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Seasons Greetings

from

PRESIDENT & COMMITTEE

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Dear Member,

This issue is two weeks early to remind you that the Association's Christmas Luncheon will be held on SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 1989 and full details are on page 13. If you have not already done so, please send your cheque and booking slip to Treasurer, Bill Johnston (see address above), as soon as possible.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions (\$8) become due and payable on 1 January 1990, unless, of course, you have paid in advance. It would be very much appreciated if you could forward your 1990 subscriptions (\$8) to the Treasurer prior to the due date.

SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ARREARS

There are a few members who have not as yet paid their 1987 subscriptions (\$5) and a few more who have not paid their 1988 (\$5) subscriptions. How about it folks? If you are in either of these categories, see the last page (page 24), the Treasurer would welcome a cheque for you without further delay.

We are trying to provide members with a quality service at a reasonable price but if members do not pay, or are tardy in the payment of, their subscriptions it makes it extremely difficult to do this.

1990 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

Please note in your new diaries that this will be held on Sunday 8 April 1990.

THE 1986/87 2% DISCOUNTING ON OUR SUPERANNUATION

From the President:

The 2% discounting will be restored in the superannuation payment made on 2 November 1989. The amount of your new super payment, however, cannot be accurately calculated by adding 2% to the amount of super you were receiving prior to 2 November 1989.

Your super payment consists of a government component and a fund component and these components vary for each individual superannuant. To obtain an accurate calculation it is essential to go back to the amount of your pension as at 3 July 1986, prior to the discounting on 23 November 1986, and recalculate your pension from there. The variable is not great but there is one nevertheless. You will not be paid the amount of super lost by the discounting between 23 November 1986 and 2 November 1989.

If you have any queries I will endeavour to answer them for you or you can contact the Office of the Commissioner for Superannuation on the toll free number 008 020080 for the cost of a local call.

VISIT TO THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

The visit on Monday 9 October was again a very pleasant interlude in the clean mountain air, and although it was a trifle windy the weather was excellent.

After lunch at the Grand View Hotel at Wentworth Falls we adjourned to Ken Gorringer's home where we enjoyed his very friendly hospitality for coffee, port and tasty tidbits provided by Jo Nitsche. Those who attended were: Les and Margrette Williams; Harry West; Jo Nitsche; Nari Watkins; Jean Horne; Marjorie Marr; Pat Hopper; Don and Barbara McIntosh; Alison Marsh; Ken Gorringer; John and Ros Godlee; Kevin White; Doug and Candy Parrish; Pamela Foley; Roma Bates; Mavis Nicholas; Barbara Sherwood; Elaine Kimmorley; Sid and Anne Smith.

We missed the Tomasettis and Corbett Kimmorley who were away, and Ted Hicks who was just out of hospital.

JAMES BENNETT LIBRARY SERVICES

From the President:

Recently members would have received a letter and brochure from the abovenamed concerning a reproduction of John Gould's BIRDS OF PARADISE book by the British Museum (Natural History) and Hill House, Publishers.

These people were referred to us by the office of the Consulate General for PNG and our investigations revealed that the organisation was highly respected in its field of operations.

Some members have been concerned that we provided a membership list for the mailing but this was not the case and something that your Association would never countenance. James Bennett Library Services provided the envelopes and contents prepared for mailing and we supplied the address labels which were affixed to the envelopes under supervision. For this privilege the organisation paid us a suitable fee.

Your Committee has decided that we will not be a party to another such operation in the future.

HAVE YOU HEARD.....?

Doug JOYCEY of St. Lucia Q., a pre and post war Medasst, wrote a brief note to me recently saying that he was now too old to write letters at 93 years of age, but if I am able to write in such a firm and legible hand when I reach his age I will be extremely grateful. Great to hear from you Doug and best wishes from all your friends down here who agree that it is "a great thing to be happy!"

Bette McLAUGHLIN of Camberwell Vic., a resident of PNG for many years post-war, was in touch recently and I quote from her letter: "...I quite agree with your observation that our children find it hard to give up the Territory lifestyle. Eighteen months ago, second son Sean, left the Bar in Melbourne for a six month stint with the Northern Land Council in Darwin - he is still there! At least it gave me a good reason to visit the Top End during July/August. The weather was superb, dry and sunny day after cloudless day - relaxed lifestyle, no traffic hassles. Don't think I could cope with the wet season now tho! I feel sad when I hear about the continuing troubles on Bougainville and think what an idyllic place Kieta used to be and how friendly the Bukas were -- the price of progress is sometimes too high, maybe?" (Ed.) Bette, I also have many very pleasant memories of Bougainville and its people and it was nice hearing from you.

A long letter from Roly and Peg BEECH of Bickley WA. Roly was an engineer with the PWD in PNG, but many people will remember him much better as a leading light in the Arts Council and the Moresby Theatre Group. He was also involved in arranging for professional productions to visit PNG with the ultimate being the Australian Ballet which made two visits. Peg was very much involved with the YWCA being President for a time.

Earlier this year Peg and Roly took a cruise ship the Russian "Bellorussia" and called at Rabaul, Samarai and Moresby. Roly reports on the trip as follows: "We were scheduled to call at Kieta but that was called off. We met a few ex-pats in Rabaul and Kokopo and learned that life there is hardly any different than it was in our time. The place has hardly changed at all.

My wife had never been to Samarai and we were quite delighted by the effort made there and overwhelmed when a choir of girls started to sing what they claimed as their "National Song". The first two lines are all that I can remember-

"Papua New Guinea your day has begun,
Now you are finding your place in the sun."

Our delight was because this song was composed and written in our living room, using our piano, by John Williams, his wife Barbara and several other members of the "Moral Re-armament" group who visited Port Moresby with a theatre show called, I think, "Wake-up Matilda".....

Calling at Port Moresby directly after Samarai was going from the sublime to the ridiculous. It was 15 years since we had farewelled at Jacksons and to pull into the harbour at 7 a.m. (on a Saturday) to see their numerous high-rise concrete buildings all around the waterfront, Paga Hill, Ela Beach and so on ad infinitum was breathtaking. We were met by colleagues and given the "Grande Tour" till about 1 p.m.. At that time, apart from the pubs, the whole town went dead. We were told that over 140,000 exist, I won't say 'live', there. Thank you very much -- we don't want to go again!"

Roly reports that they both enjoy very good health, work harder than they have ever done before, travel as much as possible, spend a lot of time with their family (because they live very close) and belong to so many groups and clubs that they are usually doing something or other.

John J. MURPHY of Chapel Hill Q., PNG ex-Kiap pre and post war and author of a publication on Pidgin English very well known to anyone who resided in New Guinea for any length of time, writes: "Most will recall Allan Vaag of Bulolo prewar and of OTC Samarai postwar. John Murphy had lunch with him in Melbourne recently. At the departure Allan handed John his hat — one he had left there six years ago at lunch — definitely longest lunch ever!"

Les CASS and wife Kaye, now of Nambour Q., in August-September spent three weeks in New Zealand. While on a coach trip they met up with Bob and Audrey Delbridge ex Education PNG. Les says that as far as he can recall Bob served in New Britain, Western and he thinks one of the Highland Districts before leaving in 1974. The Delbridges now live in New Zealand — Audrey's home turf — and grow orchids for export to Asia.

