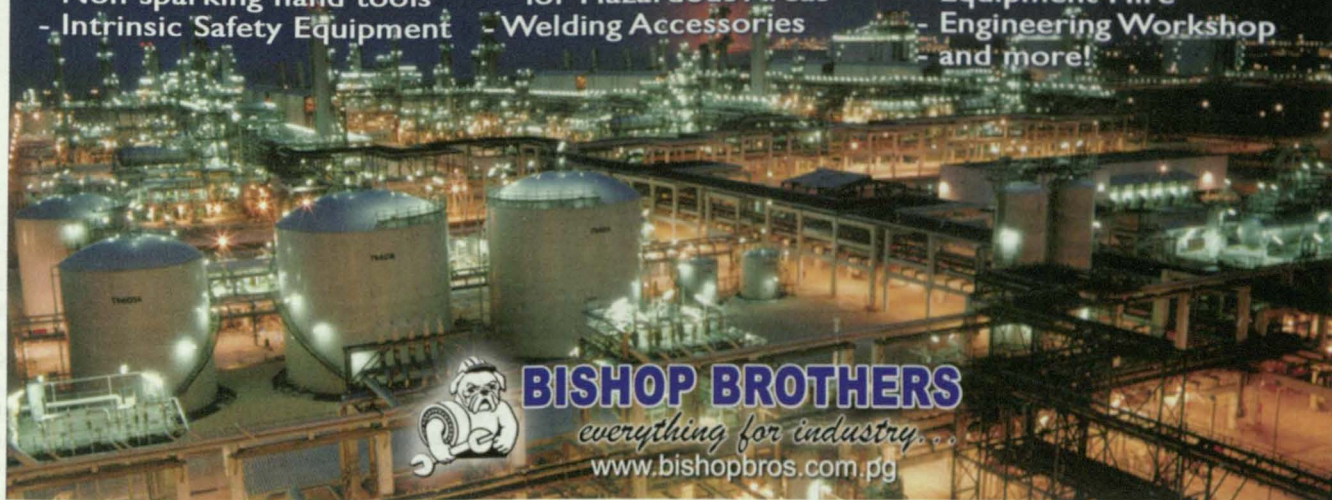


EGA Master S.A.



ALFAGOMMA CMG

- World Class Bearings
- Hydraulic Hose & Fittings
- Non sparking hand tools
- Intrinsic Safety Equipment
- 1000Volt Hand Tools
- Electric Motors Certified for Hazardous Areas
- Welding Accessories
- Clothing and Footwear
- Construction Equipment
- Equipment Hire
- Engineering Workshop and more!



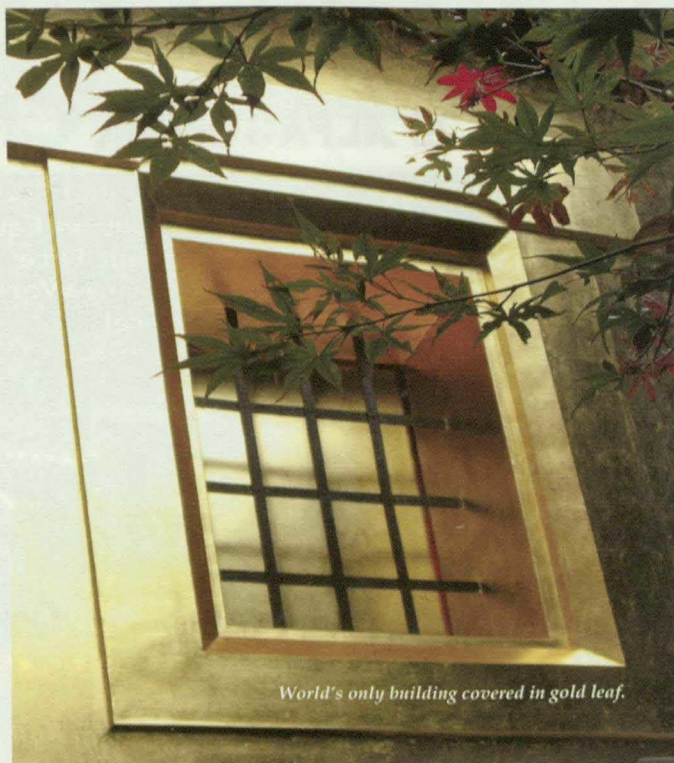
BISHOP BROTHERS

everything for industry...
www.bishopbros.com.pg

Beautiful timber finishes, low lighting and traditional seating hits the right spot, along with the perfect synchronicity of liquid dispensing: sake, beer and soy sauce. And there's gold leaf aplenty.



