



PAPUA NEW GUINEA ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, Inc.

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Including the former Rabaul & Montevideo Maru Society

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Dear Members

The PNGAA is seeking nominations for the PNGAA Management Committee for the 2023 AGM which will be held in Sydney on Saturday 29 April 2023. There are four executive positions namely President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor and eight general committee positions. The PNGAA Management Committee urgently needs a Treasurer and Events Co-ordinator so please urgently consider nominations. Murrrough Benson has been on the executive committee for 7 years and would like to step back from the treasurer's role which he has fulfilled outstandingly since 2019. The committee position for Events Coordinator is currently unfilled. Both these positions are key positions and need member support.

The general committee includes Membership Officer, PNGAA Archivist and Collection Co-ordinator, Events Co-ordinator, and members experienced in diverse aspects of PNG history and web/social media coordination. Meetings are currently held via Zoom although some face-to-face is helpful.

All Committee members are volunteers....PNG enthusiasts. This is a great opportunity for those wishing to contribute some spare time, whilst exercising their skills, to a worthwhile and highly regarded organisation, surrounded by a supportive team.

Whilst the PNGAA began in 1951 it has successfully evolved over the years and remains a unique and flexible organisation with a wide membership and diverse network. Anyone with direct experience in PNG, or an interest in the country and the culture, is welcome to be a member.

The PNGAA's primary goal is to strengthen the civil relationship between the peoples of Australia and Papua New Guinea – see further goals at: <https://pngaa.org/rules-of-the-pngaa/>. Fresh initiatives are welcome for the PNGAA to remain dynamic, contemporary and to grow organically.

So, if you believe in the valuable work in recording the past, being part of the future PNG – Australia story, and wish to be involved in this vital period of the PNGAA, please consider nominating yourself or a known person for these roles. **Nominations need to be received by 31 January 2023**, but please consider and action this now to help the committee. The future of the Association relies on its members.

An overview of the various roles on the Committee is provided in the accompanying document. Additional assistance on teams or working groups is often required too. For further information on these roles, contact Chris Pearsall, PNGAA Secretary, or any of the current Management Committee members. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to seeing nominations being sent in.

Thank you

on behalf of PNGAA Management Committee 2021-2022

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SYDNEY, 29 APRIL 2023