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Parliament Election and Referendum

Saturday, 11 October 2025

Here's how to vote for your Members of Parliament.

2025 Election

Please bring at least **ONE** form of identification

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR SECRET

Voting stations are open

from **9 am** until **6 pm**

How to Vote

- Find the candidate you like the most. Write 1 in the box next to their name.
- Find the candidate you like next. Write 2 in the box next to their name.
- Keep going, writing 3, 4, 5, and so on, until all boxes have a number.
- Each box must have a different number. Put the candidates in the order you prefer.

7	Candidate, A
1	Candidate, B
12	Candidate, C
4	Candidate, D
9	Candidate, E
13	Candidate, F
5	Candidate, G
2	Candidate, H
6	Candidate, I
8	Candidate, J
10	Candidate, K
3	Candidate, L
11	Candidate, M

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Remember to

- Use numbers 1
- Check that every box has a number in it
- Make sure that no boxes are left empty
- Write clearly
- Ask an electoral official for a new ballot paper if you make a mistake
- Don't write your name on the ballot paper
- Your vote won't be counted unless your ballot paper is filled out correctly.

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Here is how to vote for the Referendum – to decide on a change to the Constitution.

2025 Referendum

Nauruans will go to the polls for **TWO** important votes:

- GENERAL ELECTION** to elect Members of Parliament.
- REFERENDUM** to decide on a change to the Constitution.

Why do we need a referendum?

Parliament has already voted in favour of the change (with at least two-thirds support). For the Constitution to change, at least two-thirds of voters must agree in the referendum.

Put ballot in the correct ballot box.

Now, you – the people – get the final say.

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Voter instructions

- Get the ballots from the polling official.
- Complete the ballots in secret at the polling booth.
- Fold the ballots in half so no one can see how you voted.
- Put them in the correct ballot box.

What is the referendum about?

Put an "X" in the box of your choice

The Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2025: If successful will change the Parliament Term from three to four years.

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REPUBLIC OF NAURU
Referendum Procedures Act 2025
(Sections 13 and 14)

Ballot Paper - Article 84 Referendum

Note for Voters

For the purposes of voting in this Referendum, the Parliament has passed the *Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2025* to extend the term of Parliament from 3 to 4 years. This Bill can only become law if two thirds of the votes cast are in favour of it. The Bill is to extend the current term of Parliament from 3 to 4 years. As a voter you have to answer the question below. The sample of how to vote on whether you agree or disagree with the extension of the term from 3 to 4 years is provided below.

Do you agree that the term of the Parliament be increased from 3 to 4 years as approved and passed by the Parliament pursuant to the *Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2025*?

If you agree then place a '✓' in the box next to 'YES' like this: YES ☒

If you do not agree, then place '✓' in the box next to 'NO' like this: NO ☒

QUESTION TO ANSWER BY VOTING
You will place your mark (✓) after this question.

Do you agree that the term of the Parliament be increased from 3 to 4 years as approved and passed by the Parliament pursuant to the *Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2025*?

YES ☐

NO ☐

President Adeang: How and why we are strengthening our economy through bold action.

President David Adeang has revealed for the first time that when he was elected president three years ago, he received advice from the government's finance department that the nation was in "serious trouble".



Having a reliable bank is a vital part of Nauru's economy.

"Revenue from RPC had dropped, and RPC is maybe 70 or 80 per cent of our economy and our budget," he said.

However the president and his cabinet knew that for Nauru, recently named by the United Nations as the most vulnerable country in the Pacific and the fifth most vulnerable in the world, options available to larger nations weren't available to boost the economy.

"We knew we had to think outside the box, and to be innovative and bold," President Adeang said.

"This is why we recently passed legislation for crypto to add that to our economy, which is worthwhile. Nobody else in the Pacific is doing it."

He also pointed to his negotiations with Australia that resulted in bringing Australia's largest bank, the Commonwealth Bank, to Nauru.

"This is such a vital part of the economy, as we must have a reliable bank, and I encourage each individual to save as much as they can, just as the government saves money in the Nauru Trust Fund for future generations."

He also spoke of many other projects the government is working on including the new solar farm which will save the nation money and reduce spending on diesel, and the completion of the new port which will boost shipping, cargo capacity and refuelling of petrol, diesel and Jet-A1.

"Of course, once the port is completed, the workers can move on to other projects, specifically the stadium, which must be completed as quickly as possible ahead of the Micronesian Games."

The president said the relationship with China is also bringing massive benefits to Nauru and that many new projects are in the pipeline.