Eric SUTHERLAND ROSS of Springwood Q., replying to a letter I wrote to him recently re various publications about Ivan Champion, reported as follows: "There was one that was lost somewhere along the line and that was a letter of thanks which Jim Weiner read out at the funeral from the remaining members of the 2/22 Battalion. In my mind it was the highlight of all the material published. It would appear that about 150 men of the A.I.F. owed their lives to Ivan rescuing them from the Japs as they fought a rearguard action — which was hopeless — down New Britain, until they came to Jacquinot Bay where Ivan picked them up." Thanks Eric for that and I think there are many such tales of Ivan's activities during the war.

Les BRADY ("4QG" Kainantu) now of Bagara on the Queensland Coast, writes: "Stan Middleton, sad to learn of his troubles. Stan did a great job here, as Honorary Secretary of the Bagara Golf Club, a good friend". Les just back from some months overseas, enjoyed the company of Alan ("Hessa") Tait (ex Bank Wales) in Malaysia. Again visited David and Rosemary Barms in Geneva, also Jim and Virginia Watson (Anthropologists) in Seattle. Les gave the aircraft away and travelled for six weeks by train, looking up old friends in the U.S. and Canada. Got his "wind" back relaxing for a couple of weeks on the beach at Waikiki.

Derek and Patricia BALDWIN I am very pleased indeed to welcome as members. Derek is a 'man tru bilong PNG' having been born in Port Moresby and Patricia (nee Partridge) lived in PNG for many years both pre and post war. Many people will remember Patricia when she worked for the Lands Department, principally as Secretary to Director, Doug McInnes. Derek worked for a number of Government Departments in PNG from 1953 to 1970 and then until 1974 with the Department of External Territories. He reports that: "...since PNG became self governing in December 1973 I have been with the Australian Development Assistance Bureau (ADAB) of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and have served overseas in Fiji (3 years) Bangladash (2 years) and India (3 years). I took the opportunity to retire early, on leaving India, in May of this year. Am presently working with the Institute of Engineers, Australia, in Canberra".

Patricia WINKLE of West Tweed Heads reports that she has been Island hopping in the Whitsundays and returned home recently after a wonderful holiday. Half your luck, Pat, I cannot think of a better way to spend a holiday!

Nan PRIMROSE now of Booragoon WA recently enjoyed a three weeks holiday in Darwin with her daughter Jocelyn and husband Otto Alder. Nan remarks that it was beautiful up there — lovely weather — and she caught up with quite a few old PNG friends.

Linda EVANS had a spell in hospital recently and we do hope that she has now fully recovered. Our very best wishes Linda, hope to see you at the Christmas get-together.

Christina DOWNIE and Margaret BUTHMANN recently returned from Germany, having travelled there via Hong Kong and Amsterdam. Whilst in Germany they headquartered in the Southern Saxony area - magnificent country with tremendous history and buildings dating back to the 1200's. Osnabruck (Margaret and Henry's home town) and Furstenau were the residential spots from where tours to Paris and East and West Berlin were undertaken. Margaret and Chris were just in time to advise Gorby to relax some of his more draconian measures in the East. Did he listen to them? The borders were closed again and 160,000 refugees left the East!! Another excursion was by ferry from Norddeich to the holiday island of Norderney in the North Sea - cold but relaxing. Chris unfortunately brought back with her a dose of German flu but this does not appear to have slowed her down very much!

Joe SHAW, ex Public Curator PNG (refer June 1989 Una Voce) was off to London 1 October with Margaret and is taking her to Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon and Disneyland enroute. He will then spend six months in England with his International Squad and home via Tokyo where they will spend a week before returning to Brisbane next May for the Aussie Circuit. Their kids normally visit them in England and son Tony, wife Cathy and two grandchildren will spend six weeks with them at Christmas.

Kath CRAWLEY of Toowong Q. is another of our senior members who recently reached the 80 year mark. Kath, congratulations and best wishes from all your PNG friends and the President and Committee of ROAPNG.

It was great to hear from Alex ZWECK of Como WA, who served as a Kiap in PNG for many years post war. Alex says that he does not see much of ex PNG folk over there, although there are a few around they don't seem to get-together. He has had the odd caller, Des Ashton and Jean when the Americas Cup was on - also Ted Hicks a couple of times and he sees Syd Johnston at Legacy occasionally. He was pleased to see Meg England as a new member as his recollection of Meg and Peter England go back to Wewak 47 and then Angoram. Alex, regards and best wishes from all your wantoks over here.

Don GROVE of Mont Albert North Vic. reported that they were recently off on a trip to the Victorian Mallee for ten days camping and bushwalking and commented "you'd think an ex patrol officer would know better, wouldn't you?"

Grace HARTLEY of Ormiston Q., a very staunch member of our Association, I believe, has been having trouble with her creaky joints after being free of this problem for a long period. We do hope, Grace, that by the time you receive this Una Voce you will again be rid of your problem. Best wishes from all your friends down here.

Judith RALPH wrote to us from Bowral NSW and I realised it was quite some time since we had seen her. Judy keeps in touch with 2 or 3 other members but is kept busy with her widespread family (Darwin, Perth, Brisbane as well as Sydney), local activities and the odd trip away. She misses Mona Normoyle who lived not far away. Judy, you should really try and make our Christmas Luncheon because I am sure you would enjoy it and meet a lot of old friends. Ed.

Bill TEBB of Terrigal NSW has had a couple of spells in hospital and all your friends, Bill, hope that by now you are again your hale and hearty self. Best wishes from all your friends.

Bob BUNTING of Paradise Point Q., Kiap in PNG for many years post war, recently wrote us such an interesting letter I am sure many members would like us to share it with them. The following is a substantial quote from his letter: "I notice that you are not aware that John Young-Whitford died in June 1985 at Newcastle after a sudden heart attack. Actually Nan and I, son Tony and Bill Carnell from Popondetta and Lae were at Port Stephens on a marlin fishing trip at the time. We were visiting old friends of ours, John and Heather Wallis ex DASF, who are in real estate there. Yarning about old friends I mentioned that some time previously we had stayed with John Young-Whitford in Bowral where he was Manager of the Bowral Golf Club. Wallis said 'No he's not, he's running a printing business under my office in Port Stephens. I'll call him and get him round'. We eventually got onto his landlord who told us that John had been taken into Newcastle Hospital that evening. We rang next morning only to find that John had died. I think the grim reaper was determined that we wouldn't have that final fling together! The one we all dream of but never seem to manage.

John and I went to New Guinea after the war and spent many happy terms on nearby stations. Towards the end of his career he was at Maprik and I was in Vanimo when we linked up the Lumi road section through to Drekikir - a project which we'd planned back in 1959 with Bob Cole. This was the stuff that dreams are made from and we were both privileged to be part of it. The last section Lumi-Aitape was still under construction when I left in 74.

John was a quiet achiever. Like his brother Dudley, John was a Public Relations man par excellence and he was greatly loved by all who knew him and served with him. When he left PNG he went to Bowral and for some years was Manager of the Golf Club. His widow Nancy still lives there.