Iron Chefs at Bistro Kamiya Ichibe.



World's only building covered in gold leaf.

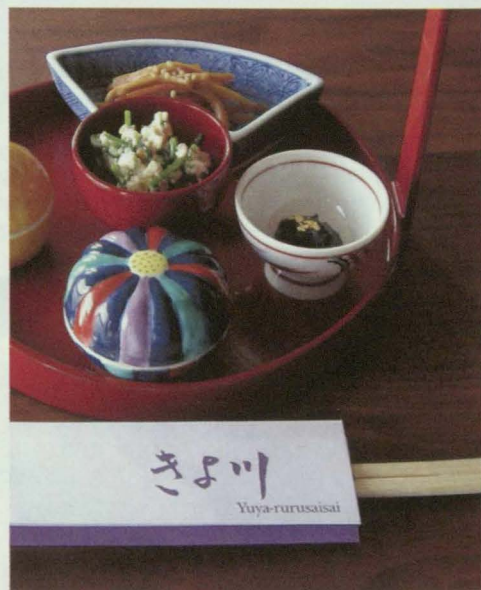
Bistro Kamiya Ichibe

Chairman Kaga would be well impressed by the iron chef serving up a shepherd's pie (yes, shepherd's pie) within the confines of this former 120 year old timber paper storehouse.

The salivating fusion of traditional Japanese and western food makes the bistro one of Kanazawa's hippest restaurants. Beautiful timber finishes, low lighting, and traditional seating hits the right spot, along with the perfect synchronicity of liquid dispensing: sake, beer and soy sauce. And there's gold leaf aplenty. Address is 1-8-21 Katamachi, Kanazawa.

Sweet Potato

You suspect foodies might have taken things too far when the local Mr Whippy has sold out to vegetables. Small white pick-up trucks loaded with local indigenous sweet potato, Gorojima Kintoki, and kitted out with gas cookers in the back cruise the streets at night. Their slow, deep, baratone spruiking from a loudspeaker fails to win me over. "Sweet potato, sweet potato." Head to Canal Street at night to catch their blasphemous larking, then pop into one the many funky cafés for a parfait of ice-cream instead.

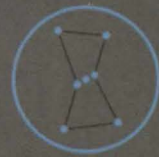


Higashi Chaya
(Geisha area).

Gold leaf
sprinkled on
food.

Geisha Treats

The Higashi Chaya area is the largest of Kanazawa's remaining geisha districts. The well-preserved, wooden, two-story geisha houses known as chaya are open to the public, and a number have been converted into shops and restaurants. The Hotaruya restaurant offers authentic experiences, like unravelling a creature from a shell similar to that of twisting a corkscrew. But when I request a loo stop, female kimono-clad staff have replaced my smelly runners with wooden thongs and instruct me in how to pee against a window. It is a bizarre and unsettling experience, but tranquil, fresh running water washes all shame away.



OrionGroup

Orion Project Services (PNG) Ltd

Working for you from
Port Moresby soon!

Orion Group is a service company supplying personnel to clients on a world-wide basis. We are a recognised supplier of personnel to the Oil and Gas and Resources Industries globally and are actively involved in the future plans and support for the LNG industry in PNG.

We specialise in Project Infrastructure Services and offer many years of skill and experience in this field.

