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HAPPY 40th PNG!!



WADE HEGGIE, LUCKY WINNER of the AIR NIUGINI ticket to any



Welcome

Hello Wantoks.

And hello Spring and the fast approaching Summer!

I hope you all are enjoying the warmth of the sun. It's been glorious. Go out there and soak up some vitamin D because we all need it. :)

We've just had our big celebration; **PNG's 40th**, and it was great. We thank each and everyone of you; Wantoks and friends, who

bought tickets and came out to the dinner dance celebrations at the Bayview Eden. You all made it a special and enjoyable night. Thank you!

A BIG SHOUT OUT to our very own PNG Melbourne Dance Group who did us proud. Thank you to Elvie and Sana for their dedication to teaching our young ladies to sing and dance and follow their PNG culture. Well done!

Also a special mention to

Felicity and the Rotary Club of Oakleigh who sponsored a table. Thank you!

And thank you also to our members and supporters, Peter Milburn, Marj Walker, Alan and Grace Easton, Verne Krastins, Gabb family, Aileen Natera, and many more. We appreciate you!

Lastly, thank you to the ladies who did the job, Mansis, Nelly, Gorothy, Julie, Linda and Bibra.

Well done YOU!!! :)

THANK YOU ALL—PNG 40th Independence Celebrations

A Note from the PNG Wantoks Chairperson, Mansis Bandi

Sitting down and going through photos and comments of what a great 40th Independence celebration in Melbourne PNG Wantoks Group of Melbourne pulled off with never ending flow of beer, wine, champagne and soft drinks. The guests drank till they could not drink anymore. The food was great and the dessert too was stunning.

We turn to forget all those who gave their time and effort to make this event a success. I would like to thank all the PNG Wantok Group of Victoria committee members: Nellie Tinga, Gorothy Whitfield, Julie Kamblijambi Kep, Linda Maree Koerner and Bibra Japara. Ladies you all are awesome!

Thank you Air Niugini for your continued support and donation of the Return Ticket to any destination within PNG as door price. I am sure the lucky winner, Wade Heggie will make use of it.

Thank you to the master of ceremony Miss Nellie Tinga, a job well done!

Thank you also to the guest speaker; Sana Balai, and for the inspiring speech!

Thank you to our amazing PNG Melbourne Dance Group, led by Elvie Rowe and Sana Balai. You did us proud!!!

Thank you to Felicity and her group of Rotarians from Oakleigh who sponsored a table. We really appreciated your assistance and attendance.

Thank you also to Nic Ruys from Lord Sommers and Powerhouse and Marie Treloar from Highlands Foundation Victoria for attending and supporting us.

Also a special mention of the Strand Band members who really help make the night special.

A big Thank you to everyone who attended and made it a great night.

We encountered so much hardship and hurdles along the way but nothing could stop us to pull this event off. I am so proud to lead such a great team of ladies.

Thank you to our families too, husbands, partners, friends and children for their continues support.

Thank you also to all the staff and event organised at Bayview Eden and Jess Adams for making sure our Event was great.

We did it and we can do it again !



THANK YOU Mims for all your help and support!

Pics and messages from the PNG 40th Celebrations in Melbourne



What an amazing 40 years !!

- despite dramatic changes in some areas, traditional food, tara, kaukau, is still "the best" !!
- UPNG produces great graduates !! • no one is in jail for what they think/say, while across the border in Wat / Iran

And in the next 10 years ??

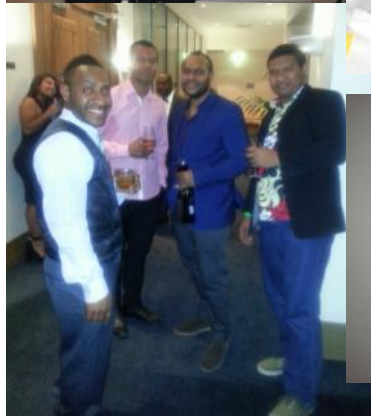
- Maybe a lady Prime Minister ??

A.N.

"Even though PNG has a had a bad rap from the World Media, it is still HOME to me; clean rivers, organic living, diverse cultures, freedom to live and do whatever you like on your own land" BJ



Thank you Elvie and Sana for continuing to be the ambassadors for PNG dance and culture and for teaching our young people.



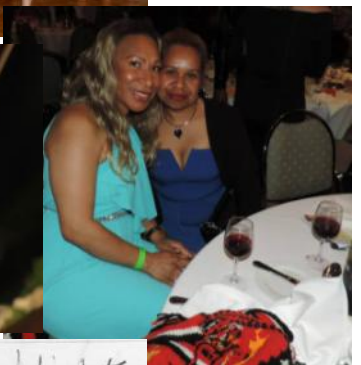


Going back 40 years this week was full of Celebrations

Tues Sept 16 - Flag raising on POM Independence Hill in morning
- Installation Ceremony in afternoon.

It was great to be part of it.

Marjorie Walker
Com. member for Indep. Celebrations 1975



My 13 years in PNC was a highlight of my career

Bank of New South Wales & Westpac

Also I served on the Anglican church National Finance Committee

I was a J.P. in Papua New Guinea

Peter Milburn





Announcements

A very happy birthday to Joni who celebrated her 7th bday recently.

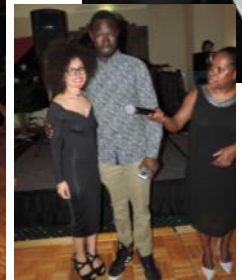
A BIG SHOUT OUT to Jeffrey Kep. Happy Birthday.

And not forgetting GOZ Whitfield who celebrated on the 6th.

Pics and messages from the PNG 40th Celebrations in Melbourne



Congratulations PNG on the anniversary of your independence, may your country and its people become stronger and more visible to the world, we are as people of Australia and the world more enriched for your culture and people.
Regards a friend of PNG, Theresa.



SPECIAL THANKS to Richard Sargent, Alberta, Julie and others, whose pictures I have used in this newsletter.
If you need professional photos for your event please give Richard a go. His email is: rsargent5810@gmail.com



UP and Coming Events

31st Oct—Fundraiser for Anthony Gabb at the Senior Citizens Hall, Collingwood

SAT 12th December 2015— TBA

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