Peter Lancaster, who did his best work at Menyamya in the late sixties, died this year on 28 March after a long fight against cancer. During my illness Peter was one of the many young Kiaps who constantly gave me great support. He came to stay with me two weeks before his death which was a great blow to us. He was only 47 years old. After leaving PNG Peter lived in Devenport where he devoted his life to working with handicapped children. He was survived by his wife Judith and their two daughters and three sons. Peter was one of the splendid band of young post-war Kiaps whose career was cut short by Independence. I don't believe there was any more dedicated Kiap than Peter. He was admired by the Kukas and I doubt whether they ever admired anyone else except perhaps Lloyd and Margaret Hurrell.

Another old friend Sue King died this year on 16 February aged 59. Sue's husband Bill was Judge's Associate in P.M. and was well known to many field staff. He died in 1980 after a protracted fight against cancer. Sue will be remembered by P.M. golfers and P.M. District Office staff where she worked. This is turning into a tale of woe so I'd better stop. Some of the other 'missing' Kiaps are up this way. I will drop you a line when I track them down". Many thanks, Bob, for filling in some gaps in our records. (Ed.)

Elliott NIEMINEN, one of our new members ex PWD in PNG, has settled on 2 acres at High-fields in Q. which is about 15 kms north of Toowoomba and is a rural/residential area. His wife Mavis is the Bursar for a private school in Toowoomba and their daughter Kay (born Goroka) is in her final few weeks at the Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education and hopefully will gain her Diploma of Music (Performance) majoring on pipe organ. Elliot also has 20 acres of land 23 kms further north where he is growing proteas. For those not in the know, proteas originated from South Africa and are noted for their large blooms and long lasting qualities. He has been in the game for five years now and sell mostly around Brisbane and north to Bundaberg. He did a couple of trials to Japan and Europe last year with reasonable success. He often sees Bruce Chew and his wife, also Harold and Lorraine Schiller who are extremely busy with their garden centre and nursery business. Referring to Una Voce

Elliot comments "It's interesting to hear about people we had close association with and to learn after a number of years what they are doing and where they have settled after leaving PNG. It's sad I guess to think that such a close-knit community has spread so far and wide but the newsletter is serving a very useful purpose in keeping us together".

A BIRTHDAY PARTY TO REMEMBER. Most of us have attended lots of Birthday Parties in our day, but few could be more enjoyable or more memorable than Roma Bate's 80th. Her family snared her back from Belgium, or was it the African Safari she joined?, invited her loved ones and friends from far and wide to gather in the garden of Pat and Ross Johnson's home (Pat is Roma's daughter).

Roma is one of our staunchest committee members and I wish you could have all heard her birthday speech in which she referred to all the members of her family and various kinds of friends that have and are making up her "Tapestry of Life". Roma, your love of life should be an inspiration to us all!

Besides the numerous family members present, including her son David and family, were the following PNG friends: Olga Bliss (Vic), Thelma Burston (Qld), Horrie and Una Niall, Les and Margaret Williams, Doug and Candy Parrish, Pam Foley and Marjorie Marr.

Jean O'ROURKE of Belfield NSW, one of our new members ex Madang, Bulolo etc., sent us a resume of the trip she did last year down memory lane and many of our members will be familiar with the people and places she mentions. Many will remember her as Jean Lesmond but her husband Alan passed away in 1969. Jean's trip: "I went back to New Guinea for a short visit around my old stamping grounds last year and enjoyed every moment. I went to Bulolo, Wau, Baiune, Lae, Madang, Alexishafen and Goroka. I was lucky enough to have Father Bill Saiko show me around the Madang area. Father Bill has his church and home etc. in an area called Newtown. I said I could not place it ... so he said "you are on Modilon Plantation, Roy McGregor's old place". I also visited Bishop Leo Arkfeld (finishing up paper work for retirement). I had taken a photograph with me - it was a group photo taken at the wedding of Roy Sowerby and Matron Elizabeth Kiernan (May, 1958, I think) - the Bishop wanted a copy for his church archives and said that you would not get such a large group together these days - it was taken in the grounds of the residency at Madang - Roma Bate's home - and in Lae I went especially to look at the bridge over the Markham - and Labu all in memory of my several barge trips across. In Bulolo it was wonderful to find Tom and Barbara Lega - and to have Tom drive me around everywhere - he was living in the house previously occupied by Tom Griffiths which was diagonally across from the house I used to live in. They were all packed up to leave the next day, Tom having completed forty-seven years in PNG. It was interesting to know that with the departure of the Legas and another family (I think the name was Lovey), there were only seventeen Europeans left in Bulolo. I did not like the loss of the jungle and the pine planting which seemed to be having continual fires. I did not like the dredged up valley where most of the water seems to be under the rocks and only comes up now and again - or the place where Lee Ashton's lovely house and garden was on the bend of the river and where now there is a "rough" petrol station built on rocks - and driving to Wau I had no hope of picking out Jean Thomas' or the Booth's places and one could hardly recognise the wrecks of dredges as dredges. It was great to drive along the mountain top to Upper Baiune ... and to find so much smoke haze ... on asking I was told efforts were being made to burn the kunai in order to try and make grass grow for cattle ... a few head were to be seen occasionally. Good also to see the bridge across the river at Mumeng .. could not find Mark Schultz's hotel, maybe it is not there. Sometimes people looked dazed at my questions!" Great stuff, Jean, thanks for the memories which made me very sentimental. Ed.

Ted HICKS of Winmalee has been in hospital undergoing some repairs and is slowly recuperating, but I believe he will have to go back again for some further maintenance. We missed you Ted at the mountain get-together and sincerely hope the repair work is healing rapidly. Best wishes from all your mates for a speedy recovery,

Margot WINTER of Chevron Island Q., formerly of Goroka, together with Paul RAASCH, ex-Talair Goroka, recently went on a holiday to Cairns where they met Mat and Lydia Matus who recently bought the "Bottom Pub" at Kuranda Q. (near the Railway Station), also Jerry Vomocil who is on a farm at Kairi on the Tablelands. On their way back, Margot and Paul looked up Frank and Ruby Hoeter in Scarness/Hervey Bay; Trish and Peter van Hoeckel in Nambour, to discover that the Hoeckels were on a four months holiday in Holland; Erica Strophen in Kadanga, near Gympie, but husband Jack is back in New Guinea managing Banz Coffee Plantation (Erica and Jack were originally on the Ian Downs Plantation at Goroka); also Frank and Aggie Newell (ex Goroka) in Karana Waters on the North Coast. Margot reports that Paul Raasch's wife, Dorothea, passed away over two years ago.

Jan VANDERIJET of Ashgrove Q., formerly an Inspector with the Office of the Public Service Commissioner for many years in Port Moresby, has had a very rewarding career since retiring in 1974 and moving to Brisbane. He worked for the CW Department of Admin. Services as Property Registrar till 1980 when he became interested again in theatre and music. Those who knew Jan in PNG will remember that he was always interested in this field and was involved with Bert Byworth in the revival of the Hiri and Dugong dances.