Services we are able to offer but are not limited to are:

Service and supply of labour in the following areas:

1. Local PNG citizens skilled, semi-skilled and professional personnel
2. Foreign professional and skilled personnel available instantly from our worldwide database (including SE Asia)

Value Functions:

1. Pay-rolling
2. HR functions including transport and logistic services
3. Assistance with Work Permits and Work Visa sponsorships
4. Training Facilitation

Please contact us to see
how we can help you

Orion Engineering Services (Aust) Pty Ltd

Ph: +61 (8) 9270 6999

Fax: +61 (8) 9270 6900

Email: perth@orioneng.com.au

Registered Office PNG
C/- PLN

Level 3, Cnr Champion Pde
and Musgrave St
Port Moresby

www.orioneng.com

**'People are our
business worldwide'**

SP LAGER

The Pride of PNG
is now in
Queensland,
Australia



Available in these fine establishments:

Spiro's Bottle Shop
97-105 Latrobe Tce
Paddington Qld 4046
Phone: 3369 1782

Spiro's Bottle Shop
151-171 Roma Street
Brisbane Qld 4000
Phone: 3211 3777

Aubrey Street Cellars
Shop 1/31 Aubrey St
Surfers Paradise QLD 4217
Phone: 5538 2600

Spiro's Bottle Shop
2/535 Milton Road
Toowong Qld 4066
Phone: 38711 1752

Acacia Ridge Hotel
1386 Beaudesert Road
Acacia Ridge Qld 4101
Phone: 3275 1444

Za BA Bottle Shop
Cosmopolitan Building
Cnr Beach Rd &
Gold Coast Highway
Surfers Paradise QLD 4217
Phone: 5526 9018

Spiro's Bottle Shop
188 Edward Street
Brisbane Qld 4000
Phone: 3221 7616

Islander Resort
Bottle Shop (Bottle O)
6 Beach Rd
Surfers Paradise QLD 4217
Phone: 5538 8000

Story Bridge Hotel
200 Main Street
Kangaroo Point, Brisbane
Queensland 4169 Australia
Phone: (07) 3391 2266

Please visit our website: www.sp.com.pg for full list

OUR BEER



Not fortuitously, the citizens of Kanazawa eat sweets for good luck and roll them out for every occasion and season.



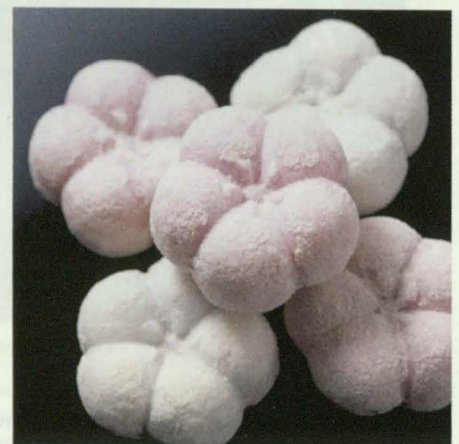
Fresh catch at Ohmi-cho Market.

Ohmi-cho Market

Visit the market where Chairman Kaga would have scored elasticised pants, sweet shrimp and snow crab. This 280 year old market, dubbed the "Kitchen of the Kanazawa," is a colourful array of stalls selling fresh seafood caught in the Sea of Japan, fruit, vegetables and daggly clothing. Look out for the tiny river fish, gori, a local delicacy usually given the complete tempura treatment. The 170-stall market is located in the Aokusa-machi area and is open daily from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.


Sweet Treats

You've got to love a people whose cultural activities include confectionary making and tea ceremonies. Not fortuitously, the citizens of Kanazawa eat sweets for good luck and roll them out for every occasion and season. To prepare for summer, the Manju, sweet bean cakes, are eaten to ensure the family's health during the heat. Sweet. Kaikaro



Fukuume (sweets) for New Year's celebrations.

in the Higashi Chaya area is the largest geisha house with a 190 year history. It offers green tea and Japanese sweets. To get down and dirty, sweet-making workshops are held at Ishikawa Confectionery Culture Museum and Ishikawa Kanko Bussankan.

 Air Niugini flies to Narita, Japan, once a week.