Polling Locations – 11 October 2025 9am to 6pm

Aiwo - Aiwo Civic Centre - Eigigu Supermarket

Anabar - Fishers of Men Church

Anetan - Anetan Infant School

Anibare - Nauru Fish Market

Baiti - Baiti Playground

Boe - Sports Complex

Buada - Chapel Hall

Denigomodu - Nauru College

Ewa - Sacred Heart College

Ijuw - Community Court

Meneng - Meneng Primary School and the Meneng Community Hall

Nibok - Nibok Infant School

Uaboe - Uaboe Hotspot

Yaren - Yaren Primary School

He also provided an insight into recent talks with the United States ambassador, when discussions were held around benefiting Nauru's economy.

"We spoke of the mining for deep-sea minerals, which, at its peak, will bring substantial financial benefits to Nauru once mining starts.

He said there were so many other initiatives being undertaken by the government, from education and health to sports and "you might ask why we are doing all of these things while no one else is doing them.

"Because again, we don't have the options normally available to larger nations and therefore we must strengthen our economy by being innovative and smart. Furthermore, as the fifth most vulnerable country in the Pacific, we must work harder and smarter to secure our economic resilience and prosperity.

"Our government's priority is to create a prosperous future for all Nauruans, and I ask all of us to work together, stay the course and support what the government is doing.

"This will be to the benefit of all," the president concluded. //

Nauru continues to be an aviation leader in the Pacific.

In an environment that has seen many other Pacific airlines struggle, President David Adeang has committed to ensuring Nauru Airlines will continue to drive local jobs, increase trade and expand international connectivity for Nauruans.



President says no one should underestimate the challenges of running an airline

A new Memorandum of Understanding between Nauru Airlines and Air Marshall Islands, as well as recent new route announcements to Suva and the Philippines, are examples not only of aviation success but of national prosperity, according to the president.

“Nauru Airlines is synonymous with Nauru’s national identity and our place in the world, and it sets us apart in the Oceania Pacific region,” he said.

“No one should underestimate the challenges of running an airline, particularly for a nation the size of Nauru, and neither should we take its success for granted.

He reminded Nauruans that success doesn’t come by accident.

Our government has made the right financial and governance decisions that has ensured the airline’s expansion and prosperity for future generations.

Nauru Airlines is the only Pacific airline that holds an Australian Air Operator’s Certificate and is certified and regulated by the Australian Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), which means its maintenance and operations are conducted to the highest aviation standards, following both Boeing specifications and CASA regulations.



“While this comes at a considerable cost for us, the safety of Nauruans when travelling on Nauru Airlines is paramount and won’t be compromised,” the president said.

He also praised Minister for Nauru Airlines Asterio Appi, Chairman Charleston Deiye and Interim CEO Robert Eoe, for their “strong leadership and forward thinking”, noting that the airline now operates a fleet of 7 x Boeing 737 aircraft including three which are dedicated to freight operations.

“Life on Nauru would be completely different without a national airline and we are determined to continue to lead regional aviation.”

President Adeang said that in his first term as president, his government has not only prioritised the sound financial management of state assets like the airline, but has embraced innovation and future prosperity.

“The Nauru Trust Fund, the Security Treaty with Australia, the Economic Partnership with People’s Republic of China, the continued advancement of deep-sea mining, the Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship Program, and the new crypto legislation are all part of our path towards continued economic growth and future prosperity,” he said.

“However, the innovative advances our government has made are just the start.”

The president has previously declared that while the UN rates Nauru as the most vulnerable nation in the Pacific, the Adeang Government refuses to be a victim and chooses instead to pursue positive and innovative solutions.

We choose a vision of a sustainable and prosperous future for generations to come, achieved through careful planning, strong partnerships, and unwavering determination. //



Miss Kiribati crowned first-ever Miss Micronesia

The first ever Miss Micronesia was crowned in Nauru, 9 October, with Miss Kiribati, Atiterentaa Rinimarawa, taking out the top honour.



Miss Micronesia Atiterentaa Rinimarawa

In a three-day pageant, Miss Kiribati earned the crown from fellow contestants Miss Marshall Islands, Claret Taonang Chong Gum, and Miss Nauru, Charlei Deiye.

Pageant director Livingstone Hiram reported the four-judge panel had nothing but praise for the quality of the contestants, who he said had set a high standard for future Miss Micronesia pageants.

"The Miss Micronesia Pageant 2025 was a resounding success and a tribute to the exceptional young women who participated," Mr Hiram said.