He joined La Boite Theatre and served for awhile as Director on their Board. In the meantime he was asked to assist the Music Broadcast Society, which was then getting their own station on the air, 4MBS-FM. He was also involved with the now Queensland Ballet Co. Currently, he is only involved with the radio station. He records concerts, recitals etc. at the Performing Arts Centre, Cultural Centre, Main Hall and other venues around Brisbane and even further from home - Stanthorpe, Kingaroy, Toowoomba, Ipswich, Gold Coast etc. and at times these concerts are put directly to air. The recorded concerts are subsequently produced and prepared by Jan for broadcast. Jan finds it very interesting work and he gets to hear a lot of marvellous concerts and artists free of charge!!

Jan's wife, Gene (ex Housing Commission), works in the kitchen of 'Meals on Wheels' and both their sons, Eddie and Bill, also live in Brisbane. Brigid, Eddie's youngest daughter is married and has a little daughter, which makes Gene and Jan great-grandparents!! As Jan remarks "Would you believe it?"

J. B. TONER, PNG 1957-73, writes: "The September newsletter noted the passing some years ago of Bob Towers, ex-DCA Moresby. He was not known to me but one of his successful ventures - the Nita Theatre, Boroko - was. PNG did not adequately honour its entrepreneurs and that cinema must have been a boon to the hundreds of indigenes wandering around 4-Mile and Tabari Place.

One Tuesday evening, being at a loose end and noting that "Zulu" (in which a fistful of VCs were awarded to the winning side at Rorke's Drift) was the main feature, I determined to visit the Nita for the first time. Bill Kelly (of Kokopo and now Mosman) has told me that this was the finest training film for Nataff field staff ever made. What better recommendation, I thought, as I pushed my money across the cashier's desk. It was swiftly shoved back at me. "No Europeans in 'ere" said the expatriate. "Youse only get down the front chatting up the meris". Well, pardon meee... (I watched the film, years later, on video)."

Bob and Mary PULSFORD travelled to Perth and visited Sue (Wookey) and Rodger Philpott now at 5 McKay Street, Waterford, WA 6154; Bruce and Penny Bonniwell and family, including Mrs. N. Primrose at 28 Bedwell Crescent, Booragoon WA 6154; and Peter and Verna Ramm at 126 West Coast Highway, Trigg WA 6029.

Mrs. O. PALMER of Sunnybank Q., one of our most senior members, turned 90 on 1 November 1989. Most hearty congratulations and very best wishes from the President and Committee of ROAPNG.

Maurie PEARS, a very big welcome to membership of our Association. Maurie is an ex Commanding of 1 PIR and was for many years with Bougainville Copper Ltd on Bougainville and later in Port Moresby with BCL/CRA.

Wal FISHWICK, a very big welcome to you also. Wal was businessman and resident of Rabaul in New Britain for many years post war before he retired to the Gold Coast. He is currently President of the Gold Coast Papua New Guinea Club. Wal, our two organisations compliment each other, as we each serve a different purpose, let's hope that we can continue to grow and prosper together.

PNG TITBITS

60th Anniversary.

The Lowlands Agriculture Development Station (LAES) Keravat near Rabaul celebrated its 60th anniversary on 6 August 1989. The celebrations were highlighted by an Open Day which included a traditional singing and disco dance.

The Minister for Agriculture and Livestock, Mr. Galen Lang, officially opened the festivities before a large and distinguished crowd including Sir John Guise, Sir Henry ToRobert and Mr Paul Sai'i, Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock.

Solomon Islands Governor

The present Governor of the Solomon Islands, Mr George Lepping, graduated from Vudal Agricultural College, near Rabaul, in 1969. He had been a field officer originally in the Solomon Islands Agricultural Department.

Royal Papua Yacht Club

RPYC Port Moresby continues to thrive and as at July 1989 had 1500 paid up members. Talk is still on about relocation. Peter Cartwright is current Commodore and David Bryan M.B.E., the stalwart Search and Rescue Chief, is Assistant Honorary Secretary.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO.....

Tom LYDON ex Mount Hagen.
Hec McKenzie ex Chief Mining Warden in PNG for many years.

Anyone knowing their whereabouts please notify the Editor.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIAN & PNG CORRESPONDENTSBRIBIE ISLAND (Geoff Masters)

Dining at the local golf club recently ran across Kieth Adkins, ex Comworks, talking to Brian Sullivan, ex RTC. During the course of a beer I was introduced to another expatriate who has found Bribie Island, Jim Birrell, ex Talair Lae. Jim told me he is related to the (Ma) Stewart family so I can only assume that he married one of the Stewart girls. (Ed. He sure did). Whilst missing PNG (don't we all) Jim reckons Bribie Is. is the next best place.

Whilst 1992 is a long way off, I would advise that arrangements are being made to uplift as many veterans and their wives and husbands as possible for a return to Milne Bay - the 50th anniversary of the battle there.

The plan is to fly them to Madang/Alotau and sail them Madang/Finschhafen/Oro Bay/Tufi/Alatou and return on a 10 day visit. It will be a logistics nightmare as we can't have too many in Alotau at any given time due to lack of facilities.

Arrangements are in hand to charter the MELANESIAN EXPLORER (100 people in 50 twin cabins) and at this stage it is expected some 300 veterans and their spouses will make the trip. I have also had enquiries from expatriates who would like to make the trip and providing there are vacancies they are welcome however veterans and spouses get first priority.

There will be no stop at Lae, because due to the time of departure from Madang it would mean a night stop and it is felt that it would be far better to sail on to Oro Bay (Buna).

I attended the funeral of W. A. (Bill) GORDON on Friday 22 September. Carl Mayoh, who had been in Gympie, called in and with Jack Parker, ex Steamie's Slipway, we went up to the crematorium. We were first there followed by a lady and man, the lady introduced herself as Betty McAulay, who, during the course of conversation, mentioned that she was at one time married to Shorty Jordan. It appears that she was the daughter of Laurie Grey who was minister at K.B. Mission during my time there.

Others at the funeral were: Ron Hawthorne; Vince and Dudley Foley (long time POM residents); Jim Dutton; Bill Kelly; Otto Zander; Betty Gordon, John Gordon's widow; and others of the family I did not know.

NORTHERN TERRITORY (Jim Toner)

A number of PNG public servants who traded one Territory for another have achieved success in Darwin. First cab off the rank was, probably, Harry Plant who, after twenty years in Native Affairs, came to the NT as Director of Local Government. When he moved to Canberra in 1971, Tim Terrell, also from Nataff, slid into his warm chair.

Tim also polished a seat in the Legislative Council as an official member but that lasted only until late 1974 when democracy came to Darwin with a popularly elected Legislative Assembly. (Funny how LegCo had seven official members but only six elected members ... but that was more sporting than the old PNG ratio).

Perhaps the champion climber of the totem pole has been Alan Morris who served in the Finance Department at Konedobu 1968-74 and had another stint at Waigani 1978-79. Since arriving in Darwin in 1980 he has become Secretary to the Department of the Chief Minister and the Cabinet, a veritable Sir Humphrey.

Some readers may recall contributing in 1962 to the legal defence fund of a

Patrol Officer who had a problem at Wonenara EHD vide Jim Sinclair's "Kiap" pp.195-199. Otto Alder rose to be Assistant Under-Treasurer of the NT but is now Chairman of the Yulara Corporation, the statutory body responsible for the tourist resort at Ayers Rock.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Margaret Clancy)

We are all very sad about the death of Kay Cole and join together in sending deepest sympathy to Bob and the boys.

