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News for Staff and Friends of Steamships Trading Company

EWT & JVS is now officially the Transport & Port Service division

As of last Friday, Joint Venture Stevedoring and East West Transport officially became the Transport and Port Services division.

In March, East West Transport General Manager, Gordon McMaster was appointed General Manager for Transport and Port Services. During April, Gordon's team have been busy setting up office for the new division in the current Steamships Shipping building on Stanley Esplanade. The exercise included the relocation of the East West Transport head office from Lae to Port Moresby and the relocation of eight of its head office administration staff.

The current Coastal Shipping team will remain in the same building on the top floor, with the new Transport and Port Services division taking up office on the ground floor.

Consort Express Lines and Steamships Shipping will be combined as a single maritime division starting July 1st. Meanwhile, Steamships Shipping's General Manager, Susana Germino will remain in her current role until July 1st when the integration of Steamships Shipping with Consort is completed. She will however, be out of the country from May 18th attending a management course. During that period, Consort's Chief Operating Officer, Stuart Craker will be acting as General Manager for Steamships Shipping.

The company has not yet finalised all the details of the new structure for both divisions, but it is already clear that Steamships needs to retain the Group's existing skills and experience.

Shipping's Administration staff will be assigned a continuing role, either with the Transport and Port Services Division or with Consort. Consort's existing office in Port Moresby will continue at its current location in the Pacific MMI Building.

Steamships Trading Company Managing Director, Peter Langslow in a memo said, "I understand that the significant organisational changes are somewhat unsettling, therefore the managers and I will keep staff of the affected units regularly informed of the progress on both projects, with good advance notice of any changes and developments."

"At this stage we anticipate minimal redundancies, so to give peace of mind as we work through the details, I can give a simple assurance that any redundancies that may in fact result from this group restructuring will not be implemented before October," Mr Langslow reassured.

He said the logistics business remains extremely challenging and kindly asked for the full support of everyone to ensure that these business challenges are addressed as effectively and successfully as possible.

Updates on the 2015 Pacific Games



Steamships is a proud Gold Sponsor of the 2015 Pacific Games

Ticketing Awareness organised for STC staff

The Ticketing Team from the 2015 Games Office have been actively carrying out awareness to a number of Steamship's business units in Port Moresby.

Early in April they carried out their first ticketing awareness at the Steamships Corporate Office and later went to Port Services Limited, Steamships Shipping and East West Transport.

During May, the Ticketing Team will be visiting Laga Industries and Pacific Palms.

The message behind the team's awareness is that; the Games tickets are affordable, easily accessible, and that there are various ticket packages that staff and their families can take advantage of. The ticket packages are;

1. Venue Package - The venue package gives the ticket holder access to all the sports that are being played in a particular venue for the duration of the Games.
2. Sports Package - This package allows the ticket holder to watch all the games of his/her favourite sport for the duration of the Game.
3. The Premium Package - It gives the ticket holder access to all the sporting events in all the venues for the duration of the Games.



EWT staff with 2015 Games ticketing team, Terence Hatutasi and Richard Guria



Do you want to win tickets to the Opening Ceremony of the 2015 Pacific Games?

Go to Page 11 to find out how you can be that lucky winner

Steamships hosts Cancer Foundation's Biggest Morning Tea

Steamships recently hosted the Biggest Morning Tea to help the PNG Cancer Foundation raise funds for its awareness programs.

At the breakfast was the PNG Cancer Foundation ambassador, Lynda Babao-O'Neill, PNG Cancer Foundation's Chief Executive Officer, Dadi Toka Jnr and the staff from the Foundation.

The Foundation's CEO, Dadi Toka Jnr said Steamships was the first organisation to host the Biggest Morning Tea after the Foundation launched it in mid April. He said other organisations had registered but were yet to host the event.

During the event, Lady Lynda Babao-O'Neill encouraged staff to spread the awareness on the dangers of cancer to their family members, saying it was all about prevention and awareness about the dangers of cancer.

