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MANUS i go het!

Issue 10

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In this issue...

Manus i go het! brings you the latest news and stories about Australia's assistance in Manus and the Regional Processing Centre. In this International Women's Day special issue, read all about Australia's support to women and girls in Manus. Read about the road and bridge project in our lift-out.



EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS



Message from Australia's High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea, Mr Bruce Davis AM PSM

Manus i go het! Issue ten brings you all the latest facts, stories and pictures to keep you up to date on how Australia is supporting Manus and working alongside our Papua New Guinean partners and the provincial government. This special edition on empowering women and girls celebrates International Women's Day – a day celebrated globally each year on 8 March to celebrate the economic, political and social achievements of women. Gender equality and women's empowerment is a key priority for Australia's international engagement and is at the core of our engagement with Manus and Papua New Guinea more broadly.

Delivering positive change for Manus



Delly Moren 34, from Loi'I village, is the Revenue and Taxation officer with the Manus Provincial Government.

She was the proud recipient of an Australia Awards Fellowship in 2015. Fellowships train current and aspiring leaders who, in the short to medium term, will be in a position to advance key PNG policy objectives and increase the capacity of PNG institutions.

"Through the scholarship I was exposed to many practices of project management that I can utilise to influence a positive change in Manus," Delly says.

"Understanding community needs and planning strategically to deliver government services and goods to meet those needs demonstrates good governance."

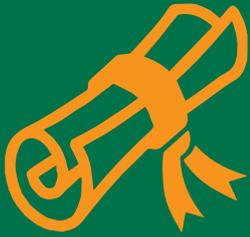
Delly graduated from the Kangan Institute in Melbourne with a Certificate IV in Project Management.

Australia Awards for Women in Manus

Seven women studying nursing, community health work and teaching through Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships

Two women studying at universities in Australia through Australia Awards

Two women from the Manus Provincial Government have received Australia Awards Fellowships for short term study and professional development in Australia



11 scholarships and fellowships for women to study in Papua New Guinea and Australia



New staff housing under construction at Lorengau General Hospital. Massih clinic is open providing STI and HIV testing services, counselling for risk reduction, healthy lifestyles awareness, and enhanced treatment services.



185 women graduated from business workshops



New and safer Lorengau market



Family and Sexual Violence Unit in the new RPNGC Manus Police Station under construction

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Women boost local economy

The new Lorengau Market was buzzing with activity when Manus i go het! visited recently. The market has 740 stalls and new amenities that have provided women with the opportunity to boost their sales.



"The market is convenient and spacious. I sell crabs, fish and sea shells. I earn K250 on a weekly basis. I didn't earn that much before, because it was difficult for customers to locate my bench." Regina Charlie, Tong Island.



"I love and enjoy crafting necklaces, but I love it even more when I earn money from it. I am helping my mother to raise enough money for my schooling." Amanda Lucas, Ahus Island.

More women are having the opportunity to be hired or trained in construction, hospitality and corporate services, from the boost of around 1000 extra jobs in Manus from Regional Processing Centre, related economic activity and Australian development assistance.



Christine Kisokau is engaged with Hornibrooks Company building new married quarters for 42 Papua New Guinea Defence Force families.



Dianne Pomat, featured in issue 9 of the Manus i go het!, is one of 10 female construction workers working on the road and bridge maintenance and rehabilitation.

Womens' contribution to communities

Australia is supporting communities in Manus through grants for sports, income generation and livelihood opportunities. The project is targeted at supporting youth, women and children, and village-based climate change adaptation projects.



The Pihitidu Womens Group in the Tetidu Local Level Government are proud of their new community resource centre funded by Australia. The centre will serve as a training hub for women to learn about sewing, cooking, starting a business and agriculture.



Cathy Andrew, featured in issue 6 of the Manus i go het!, was a recipient of an Australia Awards scholarship PNG in 2013. Cathy works at Lorengau General Hospital and her primary role is to provide advice to clients, especially women and mothers, about healthy living, immunisation, prevention of common illness and hygiene.

Manus i go het! issue 5 featured the Tulu womens group and Managalas womens group of Madang province meeting on Tulu Island in October 2014 through an exchange program funded by Australia. The program increased womens participation in decision making processes in relation to land and environmental sustainability.



Manus i go het! issue 9 featured the Seadler Womens Soccer Association from N'dilou village. The Association is a recipient of sporting grants funded by the Australian Government to support the Local Level Government Sports program and a new provincial sports strategy to improve the participation of women in sport.



