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NEW FLASH!

Papua New Guinea adds a time zone

Clock's in Papua New Guinea's Autonomous region of Bougainville will be set one hour forward on Sunday, December 28, 2014 as it introduces a new time zone.

The new Time Zone, Bougainville Standard Time, will be 11 hours ahead of the coordinated Universal Time, UTC +11, bringing it one hour ahead of Port Moresby.



Below are some of Leo Aravapo's paintings. If you are looking for something for x-mas or to extend your collection, check his facebook: facebook.com/art037 or email him:artwilliamleo@gmail.com



Welcome

Hello Wantoks.

Well, winter has come and gone and now Spring is in full bloom, as well as Hay Fever. *Aaaachoooo! Excuse me!*

Yes, some of you will understand and can't wait for summer to roll around pretty soon.

Anyway, this is a pretty late

edition of our newsletter, and it may be the last for the year as well, so would like to wish you all a good end of year, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Before I go, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Consular General from the PNG Sydney Consulate, Mr. Singin, for gracing the PNG Melbourne Community with his

presence at our Independence Celebrations in September this year. We very much appreciated him taking time out of his busy schedule to come and attend our function.

Would also like to thank Paul Haricknan and Linda Koerner, for all the effort they put into making it happen. Also thanks to everyone who helped and participated. *Well done!*

Independence Celebrations 2014 Melbourne—Report by Paul Haricknan



Gorothy, Cherry & friend, CG Sumasi & Paul

Mr. Singin also highlighted that PNG is coming to the age of maturity as it joins the world's exclusive clubs on the back of the LNG and economic boom. PNG has begun moving from a recipient to a donor country by assisting its smaller island countries such as Solomon Islands and Fiji. PNG played a key role diplomatically, politically and financially to see through the recently held democratic elections in Fiji.

This treaty is at the final stages of being ratified. The treaty will mean that the two countries will work together to improve trade, investment and business links.

Mr. Singin challenged PNG citizens and students to be aware of the developments back home and to make the most of the opportunities in Australia and in PNG. He specially mentioned the anticipation of the 40 years of nationhood in 2015.

The Melbourne Victoria Wantoks community of PNG concluded celebrating PNG's 39th year of independence at the Aboriginal Advancement League Hall at Thornbury, on Saturday 20th September, 2014 with a dinner bash, officiated by the PNG Consul General in Sydney, Mr. Sumasy Singin.

According to Mr. Singin, "Australia and Papua New Guinea are planning to reset their relationship with a new treaty that aims to move the two countries onto a more equal footing." He quoted Mr. Wyatt Roy, Australian MP and Chairman of Treaties Committee who stated that PNG has experienced 10 years of growth, which is expected to continue, therefore,

The dinner was attended by executives and members of the PNG Wantoks Group of Victoria, distinguished wantoks of PNG including former University of PNG Vice Chancellor Prof Easton, former teacher of Sogeri Senior High School Marjorie Walker and their spouses, Julie Kamblijambi Kep and Elvin Soerge who gave a powerpoint snapshot on current social and economic developments in PNG together with John Punde, Chairperson of PNG Students' Association of Victoria and students attending various universities and colleges in Melbourne.

Mr. Singin in his address highlighted the special enduring relationship between Australia and PNG since Australia was mandated by the UN League of Nations to administer and govern what was then Papua and New Guinea. At Independence Day on 16 September 1975, PNG gained its political independence from Australia without much resistance. Mr. Singin also noted the impact of the two world wars on PNG, which claimed thousands of lives of the Japanese, the allied forces and Papua New Guineans.

"Essentially what it is about is moving away from a development focused relationship between Australia and PNG – one where Australia was the aid donor and PNG Government was the aid recipient. We want to mature that relationship to one of greater economic cooperation."
Hon. Wyatt Roy.

For PNG Wantoks, Victoria



Announcements

A Shout out and Happy birthday to Joni, Faith Gorothy, and all the people who celebrated recently.



MUMU—A QUICK AND EASY WAY

This is a quick and modern way to do a mumu right at home with the everyday gadget that you use at home; **the Slow Cooker**. Recipe was shared by Celyn Hall:

Firstly, marinate the meat overnight (can be chicken, beef and lamb). Marinate it in liquid smoke (hickory flavoured) which can be purchased from any health food, or maybe even some supermarkets. Chop all the veges like corn, pumpkin, sweet potato, tapioca, taro, swede, silverbeet etc. Combine and wrap individual servings in foil of marinated meats and veges and 3 tbsp of coconut cream (just homebrand from Woolies or Coles). Wrapped tightly and squashed into the slow cooker.

In another slow cooker, fill it up with veges and then pour 2 cans of coconut cream and 2 cans of water. Cook on high for 6 hours. Celyn made some coconut rice and enjoyed the 'slow-cooked' 'mumu'. It was so delicious so she shared it!

Try it and enjoy!

Pics from PNG's Independence Celebrations in Sept 20th, 2014



UP and Coming Events

SAT NOV 22— Wantoks End of Year Function

Venue: Senior Citizens Hall, Collingwood

Time: 6pm—midnight

Gate: \$5, kids 12 and under free.

Food: \$3 Rice and bully, hot dogs—\$1, Hamburgers—\$2, soft drinks -\$1, BYO other drinks.

Contact: Gorothy—0403 437 171 or Linda—0449 962 252

22 October—Pacific Climate Warriors in Melbourne

Register for your closest event here: www.350.org.au/warriorstory

Tickets are free – bookings essential.

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