Steamships Managing Director, Peter Langslow said it was a great cause to support because of the much needed awareness that needed to get out to the people.

Steamships has over the years supported the organisation through its various fundraising event, including its annual Pink Ribbon Day Luncheon. The Biggest Morning Tea hosted by Steamships raised over K6000. The funds were raised from the raffles that were sold during the event.



The Steamships Head Office staff that attended the Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser



Youth With A Mission Commissions its new vessel in POM



TOP: Prime Minister Peter O'Neill, YWAM patron and former Prime Minister, Sir Rabbie Namaliu and Minister for Planning and Implementation, Charles Abel assisting with the Prime Minister with the ribbon cutting to signify the launch of YWAM's new vessel, YWAM PNG.

Youth with a Mission (YWAM) commissioned its new vessel 'YWAM PNG' with the cutting of the ribbon by Prime Minister, Peter O'Neill.

Chief Executive Officer, Ken Mulligan said during the commissioning that it was through the long term partnership of sponsors and the commitment by the PNG Government that the new vessel was able to be acquired.

It was a proud moment for Steamships because the company has been a supporter of YWAM since 2011, when it first commenced its partnership with the medical ship.

Because of the health benefits the vessel was providing to the people living along the coast of Gulf and Western Province, the company strengthened its partnership by going into a four year agreement with YWAM in 2012, committing K400,000 annually toward the organisation.

Besides the annual funding that Steamships provides, Steamships business unit, Steamship Shipping provides free berthing for its vessel at its Steamships Coastal Shipping wharf, while Coral Sea Hotels provides discount rates for YWAM's staff staying at its Coral Sea Hotels in Port Moresby.

The commissioning was witnessed by Government Ministers, heads of Government Departments and YWAM's supporters from the business community.

Laga serves free ice-cream during Cheshire sausage sizzle

The Laga Industries staff in Port Moresby were decked out in their Gala uniforms to help Cheshire Homes with their Saturday sausage sizzle.

As part of their contribution to the fundraiser, Laga donated one cone scoop of ice-cream for every hot-dog that was sold on that day.

The ice-cream cone scoop was a hit, customers started flooding the sausage sizzle stand just to get their hot-dog and a free serving of ice cream.

The sizzle started at 9am and continued on after lunch and by 2pm the team were ready to call it a day.

The staff had a lot of fun and said they were happy to be supporting Cheshire Homes raise the much needed funds.

RIGHT: Laga Industries staff with their ice-cream cart ready to serve free scoops of ice-cream to the customers that bought hot-dog on the day.



CSH helps raise funds for Cheshire Disability Services

In February, the Ela Beach Hotel and its sister hotels in Port Moresby assisted Cheshire Homes in its sausage sizzle fundraiser.

The staff were very thankful to Coral Sea Hotel's Operations Manager, Brent St Hill who dropped by on the day to lend a hand at the grill.

The team were also very grateful for the donation that was made by Joint Venture Stevedoring & Port Manager, Troy Dean.

The team sold 707 rolls and raised K4,006.35, which included donations that were collected.

The sausage sizzle fundraiser is held every Saturday at the Boroko Foodworld shopping centre in Gordons.



The CSH staff taking turns at the barbecue stand, onion peeling and bread roll cutting.

Steamships Corporate also lends a hand to Cheshire



Knowing that we are able to make a difference in the lives of others is a great feeling.

Steamships Public Relations Officer, Wanita Wakus said this after the staff at head office joined the team from Cheshire Homes to do their sausage sizzle fundraiser on April 25th.

The Steamships Group has locked in 10 Saturdays in 2015 to help Cheshire with their sausage sizzle fundraiser.



Did you Know? Laga Industries recently launched its three-tier freezer for all its ice-cream products. Its been a hit for kids!!

Professional Development & Corporate Etiquette training for CSH staff



Participants from the Coral Sea Hotels that attended the Professional Development & Corporate Etiquette training together with Steamships Managing Director Peter Langslow, Jodie Bache-McLean from June Dally Watkins that provided the training and Allyson Young from Select PNG.