"I want to congratulate Miss Kiribati, Atiterentaa Rinimarawa, for taking out the crown and wish her every success in the future.

"I also want to acknowledge Miss Marshall Islands, Claret Taonang Chong Gum, and Miss Nauru, Charlei Deiye for the passion and commitment they brought to this event."

Coinciding with the pageant is the inaugural Micronesia Music Festival, also being held on Nauru, featuring some of the region's finest musical performers.

According to Mr Hiram, the pageantry and music witnessed in Nauru showcased "the magic of Micronesian culture throughout the region and beyond."

"Festival and pageant goers have been treated to some exceptional performances this week that will linger long in the memory," he said.

"Contestants and participants have lived up to the week's theme of 'We are Micronesia' and have helped put this event well and truly on the map."

Miss Kiribati, Atiterentaa Rinimarawa, said she was "honoured and humbled" to be crowned the first-ever Miss Micronesia.

"I'm enormously proud to represent Kiribati in a prestigious event that's all about celebrating Micronesian culture," she said.

"I want to congratulate my pageant sisters from Nauru and the Marshall Islands for being part of a very special occasion that advertises the best Micronesia has to offer." //

New athlete and coaching funding to boost athletic excellent and national health

Minister for Sports Jesse Jeremiah has announced a major investment in the future of Nauruan sport with a groundbreaking initiative to inspire the next generation of athletes.



The CASA Initiative reflects the Nauruan government's vision for a strong, sustainable, and world-class sports system.

Mr Jeremiah said the new Coaches and Athletes Special Allowance (CASA) would provide structured financial support to reward hard work, commitment, and excellence.

"Nauru has produced champions who have lifted our flag at the Micronesian games, Pacific Games, Commonwealth Games, and on the world and Olympic stages," he said.

"Behind every medal and every record are coaches and athletes who give their all — often with limited resources but unlimited dedication.

"In formally recognising and supporting the dedication of our coaches and athletes, we're helping to nurture Nauru's ambition of producing future generations of champions."

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However he said the government's investment in sport served a greater purpose for the future of Nauru.

"When we speak of our future as a nation we often speak of economic initiatives and financial prosperity, and our government has of course been very strong in that area.

"But we also care about developing a healthy nation, and owe this to our children and to future generations.

He believes programs like CASA will encourage more Nauruans to take up sport.

"While sport brings us great national pride, participation in physical exercise and the discipline that comes with that is an important factor in changing lifestyles and reducing noncommunicable diseases like cardiovascular diseases and diabetes," he explained.

The President said he was pleased to see Nauru sending a record number of athletes to recent regional sporting competitions, and "this initiative will inspire the next generation of athletes."

CASA has been designed to operate under clear policies, contracts, and codes of conduct, and encourages discipline, motivation, and accountability as the pathway to success for Nauruan athletes.

As the next host of the Micronesia Games, Nauru has already embarked upon a sports modernisation program which will deliver a new sports stadium.

According to the President, the stadium - together with new training fields, athlete housing, and improved transport – "will help build a lasting legacy for Nauru."

"We are building infrastructure which will improve our performance, but more importantly, the government's investments and priorities are building people." //

September parliament

Treaty

The Nauru-Australia Treaty officially entered into force, 19 September, following the exchange of diplomatic notes in a small ceremony held in the Office of the President.



The Treaty provides Nauru with direct budget support and policing and security assistance.

President David Adeang advised parliament shortly after the ceremony which marks the official completion of domestic processes of the governments of Nauru and Australia.

The ceremony was attended by President Adeang, Minister for Foreign Affairs and trade Lionel Aingimea, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Russ Kun, Australian High Commissioner Mathew Barclay and senior officials.

The Nauru-Australia Treaty was signed in December 2024, which, over five years Australia will provide \$100 million in direct budget support to strengthen Nauru's economic security and resilience, and \$40 million to assist policing and security needs. //

WASDA

Minister for Women and Social Development Affairs (WASDA) Charmaine Scotty was pleased to reflect to the House achievements of the department's activities and developments in the last two years.

Leading the department with a philosophy grounded in listening and placing Nauruans first, Minister Scotty expressed gratitude and honour for the success of the department in strengthening frameworks in the WASDA Strategic Plan (2025-2035), updating protection policy to align with Child Protection and Welfare Act, safeguarding counsellors and frontline workers in the safehouse, drafting a new Community Development Bill and showcased on a regional level, Nauru's capability on convening and leading on complex social issues.

The Minister thanked the people of Nauru for being the compass, voice and guide to the department's accomplishments, thanked the Government for their unwavering support and the WASDA staff and Police for their dedication.