*New Cars...
...old fashioned service*

Budget®

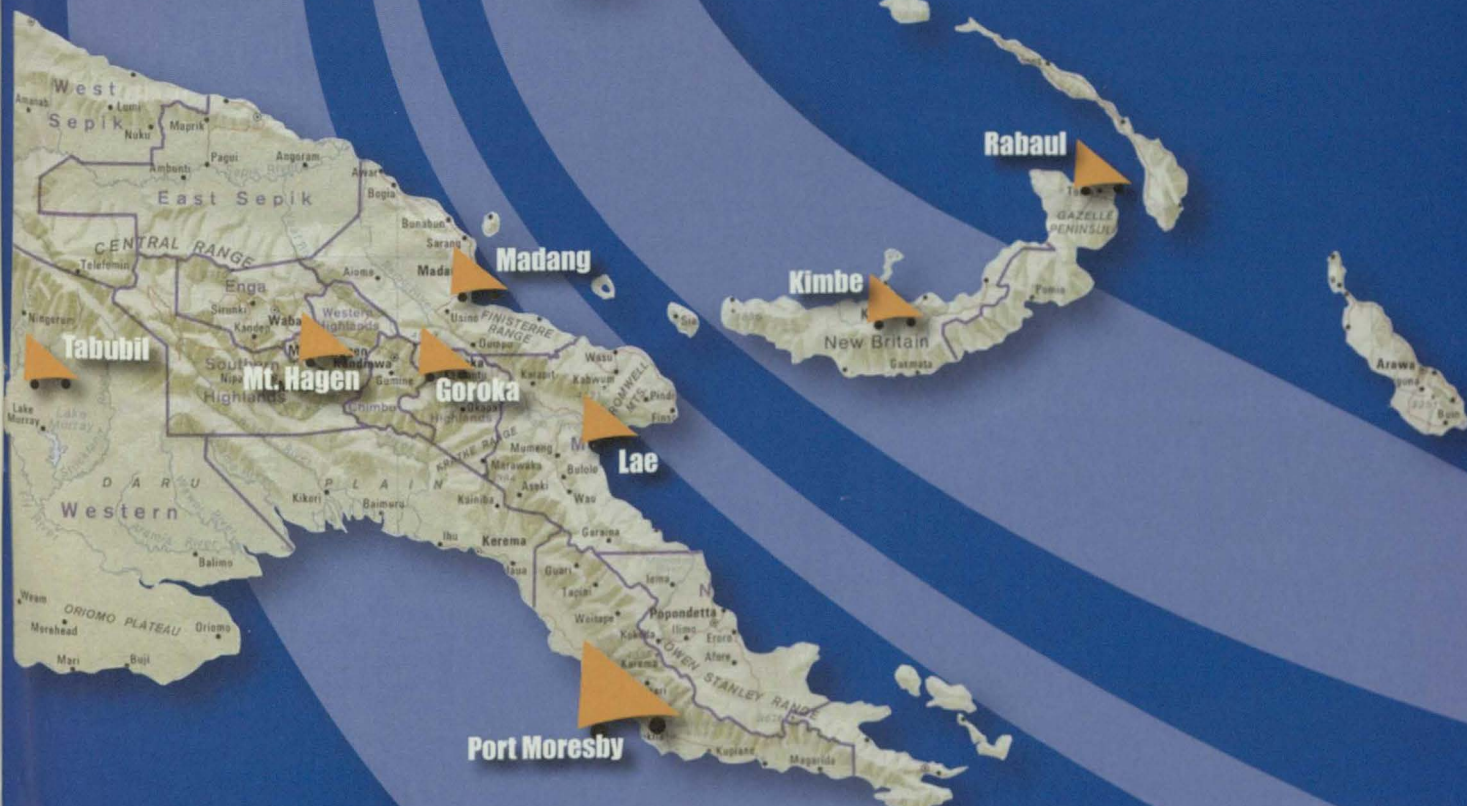
Drives your kina further™

budget.com.pg

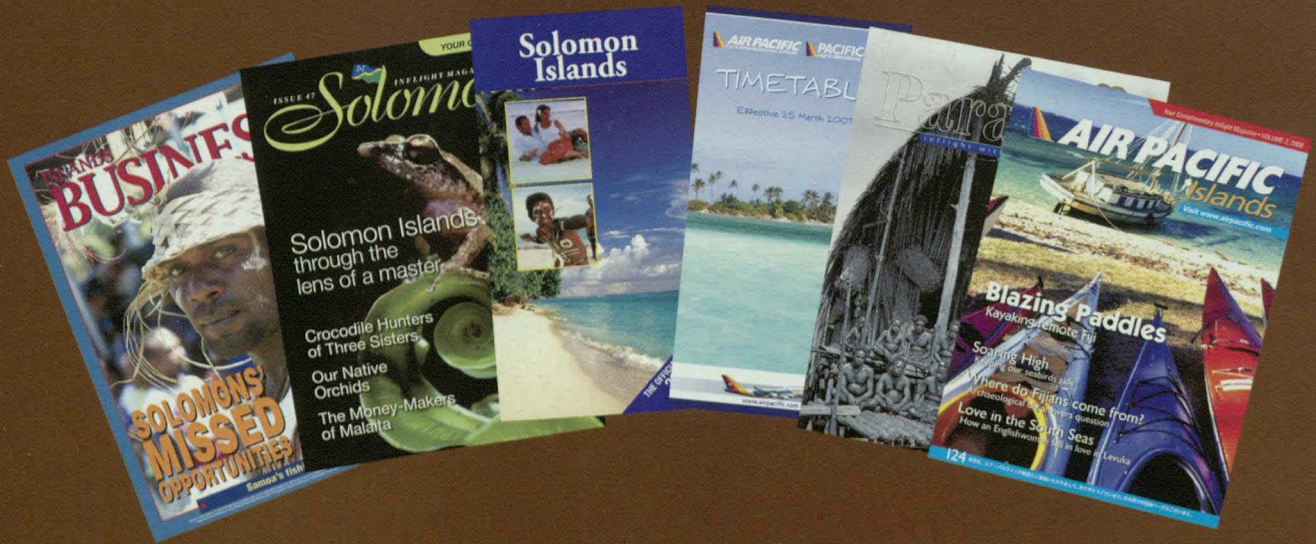
- **Radio Security**
- **Chauffeur Drivers available**

Head Office
PO Box 1259, Boroko NCD
Ph: (675) 323 6244
Fax: (675) 323 1390

Bookings: reservations@budget.com.pg



The Pacific's Best...



Islands Business International has successfully established itself as the South Pacific's leading publisher.

In publishing news magazines, inflights & entertainment magazines and publications for business, government and regional bodies, Islands Business International has gained experience unrivalled in the Pacific.

It's this experience and depth of

knowledge of the Pacific and the people that make the decisions in this part of the world that makes us the region's best.

A fact that has been underscored by our many award successes.

If you need to advertise your products or services or want the best when it comes to your publishing needs you need to talk to us, Islands Business International.



islands business international

46 Gordon Street, PO Box 12718, Suva, Fiji.

Ph: (679) 330 3108. Fax: (679) 330 1423. E-mail: Advertising: advert@ibi.com.fj

Editorial: editor@ibi.com.fj Subscriptions: subs@ibi.com.fj