You were asking about Gus Bottrill in the last issue of Una Voce and Gus is here in Perth living in the suburb of Maylands. He is at present in Indonesia on holiday.

Other ex-PNG residents here in Perth are Alex and Mary Zweck. Alex is kept busy in his retirement with Legacy and Meals on Wheels among other things. (Alex also gets a mention in "Have you heard...?") Pat Dwyer, ex Kiap and his wife Margaret are living here too. Pat is with the Department of Sport & Recreation and Margaret is teaching. Brian Heagney and his wife Juliana are living in a super unit overlooking the Swan River.

Brian Pearce, who spent his years in PNG with Dillingham and the Department of Works in Lae, Goroka, Poppondetta and Kerema is now living in Rivervale with his wife Marlene and two small sons. Graham Woods, who was in the Bank of New South Wales in Moresby when he married Denise Carey (Department of Education), retired from Westpac in Perth and is enjoying a golf-filled retirement. Denise and Graham have three children.

BRISBANE (Doug Franklin)

John Summers, that jovial Education Officer ex Goroka, was spotted in October shopping at Ferny Hills, Brisbane, where he lives. He is the same as ever and in a long lost meeting with Doug after 15 years nearly brought K Mart to a halt with loud salutations and the exclamation "As you were a didiman, I'll shake your hand!" In a nostalgic conversation about Goroka Sports Club that followed, John said he is still in contact with Kev Tomlin.

Stan Carswell, ex Transport Mendi, was in Lae in October as a member of a North Queensland Chamber of Commerce delegation from Cairns, where Stan is with Repco. Stan is well and sparking on all four.

Alex and Virginia Preo have an acreage block at Thornlands near Brisbane which they have called "Funny Farm". Not so funny in October was their Large White sow which surprised them by producing 13 piglets. Kylie is doing well as a Travel Consultant and Brianna about to finish school is planning to study Accountancy next year at university.

Doug and Pam Franklin had their last PNG leave in 1984 so voted it was time for a break. They spent 16 days during September in Hong Kong and enjoyed every minute. Doug was there as a boy so they travelled up the Peak Tram and found his pre war home still going strong.

BOOK REVIEWS

Title: Public health in Papua New Guinea, Medical possibility and social constraint, 1884-1984.

Authors: Donald Denoon, Kathleen Dugan and Leslie Marshall.

Publisher: Cambridge University Press.

Price: r.r. \$59.50.

Reviewer: Robert L. Pulsford.

Donald Denoon, who was Foundation Professor of History at the University of Papua New Guinea and latterly of the Research School of Pacific Studies of the Australian National University, together with Kathleen Dugan and Leslie Marshall have produced a book which should now be available in Australia. Its contents have been distilled from a thorough reading of all the important archival material, current books and journal articles and in-depth interviews with health workers and administrators. Sir John Gunther is particularly mentioned for contributing much both as a doctor and an administrator.

This book is exciting and easy to read, it is especially of interest to all who have been involved in the colonial experience in Papua New Guinea. Though the topic is public health, it is not addressed to the medical profession, but to the general public whom Denoon sees as ultimately responsible for making health decisions. "Left to their own devices, the medical profession might well be tempted towards technical sophistication. It is this health risk which requires the widest possible public participation in health affairs, so that the nation's health may be seen once again as a matter of universal concern, and no longer a series of doctors' dilemmas". (p.122) This important book challenges Public Health worldwide, using the Papua New Guinea story as a microcosm.

Sir Paulias and Lady MATANE have been on a pilgrimage and written an exciting and very readable account of it in: *Two Papua New Guineans Discover the Bible Lands*. The 152 paged paperback was printed and published by the Trinity Press Rabaul (P.O. Box 501), 1987, ISBN 9980 85 824 9.

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THE ASSOCIATION'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

will be held on

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER, at 11.45 a.m. for 1 p.m.

at: THE MANDARIN CLUB

cnr Pitt and Goulburn Streets, Sydney

Please note: The venue will be the Oriental Room - on the 4th Floor

Cost will be \$20.00 per head which will cover a banquet style meal and a ticket in the door prize. Drinks at club prices :-

Beer	\$6.50 per jug
Wine	\$6.50 per carafe
Soft drink	\$6.00 per carafe

Drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will also be available by the glass.

The Council car park, corner Goulburn and Castlereagh Streets will be open from 10 am to 4 pm. for a charge of \$4.00. The Club is not far from Town Hall, Central and Museum Stations. Anyone needing assistance with transport could please ring Pamela Foley on 428 2078 or Harry West on 498 2271.

Seating arrangements will receive special attention to help those attending alone or those who feel they may not know many people. If you wish to be seated with your friends please let us know who they are when you make your booking. PLEASE BOOK EARLY! It is most important that we know in advance how many are coming so that we can liaise efficiently with the Club, and not have to pay for meals booked for and not used. If it is necessary for you to cancel, a full refund will be made if Treasurer Bill Johnston is phoned on 529 4974 by noon on Friday 1st December.

Make your cheque payable to R.O.A.P.N.G and send with the Booking Slip below to Bill Johnston, 25 Hillview Street, Sans Souci, NSW 2219.

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LUNCHEON BOOKING

NAME:.....(Please print Christian & Surname)

I will be accompanied by.....

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(Please print full names (for name badges))

If possible I would like to be seated with.....

Enclosed please find my cheque / money order for \$.....

COMMENTS ABOUT OUR 'VALE' SECTION

I have received comments from two members to the effect that they thought our "Vale" section was too long and we should only give very brief details of members and friends who have passed on. Many others, however, have welcomed the new format and I would appreciate members' views on the subject.

We regret that Vale took up so much space in the September issue and we sincerely hope that this will not be the pattern of the times or the future.

Someone also commented that some people get a much bigger write-up than others. I am afraid that this is something entirely beyond my control as it largely depends on how much information is provided by family and friends. Prior to each issue of Una Voce I spend many hours on the telephone trying to gather information about each of the deceased, but sometimes to no avail. On occasion, relatives promise to supply details but none are forthcoming.

Having spent some thirty years in PNG many of the people I write about I knew or still know personally, others I know by reputation, but there are many I have never met or about whom I have any knowledge.

My whole aim at all times in Una Voce is to write about PNG and the people who lived or still live there, not only members but also anyone we feel our readers might be interested in hearing about. Generally the news about members and friends is only as good as the input provided by our correspondents and other members so if something happens in your lives which you feel that others would like to know about please drop us a line. (Editor).

VALE

With deep regret we record the passing of the following members and friends. On behalf of the Association the Committee extends our sincere sympathy to their families.

Mrs. Kay COLE (14 October 89)

Kay Cole spent her life since the war in PNG with her husband, Bob, while he served in various districts as a senior Kiap and then in Port Moresby as Commissioner of Police from December 1964 to April 1969.

The Coles then lived in St. Ives, Sydney, for a time before going to their final home at Nerang on the Queensland Gold Coast.

Whilst in PNG, Kay was a tireless worker for charities and in 1969 was awarded a citation for her work with CWA.

Kay was always active, she never "retired". On the Gold Coast she played golf regularly with Bob and various friends. She swam most days. She was also interested in numerous crafts and was an accomplished potter, apiary assistant, expert needlewoman (being this year's embroiderist of the year), and a secret organ player. She was well read, enjoyed music, ballet and the theatre and loved attending concerts in Brisbane.