In closing, Minister Scotty shared a bible scripture 'Psalm 100:5: For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and truth endureth to all generations.' and ended her statement with reminding the House "A robust democracy thrives when we never sway from the path of Nauru for all Nauruans, united in purpose and prosperity – God's Will First, God bless Nauru." //

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Government supports Sacred Heart College through MOU

Minister for Education Asterio Appi advised parliament of the MOU signing between the Government of Nauru and the Catholic Diocese Tarawa/ Nauru aimed at strengthening cooperation in the staffing and support of Sacred Heart College.



The MOU aligns with the Education Act, and Nauru's national development goals.

Signed on 19 September 2025, the agreement stipulates Sacred Heart will continue to benefit from government support in areas such as staffing, training opportunities, and access to essential resources., and the school to provide high-quality education consistent with national standards.

“In turn, Sacred Heart commits to delivering strong educational outcomes, and maintaining safe, supportive, and conducive learning environments for students,” Mr Appi said.

By this agreement, the government reinforces its dual responsibility of upholding equitable access for all children to education, and to ensure that public resources are invested in ways that improve earning outcomes, strengthen national capacity, and contribute to a sustainable future Nauru, the minister added.

The MOU aligns with the Education Act, and national development goals. Over time, the partnership will support Sacred Heart to strengthen its internal management to assume greater independence, while maintaining the partnership with the government. //

RONPHOS

Minister for Ronphos Shadlog Bernicke was pleased to share to the august house updates on recent Ronphos activities and initiatives.

The dust suppression unit and sorting machine have arrived on island and will be prioritised for installation and commissioning.

Major infrastructure upgrades have been ongoing for the last two years resulting in improved quality and processing of phosphate.

After a feasibility study confirmed north arm cantilever was beyond repair, construction of new replacement north arm is expected to start at the earliest. The new north arm cantilever is designed to have loading capacity of 1000 tonnes per hour and will be able to load a single ship in less that 24hrs with technologically advanced features that can withstand extreme climate conditions.

Minister Bernicke closed his statement by thanking the chairman, board members, and executive staff at Ronphos for their contribution and betterment of Ronphos. //

Justice

Minister for Justice and Border Control Lionel Aingimea updated the august house recent attendance to the annual Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APGML) meeting held in Tokyo, Japan on 25 to 29 August, 2025.

The APGML convenes an important committee meeting called the APG Governance Committee. The objective of the committee is to provide strategic advice on structure, functions and support to member countries to effectively implement the Financial Actions Task Force standards. Every year, committee members are selected by region for the APG Governance Council.

Minister Aingimea was pleased to announce, Nauru as member country to the APG, has been selected to be the Pacific representative of the APG Governance Committee for the next one year. A significant role for Nauru to lead on combating money laundering and counter terrorism financing and proliferation on behalf of all Pacific nations. //

Lands Committee

Minister for Lands Management Asterio Appi reminded members of Parliament of the historical and traditional function and significance of the domaneab - home to the Nauru Lands Committee (NLC) who's primary role is the determination of lands.



As moderator the NLC is tasked to ensure fair hearing and determination of lands.

Established on 21 December 1948 by Administrator R. S Richards, the domaneab is a traditional meeting place associated with decision making and local governance for the Nauruan people by the Council of Chiefs. The grave of Head Chief Detudamo has prominent place in the front court yard.

The Nauru Lands Committee consists of 12 directors and 11 staff who have the enormous responsibility of preserving and managing documents and records, meetings, casework, land determination and numerous issues that lead to land determination.

This year alone, the NLC has successfully completed over 70 cases relating to deceased estates, which are carried out in close collaboration with data from the Birth Death and Marriages (BDM) office, and the Department of Lands and Survey.

As moderator the NLC is tasked to ensure fair hearing and determination of lands. NLC work also involves pending matters from previous years, court cases involving land disputes and intra-family land matters, process land transfer applications, personal wills, as well as weekly appointments and public queries.

The NLC continues to work with the lands and survey department for the proper processing and mapping of undetermined lands in Nauru.

Of concern are the missing records which were borrowed from the committee and never returned. Minister Appi appealed to the public to return these documents to the committee.

The NLC continues to work closely with the justice department to improve procedures, and remains committed to upholding fairness and diligence in the matters relations to land issues. //

Nauru Postal Services Corporation

Since taking up the Nauru Post portfolio, Minister Asterio Appi says the state-owned enterprise was in serious financial stress, but reform measures undertaken by its new management has strengthened and modernised the SOE's systems and operations.