Corporate Video Production Specialist



PVM video crew work to the highest standards using the latest technology. We specialise in concept development, script writing and dvd publishing. We are your remote location corporate video experts.



Contact us today.

www.pvm.com.pg

PVM Advertising 12th Floor Pacificview Apartments Pruth Street Korobosea NCD
Papua New Guinea Ph: (675) 325 7419 Fax: (675) 325 1497 Enquiries: aj@pvm.com.pg



MADANG LODGE

Hotel & Apartments

- Finistere Apartments • Standard to Deluxe Rooms
- Waterfront Bar & Restaurant
- Cable TV • Conference Facilities
- Swimming Pool • Coffee Shop • Gift Shop
- Back-up Power & Water Facilities
- Courtesy Airport Shuttle • Wireless Internet
- Diving & Activities provided by Adventure Dive PNG

RESERVATIONS: (675) 852 3395
Bar & Restaurant: (675) 852 3680
Facsimile: (675) 852 3292



Email: reservations@madanglodge.com.pg • Website: www.madanglodge.com.pg • Modilon Rd, PO Box 59 Madang

nathalie le riche

Tribal & Tropical Fish Art & Gifts

- * Original Art * Prints * Designs for Art Licensing
- * Placemat & Coaster Sets * Children Sticker Book
- * Gift Cards * Gift Bag * Commissioned work



Coasters
for sale via
In-Flight
DUTY FREE

www.picturetrail.com/leriche

Le Riche Colours - Kimbe PH (675) 983 4990 nat@global.net.pg

Deloitte.

