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Special points of interest:

- Fundraiser for Kids with Aids in the Port Moresby General Hospital was a success and the care packs will be on there way to Port Moresby on the 25th of June.



Martyn Namorong—With Radio ABC staff after his interview (C. Tiriman, P. Kombo and K. Kala)

Congratulations to Jack Hulala of Kagan Tafe who was awarded 'The Outstanding International Student of 2012 (HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT)' Award recently. Well done Jack. Hard work does pay off.



Jack receiving his award.

HELLO WANTOKS

Hope the start of winter hasn't put you off going out and enjoying what Melbourne has to offer. Check out some of the events listed in the next page for some ideas.

In May we had a fundraiser for the Kids with Aids in POM General hospital. The support and turnout was very heart warming. Appreciated

all your help, especially the ladies who came to Lucy's on that cold and wintry day to iron and fold those sheets. Special hugs also to the kids for being patient and for helping out; Jai, Joni, Venessa & Hove.

PNG Wantoks also welcomed Martyn Namorong, who finally arrived in Melbourne in May. He had a busy schedule of

interviews but he also made time to visit the community at a BBQ in the park.. Thanks to all those who braved the rain to come to the Park to meet and greet with Martyn.

And finally, check out our new website:
www.wantoksgroupvic.org.au

We 'd love to hear from you so drop us a line and *keep warm.*

Chairperson's report

Greetings Wantoks. We are now approaching the mid year of 2012 and many good things have happened. I would like to take this opportunity to mention couple of events that stood out:

Moomba Festival 2012: where the PNG community came together to celebrate the Moomba together with the beautiful PNG Colours. Some pics from Moomba are in the next page.

Fundraiser for the kids with Aids in a POM General Hospital Ward: where the community rallied together by coming to the fundraiser

and donating in cash and kind. The amount raised was over \$3000 which got the care packs bought and packed and ready for shipment. Thanks to Lucy Loko for dedicating her time and effort for this charity and also special mention to Samina Yip who raised over \$2000. Thanks also to our musicians on the night, Eugene, Jack and Duncan.

The Wantoks and PNGAAV are now working together to bring to the community a bigger and better Independence Celebrations. More info will be going out soon when we've finalised venues, etc.

On behalf of the PNG Wantoks Group, I would like to congratulate those students who have received special awards in 2012. We also farewell all those students who have completed their studies and are heading back home to PNG, and a hearty welcome to new students and other PNGians who are joining the PNG Community in Melbourne and Victoria.

We love to hear from you all, it maybe just a email to say hello or a hardship in life if you wish to share and get off your chest or a joy to celebrate.

Keep safe and God bless.
Mansis Bandi

Martyn Namorong's Visit to Melbourne

<http://namorong.blogspot.com.au>

Martyn Namorong finally did come to visit Australia, and Melbourne was his second stop after Sydney. The Wantoks Group were honoured to host his Melbourne stay.

In person, I found Martyn to be soft spoken and a friendly young man, like a brother or a son. It was great to meet him in person. Hope he keeps up the good work of articulating into words what the masses are thinking, and

keep being the voice for the down-trodden.

Linda Koerner did a good job of taking him to all his interviews and also managed to get in the Melbourne culture.

Here is Martyn's letter to Linda Koerner after his return to PNG:

"Hi Linda

If there's one thing you made me realize, apart from the

great Victorian beers and buildings, it is that Martyn Lives in Melbourne. Well, you know what I mean by "martyn", the Papua New Guineans who live amongst the general Australian Population down under. You know, the Wantoks who braved the cold outdoor temperature and rain in Melbourne to attend a Barbie for a buai seller. They are true ambassadors of PNG, silently setting a great example of the

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Martyn's Melbourne Visit Cont..

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dignity of Papua New Guineans.

I was also very conscious of the plight of my West Papuan wantoks. Meeting Ronny Kareni, and listening to his stories of the struggle of our people in West Papua got me thinking of the greater Melanesian story, not just a PNG story.

Clearly, as indicated by the West Papuan experience, we Melanesians are a victim of the colonial legacy. Regional powers like Australia have failed to mitigate the effects of that experience and instead perpetuated it to a certain extent. The type of Political reform being currently undertaken by Uncle Frank in Fiji, would not have been possible without a coup as self-serving politicians continue to bicker over parochial issues. If

democracy is neocolonisation of Solomon Islands, illegal occupation of West Papua and the manipulation of Justice by PNG's Parliament, then democracy is a failure trap in Melanesia.

During my stay with you in Melbourne I didn't even think of you as Australian, except when you made sure I didn't keep PNG time for those interviews and meetings.

In terms of landmarks of Melbourne that stick in my head, if say it would have to be that obscure building on the side of the road that had a sign stating "Ladies for Gentlemen." I probably wouldn't have gotten myself into trouble had it not been for a reminder about Craig Thomson's credit card dilemma in Canberra.

And Aunty Linda thanks for the tour of the Crown Casino. I wanted to understand the significance of the Australia-PNG casino relationship as promoted by PNG's finest examples of bad politicians.

I loved the match at AAMI Park between the Storms and the Broncos. As you already know, I hate both teams but in the spirit of diplomacy, everything was "GO THE STORMS". I know being intoxicated by alcohol is not an excuse one can use in court but at a rugby match, hope I can get excused for cheering for Billy Slater's team.

It was also in Melbourne that I did my first live TV interview. Thanks for sharing that experience with me at the ABC studios in South Bank.

Cheers, Martyn "



Other pics from events around Melbourne

Fundraiser event for the Kids with Aids



What's happening in Melbourne?