Education and Skills

Australia is supporting the Manus Training Centre to upgrade its facilities through the construction of security fencing and purchase of new workshop equipment. This assistance is supporting opportunities for students to contribute to the community through their projects including for the benefit of women and girls.



Students at the Manus Training Centre get a lesson on using recycled 40 gallon drums to make baking ovens to help women to start a small business in baking and cooking.

Tourism and hospitality students from the Manus Training Centre proudly show their baked goods during a practical assessment in November 2015. Most students are trainees at the Harbourside Hotel, which has been refurbished and expanded with funding from Australia.



Australia's assistance for education in Manus includes infrastructure school kits for 20 communities, including in rural and remote island areas. The kits include a double classroom, administration office, teacher's house and ablation facilities to improve girls attendance at school.



M'buke Primary School teacher teaching in the new classroom on M'buke Island.



18 women have become Financial Literacy Trainers after workshops in 2015, funded by Australia. The trainers aim to teach 3000 people in Manus about banking and saving.

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Wood without nails

Rambutso ailan komuniti i bin kisim wanpela bikpela trenin long wokim ol sia, tabol na klasrum desk las yia long wanpela bikpela fanisa meika long Australia, Richard Vaughan. Richard i bin go long Rambutso ailan behainim invatesen bilong NGO grup, Friends of Rambutso (FOR) long givim trenin. Sevis provida bilong Regional Processing Centre long Manus, Transfield wantaim Broadspectrum i halivim Richard na FOR long shipim ol liklik wok masin bilong dispela projek long Australia i go long Rambutso. (Pictures supplied by FOR)



Richard Vaughan wantaim Rambutso komuniti soim ol desk na sia ol i wokim long trenin.



Rambutso komuniti man i lainim long makim na katim timba long wokim shav hos.

Snapshots of Manus



KOMUNITI BUK



Australia gavman i sapatim fopela meri polis long 2015 long kisim trenin bilong frantlain supavisen. Dispela lainim i halivim ol ofisa long wei bilong managim gut wok bilong Manus polis stasen.



45 Manus man na meri i graduat wantaim setifikat tu na tri long kuk. Trenin i soim ol sumatin long fud sekyuriti, wei bilong kukim kaikai na wok seifti. Dispela setifikat bai givim planti Manus gutpela sans long kisim wok long turisim na hospitaliti bisnis.



Ol sevis provida long Regional Processing Centre long Lombrum na Eas Lorengau las krismas i go givim krismas presen long Lorengau hausik. Ol pikinini i hamamas long bungim fada krismas na kisim piksa wantaim em.



ECOM hai skul sumatin i harim ol toktok bilong Australia Award Scholarship wok man na meri long 2015. Australia i givim bikpela halivim long edukasen sekta bilong Manus long niupela 20 klasrum na skolaship long ol Manus man na meri long kisim lainim long bikpela skul long PNG na Australia.

MANUS

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Road to be sealed in full for 26km from Momote to Lorengau

- Australia is funding the road and bridge project, which is being taken forward in partnership with the PNG Department of Works and Manus Provincial Government.
- Works to repair and seal the full 26km length of the road from Momote Airport to Lorengau town are continuing.
- The project team is currently focused on the preparation of the foundation for the road. Works have now progressed to the Momote – Lolak road section.
- Road sealing is underway on roads around Lorengau Market and kerbing has been completed.
- New footpaths in town now include wheelchair access ramps in seven locations.
- An upgraded storm water system with 720 metres of new drainage has now been completed around Lorengau Market.
- A seawall to reduce the risk of flooding and erosion on the Momote – Lorengau road has now been completed with over 3,600 cubic metres of local rock in place.
- Scheduled works to Loniu Bridge have been completed. Corroded bolts have been replaced and new paint has been applied to the bridge. Guardrails have been replaced.
- Remedial works on Nuwok Bridge are underway. Replacement of all bolts and repainting all steel parts are completed. Handrails, guardrails and protection of the banks will start soon.
- Four community stakeholder meetings have been held in Manus on the project.



Road sealing around Lorengau Market

2016 NEXT STEPS

Quarter 1

Finalise scheduled remediation works at Loniu and Nuwok Bridges
Finalise seal on roads around marketplace

Quarter 2

Continue earthworks and drainage on road from Lolak to Momote commenced
Commence sealing on sections from Lorengau

Quarter 3

Finalise kerbing on the section east of Lorengau
Finalise grading and base course preparation

Quarter 4

Finalise seal on Momote-Lorengau road
Install road signs and paint white lines
Final inspection
Demobilisation



Base layer preparation for Momote-Lorengau road



New seawall