Staff at the Coral Sea Hotels in Port Moresby attended a one day training on Professional Development and Corporate Etiquette.

The training was facilitated by Select PNG and run by June Dally Watkins.

The purpose of the training was to instil in staff professional behaviours and help them create professional relationships through networking, using the various forms of communication. June Dally Watkins is named Australian business women and fashion model, June Dally Watkins. In 1950, she started the Southern Hemisphere's first personal development school in Sydney to train young women in etiquette and deportment. A year later, she started Australia's first model agency and modelling school, later establishing a Business Finishing College. She remains Australia's best known expert in etiquette and elocution and frequently comments on that topic in the media.

Steamships has been using June Dally Watkins since last year because of the overwhelmingly positive feed-back that came from staff that had been through the training.

Steamships Training Dates for May

The STC HR Training and Development team is pleased to announce its Training Schedule for May 2015.

Week	Date (s)	Programs	Location	Venue
1	04 – 08 May	PC	POM	STC H/O
1	04-08 April	Safety Officer Level 1	POM	TBC
1	06 May	Corporate Induction	POM	STC H/O
2	11 – 15 May	PC	Lae	Melanesian Hotel
3	18 – 22 May	PRONTO	POM	STC H/O
4	25 - 29 May	Safety Officer Level 1	LAE	TBC
4	25 - 29 May	PRONTO	LAE	Melanesian Hotel

HR Policies & Procedures

Steamships Code of Conduct Video

The Steamships Code of Conduct Video is produced to give our staff at the Steamships Group a clear understanding of what the Group's Code of Conduct is all about. The video portrays scenes that apply to the company's everyday operations and includes short messages from the various managers within the Group.

The video is an information & training tool for new and current employees. It can be used during Health Safety Security & Environment (HSSE) tool box meetings and also shown to stakeholders to promote the company's code of conduct.

The 10 minutes video will be distributed in May to the Human Resources (HR) Department and the HSSE Department within the Steamships Group.

USAGE:

The Code of Conduct will be used for the induction of new employees, Recruitment and Career Fairs, HSSE Tool Box Meetings and during meetings with stakeholders/clients.

AUDIENCE:

The Code of Conduct video can be shown to Business Partners and stakeholders, new & current employees, including the general public .

VIEWING ENVIRONMENT:

The sites where the video will be viewed is at the workplace during inductions, and on the Steamships Portal (for staff with access to the Portal). It can also be viewed at the waiting rooms or reception areas of the Group's various businesses, and at career fairs including conferences.

RIGHTS TO USE:

The Code of Conduct video is only to be used as an information and promotion tool. Therefore, at the Group level, it can only be used by the Group Executive Management, the Public Relations Office, Human Resources and HSSE. At the divisional level, it is only to be used by the Divisional General Managers, HR & HSSE managers including the Marketing / Promotional Departments.

STRICT NOTE:

All Steamships staff with a PC will have access to view the video. However, no staff is allowed to download or re-use the video without authorisation from the executive management from their respective division.

If you have any questions in regard to the Code of Conduct Video then email your queries to:
toksteamies@steamships.com.pg

Safety Statistics Board

Incidents Statistics Summary for the month of March

Division	FAI	MTI	LTI	Total Injuries	Fatality	Total Incidents					Days Lost	LTI Free Days	LTIIR	LTISR	Head Count
						TI	F	PD	NM	S					
Consort	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	768
Corporate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	85
Hotel	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2*	2	0	3	5	0.09	3	1163
Laga	5	0	0	5	0	5	0	2	1	0	0	31	0	0	519
Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	31	0	0	83
Shipping	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	7	3	1	0	0**	0	0	1166
Transport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	2	0	31	0	0	373
Pactow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	31	0	0	156
Group	7	0	1	8	0	8	0	18	14	4	3	5	0.02	3	4313

