

THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION

Australia Week



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Australia Week highlights modern Australian culture and connects young Papua New Guineans with Australia to support leadership, discussion and creative partnerships.

Saturday 24 May

Niukick launch: Australia's own brand of football will come to children in Gulf province through a new program with AFL PNG to expand its successful Niukick initiative in schools. The launch of the program will feature young Niukick participants in Port Moresby demonstrating their skills. *Murray Barracks, 8.30am*

Monday 26 May

Feeding young minds: Australia Week will bring a 'refuelling stop' to students at the University of Papua New Guinea – a key partner in activities including Flickerfest – at the start of their exam week. *Forum Square, UPNG, from midday*

Tell us what you think – Australia Week survey: The Australian High Commission invites young Papua New Guineans to be part of the discussion about Australia Week and the relationship between PNG and Australia.

Tuesday 27 May

Music workshop: Australia Week's headline musical acts – Melbourne MC Phrase and R&B/soul singer Jade MacRae will join leading PNG DJ Akay47 and PNG Idol winner Samantha Clark in sharing their talents and insights into the music industry with aspiring young Papua New Guinean musicians. *Vabukori Village, 10.30am*

Facebook Q&A: The Australian High Commission's facebook page will be thrown open in a live discussion with High Commissioner Ms Deborah Stokes about issues that affect young Papua New Guineans. *Australian High Commission facebook page, midday*

Film festival: Australia Week will again bring the latest in innovative, creative short films from young Australian filmmakers to the University of Papua New Guinea with a free screening of Flickerfest. *University of Papua New Guinea, 7pm*

Wednesday 28 May

Art workshop: Australia Week will bring renowned young Melbourne-based artist Regan Tamanui to PNG to share his unique stencil-based techniques with young Papua New Guinean street artists. The work of Regan Tamanui (known as 'Ha-Ha') uses multi-layered stencils of up to 40 layers to reflect popular culture, sourcing images direct from the newspaper or from photographing the subject to tell a story of the here and now. In a partnership with the Keep Port Moresby Colourful campaign, Regan will lead the young artists in creating works on canvas as well as a permanent public installation on Waigani Drive. *Moresby Arts Theatre, Wednesday and Thursday*

Televised schools debate: The best debaters from National Capital District high schools will match minds over the topic: "Better leadership is more important than better funding for an idea to succeed'. The debate will form part of a national televised series run by the Institute of Business Studies. *Institute of Business Studies, Six Mile, 9am*

Essay competition: Almost 60 high school students have unpicked the topic: 'What role can young people play in the economic development of Papua New Guinea?' Winners and commendable entries will be announced in Port Moresby and Bougainville. *Institute of Business Studies, Six Mile*

Golf day: Four ball Ambrose golf competition to be hosted by the Australian Defence Staff. Australian High Commission agencies and their PNG counterparts will be vying for great prizes and the honour of being Australia Week champions. *Port Moresby Golf Club, 8am*

Thursday, 29 May

PNG New Voices conference: Hosted by the Lowy Institute and sponsored by Australia Week, the New Voices conference will provide a platform for PNG's young leaders in business, government, civil society and media from across the country to discuss and debate the big issues affecting their nation and its place in the world. *National Research Institute, from 8am*

- **Australia Week guest Tania Major**, will appear on a panel at the PNG New Voices conference. Tania is Managing Director of Tania Major Consulting, a company whose goal is to serve as a catalyst for positive change across cultures in Australia. Based in North Queensland, Tania was Young Australian of the Year (2006) and Young Australian of the Year (2007). *National Research Institute, from 8am.*
- **'Tanim Graun' – televised Q&A:** A special episode of the televised series examining PNG development issues will be filmed at the New Voices conference. Young leaders including Tania Major will examine the future of the informal economy in PNG. *National Research Institute, from 1.30pm*

- **Launch of Australia – PNG Network:** An initiative agreed at the Australia-PNG Ministerial Forum last December, the network will strengthen economic and social ties between PNG and Australia through encouraging stronger relationships between Australia's and PNG's businesses, entrepreneurs and students. *National Research Institute, from 5pm.*

Australia Week live concert: A highlight of Australia Week, PNG's number one DJ Akay47 (Allen Kedeo) and rising vocalist Samantha Clark will join Melbourne hip-hop star Phrase and special guest R&B/jazz vocal sensation Jade Macrae in a huge collaborative line up at this year's Australia Week live concert. *Lamana Hotel, from 7pm, tickets K25*

Friday 30 May

Art collaboration launch: Australia Week artist Regan Tamanui will join young PNG street artists from the 'Keep Port Moresby Colourful' campaign to launch their collaborative installation work on Waigani Drive. *Waigani Drive, opposite Vision City*