Kay, is survived by her husband Bob, her two sons Robert and James, her daughters-in-law and her grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by Archbishop Virgil Copas, ex PNG, and was attended by a very large number of ex PNG people.

Mr. Carson (Kit) ATHERTON (25 September 89)

Kit first went to PNG as a member of the 2/6 Commando Company after training at Foster. He fought in the Owen Stanley campaign, Ramu Valley, Wau and Kaiapit (where as RAP Sergeant he was awarded MID).

He returned to PNG in 1946 as a member of the Public Health Department at Lae. Later he was posted as Medical Assistant to Mumeng where he built the Native Hospital.

In 1949 he married Pat and returned to Mumeng with the Commonwealth Department of Works building bridges at Patep and Mumeng. He then transferred to the Public Works Department and worked at Lae before being transferred as Works Supervisor to Kavieng and then Mt. Hagen, retiring in 1971.

Everywhere he went, Kit had a beautiful garden after only a few months and his home in Frankston Vic. is noted for its acre of lovely shrubs and his pot plants.

Kit is survived by his wife Pat, sons Nicholas and Martin and stepson Julian.

Mr. James Kennerley LILLYMAN (28 September 89)

Jim was born 31 December 1918 and went to the Middle East in 1940 with the 2/5 Field Artillery Regiment. He saw active service in Syria and PNG until 1943 when he transferred to ANGAU. In 1945 he was seconded to the Provisional Administration in Port Moresby and early in 1946 he was discharged.

Jim was appointed to the PNG Public Service 17 January 1946 and posted to Lae where he and his wife Joyce remained for ten years before being transferred to Port Moresby when Jim was appointed Superintendent of Stores. They remained there until 1972 when Jim retired and they moved to Dural NSW where Joyce still lives.

Jim is survived by his wife Joyce, his two sons, Mark and John and one grandson, Nicholas.

Mrs. Dallas Mary CORLIS (3 July 89)

Dallas was born in Port Moresby in 1932, the daughter of Archie and Mary Baldwin, whose parents had come to the Territory before the turn of the century.

During the war Dallas was evacuated to Brisbane on the S.S. Katoomba with mother Mary and brothers Ken, John (deceased 1987) and Derek. She returned to PNG in 1947 and in 1952 married Max Corlis who was then a Sub-Inspector of Police. Max subsequently joined the Corrective Services Division and was posted in turn to Lae, Kerevat and Bomana. Their only son John, who is now with the Taxation Department in Townsville, was born in Moresby in 1956.

Dallas' working career in PNG spanned three decades from the late forties to the late seventies and included stints with private enterprise (Steamships and Qantas) as well as government (Corrective Institutions, Education and Civil Affairs). While Max was O.I.C. Bomana during the mid sixties Dallas oversighted many of the diverse clerical functions which made Bomana run so efficiently. Her knowledge of and affinity with Papua New Guineans enabled her to make a contribution that was special at the time.

Dallas and Max left PNG in 1977. Since then Dallas has lived mainly in Canberra with son John and thereafter at Caloundra near her mother Mary and brothers Ken and John.

Dallas is survived by her son John, mother Mary and brothers Ken and Derek.

Mr. W. A. (Bill) GORDON (September 89)

Bill died in Sydney and was the last surviving child of the late Bob and Alice Gordon, long time PNG residents from Gordon Estate, Port Moresby.

He was born in Port Moresby in 1923 and after completing his education there he served in the Papuan Police Force. When the war broke out he joined the A.I.F. After discharge from the army he resumed work in Papua in various fields with dedication and integrity. He bridged the gap between European, Chinese, Mixed-race and Papua New Guinea people and was praised, loved and noted for his kindness and generosity.

Due to health reasons he repatriated to Sydney in the late 70's. Despite his incapacity, he was a diabetic and had a leg amputated, he would venture occasionally to visit his late sister Betty Zander's family and his late brother John Gordon's family.

Sir John Patrick MINOGUE (20 September 89)

Sir John was a distinguished barrister, judge and law reformer. He was also a gallant and effective soldier, although he would have been the last to mention it.

Born in 1909, son of a country solicitor, he was educated at St. Kevin's College and the University of Melbourne. After two years as a solicitor in Bendigo, he was called to the Victorian Bar in 1939. He served in the army from 1940 to 1946.

In 1942, when Australian troops were starving in the mud of the Kokoda Trail, Lieutenant-Colonel J. P. Minogue was the first senior staff officer to slog it forward to where the bullets were falling. It is said, that he found horrors caused as much by Australian incompetence as by Japanese action; with calm forcefulness, he did much to sort things out. Later he was a key man with a vital military mission to Washington.

Back in civil life, he became a Queen's Counsel in 1957 and was a member of the Victorian Bar Council from 1958 to 1962, when he was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea. He was Chief Justice from 1970 to 1974. He was knighted in 1976 and in 1977 became Victorian Law Reform Commissioner, a post he held until 1982 when he retired.

Mrs. Dulcie WEST (1 November 89)

Dulcie lived in PNG for many years and is survived by her husband Harry, our Deputy President, and son David.

Mr James Hamilton Arthur LAPPIN (26 September 89)

James was a Senior Technical Officer with the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and is survived by his wife Joyce.

Mr. Andrew S. C. Patterson (4 September 89)

Andrew, formerly of the PNG Department of Trade and Industry, retired to Point Vernon Q. and is survived by his wife Celia May.

Mr. Frederick Philip RODE (17 September 89)

Fred was born 22 February 1919 and joined the PNG Public Service 22 January 1951. He was with the Department of Law when he retired and is survived by his wife Edith.

Mr. William T. K. HOWARD (26 September 89)

Bill was with the PNG Department of Trade and Industry before retiring to Rochedale Q. He is survived by his wife Barbara. (I seem to recollect that Bill or his wife came from Berwick on the Tweed, Northumberland, England. Ed.)

Mr. Robert McNaught HARRISON (12 September 89)

Robert was a Senior Communications Officer with the PNG Department of Posts & Telegraphs before he retired and is survived by his wife Vera.

Mrs. Marlene Joyce MORRIS (7 August 89)

Widow of William Noel Morris ex PNG Public Service.

Mrs. Susan NOLAN (11 October 89)

Widow of Henry Nolan ex PNG Public Service.

Mrs. Helen Annie WAYNE (19 September 89)

Resident New Zealand and widow of Ronald Norman Wayne ex PNG Public Service.

Sister Edna May (Gillie) GILBERT (27 October 89)

Formerly of Cooperoo Q., served in the A.I.F. with the Australian Army Nursing Service QFX4520 2/2 AGH, Ex Infant Welfare Sister for many years with PNG Department of Public Health. Rendered exceptional service at Mt. Lamington after the eruption. Gillie will be fondly remembered and her passing mourned by the many friends who would be aware of her dedication and devotion to duty in improving Public Health in PNG.

Mr. Grahame Stuart GOWDIE (16 October 89)

Grahame was a graduate of Queensland Agricultural College, Gatton, and was with the PNG Department of Agricultural Stock & Fisheries from approx. 1952. A Memorial Service for Grahame held at St. Joseph's Technical College, Lae, 27 October 1989 was attended by 100 expatriates and 200 Nationals.