*A security incident recorded by Hotels was re-classified as property damage by corporate office

**Days lost continue for the month of March from the December incidents

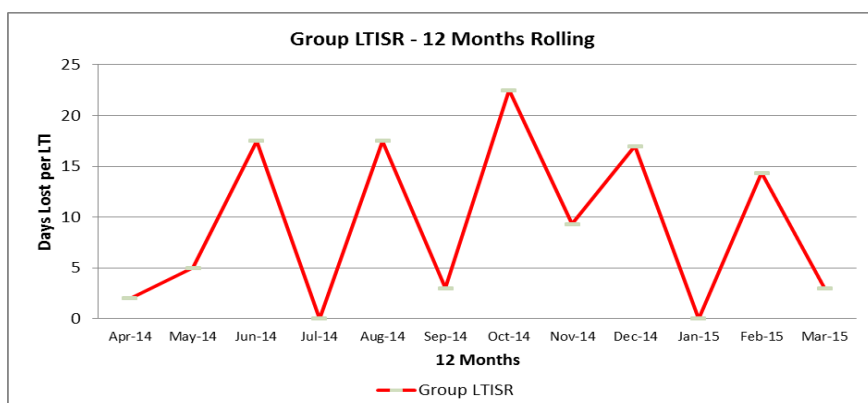
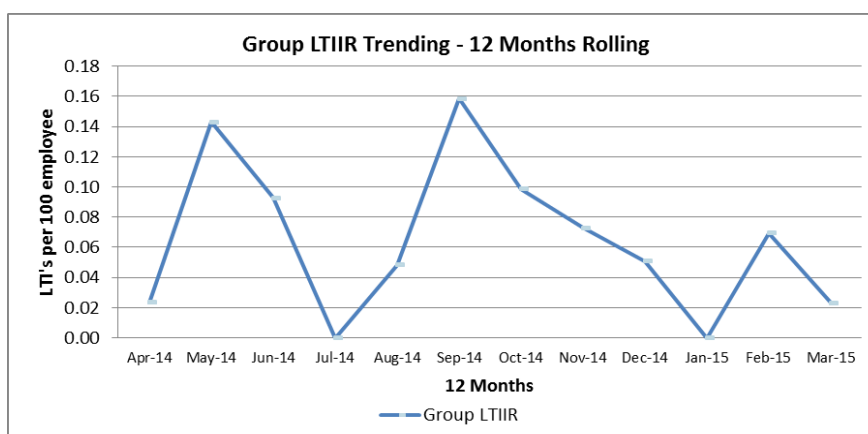
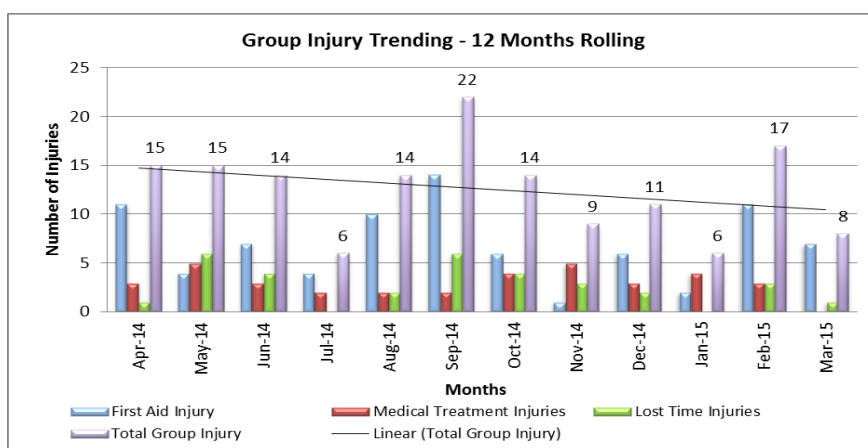
FAI – First Aid Injuries, MTI – Medical Treatment Injuries, LTI – Lost Time Injuries, TI – Total Injuries, F – Fatality, PD – Property Damage, NM – Near Misses, SI – Security Incident, LTIIR – Lost Time Injury Incidence Rate, LTISR – Lost Time Injury Severity Rate

There has been a decrease in the number of injuries for March compared to February, further extending the improvement across the 12 months rolling trend. FAI's continued to be the most reported statistics. Hotels have again recorded an LTI for this month.

