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Innovative citizenship program is already benefiting nation

President David Adeang says the Nauru Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship Program, established last year, is already generating funds to address Nauru’s most pressing needs.



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He said the program was one of many bold initiatives implemented by the government in the last term to help establish long term resilience.

“It takes courage to change a nation’s trajectory but we are proving that it can be done with innovative thinking and the support of our people.”

The program has already seen people from across the world apply for citizenship, and while some have been approved, many applications have been rejected, as all applicants undergo the strictest and most thorough due diligence procedures.

“We said at the outset that only individuals of the highest calibre who can participate in shaping our future will be accepted, and Nauruans can be assured that only these people will be able to carry our passport.”

He emphasised that those granted citizenship are not expected to reside in Nauru, and are unable to vote or purchase land.

“Those being approved are aware that Nauru is ranked the fifth most vulnerable country in the world and the most vulnerable in the Pacific to economic and climate shock.

“They know we are proactively working to bring positive change and want to support us.”

The first new citizens approved under the program included a German family of four who recently sold their long-standing, reputable family business and are currently living in Dubai.

Program CEO Edward Clark said they were looking for a second citizenship to provide them with a Plan B given the current global political volatility and chose the Nauru program because the contribution was going towards tackling the impacts of climate change on the island.

In November, an American man became the first person under the program to visit Nauru, saying at the time, “Not only does Nauruan citizenship give me a sense of safety as a neutral country, but the funds are going towards the economy and environment and helping the people of Nauru to become more climate resilient, and I feel good about that.”

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ANU professor briefs government on economic progress

President David Adeang and Cabinet ministers welcomed economics professor from the Australian National University (ANU), Stephen Howes to Nauru to brief the government on the important progress Nauru has made in its economic development and the next steps in its rapid growth trajectory.



Professor Howes commends government on strong economic policies.

During discussions, 19 February, they also addressed management of policies, trust fund savings measures and the significant economic support delivered through the Nauru-Australia Treaty.

Professor Howes commended the Nauru Government on its strong economic policies and fundamentals.

He referred to President Adeang's 2025-26 budget speech on Nauru's economy as 'unique' in many ways and that standard economic methodologies may not always work.

"This reality calls for new approaches. It requires us to attach the highest importance to economic diversification and to think and work outside the box," President Adeang said in the budget speech.

Professor Howes agreed with Nauru continuing to press forward with innovative economic policy solutions, working together with Australia to deepen the enduring economic and people-to-people links under the Treaty.

Professor of Economics at the ANU, Stephen Howes is the Director of the Development Policy Centre, based at the ANU Crawford School of Public Policy in Canberra.

He was Chief Economist at the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and has also served in various high-level positions across the world, including for many years at the World Bank. //

Final stadium design specifications endorsed

The final design specifications for the Nauru sports stadium were endorsed and signed during a visit by sports minister Jesse Jeremiah to China earlier this month.



Sports minister Jeremiah meets with Chinese officials to endorse stadium design

Minister Jeremiah reviewed and approved the specifications before the signing of documents by Secretary for Sports Angelo Dimapilis, 19 January.

On the invitation of building contractor China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) and the Beijing Institute of Architecture Design (BIAD), which provides the engineers, architects and stadium design, the minister had the opportunity to share plans and vision for the stadium moving forward.

The minister thanked CHEC on behalf of the Nauru Government for taking on such a challenging project, and with the limited time frame. CHEC executives

assured the minister delivery of a completed stadium in December 2027.

Minister Jeremiah also attended a meeting with the Agency for International Economic Cooperation, the Ministry of Commerce of China's executive where last adjustments to the final design were agreed on by both parties.

The 1000-seat capacity stadium will be host to Nauru's first Micronesian Games in January 2028, and an opportunity to showcase Nauru's culture, traditions, and hospitality.

The multipurpose track and field stadium will feature a high-performance unity that will accommodate a considerable number of sporting disciplines including basketball, volleyball, boxing, gymnasium, massage room, showers, athletes and coaches change rooms, sauna, admin offices, as well as audio-visual and a lighting equipment room, and soccer and rugby on artificial turf.