Mr. Fred SHAW-MEYER (?)

Was for years in PNG at Bird of Paradise Sanctuary Western Highlands.

Mr. Keith LEVY (27 September 89)

Keith was born in 1927 at Merrylands NSW. He joined the PNG Provisional Administration in 1947 and in 1949 he married Dawn. He remained with the government for 12 years, first as a records clerk and later an assistant statistician.

When Keith left the government it was to accept the challenge of taking up a land grant in the Western Highlands. At the time, a largely uncontrolled and primitive area of PNG. These were pioneer days. With Dawn beside him and hard back breaking work - second hand equipment - irregular supplies - poor refrigeration and a new baby each eighteen months, he established Bittam Plantation which produced high quality mountain coffee.

Not content with this he used his building skills to erect several spec. buildings in Mount Hagen. He also led an active public life - holding executive positions in the Farmers and Settlers Association, Western Highlands Rugby League Association, Pre-School and P & C Associations, Western Highlands Show Society and the Baiyer River Bird Sanctuary.

Keith gained the respect of the native people in the Western Highlands - an arrogant difficult group of people and went on to represent them in the First House of Assembly. He won the seat against their own tribal leaders - no mean task for a European. He was a man of vision who realised that constitutional change was coming and did much to assist them in understanding what was happening.

With the coming of independence Keith had the foresight that his tasks in PNG were finished and he and his family returned to Australia. He settled first at Wauchope, then Cootamundra before retiring to Laurieton. He is survived by his wife Dawn and children Gayle, David, James, Mark, Teresa and Keith.

Mr. Norm Osborne (30 July 89)

Spent years in Lae and was PNG RSL State President. Survived by wife Sue and two daughters.

Mr. Rod MARSLAND M.B.E, M.I.D., Bronze Star (UAS) (15 July 89)

Rod went to the PNG in 1937 and was a well known planter, shipmaster and Coastwatcher. He played a major part in the evacuation of Australian troops from Rabaul and had other distinguished war service.

Mr. Greg KENT (2 October 89)

Greg spent many years in Rabaul as an insurance representative in association with W. R. Carpenter & Co.. Survived by wife Eileen.

PNG NEWS:**FISHERIES LOAN**

Papua New Guinea has secured a K30m soft loan from Japan for fisheries projects. The money will be used under the Rural Fisheries Assistance Scheme with emphasis in five major areas:

Coastal fisheries development; trout farming in the Highlands; prawn aquaculture; infrastructural development for tuna.

POLICE AID

Training of the country's policemen will be boosted by an Australian grant amounting to K9m for the next five years. The scheme was started last year under the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB). The main objective of the program is to improve the system of administration resulting in better utilization of human resources. Australia's main contribution will be through the supply of expert advisers with management and training specialization. Australia will also supply equipment to improve the mobility of the Force.

NEW PATROL BOAT

Papua New Guinea received its fourth K2m Australian designed and built pacific patrol boat at a ceremony near Fremantle on 1 July. The Australian Defence Minister, Mr Kim Beazley, handed over the 31.5 metre long HMPNGS Basilisk to the Papua New Guinea Minister for Defence, Mr Ben Sabumei. The vessel is part of several being given to Pacific countries to assist them in policing their 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zones.

NEW ROAD

Cabinet has approved the awarding of contracts for upgrading and sealing of the Vailala to Rigo section of the Magi Highway. Cabinet also approved the awarding of contracts for the construction of the Gumini and Sagarai bridges, both on the Milne Bay section of the Magi Highway. The contracts are worth K13m. Funding for the projects will be by the European Economic Community and the World Bank.

NEW HOSPITAL

The Governor-General, Sir Ignatius Kilage, opened the new K650,000 hospital at Tabubil at the end of July. The hospital has 14 beds for inpatients and can handle 6500 consultations a month in its outpatient department. Since the beginning of the Ok Tedi mine at Tabubil there has been significant health care improvement in the area. Health programs have seen a drop in malaria cases by 60% in children and 35% in adults. Infant mortality has been reduced from 30% to 5% and the life expectancy for village people has increased from 32 years to over 40 years.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

As many as 50 new scholarships will be offered to suitably qualified Papua New Guineans to study at tertiary level in Australia under an Australian Government scheme entitled Equity and Merit Scholarship Scheme. The Scheme will begin in 1990 and the scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic results. In 1990 there will be a total of 500 Papua New Guineans sponsored by the Australian Government studying in Australia.

CHIMBU ROADS

The National Government has made a commitment to fund major road construction at the cost of more than K5m in the southern part of the Simbu Province in 1990. The government will fund the Kundiawa to Karamui road.

UNIVERSITY OF PNG

The University of Papua New Guinea plans to double its student enrolment by the year 1999. By the year 1994 the number of students is expected to rise from the present figure of 4,000 to 5,000. Of these 3,400 will live on the campuses. (These figures cover Extension Studies, the Port Moresby campus and Goroka campus).

TALAIR

Talair has taken delivery of its second De Havilland Dash 8 aircraft. The aircraft was flown from Toronto, Canada, to Port Moresby. The 37 seater aircraft cost the company K8m and will serve the Highlands, New Guinea Islands and Papua regions.

NEW BRIDGE

The Prime Minister, Rabbie Namaliu, officially opened Mendi's new K350,000 double-lane bridge on 20 June. The bridge was built by the Australian Defence Force Engineering Unit based in Mendi. The new bridge will assist in the development of the Southern Highlands.

GROWING POPULATION

The country's population is expected to reach 9,000,000 in only 45 years if effective family planning is ignored. This prediction was made by the Health Department, which warned that this uncontrolled high growth rate could lead to drastic social and economic problems. It added that a controlled program could limit the population of the country to 7,000,000 in 40 years. The Department revealed that 40% of the present population is under the age of 15 years. The population has risen from 2.1m in 1966 to 3.6m in 1988. Studies show that the highest fertility rates are in the Islands region, with West New Britain having a fertility rate of 6.8% compared to the lowest, Chimbu, with 4.2%. Life expectancy varies from a high of 60 years in the North Solomons to 42 years in the Western Highlands.

NEW SCHOOL

Plans are under way for the country's fifth national high school to be built in Lae. The school is to be built at Taraka. Senior education officials are at present studying the site. If studies of the project run according to plan, the school should be complete for the beginning of the 1993 school year.

SHOPPING COMPLEX

The Public Officers Superannuation Board is to construct the largest and most modern shopping complex in the Southwest Pacific. The complex will be known as the "Waigani Centre" and will be situated at the corner of Waigani and Sir John Guise Drives. The project will cover a total area of 30,000 square metres, of which the retail shopping centre will cover 18,000 square metres. The complex is expected to cost K15m and will consist of two department stores, 50 to 60 small retail outlets, a large food mall, child minding centre, underground car park and courtyard.

TUNA STUDY

A feasibility study into setting up a state-owned Tuna Development Corporation has been approved by the National Executive Council. The study will be financed by the Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources. The Department will also conduct the study.