The minister said the SOE's financial records show a significant drop in financial reserves from \$13 million to below \$2 million, over a couple of financial years; and current balance placed at \$200,000 according to bank statements.

Accumulated local and overseas debt add to the significant challenge, but with the financial support of the treasury department it was able to fast track implementation of reform measures.

Fixed assets including heavy equipment valued below \$100,000 were only few still operational while others considered write-offs.

All remaining inventory valued at approximately \$400,000 were sold at discounted price to enable restocking.

An audit report recommended over 30 critical issues that needed to be addressed through reform, while flaws in the inherited accounting system were identified as costing the corporation \$100,000 annually in expatriate fees.

Despite the negatives, Nauru Post continues to deliver reliable services, with additional support of a delivery van to be donated by the Universal Postal Union in the coming months.

A new website and online shop for stamps is expected to be launched soon allowing collectors worldwide to purchase Nauru stamps directly, thus promote Nauru's cultural identity and heritage.

Nauru Post signing of a memorandum of understanding with a Japan partner agency for the sale of Nauru stamps and collectibles is a commission-based arrangement that will fully preserve Nauru Post's rights and revenues.

The SOE also welcomes back Slavka Menke who has just completed her Bachelor in Journalism at a Chinese university. Ms Menke heads the philatelic team and will greatly enhance Nauru Post's communications and outreach.

Since its inception in February, Brisbane-based subsidiary, Frigate Cargo & Logistics Services, is on track to complete its first 100 container exports before the end of the year.

Nauru Post's recent signing of an MOU with Nauru Airlines positions itself to building an integrated regional cargo network and supporting wider trade and supply chain connectivity, while its logistics operations is offering lower LCL freight costs for its customers for the first time in many years. //

September parliament

Fisheries

Minister for Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA) Reagan Aliklik updated Parliament of recent activities of the state-owned enterprise, and of note is the release of the long-awaited United States Treaty fund payment. Nauru's share of US\$4 million has been deposited into Treasury by the Forum Fisheries Agency.



Eight Nauru fisheries observers are currently deployed across FSMA and bilateral vessels.

The payment relates to the 2024 financial year, while the 2025 allocation is expected before 31 December 2025. Minister Aliklik said the Authority remains focused on achieving the AU\$50 million revenue target for the current financial year, much of which is expected from bilateral negotiations.

Addressing long-standing cases in the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) Compliance Case Record has begun, marking an important first step towards strengthening compliance monitoring.

Eight fisheries observers are currently deployed across FSMA and bilateral vessels. New recruits Leon Tannang and Alleghenny Herman completed basic observer training in Fiji and awaiting deployment, while Nauru's first female observer, Louisa Teimitsi, has completed more than 30 days at sea.

"This is a milestone for Nauru, and we are proud to support gender inclusion in such a challenging field."

The minister concluded summing up the outcome of the 4th PNA Leaders' meeting in Tuvalu in early September, in which leaders endorsed initiatives aimed at building local capacity, increase economic returns through ventures such as the East New Britain Initiative and the Pacific Islands Tuna Venture, and advancing greater participation in the tuna value chain.

Leaders also reaffirmed support for the vessel day scheme and welcomes the expansion of electronic monitoring, and underscored the need to address the impacts of climate change on the shared marine resources. //

Education and training

The education department's Ijetenida (transformation) program was a plan developed by a committee of community members, church leaders and government departments, guided by the overarching conviction of God's Will First.

Minister Asterio Appi told parliament in September the program recognised that challenges in education – truancy, bullying, lack of discipline, vandalism and lack of parental support were inextricably linked to society's shift away from Nauru's Christian values and principles.

It was clear that necessary reforms could only succeed if families, communities, and government supported each other. Transformation is a process that requires times, perseverance and purpose.

In the past two years multiple classroom were constructed and renovated.

As part of the department's work to strengthen learning programs and reduce teacher-student ratios, 40 new teaching positions were created, teachers and school leaders upskilled through certificate and leadership training.

Staffing and recruiting expatriate staff has been streamlined with a new unit focused on managing their welfare.

Early identification of learning difficulties and targeted intervention is prioritised, with key focus of the foundational years.

A multiyear program is being implemented to re-engage students in the secondary years who have been out of school.

The program is tailored to their level and needs, ensuring they are provided with the appropriate pathways and support back into the school system; equip them with employable skills, reduce vulnerabilities to social risks, while contributing to national priorities of building a skilled, and productive workforce.