Outcomes from incident reviews with regards to causes identified and actions taken to correct, must be effectively communicated across all business units as soon as possible to avoid similar incidents reoccurring. Root cause analysis is encouraged to be undertaken for all MTI's and LTI's going forward, with the outcomes and experiences disseminated to business units as part of continuous awareness and discussions during meetings.

The Group's lost time injuries per 100 employees (LTIIR) has reduced for this reporting period from February. More improvement is still needed to maintain a 0 LTIIR, and that has been a challenge over the past months for the Group. Pro-active measures such as safety observations, toolbox meetings, inspections and audits are encouraged to be effectively done with corrective actions taken.

The Group's Lost Time Injury Severity Rate trend shows fluctuations with huge varying differences, this has continued for this reporting period. More robust work programs need to be focussed on with regards to 'back to work' programs, and that should be the case after incidents are recorded. The first and foremost focus should be to avoid injuries, and that is through doing more of the pro-active measures or lead indicators.



“Pacific Salvor” takes up station in Port Moresby

The tug *Pacific Salvor* has taken up station in Port Moresby after undergoing an extensive refit and modification by its owners Pacific Towing (Pactow). This is Pactow’s third tug to bear this name and continue the proud tradition of providing salvage and emergency towing support in the South West Pacific region.

Pacific Salvor (P2V5609 – IMO8209339) is an ex *Taminga* from South Australia. She was purchased from her previous owners after lying dormant in Sydney, Australia. The lady was in need of some TLC and upgrading, so with the indulgence of her previous owners, SVITZER (Australia), she underwent extensive machinery, SOLAS and communication upgrades at their Balmain facility prior to making the delivery voyage to Port Moresby in September last year. The delivery voyage went smoothly under the command of Captain Neil Pickett, Captain Charles Kendo of Pacific Towing and the “original builder”, Chief Engineer Peter Crotty, who in his 78th year can outperform guys half his age. With the unyielding support of a deck and engineering crew made up of Stanley Holland, Eugene Holland, Amos Tawina, Mathew Pune and “cookie boy” Ben Tokwakwasi, who made sure the crew were fed and watered, the tug was delivered safely to her new home and her new lease on life in Port Moresby.

After crew orientation and training she went onto the dock at the PNG Dockyard.



The refitting and modification being done on Pacific Salvors
Pacific Salvors out at sea during one of its runs after the extensive modification.

The turnaround time by PNG Dockyard was on time and on budget. The team at the dockyard did wonders with her, returning her to Pactow beautifully finished and ready for Pacific Towing’s workshop team to give it the finishing touches it needed.

After all the regulatory procedures were finalised, the Pacific Salvor proceeded to live out her call of duty in harbour towage. With her newly installed crane, towing gear and extensive salvage stores, the Pacific Salvor stands “ready, willing, and able” for the next casualty call.

Joint Venture Stevedoring holds meeting to align its Ops

To bring consistency across its operations, Joint Venture Stevedoring (JVS) held a meeting with all its Port Managers.

The purpose of the two day meeting was to roll out JVS’s vision going forward in light of the recent changes in management.

The aim of the meeting was to create a team environment by harnessing the wealth of knowledge and experience held by the eight participants that attended the meeting.

During the meeting the team discussed issues in regard to customer service and expectations, rigging and slinging of cargoes and the introduction of new equipment and its safe use.

Several short courses were also conducted during the meeting to help the managers perform their duties better at their respective Ports. One of the training included handling of dangerous goods.

Each manager also did a presentation of its province’s facility.



The attendees of the JVS meeting together with Shipping General Manager, Susana Germino in the centre.