LAE WHARF

Prime Minister Mr Rabbie Namaliu opened the K13m wharf in Lae on 29 June. The new wharf is now the country's biggest and took two and a half years to build. It is capable of handling up to 2 million tonnes of cargo annually and gives the port an additional 35 metres of berthing space. The Lae wharf project is one of four major harbour projects. The other new wharves are at Kimbe, Biala and Oro Bay. Together the projects cost K12m.

GOLD MINE TO CLOSE

Renison Goldfields Consolidated Ltd. will close its operations at the Wau gold mine because it is no longer profitable. The Wau gold mine produced 19,500 ounces of gold in 1987-88 and was expected to produce 28,100 ounces last year. New Guinea Goldfields operated in the area since 1920 and was bought by RGC in 1981. The Wau operation has been operating at a loss over the past couple of years because gold recovery has not been sufficient to cover costs.

COFFEE INDUSTRY

The country's coffee industry is to undergo a major overhaul in a bid by the Government to closely monitor its development. All organisations involved in the coffee industry will come under the control of the Coffee Industry Corporation, which will be set up next year. Three divisions will be set up within the CIC:

- extension, rehabilitation and research;
- promotion, marketing and support services;
- control regulation, management, funds and operations.

Copra, cocoa and oil palm will be the next industries to be looked at, after the CIC has been established.

COCOA

Papua New Guinea has become the world's first in developing a successful chemical to fight the blackpod disease in cocoa. The new fungicide, Fos-ject 600 was developed by the PNG Cocoa and Coconut Research Institute in East New Britain with the help of an Australian chemical company, UIM Agrochemicals (Australia) Ltd. The success is the result of three years' research and trialling. The economic life of the cocoa tree will now be lengthened and yields will be increased by up to 40%. Blackpod disease (Canker) is a scale which attacks the cocoa tree trunks. The new chemical is not restricted by weather conditions and is safe for both the user and the environment.

AIRPORT FACELIFT

Work has begun on a K56m redevelopment project on Port Moresby's Jackson's International Airport. The funds for the development are to come from the Japanese Government. The Jackson's redevelopment plan is among plans to redevelop three airports over the next five years. The other two airports, which will cost about K21m, are Tokua in East New Britain and Nadzab outside Lae. Major works on the three airports include extending terminals, sealing runways, roads, car parks and fire stations.

MINING ENGINEERS

The University of Technology is set to produce the country's first mining engineers by 1992. This will be possible through the establishment of the new mining engineering department approved by the University Council in July.

OIL FLOW

A strong oil flow has been reported in July at Agogo 1-X discovery well. The 4,672 barrels a day flow is one of the best flow rates recorded in Papua New Guinea and could provide the impetus for the development of an oil field encompassing the nearby Iagifu and Hedinia oilfields. These fields have proven reserves of about 150m barrels and about another 50m barrels of probable reserves. Analysts have estimated that the size of Agogo 1-X raised the possibility of a further 50m barrels. The discovery was reported by Agogo 1-X venture partner Oil Search Ltd, which has reported several oil, gas and condensate flows from different structures in Agogo.

JOINT SERVICES COLLEGE

The former Joint Service College, now the Defence Force Academy, at Igam in Lae, is to be re-opened. The Defence Minister Benias Sabumei said that the re-opening was one of a number of steps the Defence Department was taking in consultation with the other disciplined forces to rationalise their resources and operations. The Joint Services College closed some years ago and is now the Defence Force Academy for officer cadet training. Mr Sabumei said the College may open in 1990.

NEW ZEALAND AID

The PNG Government has formally endorsed a major project involving New Zealand aid to promote the local fruit and vegetable industry over the next five years. Under the agreement the New Zealand Government will contribute about K2.33m and the Papua New Guinea Government will contribute K465,800. The Minister for Finance, Mr Pora said that the aim of the project was to

- increase smallholders' employment and income through improved access to the commercial market;
- encourage import substitution of introduced fruit and vegetables;
- increase domestic production of fruit and vegetables in line with market growth;
- improve market efficiency of domestic production through increased private sector participation.

SECOND MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP

The second meeting of the Consultative Group for Papua New Guinea was held in Tokyo on May 25 and 26. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Governments of Papua New Guinea, Australia, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, Korea, New Zealand and the United States of America, as well as delegates from the Asian Development Bank, the Commission of the European Communities, the European Investment Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the United Nations Development Program and the World Bank. The meeting reviewed economic and social developments in Papua New Guinea over the past year and commended Papua New Guinea for its good record on macroeconomic management in recent years. Support from the donor community was reconfirmed during the meeting and was seen to be important for the success of the Government's development efforts. To support the Government's development programs, the members of the Consultative Group indicated that they would provide about US\$220m in project-related and technical assistance to Papua New Guinea during the coming year. Australian budget support would be maintained at US\$210m. The next meeting of the Consultative group will take place in May 1990.

LAND PLAN

Cabinet has approved a World Bank loan of US\$19.6m to help fund the land mobilisation program. Funding will also come from Australia US\$6.4m and the Papua New Guinea government (US\$16.2m). Specific objectives of the project are:

- . create a clear policy and legislative environment to promote investment in land;
- . enable customary landowners to increasingly participate in the development of their land;
- . provide effective land services to all land users (surveying, valuation, registration and transfer, mapping, title registration, land acquisition, dispute settlement, physical planning and land information;
- . transfer land administration responsibilities from the National to the Provincial Governments.

MISIMA MINE OPENED

Following several weeks of full scale production the Misima Mine in the Milne Bay Province was officially opened by the Prime Minister Rabbie Namaliu on 27 June. Before the opening the mine had already mined and exported quantities of gold and silver. The mining at Misima is expected to last for ten years and has proven reserves of 56m tonnes of ore, grading at 1.35 grams of gold and 21 grams of silver a tonne. In the first year of operation the mine is expected to produce 400,000 ounces of gold and 2.6m ounces of silver. Construction work on the mine cost Placer Pacific Ltd over K170m. The mine is 80% owned by Placer Pacific Ltd and 20% by the Papua New Guinea Government.

LAE HOUSING

Lae is set to have its first multi-storey executive accommodation apartments. On 23 June the Governor-General, Sir Ignatius Kilage, performed the ground breaking ceremony at 9th Street to mark the start of the construction of the six-storey building to be called the "Lae Garden Plaza". The building will comprise 20 executive style apartments, recreation facilities and underground car park. The complex will cost K2m.

TIMBER DEAL

The rich Vaia timber tract in the Gulf Province will now be logged with the help of Chinese based Shinsei Enterprises Pty Ltd. On 1 July an agreement was signed between the company, the state and the Provincial Government. The project will include the construction of roads, bridges, schools and other facilities for the local people. An estimated K500,000 is expected to be earned out of every 100,000 cubic metres of timber from the Timber Rights Purchase area.

SOMARE FOUNDATION HOUSE

Foreign Affairs Minister, Michael Somare, laid the foundation peg at the site for the "Somare Foundation House" at Waigani on June 13. The eleven storey Pangu Party complex will cost about K13m. Construction work on the complex will begin before the end of the year. The complex is being constructed by Damai Pty Ltd, a business arm of Pangu Pati. The foundation peg laying coincided with the 22nd anniversary of the Pangu Party.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

MR D. & MRS P. BALDWIN	28 Roseworthy Crescent,	FARRER	ACT 2607
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