Amen Karoe support officers in classrooms has resulted in significant drops in reported bullying. Additionally, some of these officers have gone the extra length of beginning their journey of teaching by enrolling in the Certificate of Primary Teaching program.

The New Zealand government's \$4 million support expected to be rolled out in the coming months will fund the development of a Nauruan studies syllabus, including teacher training, and production of learning materials.

At the regional level, Minister Appi says Nauru is on track with key benchmarks, digital accessibility, early childhood education, water and sanitation, infrastructure and teach qualifications.

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Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation

Over the last couple of years, a significant amount of work was attained by the Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation (NRC) to support national efforts in other sectors and entities.



NRC machinery doing land clearing

Minister for NRC Reagan Aliklik underscored that despite the economic challenges the government faced, it persisted to achieve the necessary work and outcome to address the needs of the country.

These works include construction of seawalls along impacted coastlines to address disaster response, land clearing for various projects and construction work, opening and relocation of the NRC head office to topside, aggregate supply for the port development project, compilation of NRCs first annual report and audited financial statements for FY2023-24, and reforming the corporation's financial management system from MYOB to XERO.

NRC continues to work with RONPhos in redeveloping mined out phosphate lands, and is also in the process of developing its website to make it convenient for customers and Nauruans to obtain the latest information and services offered by NRC. //



Shifting the scholarships awards from secondary to post-secondary is consistent with the Ijetenida's vision to strengthen parental responsibility and ensure students are mature and better prepared before studying abroad.

From 2020 to 2024, expenditure on secondary scholarships reached \$11.5 million, which not more than 80 students benefitted. Adding to this expense is the annual licencing fee for the Queensland Certificate of Education offered at NSS which the minister says is both duplicative and inefficient.

Minister Appi says the government will continue to implement reforms that secure stronger opportunities and brighter futures for all Nauruan students. //

DFAT

Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Lionel Aingimea was pleased to update Parliament on the arrival of the Ark Silk Road medical ship from the People's Republic of China, reflecting the continued partnership between the two nations.

Minister Aingimea thanked the ministers for Health Services and Public Health, the dedicated teams and national agencies for making the mission possible.

The Ark Silk Road ship will visit eight other countries in the region with Nauru being its maiden voyage, further amplifying friendship and cooperation.

Minister Aingimea proudly shared the capacity features of the Ark Silk Road ship and the various services and specialists available which included ENT, dentist and surgical teams and more. He encouraged the general public to take full advantage of the medical care that has been made available for the eight-day layover in Nauru.

In closing, the Minister said "this is a momentous event for our nation. Let us embrace it with unity and with confidence for a healthier and brighter future". //

Subsidiary legislation

Minister for Justice and Border Control, Lionel Aingimea tabled nine subsidiary legislations that were made from August to September 2025.

Section 17(2) of the Interpretation Act 2011 requires the tabling of such laws before Parliament. The majority of these subsidiary legislation generally dealt with matters relating to the protection and safety of the people of Nauru and residents of Nauru; to ensure Nauru's economic resilience; and that Nauru's international obligations are met.

All legislation and subsidiary legislation can be accessed at <https://ronlaw.gov.nr/>

Minister for Transport Reagan Aliklik highlighted the department's achievements and milestones over the past two years with special acknowledgements to personnel and entities for their support in reaching the goals and priorities.



Among the department's priorities is a focus on strengthening air services agreement

Moving forward the minister said the department will focus on the physical implementation of the runway project, and engagement of local contractors and employees.

With the support of New Zealand and Australia, Nauru Airport is also expecting donations of x-ray machines from Sydney's Kingsford Smith International Airport.

On the priority list is a focus on strengthening Air Services Agreements with multiple jurisdictions, while attention is also given to the monitoring and evaluation of the electric bus public shuttle performances which will determine the potential for upscaling in the future.

Final preparations are in order for an embossing machine for the local production and manufacturing of vehicle registration plates which is expected to commence before 2026.

Minister Aliklik thanked development partners, regional entities and local counterparts for the hard work to date which has enabled the department's vision to be progressed. //

Nauru deposits first tranche of PRF pledge

Nauru deposited its instrumental of ratification for the historic Pacific-led climate initiative – the Pacific Resilience Facility (PRF), during the partners roundtable talanoa, at the United Nations headquarters, New York, 23 September.



President David Adeang and PIF SG Baron Waqa

During the PIF leaders meeting in Tonga last year, Nauru pledged AU\$1 million over five years, and last week deposited the first tranche of \$200,000.