The meeting ended with the team doing an equipment check and tour of the Port Moresby terminal.

The Engine Room - Where magic is made

Have you ever looked at a noisy tug or a ship passing by and wondered where the almighty noise was coming from??? Yes, you guessed it, its from the Engine Room..... The engine is what makes all the vessels out at sea move. There is really a lot happening out of the sight of the average bystander, but the engine room is the heart of the vessel. It produces electricity to keep the cooker working, the television on and the air-conditioning going so it keeps everyone cool.

In the bowels of all ships is the Engine Room and Machinery Space, where the magic is created. It is generally a noisy and occasionally smelly place, and is inhabited by engineers, mechanics and the occasional disorientated deckie or landlubber.

Everything looks fine on the outset when the engines and machinery are running well and the vessel is out doing her runs, but spare a thought for those guys toiling below in the noisy environment, for those conducting maintenance when the ships and tugs are alongside the wharf.

When repairs are underway it can become a very alien and potentially dangerous place to be. But maintenance teams and engineers within the Steamships Group are trained and proficient at getting on with the job to keep the fleet ready, willing and able.

Maintenance is often a dirty and physically demanding task, but without it the tugs and ships will not be operational.

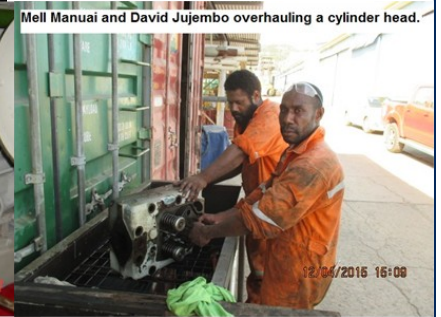
Pactow's Maintenance Manager, Stanley Holland and his Supervisor Mariano Ike with their team of mechanics, electricians, carpenters, welders and painters are always "busy as bees" in the grub and grime of keeping Pactow's fleet of 12 tugs and 10 work boats looking good and operational.



The Finished Job!



Mell Manuai and David Jujembo overhauling a cylinder head.



Tug VULCAN back at sea.....

EWT hosts inaugural fuel operations conference

East West Transport (EWT) recently held its first ever Fuel Operations Conference in Port Moresby on March 5, 2015.

The forum brought together EWT Fuel Operations Supervisors and Managers from all its six (6) ports to share ideas and share best practises with the aim of improving their performance and service delivery to their clients.

The forum was seen as a positive step towards team building among the port leaders that came from Lae, Madang, Rabaul, We-wak and Kavieng. It was an opportunity for them to build on their knowledge and understanding of the business and make them realise that their port's efforts contributed to the growth of the organization.

The conference was attended by major fuel distributors, Puma Energy and Exxon Mobil. And during the conference, the two fuel companies presented their 2014 performance review of EWT and outlined their expectations for 2015.

Puma Energy and Exxon Mobil commended EWT for coming up with the initiative saying it was through such meetings that business partners are able learn about each others expectation and deliver on them.



Exxon Mobil Fleet Supervisor (PNG), Magaru Riva, delivering his presentation to the participants at the conference.

The inaugural event was made possible with the support of the EWT General Manager, Gordon McMaster. Because of the success of the event, it will now be an annual event for EWT.

NCSL creates awareness of its products

Nasfund Contributors Savings and Loans Society or NCSL conducted an awareness to the staff of Pacific Palms Property (PPP) recently about the different services they provided.

The main aim of the presentation was to encourage staff to practice the savings culture.

During the presentation, the NCSL team revealed that 70 percent of Pacific Palms Property staff had existing savings accounts with their organisation thus encouraging the staff to use their existing accounts to start their savings plan.

PPP staff, Josephine Beata said, "I have benefitted in many ways since becoming an NCSL member. I am able to save, but most of all is, I am able to access my savings, especially during emergencies."



First Aid Training for Harbourside staff



(L) Sarah Daniels and (R) Fale'ua Marsipal performing various techniques learned from the training.

