



# Nauru Bulletin

## NPRT inform public of new RONWAN online portal

Last week (27-28 October) the Nauru Phosphate Royalties Trust (NPRT) gave a public presentation on the use of the new RONWAN online portal in the lead up to the portal going live in the near future.

The portal has been developed to allow all RONWAN beneficiaries to access their past Ronwan capital, Ronwan income and land data online.

The two-day public presentation was delivered by 36-400 IT Solutions Mr Craig Wilson. The seminar was held at the Civic Centre conference hall.

The public will be given further instructions on accessing the online portal as it nears going live•

## Taiwan donates first refractometer to RON hospital

The Republic of Nauru (RoN) hospital received an auto kerato-refractometer that will provide eye refracting power measurements and specify to patients the correct glasses to be worn.

This week (4 November) Minister for Health Mr Valdón Dowiyogo accepted the refractometer from Taiwan Ambassador Mr Joseph Chow at the Training facility in RoN Hospital.

Minister Dowiyogo acknowledged the Taiwan Embassy for their continual support to Nauru and the importance of the refractometer as it is the only one of its kind on Island.

The refractometer was donated by Taichung Veterans General Hospital (TVGH) and diabetes eye care nurse Ms Dianna Demuro has used the new machine on approximately seventy patients this week•



Minister for health Honorable Valdón Dowiyogo accepted the kerato-refractor machine from the Taiwanese delegates

## Re-opened plant to carry Nauru for the next 20 years



HE President Baron Waqa and Honorable Minister Aaron Cook officially open the waste management plant by cutting the ribbon

Eigigu Holdings Corporation (EHC) has re-opened the waste management plant originally set up by an international organisation to address the island's sewage and waste disposal.

The plant had been disused for several years and the re-opening provides a solution for the future of waste management for the island.

EHC Chairman David Aingimea said the expected capacity of the plant will carry Nauru to the next 20 years.

EHC Civil Engineer Ravi Singh said the plant is capable of taking eight to ten loads of waste per day. Each load's capacity is 2000 litres.

The processing goes through several stages to separate the solid waste and the clean water which can then be used for gardening.

The plant is located in Menen district at the former state house site•

## Women's Affairs conclude FHSS with a consultation workshop

The Women's Affairs Department in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) hosted a consultation workshop on the Family Health and Support Study (FHSS) which commenced last year (August).

This week (5 November) Minister for Home Affairs Mrs Charmaine Scotty opened the workshop with a speech acknowledging all those who participated in the study and the importance of understanding the impacts that affect women to enable them a secure and progressive future.

Following her speech a presentation was shown by FHSS coordinator Mrs Tara Detogia and UNFPA gender adviser Mrs Maha Muna depicting the results of their study which had statistics from the surveys they successfully conducted with 195 women in Nauru.

The purpose of the workshop was to get ideas and recommendations from different organisations on the next best steps to undertake in terms of raising further awareness on violence against women.

FHSS is a study on various aspects of a woman's life such as their health, family, and relationships with the aim of estimating the causes/consequences of domestic violence.

Participants from the Justice Department, Bureau of Statistics, Department of Home Affairs, Chief Secretary's Department, Education Department, and Nauru Media were present for the workshop•



*FHSS coordinator Mrs Tara Detogia and UNFPA gender adviser Mrs Maha Muna worked together in accomplishing the Family Health Study*

## NFMRA officially unveil new fish market in Anibare

The Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA) the Honourable Valdón Dowiyogo officially opened the Anibare Community Fish Market at the unveiling ceremony last week on Monday 27 October.

The construction of the community fish market is funded by the Japanese Government through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and constructed by Central Meridian, Inc.

The NFMRA has set up the fish market to provide a central, clean and hygienic place for the sale of fresh seafood.



*Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA) the Honourable Valdón Dowiyogo officially opened the Anibare Community Fish Market*

The opening was well attended by His Excellency President Baron Waqa and Madam Waqa, Cabinet ministers, and senior officials of the diplomatic corps•



## 82nd Angam day celebrated

The 82nd Angam Day Anniversary memorial service was well organised on the morning of 26th October at the Truk Memorial in Aiwo District with some of Nauru's elders in attendance.

Angam Day commemorates a time in Nauru history of hunger, disease, war and survival and above all to remember those who have died in that time and acknowledge and respect the lives of those that have lived to tell their story.

Reverend Roger Mwareow said the opening prayer followed by hymns by church and youth groups and the address by His Excellency President Baron Waqa.

President Waqa spoke in the Nauruan language retelling the Angam story and above all gave thanks for the lives of the elders that survived the war and hardships of the past to be here today.

His Excellency also announced the pension allowance for 60 year olds and older will be increased, although the exact amount was not confirmed.

Mrs Muriel Cecil is the eldest Nauruan at age 88. She gave her account of how angam came about and gave thanks for the survival of the Nauruan people.

Nauru Secondary School students Fallon Natano and Greer Louise Wharton gave an emotional presentation and remarks on their views about what Angam means to them and today's young generation.

Apart from the master of ceremony and the closing prayer, all other presenters spoke in Nauruan accommodating the elders whom the occasion and program was dedicated to.

Gifts were prepared for the senior citizen elders aged 69 years and above. President Waqa presented the first two gifts to the eldest male Ralph Tamakin aged 85 and eldest female Muriel Cecil. The remaining elders also received their gifts at the conclusion of the program.



*HE President Baron Waqa presenting his gifts to eldest female in Nauru Mrs Muriel Cecil (top) and eldest male Mr Ralph Tamakin (bottom)*



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