His Excellency President David Adeang says despite years of promises, climate finance from traditional sources has not reached Pacific communities with the speed or scale so urgently needed.

“We have called out time and again, yet our experience has made one thing clear: if we are to protect our people and secure our future, we cannot wait for solutions to come from elsewhere.”

“The Pacific has always drawn strength from unity, and once again, we have come together to take bold action—mobilising resources for resilience, on our terms.”

Leaders welcome the US\$166m already pledged by partners, but the US\$500m capitalisation target requires greater urgency.

“Your support is not just an investment—it is a lifeline for communities on the front lines of climate change.” //



Latest UXO handover

President David Adeang officially accepted from Australian High Commissioner Mathew Barclay, on 10 October, the five UXOs that were successfully rendered safe the previous day.



11 Nauru UXOs rendered safe this year.

This UXO render safe mission is the first security activity since the entering into force of the Nauru-Australia Treaty, and further demonstrating the meaning of Ata Amin Bwini (We Are Family) and bond between the two nations.

With the collaboration of the Nauru Emergency Services, the Nauru Police Force and Australian contractor RPS all five UXOs were successfully rendered safe on 9 October.

In 2025, 11 UXOs discovered in Nauru have been rendered safe through Australia's assistance.

Since Friday 3 October, a 200 metre exclusion zone where the UXOs were located was put in place to prevent public access and keep the community safe while arrangements were being made for protective works to commence. Operations were then scheduled to take place from 6-8am and 6-7pm on 7 October, to avoid disrupting school hours. //

SMARTEN electric fleet

The Government of Nauru has taken a significant step toward sustainable transport with the official launch of six electric vehicles (EVs) and 10 electric motorbikes, made possible through the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Supporting Mainstreamed Achievement of Energy Roadmap in Nauru (SMARTEN) project, 29 September.



The fleet offers cost effective and environmentally responsible alternative

The introduction of EV's and e-bikes directly supports the nation's goal of achieving 20 per cent electrification of vehicles by 2030, reflecting Nauru's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote cleaner, more efficient transport solutions. The fleet offers cost-effective and environmentally responsible alternatives that strengthen climate resilience and energy security.

The SMARTEN project, with support from UNDP aims to demonstrate innovative, practical solutions showcasing electric mobility can be used to improve daily life while safeguarding the environment. Two charging stations have been installed in the government front office carpark, providing a central and accessible hub for the EV's and electric bikes.

By embracing green technology, Nauru joins a global movement towards a low carbon economy through just transition for transport and mobility. //

Hammer DeRoburt day commemorated

Acting President Jesse Jeremiah attended the church service to commemorate the 103rd birthdate of the late Sir Hammer DeRoburt and National Youth Day, at Orro Congregation Church, 25 September.



Special prayers and scriptures were shared during the service

The service commenced with a prayer by Pastor Jessa Agadio, followed by the National Anthem, sermons, choir, special prayers and scriptures shared by members of departments and organisations.

Following the service, the congregation moved to the resting place of the late Sir Hammer DeRoburt at the Boe cemetery, where Acting President Jeremiah laid the first wreath, followed by Speaker of Parliament Marcus Stephen, Cabinet ministers, distinguish guests, the DeRoburt family, members of the Nauru National Youth Council and the general public. //

Nauru post goes digital with new online presence

Nauru Post is going digital after officially launching its new website and philatelic online shop, 9 October, marking a significant milestone for the Naoero Postal Services Corporation (NPSC) in promoting Nauru's rich heritage through stamps as well as open new opportunities for engagement with the international community — collectors, historians, and postal enthusiasts who appreciate Nauru's unique story.



Nauru Post staff geared to boost operations

Minister Asterio Appi said the launch reflects the broader transformation happening within NPSC by moving from traditional operations toward a modern, commercially capable, and community-focused organisation.

"Nauru Post has long played an important role in connecting our nation — not only through mail, but also through communication, commerce, and culture. As the world becomes more digital, this new online platform ensures Nauru remains part of the global postal and philatelic network," Mr Appi said.

"Under the current leadership, NPSC has made strong progress in improving accountability, building partnerships, and expanding services, including through Nauru Post Logistics Services.

"These developments support our national vision of creating a sustainable and self-reliant Nauru, where our state-owned enterprises operate efficiently and contribute meaningfully to our economy," Minister Appi said.

Chairman Samuel Grundler echoed the words of the minister and acknowledged the hard work of the dedicated staff who made the launch possible.

"As we look to the future, we are excited to build on this platform — to not only sell stamps, but to tell the story of Nauru through them."

