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PICSA from the PNGSAV BBQ

PNGSAV elected their new committee for 2013. Congratulations to the new president; Geraldine and her team. We hope to work closely together with you all.



Greetings

Hello Wantoks.

Hope your Easter break was restful and full of yummy chocolates. I can't believe its April already and I thought the year only just started.

It's been a slow start for us but we have a fundraiser for the Roroana Flood affected villagers (Bougainville) coming up on the **20th of April** so if you are doing

nothing, we would love to see you there at the Collingwood Senior Citizens Centre. More details on page 2.

We'd like to thank all our members and friends who came to the AGM earlier this year. At the meeting, we elected new Committee Members for 2013. They are; Linda Koerner (Chairperson), Mansis Bandi (Vice-Chairperson), Gorothy Whitfield (Treasurer), Bibra

Japara (Secretary), Arthur Bonjui, Julie Kep, Katayo Sagata, Lewis Prai, Paul Whitfield and Rebecca Kiage.

Please feel free to contact any of the committee members, or drop us a line to our email address: wantokgroupvic@gmail.com about anything or if you have an idea of a fundraiser, or if you want Wantoks Group and the community to help in any way.

Wantoks AGM & BBQ—Feb 23

Thank you to all our members and Wantoks who came out to our Annual General Meeting, which was held at the Edinburgh Gardens Community hall.

Special thanks to our wantok Andy Kopada for providing the music.



Premier's Gala Ball (March 2013)

This is a prestigious yearly event, which is well attended by all Victorians and tickets get to sell out fast. This year, as a precursor to affiliating with the Victorian Multicultural Commission, we were able to get tickets to the ball at the Crown Palladium. Tickets were \$70 each. Since PNG Wantoks were on Table 1, we got to meet and greet with the Premier of Victoria, Honorable Dr Denis Napthine.

Look out for next year's event, if you want to come along because we will widely advertise to our members.



Lucky Wantoks posing for a photo with the Premier of Victoria.

Announcements

Happy 18th Birthday to
Laura Whitfield.

A big Happy 40th Birth-
day to Vanessa K. Hope
you celebrated in style..

Happy Birthday Eugene

A BIG birthday hug for
Verne. Hope you had a
good one.. :)

Not forgetting everyone
who celebrated their
birthdays .

Planim Diwai- Plant trees and help the Environment

Katayo led a team of Green
Thumbs up to the Koerner
backyard to greenify (*not
sure that's a word*) the sparse
ground. Hopefully we will
see a forest taking shape
soon.



PNG Leadership Conference—Deakin University Geelong (5th April)

Linda Koerner was lucky enough to attend the leadership conference hosted by the Deakin University of Geelong, where she rubbed shoulders with influential PNG men and women who came to share their views on leadership in PNG. In attendance were influential people such as **Dr Anne Dickson Waiko and Professor Betty Lovia** from the University of PNG as well as Martyn Namorong.

If you haven't already done so, read the coverage by Radio Australia on their website: <http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/pacific/radio/onairhighlights/png-women-inspiring-the-next-generation/1112040>



Up and Coming Events

Put these dates in your calendars

14 April—The Sisters of the Community of the Holy Name

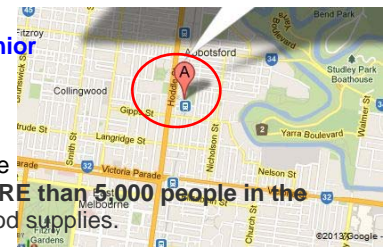
Invite you to join with them in a service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 14th April at 3:00 p.m, during which a plaque will be unveiled to acknowledge the Community of the Holy Name and its presence in the Melbourne Diocese since 1888. Refreshments will be served in the Narthex following the Service.



20 April—Wantoks fundraiser event at the Collingwood Senior Citizens Centre, Eddy Court, Abbotsford, Melway ref: 2C, 10H

It's a stone's throw away from the Collingwood Train Station.

This fundraiser is for the Rorovana village in Bougainville whose food gardens have been devastated by the floods recently. **MORE than 5,000 people in the Rorovana Village of Central Bougainville are in dire need of food supplies.**



Time: 7pm till 12:30.

Gate: \$5 (Kids under 13 free). Family \$10.

There will be drinks and hot dogs for sale (\$1). Music provided. Hope to see you there.

Koorie Pride Youth Festival showcases the work of young aboriginal performers with a free celebration held at Preston's Ray Bramham Gardens. Along with headline acts The Last Kinection, Koorie Tiddas and other guests, there'll also be a live graffiti performance, food, dance workshops and stalls from the Koorie Night Market.

Date: Sat 13th April, 2pm — 6pm

15th June—20th July - Baluk Arts presents GAWANG—An exhibition of Aboriginal portraits by Aboriginal Artists. Opening event is on the 15th of June. Address: Baluk Arts Centre, 6 Bruce Street, Mornington

Contact: Lisa Waup on 03 5975 5000.

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