Split on two levels, the first floor will accommodate weightlifting, powerlifting, a multipurpose training room for wrestling, judo and the like, and a VIP lounge.

The facility will also promote the Nauru government's National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS) targets in health, youth engagement, and community well-being. //

Nauru takes part in one of the world's largest healthcare expos in the UAE

Nauru took part in the 2026 World Health Expo in Dubai this month, bringing an innovative national vision for healthcare transformation to one of the world's most influential global health gatherings. Through Nauru Medical Centre (NMC), Nauru shared how forward-thinking leadership and long term planning can reshape healthcare delivery, regardless of country size.



Deputy Minister Gadabu (centre) and delegation at the 2026 health expo in Dubai

The Government of Nauru is advancing a comprehensive national healthcare reform focused on building a resilient, modern, and self-reliant health system designed for the realities of island and remote communities. Through this reform, Nauru is demonstrating that even with limited resources, small nations can deliver advanced and comprehensive healthcare while becoming a regional leader and shaping new models for island nations and beyond.

The Nauru delegation to World Health Expo included three senior government officials: the Deputy Minister of Health of Nauru, Hon. Rennier Gadabu; the Secretary of Health, Mrs. Berilyn Jeremiah; and the Director of Medical Services, Dr. Angelique Makutu. Their presence underscored the Government's strong commitment to healthcare reform, international engagement, and global collaboration.

Dr. Makutu says Nauru is the smallest country at the expo and is an opportunity to showcase Nauru's health care on the world stage as well as to collaborate and network with other healthcare hospitals and systems.

"The expo is a major global platform which brings healthcare professionals from all over the world to exchange ideas and showcased the advanced technology they have and medical health care, all to support and advance patient care.

"It's also an opportunity to recruit doctors with advanced skillsets and from different specialties, ultimately to support Nauruans, particularly those accessing medical services at the NMC or the Public Health Centre."

During the Expo, the delegation strengthened international partnerships, exchanged knowledge with health leaders and institutions, and positioned Nauru as an active contributor to global healthcare dialogue.

At the heart of this transformation is a landmark 15-year Health Services Management Agreement, establishing a first of its kind public-private partnership to support the management of Nauru's national health system.

This long-term reform is guided by a regional leadership vision, recognising Nauru's potential to become a beacon of healthcare excellence in the Central and South Pacific.

As the central pillar of this reform, Nauru Medical Centre plays a critical role in delivering and coordinating national health services. NMC is building global partnerships with hospitals, health professionals, and academic institutions to support national capacity building and connect Nauru to international best practice.

NMC is supported by a multinational workforce that brings Nauruans and expatriates together to build the national healthcare system. The workforce comprises more than 400 personnel, including 130 expatriates, 41 doctors, and over 120 nursing staff, reflecting a strong commitment to collaboration, skills transfer, and long-term sustainability. //

AMRRIC wraps up final visit

The animal population management program providing veterinary services, animal education, and stakeholder engagements since 2023, wrapped up its eighth visit, 25 February.

On the invitation of the Nauru government, Darwin-based Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC) organisation has been working alongside various entities since the project began, funded by the Australian government, in gathering baseline information on diseases and parasites in companion animals in Nauru.

In collaboration with the Department of Quarantine, the AMRRIC-Nauru One Health Companion Animal Program held a stakeholder meeting, 19 February, to consolidate findings, discuss achievements, priorities and remaining activities.

In earlier visits, a survey of 137 people revealed 128 people own a dog and 117 own a cat, and while 65 per

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cent agree that dogs should be licenced, only 23 per cent reported their dogs were licenced in the past year.

The number of animals participating in the program since the start including repeat visits were 3203 dogs and 626 cats.

The highest number of dogs brought in for desexing was over 140 in February 2024, and over 70 cats in October the same year. The numbers steadily decreased since then until the seventh AMRRIC visit in November 2025 with 80 cats and dogs in total.

