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Hello Wantoks.

Hope you have started your spring cleaning. Winter has come and gone, and now its spring, and summer is just around the corner. Time definitely seems to be speeding by!

Since the last issue, Wantoks Group have been busy. We've held one fundraiser for the Nurses college in Sapandai Village, East Sepik, where we raised

\$600 and we are hoping to fundraise a little more before we can purchase some of the equipment to send to PNG. We'll be doing raffles and hot dogs at the Patti Potts event so hope you can help.

Wantoks were able to help a family of a cancer patient who is in a coma in Port Moresby by sending some liquid food, which The St Vincent's hospital kindly donated.

Furthermore, we are continuing to support Lucy with her efforts

to help babies with Aids in Port Moresby. Please read her blurb on page 2 and if you can help, it will be most appreciated.

Now that the PNG Independence anniversary has come and gone, you maybe feeling restless.. Not to worry: **PATTI POTTS DOI, PNG's popular singer / entertainer is performing live in Melbourne in NOV 1st.**

See page 2 for more details and to get your tickets. Let us know if you can't get tix online.

Happy 38th Independence Anniversary PNG

There were two events in Melbourne to celebrate PNG's 38th Independence Anniversary. The first event was hosted by the PNG Students Association of Melbourne, headed by Geraldine Ovia. It was a great night and kids, students and oldies alike had a good time. Well done guys. Here are some of the pics taken during the event. The other event was a ball hosted by PNGAAV. Sorry, I don't have pics for that but I heard it was a great night.



Linda Koerner is currently in PNG and she was able to hand deliver the liquid food for Thomas Anda (who is sadly still in a coma).



Independence Celebrations in PNG



Announcements

Happy Birthday Faith. :)

Big 1st Birthday greetings to Maceo.

A very happy birthday to my daughter Joni who just turned a big 5 yrs old!!

Not forgetting all you lovely people who celebrated an event in August and September!

BUAI BAN in POM

Lo and behold ! its happened, there is a ban on betel nut sale in Port Moresby as of the 1st of Oct. How are people to survive without their fix of betelnut.!!! Lol..

See the article from The National below:

THE ban on the sale of betel nuts in Port Moresby will start tomorrow but penalties for infringements have been deferred to the end of October. Despite the opposition to the ban by vendors and consumers, National Capital District Governor Powes Parkop said it would go ahead as scheduled.

"The ban will go ahead (tomorrow) but we will not start implementing the penalties yet," he said. "We will publish the law and invite any objections to them to be made within 14 days.

"We will ensure that the (betel nut control) law is gazetted in the National Gazette, especially the declaration and enforcement and exemption powers."

"We will start enforcing the no spitting and littering in public places aspect of the law as soon as possible."

He said the markets at Agaviru (Hisiu), Rubirogo, Sabusam, Laloki and Gaire should be built by the end of October.

Source: The National, Monday 30th September

S26 Milk for Babies with HIV/Aids

I am a stay-at-home mom, a mom of a 3 year old son. As a first time mom, and moms everywhere, you would want your children to get the best treatment if diagnosed with an illness.

I have taken up the initiative to fundraise and provide basic needs for the sick babies/children in PNG. I have been touched by the strong will and determined children, to not let this sickness get the better of them.

Over 200-300 babies and children are diagnosed with HIV/AIDS a year. Most of the families of these babies/children, diagnosed with this terrible disease, do not want it to be known to others because of stigma and discrimination.

HIV/AIDS patients of Port Moresby General Hospital range from the ages of birth to 15 years old. The treatment they receive if they make it to their check up at the Paediatric Clinic, is septrim. S26 is given to the ones that have been advised by the Paediatric doctors, to stop breast feeding and to start the babies on S26 powdered milk. The cost of buying S26 is around K62-K75 (PNG kina), converting to Australian dollars is roughly around \$30 to \$40. Majority of Papua New Guineans cannot afford to buy S26.

With the support of my husband, family, friends, The Wantok Group of Victoria, I have made a commitment to fundraise as much as I can, to provide basic needs for the babies and children of PNG, twice a year.

Most babies/children that are discharged, are advised by the Paediatric doctors to attend their check up appointments at the Paediatric clinic. Some don't make it to their appointments because they don't have the money to catch public transport (in PNG it's called PMV buses).

I have already started collecting cash donations to buy S26 Gold Milk powdered formulae in Port Moresby, PNG. I have made arrangements with a big chemist/pharmacy company, City Pharmacy, in Port Moresby, to purchase at a reasonable price. I am looking at purchasing 60-70 S26 Gold milk formulae.

I am also working on buying some new baby/toddler milk bottles to send up.

There are awareness groups such as church groups, community groups and dedicated volunteers. I will meet some of these groups to find out further, how they educate majority of Papua New Guineans, who are unwilling to know about this disease. I am going up to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea in December 2013 for 3 weeks. I will have more information when I get back. I will keep you all updated. - Lucy Loko (lucyloko@y7mail.com)

Up and Coming Events

Fri NOV 1st

PATTI 'POTTS' DOI performing in Melbourne at the Aboriginal Advancement League Hall, Thornbury, 2 Watt Street.

Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Only \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids (5-16yrs) & family \$55 (2 A & 2 Ch)

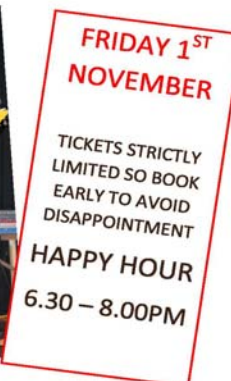
Gates open: 6:30pm till 12am.

Tix at the gate: \$30 adults & \$15 kids (5-16 yrs)

Get your friends and family together and come on down and lets party to our favorite PNG sounds from POTTS.

Parking at the venue or you can catch a train—Thornbury station or Tram on St Georges Rd.

Click here for tickets: <http://www.trybooking.com/DODD>



PATTI 'POTTS' DOI PLAYING LIVE IN MELBOURNE

Yopare Productions, along with the PNG Wantok's Group of Victoria proudly present PNG's one and only Patti 'Potts' Doi, for one LIVE Melbourne performance on Friday 1st November at the Aboriginal Advancement League Hall in Thornbury, gates opening at 6.30pm.

Don't miss this opportunity to see Potts perform all of his hits including favourites Tomatin, Lulu and Swit Love, and enjoy a great night of PNG entertainment.

Tickets can be purchased now using the following links <http://www.trybooking.com/DODD> or <http://www.trybooking.com/62273> or purchase your tickets at the gate on the night.

Address: 2 Watt St, Thornbury – close to the tram
Time: Gates open 6.30pm till close 12.00am



PRE SALE TICKETS
 \$20 Adults
 \$10 Kids (5-16)
 \$55 FAMILY (2A, 2K)
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Tickets at the Gate
 \$30 Adults
 \$15 kids (5-16)
(no family discount at the gate)

Fundraising raffles for the PNG Wantok's Group throughout the night

Drinks (alcohol, soft drinks and water) and Food for sale all night

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