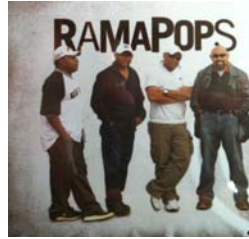
30/6/2012—PNGSAV presents the Student Welcome and Farewell BBQ:
Saturday 30th of June at 2pm.
@ the Rocket Park, Hawthorn. All welcome and bring a plate.

7/7/2012 – PNG NIGHT—PNG Style organised by PNG Australia Association.
Venue: Edinburgh Gardens Community Hall, Fitzroy North, Brunswick St
Time: 6pm—1am. Costs: \$10 adults, \$5 (kids 13—10 yrs old). Food provided.

**28/7/2012—DANCE NIGHT featuring RAMAPOPS live band
(Band made up of PNGians living in Aust).**

Saturday 28th of July, 6:30pm till 12:30am @Edinburgh Gardens Community Hall. \$10 entry. Come along and warm up the winter blues by dancing to the tunes of PNG.

Flyer will be coming out soon.



Ex-Sogeri gathering at Mount Waverly when Ivan Boga and son Donovan were visiting Melbourne in April 2012. (Ivan Boga is in the middle of the picture.)

OddSpot:

You're more likely to be a target for a mosquitos if you consume bananas.

Melbourne Winter Festival, held outside St Kilda Sea Baths, offers the joys of an authentic European winter with spectacular live music performances along with kids' activities, a showcase of foods and drinks, a huge outdoor ice skating rink and many more attractions.

When: June 29 to July 15

Melbourne Magic Festival, held at Northcote Town Hall, is the biggest gathering of magicians in Australia with a program that this year boasts over 100 performances of shows tailored for kids, families and adults along with magic classes and workshops for children.

When: July 2 to 14

Lake Mountain Resort Christmas in July Gala Dinner—14th July. If interested check their website <http://lakemountainresort.com.au/>



Pics from the Moomba festival in March 2012. It was good to see the PNG colours flying high on that day. Well done to PNGAAV and everyone who took part in the event, especially the young kids. Special mention to Teri Cox who spent countless amount of time organizing it all. Well done mate.



Doctors in Pakistan are fighting to save the life of a baby boy born with six legs because of a rare genetic condition.

For more info check this link:

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/pakistan-doctors-fight-to-save-life-of-baby-with-six-legs-20120418-1x66b.html>

Check this out!

Baby with six legs..

Announcements

20th of May 2012—Happy Birthday to Fiona Atsi.

22nd of May 2012—Happy Birthday Samantha B on her 11th birthday.

30th of June 2012—Happy Birthday to Nelly T.

11th of July 2012—Happy 8th Birthday to Vicky Whitfield.

22nd July 2012— Happy Birthday Mansis. Hope it's a good one!

24th July 2012— **A BIG HAPPY 18th Birthday to Samson.**

How the time has flown by. Many many happy returns and welcome to the age of adulthood. Hope all your hopes and dreams come to reality.



Samantha with Joni



Sam all dressed up for the Moomba in March 2012 with Stephanie, Courtney and Ralph



Classic chocolate self-saucing pudding Recipe

INGREDIENTS

1 cup (150g) self-raising flour
¼ cup (25g) cocoa powder
½ cup (110g) firmly packed brown sugar
½ cup (125ml) milk
1 egg
60g butter, melted, cooled cream or vanilla ice-cream, to serve
sauce
1/3 cup (35g) cocoa powder
½ cup (110g) firmly packed brown sugar
1¼ cups (430ml) boiling water

forced). Grease a 1.5 litre (6-cup) ovenproof dish and place on an oven tray lined with baking paper or foil (this will catch any drips). Sift the flour and cocoa powder into a medium bowl. Add the sugar and stir to break up any lumps. Whisk together the milk, egg and butter in a jug.

Add the milk mixture to the dry ingredients; use a whisk to stir to a smooth batter. Pour into the prepared dish and smooth the surface with the back of a spoon.

Sift the cocoa powder into a bowl; add the sugar and stir to combine. Sprinkle evenly over the surface of the batter.

Pour the boiling water evenly over the cocoa and sugar mixture in the dish. Bake for 50 minutes or until the cake topping is firm. Serve with cream or ice-cream.



METHOD

Preheat the oven to 180°C (160°C fan-

Sauce

PNG POLITICS—Election time in PNG

Hope things are going OK with the election process in PNG as opposed to this news about what's happened in Hela. All the best to all the candidates, especially the women candidates, because we need more women in politics.

"FAILED ELECTIONS IN HELA PROVINCE!"

History repeats itself in SHP elections in the new province of Hela. What a disaster for the people of Hela province. They must now take responsibility for what's happened and is a very sad day for Hela. Ballot boxes and papers hijacked, destroyed or signed by candidates and supporters...filling them out at will. Security personnel are stretched too thin on the ground, fearful for their own safety...obviously useless. The new province will now be under the control of crooks and thugs, not properly voted in-leaders. Elections in Hela must now be declared a failed election and the province is now poised for a proper 'By-Election' later in the year.

How many other provinces will also be like this? Trends of failed elections in the 2002 National Elections all over again?" Source: Voter eye witnesses in Hela. WE HOPE NOT. GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

Samson Bandi—A rising Star

We went to watch the game at AAMI Park when Samson was playing with the Melbourne Rebels Junior side against the Auckland Warriors Junior side. It was awesome so hoping to see him in the Premier Leagues in the near future.



Suli (kid from NZ), Tom & Sam



<http://www.pacwip.org/current-elections/png-1/>

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Check us out on our website. Give us some feedback and let us know some resources and websites we can share with the community:

[Www.wantoksgroupvic.org.au](http://www.wantoksgroupvic.org.au)