Knowing what to do when a client collapses or faints is very important. That is why two Harbourside staff, Fale'ua Marsipal and Sarah Daniels attended a two day First Aid Training at the Red Cross Centre recently.

The training was conducted by the Red Cross team and organised by Pacific Palms Property's Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE) department.

Having people skilled in First Aid is very important in any organisation because the skill can become useful during emergency situations.

Their training focused on primary care through a combination of knowledge development, skill development and realistic scenario practice. This is to make sure they had the confidence in their ability to provide care when emergency situations arose.

PPP staff undergo sales training to boost their sales skills

Pacific Palms Property (PPP) commenced its training calendar for 2015 on Valentine's Day with Sales Training for its staff.

The training was conducted by the training team from Deloitte.

Deloitte trainer, Al Domingo carried out a number of courses under the Sales Training program.

A total of 14 staff from the various departments of Pacific Palms Property attended the training.

PPP Human Resource manager, Godou Louise said the training given to its staff was aimed at equipping the staff with the latest sales skills. He said the training elevated the staff's self-confidence because they were now skilled and equipped with the necessary tools needed to perform their roles.

"Once a staff member is equipped with the necessary tool, he or she will be able to achieve the goals of the company."



(R) Tracey Orea and Michelle Herre focusing on skills building techniques. (L) Sarah Daniels and the team discussing and preparing for their presentation

Coral Sea Hotels in Lae donate office furniture to Lae Fire Briade



Huon Gulf Hotel and Melanesian Hotel in Lae recently donated office furniture to the Lae Provincial Fire Brigade.

The Regional Hotel Manager, Jay Penno on behalf of both



Lae Regional Hotel Manager, Jay Penno handing the office equipment to Lae's Fire Brigade's commander, Bal Kena

hotels presented the gifts to Lae's Fire Brigade's commander, Bal Kena.

Mr Kena, in receiving the furniture at the Fire Service office, said the gesture by the two hotels in Lae was unexpected, and thanked Coral Sea Hotels for their generous support towards the Lae Fire Service.

The hotel decided to support the Lae Fire Brigade after they found out that the Fire Brigade had a new office and needed furniture to fit out the office.

CSH participates in the International Women's Day Walk



In show of support for their female staff, the male staff at Coral Sea Hotels joined the International Women's Day Walk organized by Soroptimist International.

The male staff that joined their women folks for the five kilometers walk were;

Stuart Johnstone - Ela Beach Hotel Manager

Alex Wilson - Grand Papua Hotel manager

Sean Hillman - Grand Papua Operation Manager

Percy McIndoe - Grand Papua Assistant F&B Director

Ravi Prasad - Grand Papua Maintenance Manager

David Kaian - Ela Beach Hotel Night Auditor

Owen Waiga - Ela beach Hotel Houseman

Wesley. Kikil - Gateway Hotel Admin Driver

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement working to transform the lives of women and girls.

Its network of around 80,000 club members in 130 countries, including PNG, work at the national and international level to educate, empower and enable opportunities for women and girls.

Bird of Paradise assists people living with disability



A function was held at the Highlander Hotel in March in support of the Western Highlands Province Association for the Disabled. The gathering coincided with the National Day of Disabled Persons.

ABOVE: Members of the WHP Association for the Disabled together with Highlander Hotel staff, Tom Pipi who is visually impaired.

CSH staff in Lae take part in ICC



The Volley Ball team with their team captain, Jay Penno

The staff and managers of the Melanesian Hotel & Huon Gulf Hotel in Lae signed up for the Inter-Company Cup (ICC) Sports in Lae and have been actively involved in the various sports since March this year.

The games are played at the Sir Ignatius Kilage Stadium. Basketball is played on Monday evenings, Volleyball on Wednesday evenings and Netball on Saturday afternoons. The management decided to allow its staff to participate in the ICC Sports as part of its health, fitness & wellbeing program.