Your preferred financial service provider in PNG

We'll help you stay one step ahead

Audit . Tax . Consulting . Financial Advisory

Phone +675 3087000 Fax +675 3087001

Email pabarber@deloitte.com.pg



(Above)

Cadetship November 2008. The seven pilot cadets are currently in Coffs Harbour undergoing training. The group is expected to return at the end of this year.



(Below)

Six Air Niugini pilot cadets recently returned from Coffs Harbour, NSW, Australia after completing 18 months of training and obtaining their Australian commercial pilot licenses and instrument ratings.

They have also successfully passed their Airline Transport Pilot License Theory Exams.



Air Niugini Domestic Transfers

For those passengers who require to transfer to an Air Niugini domestic flight, firstly clear customs and then call at our transfer counter in the Concourse area, alongside the international check-in counters. Our courteous staff will check in

your baggage and issue you with your domestic boarding pass.

When you exit the International Terminal, turn right and follow the covered walkway to the Domestic Terminal entry gate and proceed directly to the Departure Lounge.





AIRFARE DISCOUNT FOR NASFUND MEMBERS

Members of Air Niugini Savings and Loans Society and the National Superannuation Fund (NASFUND) are now enjoying 13% and 15% airfare discount respectively when they fly with Air Niugini.

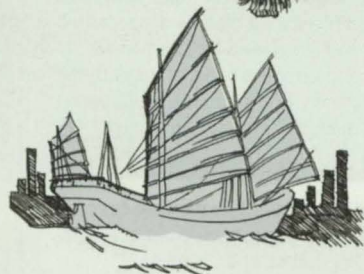
Air Niugini Deputy General Manager Marketing Dominic Kaumu (left) with ANGSL representatives after the signing of the agreement.



TREAT YOURSELF to an Air Niugini Breakaway Package

*** Nadi from K3,079**

- Per person twin share. Includes return airfares, 3 nights accommodation at Grand West Villas, return airport transfers, all taxes and surcharges



*** Hong Kong from K3,590**

- Per person twin share. Includes return airfares, 7 nights accommodation at Dorsett Seaview Hotel, daily American breakfast, return airport transfers, all taxes and surcharges

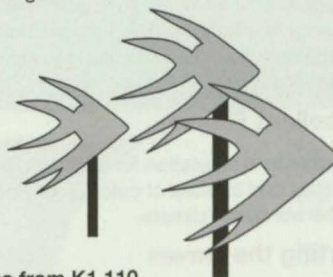
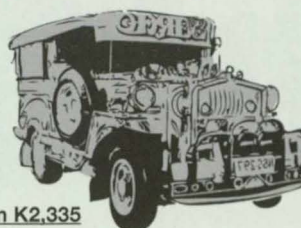
*** Singapore from K4,289**

- Per person twin share. Includes return airfares, 3 nights accommodation at Grand Central, daily American breakfast, half day tour, return airport transfers, all taxes and surcharges



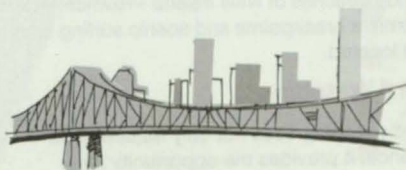
*** Manila from K2,335**

- Per person twin share. Includes return airfares, 4 nights accommodation at City Garden Suites, daily American breakfast, return airport transfers, all taxes and surcharges



*** Cairns from K1,110**

- Per person twin share. Includes return airfares, 2 nights accommodation at Cairns Queenslander, all taxes and surcharges



*** Brisbane from K1,455**

- Per person twin share. Includes return airfares, 2 nights accommodation at Hillcrest Apartments, return airport transfers per Coachtrans, all taxes and surcharges

*** Sydney from K1,710**

- Per person twin share. Includes return airfares, 3 nights accommodation at Aarons Hotel, all taxes and surcharges



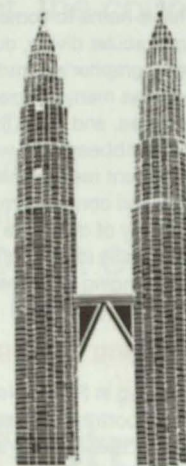
*** Kuala Lumpur K 3,190**

- Per person twin share. Includes return airfares, 7 nights accommodation at Alpha Genesis, return airport transfers with Mayflower ACME Tours and all applicable taxes.