Dog desexing is gaining acceptance with over 40 of 112 survey respondents strongly agreeing that dogs should be desexed to prevent unwanted puppies, and 50 strongly agreeing that cats should be desexed to reduce the number of new kittens.

Advisor to the Director of Medical Services, Dr Susana Nakalevu says tests on stool samples identifying parasites and diseases that are transferable from animals to humans is an important part of the exercise.

Dr Nakalevu hopes the program will continue with the research and other findings for a baseline status, and noted that while dog bites are a concern, there has been minimal reports in recent times.

AMRRIC CEO Dr Brooke Rankmore says the program is focused on the philosophy that “the health of people, animals and the environment is all interlinked, and if you improve one, you’re improving the other”.

“We’re really not an animal welfare organisation, we’re here working to improve community health by improving the health of your animals that you live side by side with every day.

“The program has been very successful in that we’ve been working closely with health, education, environment and agriculture, and of course the quarantine and justice and border security teams.”

The program has attracted responsible pet ownership and underscores the government’s commitment to promote and safeguard public health and enhance local capacity in animal care and management.

Vaccines were administered on 521 dogs and 172 cats, and 5405 doses of parasite treatments.

In the past year, 11 per cent of the survey respondents say a family member was bitten by a dog, 46 per cent of which were stray dogs. An overwhelming number strongly agree that stray dogs are a problem, and impacting exercise outdoors.

A large majority agree that dog fighting is wrong and an even higher number agree that dog violence such as fights and poisoning affect children’s emotional development.

The team also incorporated education into their visits teaching approximately 800 students at Yaren Primary School, Nauru Primary School, and Sacred Heart College, programs in hygiene and hand washing after contact with animals, staying safe around dogs, empathy towards animals, breeding, and worms and germs.

A high number of survey respondents said they like dogs and strongly disagree with dog poisoning or baiting.

Stool samples from cats and dogs revealed unknown parasites, and a high number of hook worms and round worms which are transferable from animal to human.

Hookworm larvae from dogs and cats can infect people and early detection and seeking early medical attention and care is vital.

This was AMRRIC’s final visit until further funding is secured. //

[Click this link to take the Amrric survey or scan the QR Code](#)

To ensure a fair distribution of community response and behavior, we encourage more people to take part in the surveys – even those who do not own a dog or cat. The information you give will be used to provide recommendations to government authorities on dog population management in Nauru, based on local needs.



Housing support improves family wellbeing

The Department of Infrastructure handed over a newly built house as part of the government-funded housing project to a family in Anetan, 20 February.

His Excellency President David Adeang joined the new homeowner, Lianta Cain, in cutting the ribbon marking the opening of the house, before presenting her with the house keys.

Also in attendance were Parliament Speaker Marcus Stephen, Minister Shadlog Bernicke, Deputy Ministers Isabella Dageago and Ranin Akua, and infrastructure department staff.

The two-bedroom home comes with an open style kitchen-lounge and bathroom.

There are three government-funded housing programs, each with its own design: the government housing program, RedZone, and Smart House. The Smart House later transitioned into the government housing program, with slight design changes. Some designs are specific to families that have a family member with disabilities.

More than 22 houses have been funded and built by the government, with the numbers gradually increasing.



Lianta Cain receives keys to her new home from President Adeang

These initiatives reflect the government's vision of providing safe, affordable housing to improve families' well-being, address overcrowding, and strengthen communities. //

An infographic titled 'MENTAL HEALTH' with a blue background. It features the Nauru coat of arms at the top center. The text explains the purpose of the Mental Health Act 1963, which is to define and support individuals with mental impairments while ensuring public safety and respecting personal rights. It lists criteria for mental impairment, such as inability to manage oneself or pose a risk, and notes that personal beliefs or alcohol consumption do not automatically classify someone as mentally impaired. It also mentions that designated mental health facilities, including public hospitals and health centres, are empowered to provide necessary care and oversight. A graphic of a human head with a glowing brain is at the bottom left.

A graphic featuring the Nauru flag waving against a blue sky with clouds. The text 'Subscribe to naurugovinfo@gmail.com' is written in white over the flag. At the bottom, it says 'GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT'.

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