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Nauru donates to assist relief efforts in flood ravished Solomon Islands

The Government of the Republic of Nauru made a donation of AUD\$30,000 to support the Solomon Island's government in its recovery efforts following flash flooding that hit the island on 3rd April.

On behalf of the government and people of Nauru, the Speaker of Parliament Honourable Ludwig Scotty and Nauru's Consul-General in Brisbane Mrs Chitra Jeremiah presented the donation at the Solomon Islands High Commission in Canberra.

The monetary donation and a letter from His Excellency President Baron Waqa to Solomon Island's Prime Minister Gordon Darcy Lilo were received by *Chargé d'affaires* Ms Jenny Barile.

President Waqa expressed deep condolences and a speedy recover

for the country and the people of the Solomon Islands.

"On behalf of the Government and people of Nauru, please allow me to convey from the outset my heartfelt

sympathy and sorrow by the loss of life and property including the displacement of people caused by the devastation of the flood on 3rd April," President Waqa said in the letter.



Speaker Ludwig Scotty presents Nauru's donation towards the Solomon Islands' flood relief

In response, Ms Barile expressed her governments' and peoples' gratitude for the generosity of the Nauru government and people and assured the Speaker that the donation will go a long way towards her government's rebuilding efforts.

Ms Barile advised that to date there are still a large number of locals yet to be found from the flash flooding three weeks ago.

Additionally, Ms Barile said tsunami warnings were still in place following a recent 8-magnitude earthquake that hit the island.

ANZAC Day dawn service

His Excellency President Baron Waqa, Madam Louisa Waqa and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Honourable David Adeang joined the Australian High Commissioner Martin Quinn and members of the Australian and New Zealand communities on Nauru at the ANZAC Day dawn service last week (Friday 25 April).

The official service commenced shortly after 6.30am with an opening prayer by Pastor Adam McGeorge.

Mr Tom Te Wei who is a former member of the New Zealand Royal Navy with 28 years of service, and extensive operational experience in Afghanistan, East Timor and Bougainville, gave the opening address.

The laying of wreaths was led by President Baron Waqa, followed by High Commissioner Martin Quinn and Mr Te Wehi.

The reading of the Ode and the playing of the Last Post was played followed by one minute silence.

The national anthems of Nauru, Australia and New Zealand were played before the closing prayer by Pastor Adam McGeorge.

A second but informal service was conducted later that evening (25 April) at the Menen hotel for those who could not attend the dawn service due to work commitments.



(R-L) Justice Minister David Adeang, HE President Baron Waqa, Madam Louisa Waqa and Australian High Commissioner Martin Quinn remain upstanding for the minute silence and playing of national anthems

RPC court update

The trial continues this week (Monday 28 April) for the first group of asylum seekers charged with riot and unlawful assembly at the Nauru Regional Processing Centre in July 2013.

While that trial will continue over the coming days, several other asylum seeker cases were put on mention last week (23 April) pending disclosures from the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to be served to the Court.

The first case of assault presented that day (23 April) was also put on mention by Magistrate Ropate Cabealawa for May 7. This is also pending the issuing of disclosures with the amended charges to be served from the DPP's office.

On Tuesday 15 April, trial began for the first group of asylum seekers being charged for unlawful assembly and riot at the Regional Processing Centre (RPC) in July 2013.

Early in the proceedings DPP Wilisoni Kurisaqila made an application of nolle prosequi against one of the five defendants who was being charged with unlawful assembly and riot. Magistrate Cabealawa granted the request.

The DPP made a second application to dismiss charges of unlawful assembly against two other defendants, and instead to be charged with riot.

Defence lawyer Mr John Rabuku made an application for a short adjournment to enable a conference and to take place between the defence and prosecution.

In light of the late decision by the DPP to drop charges against three of the eight defendants, Mr Rabuku stated that the defence would require extra time to reassess the case for the remaining five defendants.

The DPP did not object to the application for reasons that an unprejudiced assessment is necessary in this case.

Subsequently, Magistrate Ropate Cabealawa adjourned the case to be heard the following day (15 April).

New classrooms open at RPC

More children residing at the Nauru Regional Processing Centre (RPC) will now be able to attend school following the opening of new classrooms at the RPC last week (22 April).

Approximately 180 students between five and 17 years will be attending school at the RPC 1, while one other is attending the Nauru Secondary School and 14 attending Nauru College.

The officially opening included a ribbon cutting by Operational manager for RPC1, Berilyn Jeremiah.



Asylum seeker children at the RPC look on as their new classrooms are officially opened

The children provided entertainment with songs and playing of musical instruments. and officials were given a guided tour and snapshot of how lessons are conducted.

The new classrooms are a vast improvement to the learning conditions for the students. The commitments by both government's officials and staff of the RPC have made it possible for children residing at the RPC to have a better and healthy learning environment.

President Waqa receives new Aust high commissioner Martin Quinn

The High Commissioner-designate of the Commonwealth of Australia to the Republic of Nauru Mr Martin Quinn presented his letter of credence to His Excellency President Baron Waqa this morning (29 April) at the Presidential Office.

Upon arriving at the government office Mr Quinn presented copies of his letter of credence to acting Secretary for Foreign Affairs & Trade Mr Michael Aroi before being received by the acting Director of Police Corey Caleb for the playing of the national anthems and inspection of the police Guard of Honour.



Australian High Commissioner Martin Quinn inspecting the Nauru Police Guard of Honour before presenting his letter of credence to HE President Baron Waqa

Mr Quinn was later escorted to the President's Office for the presentation of credentials.