*** Kuala Lumpur K3,195**

- Per person twin share. Includes return airfares, 5 nights accommodation at Alpha Genesis, Train from Kuala Lumpur to Singapore, Anglo French travel transfer to Singapore Airport and all applicable taxes.

- Location of this hotel is at main triangle shopping district of Kuala Lumpur.



Welcome to Papua New Guinea

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

Experience an unforgettable wave-riding adventure in the country's wave-breaking shores. From the breath-taking coastline of Vanimo that stretches down Madang, to the sandy beaches of New Ireland Province, where premiere breakpoints and scenic surfing sites are located.

Bird Watching

Bird watching does not only require dead silence, it provides the opportunity for watchers to take in nature's most eerie surroundings and eternal spring whether up in the Highlands or in a typical tropical weather in the coastal areas. Over 700 species of feathered fliers flutter across our island

including 38 of the 43 known species of the exotic Bird of Paradise. Not all the colours of the rainbow have been reserved for our feathered friends as there is an unlimited range of hues and shades to be seen in our 2000 orchids and countless magnificent butterflies including the world's largest, the Queen Alexandra Birdwing.

World War II Relics

Relics of World War II battles are found in most parts of Papua New Guinea's land, underwater, caves and tunnels.

Astounding Volcanoes

Located along the "Pacific Ring of Fire, Papua New Guinea offers distinct views of active volcanoes that captivates a land of tranquility. There exists a number of volcanoes in certain provinces, including the latest 'basaltic statovolcano on Manam Island, Madang Province. Other recent volcanic location include Rabaul's two volcanic cones-Vulcan and Tavurvur-and West New Britain's Mt Pago.

Visitors to our country are guests and hospitality is an honour in our Melanesian culture. Tipping is neither expected nor encouraged.

Reprinted courtesy of the Papua New Guinea Tourism Promotion Authority. www.pngtourism.org.pg

Papua New Guinea's First Bank

"Celebrating 100 years in Papua New Guinea
in 2010"



"we are
committed to
the future of
PNG"

We provide a full range of
financial services at our 15
branches throughout the country.

- Business Loans
- Equipment Finance
- International Services
- Transaction Accounts
- ATM, EFTPOS, Credit Cards
- Internet & Phone Banking

For more information call 3220888 or visit westpac.com.pg

Westpac Bank-PNG-Ltd. The liability of its members is limited.

Westpac

Ela Motors

Your First Choice



World Class Products from PNG's No.1 Automotive and Marine Supplier Nationwide

- ✓ Toyota Motor Vehicles
- ✓ Hino, Renault & Mack Trucks
- ✓ Yamaha Marine & Power Products
- ✓ Daihatsu Motors Vehicles
- ✓ Massey Ferguson Tractors
- ✓ Genuine Parts & Quality Service
- ✓ Panel Beating & Spray Painting
- ✓ Tyres, Batteries & TJM Accessories
- ✓ 15 Branches Nationwide



Ela Motors
 TOYOTA

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR FIRST CHOICE BRANCH TODAY

Port Moresby..Ph 3229400 Kimbe....Ph 9835155 Wewak...Ph 8562255
Lae.....Ph 4781800 Lihir.....Ph 9864099 Vanimo..Ph 8571254
Kokopo.....Ph 9829100 Buks.....Ph 9739915 Tobubil..Ph 5489060
Madang.....Ph 8522188 Goreks..Ph 7321844 Porgera..Ph 5479367
Mt. Hagen.....Ph 5421888 Kavieng..Ph 9842788 Alotau...Ph 6410100

Website : www.elamotors.com.pg

Your First Choice