Staff are happy with the initiative and say they do not have to worry about being called back to work when they are at the courts because the management ensures that proper scheduling is done to avoid inconvenience to the hotel's operations.

Huon's maintenance team is January's Department of the month



The staff of the Maintenance Department at Huon Gulf Hotel having lunch with Huon Gulf Hotel Manager, Henao Garo and Human Resources Manager, Isabelle Leka after being awarded the Department of the month in January this year.

Happy Mother's Day **TRADITIONAL SUNDAY ROAST**

Glass of bubbles for mum on arrival!

LUNCH: K60 PER ADULT, K30 PER CHILD UNDER 12
DINNER: K70 PER ADULT, K35 PER CHILD UNDER 12

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Celebrating Mother's Day - How did it come to be

Earliest History of Mothers Day

The earliest history of Mothers Day dates back to the ancient annual spring festival the Greeks dedicated to maternal goddesses. The Greeks used the occasion to honor Rhea, wife of Cronus and the mother of many deities of Greek mythology.

Ancient Romans, too, celebrated a spring festival, called Hilaria dedicated to Cybele, a mother goddess. It may be noted that ceremonies in honour of Cybele began some 250 years before Christ was born. The celebration made on the Ides of March by making offerings in the temple of Cybele lasted for three days and included parades, games and masquerades. The celebrations were notorious enough that followers of Cybele were banished from Rome.

Early Christians celebrated a Mother's Day of sorts during the festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ. In England the holiday was expanded to include all mothers. It was then called Mothering Sunday.



History of Mother's Day: Julia Ward Howe

The idea of official celebration of Mothers day in US was first suggested by Julia Ward Howe in 1872. An activist, writer and poet Julia shot to fame with her famous Civil War song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Julia Ward Howe suggested that June 2 be annually celebrated as Mothers Day and should be dedicated to peace. She wrote a passionate appeal to women and urged them to rise against war in her famous Mothers Day Proclamation, written in Boston in 1870. She also initiated a Mothers' Peace Day observance on the second Sunday in June in Boston and held the meeting for a number of years. Julia tirelessly championed the cause of official celebration of Mothers Day and declaration of official holiday on the day. Her idea spread but was later replaced by the Mother's Day holiday now celebrated in May.

History of Mother's Day: Anna Jarvis

Anna Jarvis is recognised as the Founder of Mothers Day in US. Though Anna Jarvis never married and never had kids, she is also known as the Mother of Mothers Day, an apt title for the lady who worked hard to bestow honor on all mothers. Anna Jarvis got the inspiration of celebrating Mothers Day from her own mother Mrs Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis in her childhood. An activist and social worker, Mrs Jarvis used to express her desire that someday someone must honor all mothers, living and dead, and pay tribute to the contributions made by them.

A loving daughter, Anna never forgot her mothers word and when her mother died in 1905, she resolved to fulfill her mothers desire of having a mothers day. Growing negligent attitude of adult Americans towards their mothers and a desire to honor her mothers soared her ambitions.

To begin with Anna, send Carnations in the church service in Grafton, West Virginia to honor her mother. Carnations were her mothers favorite flower and Anna felt that they symbolised a mothers pure love. Later Anna along with her supporters wrote letters to people in positions of power lobbying for the official declaration of Mothers Day holiday. The hard work paid off. By 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state in the Union and on May 8, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

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Where were you during the 1991 SP Games? Do you have pictures taken during the Games?

Send a picture of yourself taken at the 1991 SP Games and tell us where the picture was taken.

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SUNDAY MAY 10
MUM'S THE
WORD!

Spoil your mum this Mother's Day at the Grand Brasserie Mother's Day Lunch. Treat her to a champagne cocktail on arrival, a present for mum, some smooth jazz and photographs with mum as she enjoys a succulent traditional Sunday Roast with all of the trimmings and none of the work, for a change!

WHEN: Sunday May 10 WHERE: Grand Brasserie
TIME: 12 Noon PRICE: K120 per adult | K60 per child



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