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▣▣ New Post Shop Production Manager



Welcome Ms. Girigi Daroa Moang (*pictured left*). She is our new Product Manager and reports to the Head of Retail. She brings with her a strong background in product management and merchandising.

▣▣ KOKOPO POST OFFICE STAFF AT TOURIST LINER PACIFIC PRINCESS

by Dickson Woiwoi, Kokopo Post Office



Liner Pacific Princess at Port of Rabaul

Sunday the 21/03/10 was the next port of call for Tourist Liner Pacific Princess one of the Cunard Ocean Liners vessels. Kokopo Retail Manager (RM) - Roland Bariom, SMK CSO - Christine Marum and Dickson Woiwoi officiated on board by selling post cards, stamps, aerogrammes, stamp albums and stamp packs. Beside selling the products mentioned, these Kokopo Post Office staff had the opportunity to showcase many varieties of beautiful stamps and postcards Post PNG Limited have on hand and at the same time showed to the tourists that we can produce and sell some of the most outstanding stamps that can be found anywhere in the world.

Unfortunately due to time limitations the vessel left Rabaul at around 14:00pm. Most of the tourists were stunned and excited about the products we have on hand. After Rabaul, the liner sailed to Chuuk in Micronesia. The vessel started its journey in Miami Florida on the 27th January and will complete the round the world tour in Rome on the 15th of May 2010.

Apart from that there will be many other tourist vessels calling into the port of Rabaul. The next vessel will be MV Amadea which will arrive at Rabaul port on Wednesday - 24/03/10 and Sound Princess, another sister ship of Pacific Princess to arrive on the 8th of April. The Kokopo RM will advise further on that.



Tourists buying philatelic items at Pacific Princess



Two of the Kokopo Post Office staff showcasing Post PNG products to the tourists in the liner, Pacific Princess

▣▣ SPORTS KONA

There are many benefits of playing sports. Sports serves as an excellent physical exercise. Those who play sports have more positive image than those who do not. Playing sports improves Maths skills in children. It develops leadership qualities and foster a team spirit in them. Regular exercise helps increase the overall quality of life.

For Post PNG staff who participate in any sport are not only concerned about their well-being and personal development but also promote the company in the sporting activities. Currently, in Port Moresby, Post PNG staff play 2 separate Sports codes, that is, Corporate Touch and Netball run by their respective associations.

So far our Corporate Touch team is doing well, winning all it games. Congratulation folks and keep it up. Our Netball girls lost couple of games by close score margins but have won the rest with big scores. The netball team had some goal shooting problems in their early games of their competition but have managed to find the solution to their problem and won all their games to date (end of March 2010). Keep it up girls!

Reminder: All players are required to attend their training sessions in order to keep themselves fit, learn the skills and game plans before playing their opponents.

Appeal: Family of Post PNG residing in Port Moresby are encouraged to go and support our Netball and Corporate Touch teams.



2009 Post PNG Netball Team, Runner up of Division 7.

This season, Post PNG Netball Team has been promoted to division 5 which is 2 steps higher. In the Division 7 grand final of last season, our girls (above) lost to Petromin by 1 point; PPNG 18 Petromin 19. Will they make it to the finals and win the Division 5 title this year? With Old hands still around and assistance from new recruits probably...maybe." Says Captain Varage Vagi

▣▣ FACTS ABOUT STAMPS - CAN THEY BE TRUE?

❖ Bhutan issued a stamp that looked like a record. Put it on a record player and it would actually play the Bhutanese national anthem!



❖ The Pacific island of Tonga once issued a stamp shaped like a banana.

❖ **The smallest-ever stamp - 9.5 x 8mm - was issued in 1863 by the Columbian state of Bolivar.**

❖ The first stamp to be issued, in England on 6 May 1840, was the Penny Black. It's called the Penny Black because it cost a penny, and it was black. The face on the stamp is Queen Victoria, who was Queen at that time. Just because a stamp is old doesn't necessarily make it valuable. The Penny Black is not rare - 68 million of them were printed - but if you had one in excellent condition it could be worth ?1000.

▣▣ RIDDLE

"A cloud was my mother, the wind is my father, my son is the cool stream, and my daughter is the fruit of the land. A rainbow is my bed, the earth my final resting place, and I'm the torment of man". Who am I?

Answer: See Next Post Tok Issue

Answer for Feb'10: Sponge



Every month Post PNG commemorates important Current Events, Diversified Cultures and exotic Wildlife by releasing new stamp issues. Featured in this month's newsletter is the "Climate Change (Sinking Island)" to be issued on the 18th of March 2010.