Mr Grundler explained that the corporation currently features over 100 stamp products online, each on a reflection of Nauru's story, "our culture, people, and achievements".

"In the coming months, we look forward to issuing new stamps and collector's items, celebrating Nauru's achievements, people, and stories." //

Visit their website and learn more about Nauru's story through stamps www.naurupost.com.nr

Specialised training for police and emergency responders

The Department of Multicultural Affairs (DMA) in collaboration with the Nauru Police Force (NPF) facilitated a specialised training program delivered by an NZ-based trainer, aimed at strengthening local capability and self-reliance in emergency or situations of unrest, 7 October.



Emergency responders conduct live training demonstration

'Tür 'n ake Dei Naoero' comprising emergency services of the fire and police departments, and private security personnel were brought together to allow cross-training between the different disciplines to ensure participants gained and share broader knowledge and capability to operate effectively in a range of situations.

A live demonstration was conducted at the government office complex in front of the caretaker government and supporting staff. The demonstration highlighted the skills and techniques gained, showcasing improved coordination and readiness of the team.

With resources supported by the Nauru government, this initiative reflects a broader effort to build the skills of first responders and provide long term resilience, equipping participants with the confidence to manage challenges independently. //

MENTAL HEALTH

The Mental Health Act 1963 aims to define and support individuals with mental impairments while ensuring public safety and respecting personal rights.

These measures aim to balance public safety with individual rights, promoting understanding and support within our community. Stay informed and share this update widely.





MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1963
SECTION 4 OF THE ACT REQUIRES:

Individuals may be classified as mentally impaired if they are unable to manage themselves or pose a risk to their own or others' safety.

Personal beliefs or activities like political opinions or alcohol consumption should not automatically classify someone as mentally impaired.

Designated mental health facilities, including public hospitals and health centres, are empowered to provide necessary care and oversight.

Housing scheme handover

A significant achievement was made by the Department of Infrastructure Development with handing over of six newly built homes in Buada, Meneng, and Denig under the Nauru Government Housing and Red Zone Program, 30 September.



Minister Jeremiah presents keys to new homeowner Roy Engar

In a small and meaningful ceremony, each home was dedicated by pastors Jessa Agadio and Damien Adeang before His Excellency President David Adeang led the ribbon-cutting and presentation of keys to the new homeowners.

In attendance of the handover events were local officials, accompanying ministers, families and the proud new homeowners: Moisha Dongobir (Denig), Samuel Tagamoun (Buada), Marquita Detenamo (Buada), Hariel Engar (Buada), Gemima Rose Dowiyogo (Meneng) and Gwein Jose (Meneng).

The Housing and Red Zone program reflects the Government's vision of providing safe and affordable housing to improve the wellbeing of families and strengthen communities. //

Dynamic compaction

A dynamic compaction ceremony was conducted to mark the official commencement of construction works for Nauru's new national sports stadium, 1 October.

The event was led by the People's Republic of China Ambassador Lyu Jin and CHEC construction company who have been contracted to build the stadium.

The event began with an opening prayer from the Secretary for Sports Sheeva Cook, followed by the dynamic compaction ceremony, which involves dropping a large heavy steel weight from a crane to compact the soil, symbolising the first stage of ground preparation to ensure and showcase a strong foundation for the upcoming development.

President David Adeang, accompanying ministers, government officials and project partners attended the event to witness the important milestone.

The construction of the national sports stadium aims to boost sports development, strengthen infrastructure and serve as a central venue for sporting events on regional and international level for future generations.

The stadium project is made possible through the financial support of the People's Republic of China, strengthening bilateral ties and working together in advancing Nauru's long-term aspirations in infrastructure and community development. //

Electric motorbike distribution

Local church groups and the youth council were in receipt of electric bikes and bicycles to support their community work and promote a cleaner mode of transportation.

A small ceremony was held at the government front office complex, to present 10 new electric bikes from the SMARTEN project, and 20 bicycles from Jiangmen city, to the youth council and various church groups in the community, 1 October.

The initiative aims to support local churches and the youth in their outreach and community programs, while also promoting cleaner, more sustainable modes of transport.

The recipient churches are: Nauru Congregational Church, Catholic Church, Nauru Independent Church, Assembly of God, Lovoni Baptist Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Nauru Brethren church, Pacific Light House Church, International Baptist Church, and the Youth council.

The distribution of e-bikes and bicycles underscores the commitment to empowering faith-based groups and the youth, while also contributing to national goals on sustainable development and climate action. //

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