President Waqa accepted the letter of credence and congratulated Mr Quinn on his appointment as High Commissioner of Australia to Nauru and looks forward to the continued good relations and cooperation between Nauru and Australia.

Mr Quinn continues courtesy calls on cabinet ministers and Chief Secretary Bernard Grundler.

The High Commissioner arrived on island in February and will be based in Nauru.

His Excellency Baron Waqa will host a dinner reception this evening (29 Apr) in honour of the High Commissioner.

Mr Quinn joined the Australian department of foreign affairs as a graduate trainee in 1987 and has held numerous consular positions both in Australia and abroad.

Prior to this posting to Nauru Mr Quinn was the Australian ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia and consul-general to Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prior to that Mr Quinn was ambassador to Afghanistan, served as political counsellor at the Australian embassy in Seoul, first secretary to the Australian embassy in Jakarta and third secretary to the Australian embassy in Bangkok.

Pacific islands forum secretariat offer border protection training

Nauru has become the 11th Country to participate in a three day workshop on border protection that is sponsored and conducted by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) in collaboration with other regional agencies.

The Nauru joint border protection training workshop was held last week (15-17 April) at the Tomano room at the Menen Hotel with representatives from the various departments of customs, immigration, police, fisheries, and quarantine.

Steven Francis, Scott Bjerregaard, and Viliame Rova who work for PIFS, Australia's Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC), and Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO) respectively facilitated the workshop that discussed police, customs, and immigration issues.

The workshop is designed to strengthen the capacity of law enforcement officers working at the border and enhance inter-agency cooperation to address domestic and transnational organised crime.

Topics ranged from passenger profiling, questioning, reading body language, drug identification, people trafficking and human smuggling, money laundering and financing of terrorism activities.

The trainers arrived at different times during the week (13 and 16 April) but departed at the end of the week (18 April)•

RRRT holds human rights training

The Department of Justice and Border Control hosted a human rights training for its staff with facilitators from the Regional Rights Resources Team (RRRT) conducting the workshop earlier this month (31 March- 4 April).

The workshop was held at the Tomano room at the Menen Hotel where RRRT Programme manager Sandra Bernklau, and senior trainers Tevita Seruilumi, and Romulo Nayacalevu conducted presentations about the concepts of human rights and how it is applied in Nauru's context from an international human rights laws perspective.

The team's objective is to ensure that participants acquired the necessary understanding of human rights as well as to increase their knowledge in the area in order to comfortably apply the skills in their work place.

The participants were from the justice department, the judiciary, Nauru Police Force (NPF), Nauru Correctional Services, and the Regional Processing Centre (RPC).

The team arrived on 30 March and departed the following Sunday (6 April). They will continue their work in other Pacific island countries.

The Pacific Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT) provides



Participants attend RRRT training to enhance understanding of human rights issues

training, technical support, and policy and advocacy services tailored specifically for the Pacific region.

Based in Suva, Fiji, RRRT has programmes across the Pacific Islands, with partners including governments, regional and civil society organisations.

RRRT is guided by the Pacific Leaders' vision in the Pacific Plan of 2005, to "seek a Pacific region that is respected for the quality of its governance, the sustainable management of its resources, the full observance of democratic values and for its defence and promotion of human rights"•

Dengue fever focus on world health day

Then acting President and Minister for Health Honourable Valdon Dowiyogo celebrated World Health Day with the Department of Health earlier this month with the theme focusing on dengue fever - "Small bites, big threat."

Acting Secretary for Health Mrs Raveska Garoa welcomed guests to the event while Minister Dowiyogo expressed the importance and benefits of ensuring clean surroundings clear of overgrowth especially water collectable rubbish as the main causes of mosquito breeding and infestation.

Stalls were set up at the hall by the various department from the diabetes and nutrition clinic, physiotherapy centre and the sports section of Epon Keramen. School students also took part in the celebration and participated in health quizzes.

The theme for this year's event was to help create awareness about dengue fever. At the time of the event, there had been four reported dengue cases in Nauru.

The event was held at the Centennial hall•



Students get an insight into CPR at world health day

Eigigu HQ relocate to civic centre

Acting President David Adeang attended the official opening of Eigigu Holdings Corporations (EHC) new headquarters this month (8 April) at the Civic centre.

Mr Adeang cut the ribbon officially opening the new premises followed by a tour of the office.

The office has five rooms that will be utilised as a conference room, human resources, finance, shipping and public relations.

A total of 18 EHC staff including their chairman will be moving permanently into the new office•



Government hands over another two houses

The Government of Nauru has handed over the 12th and 13th houses this month (8 and 23 April) under the government's new housing scheme.

The 12th house belonging to Mr and Mrs Belasco Gobure was handed over by acting President and Member of Parliament for the Constituency of Uaboe, the Honourable David Adeang in Uaboe District on April 8.

The 13th house was handed over to homeowner Randolph Scotty by President Baron Waqa this week (23 April) in Anabar district. At both events, a tour of the houses was made and refreshments served.

The general design of the houses under the scheme is three bedrooms, an open plan living and kitchen area, bathroom, and laundry.

The New Housing Scheme is an interest-free housing loan set up largely to address overcrowding as well as to assist Nauruan families own their own house. The loan is repayable over 15 years.

There are currently 13 houses left to be constructed under the housing scheme•



Left: Belasco and Candice happily pose with their children in one of the bedrooms



Right: Randolph Scotty shakes hands with Our Construction boss Frankie Teabuge for his house

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