Climate Change Issued 18th, March 2010



The Carteret Island

Carteret Atoll, also known as "The Carteret Island" is part of Papua New Guinea located 86 kilometres northeast of Bougainville in the South Pacific at 4°45'S, 155°24'E. Carteret Atoll incorporates a scattering of low lying islands in a horseshoe shape stretching around 30 kilometers in north-south direction, with a total land area of 0.6 square kilometers and a maximum elevation of 1.5 meters above sea level.

For more than 30 years, the inhabitants of the Carteret atolls have battled the Pacific ocean to stop salt water destroying their coconut palms and waves crashing over their houses. A decision was already made that will make their group of low-lying islands literally go down in history.

After 150 countries met in Montreal to discuss how to combat global warming and rising sea levels, the Carterets' people became the first to be officially evacuated because of climate change. They will be the first island community in the world to undergo an organized relocation, in response to their island sinking. The people of the Carteret are being called the world's first environmental refugees.

As per resettlement plan 10 families at a time will be moved to Bougainville, a larger island 100 kilometres away. Within two years the six Carterets, roughly the size of 80 football pitches and just 1.5 metres high, will be uninhabited and undefended.

By 2015 they are likely to be completely submerged. The evacuation of the islands, named after the British navigator Philip Carteret, who discovered them in 1767, has been inevitable for more than 20 years.

According to the authorities, storm surges and erosion have worsened considerably and the atolls have been losing bits regularly. In 1995 a wave washed away most of the shorelines of Piul and Huene islands. Han island was completely inundated and Huene was cut in half by the sea.

Life on the Carterets has been far from the Western imagination of delightful coconut palm-fringed South Sea islands. academics have reported that many people have nearly starved because saltwater intrusion has destroyed their trees and stopped them growing greens and breadfruit.

For some years the islanders, who have almost no cash, have depended on emergency aid. There is no air service and a government boat only drops in a few times a year. The Carterets will join many other Pacific islands that are on the point of being swallowed by the sea.

☐ **City Pharmacy Ltd reopened its branch in Manus**

Source: The National, "Weekly News Highlights from the Islands region" p14 March 30, 2010



Nat-Tawi- construction manager Jeffrey Malliou and Post PNG asset department manager Paul Rupu making a final inspection of the new City Pharmacy building. - Nationalpic by ROSELYN ELLISON

City Pharmacy Ltd reopened its Manus branch, within the Post PNG premises in Lorengau town on 26th March, 2010.

Previously, people on the island did not get the vital services of a certified pharmacy. The arrangement with Post PNG has made it possible for the pharmacy to reopen. With the benefits of a solid partnership with Post PNG, City Pharmacy has able to branch out to other small centres in PNG, such as Biella.

During the opening ceremony, Manus governor Michael Sapau acknowledged the reputation, City Pharmacy has maintained in the province since its arrival in 1998.

"It is evident the public health delivery system in the province could not hope to provide all the pharmaceutical products and health care services," Mr Sapau said.

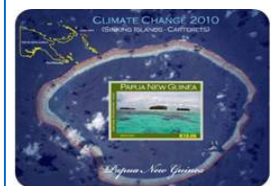
☐ **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

"If you wish to achieve worthwhile things in your personal and career life, you must become a worthwhile person in your own self-development." [Brian Tracy](#)



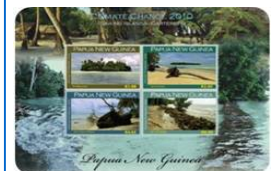
STAMP SET Details

- **K1.00 Huene Island Divided**
View of Huene from Lolassa Island. Huene used to be one island but has now been bisected by the ocean.
- **K3.00 - Upsurge through Barriers:**
The islanders have fought more than 30 years battle, building seawalls and planting mangroves to protect their shorelines from the might of the Pacific.
- **K4.65 - Saltwater Intrusion;**
High tides continue to wash away homes, destroy vegetable gardens and contaminate fresh water supplies.
- **K6.30 - Saltwater Claims;**
Palms and trees are often very vulnerable to saltwater inundation and contamination.



SOUVENIR SHEET Details

K10.00 - Divided Atolls:
The atolls were once used to be one island but now seen divided into separate atolls by the raising sea.



SHEETLET Details

- **K1.00 - Dwindling Island:**
An Island seen here dwindling gradually from the effects of raising sea.
- **K3.00 - Saltwater Claims:**
Evidence of impact caused by raising sea
- **K4.65 - Storm Surge & Erosion:**
Palms or trees that become exposed in storms usually give way by losing their grip in the little sand left at the end of the storm season.
- **K6.30 - Man made Barriers**
Barriers (wave crushers) built to defuse the impact of waves

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☐ **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

Kanage: *Why are all these people running?*

Man: *This is a race, the winner will get the cup.*

Kanage: *If only the winner will get the cup, why others running?*