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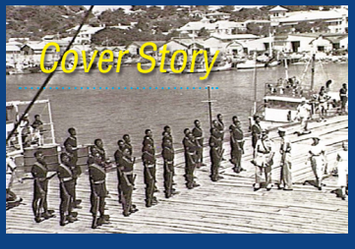
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Commissioner's Foreword

Welcome all our valued readers to our inaugural publication of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary's (RPNGC) official magazine, *The Police Siren*.

Much has taken place within the Constabulary to rebuild the force since 2020 after I got appointed by the government in December 2019. Unfortunately, the rebuilding transition may have gone un-noticed by critics.

RPNGC is the beacon hope for law abiding citizens of our beautiful country now celebrating its 50th Independence Anniversary. We must have a reason to celebrate our aging into 50 years and RPNGC has taken the bold step forward being the oldest government organization that existed well before independence in 1975. In-fact, the Constabulary existed in the 1800 during the colonial era when Papua and Guinea were separately mandated by our colonizers.

We have struggled through time and are proud to celebrate with the nation on its 50th Anniversary with the launching of *The Police Siren* magazine.

The government has directed me to rebuild the country's police force through sound leadership, discipline and greater accountability.

Prior to my appointment, the Constabulary's internal environment was quite turbulent. Constant changes at the executive levels created instability and insecurity that posed a serious threat to the call to rebuild the force.

Changes at the executive levels have taken place forthwith and the process of rebuilding the country's police force has started as you will read in the forwarding pages of *The Police Siren*.



Daivd Manning, MBE, QPM, DPS, Commissioner of Police

I intend to rebuild the force through strong leadership, strict discipline and greater accountability.

The overall intend is to review and address governance issues that has stagnated the progression of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary over the years. With that being done, the RPNGC executive management is now firm, solid and has embarked on the government intend to rebuild and modernize the constabulary.

Law and order is not an issue that rests entirely on the police force to maintain but is everyone's business. The police force though constitutionally mandated to be at the forefront, needs the support of everyone to fight crime.

Message From Minister

I am honored to serve as the Minister of Internal Security, and I am committed to working with the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) to ensure that it continues to serve and protect the people of Papua New Guinea effectively and efficiently.

The RPNGC is facing a ratio of one policeman to 2,000 individuals, five more than the internationally accepted ratio of one policeman to 400 individuals.

There were 5,000 to 6,000 police officers in the country with more than seven million persons which placed a single officer against 1, 500 to 2, 000 individuals. PNG has gone past the one officer to 400 individual ratio, the internationally recognised ratio. It is difficult for a single police officer in PNG to handle 1, 500 to 2, 000 individuals.

"That is why Government, through my ministry, we are recruiting young men and women to train to become police officers to fight law and order problems."

The RPNGC plays a critical role in maintaining law and order, preventing and detecting crime, and upholding the law in our country. The organization's highly trained and dedicated workforce is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of the people it serves, and I am proud of the work that this organization has done to serve and protect the people of Papua New Guinea.





Hon. Peter Tsiamalili Jnr
Minister of Internal Security

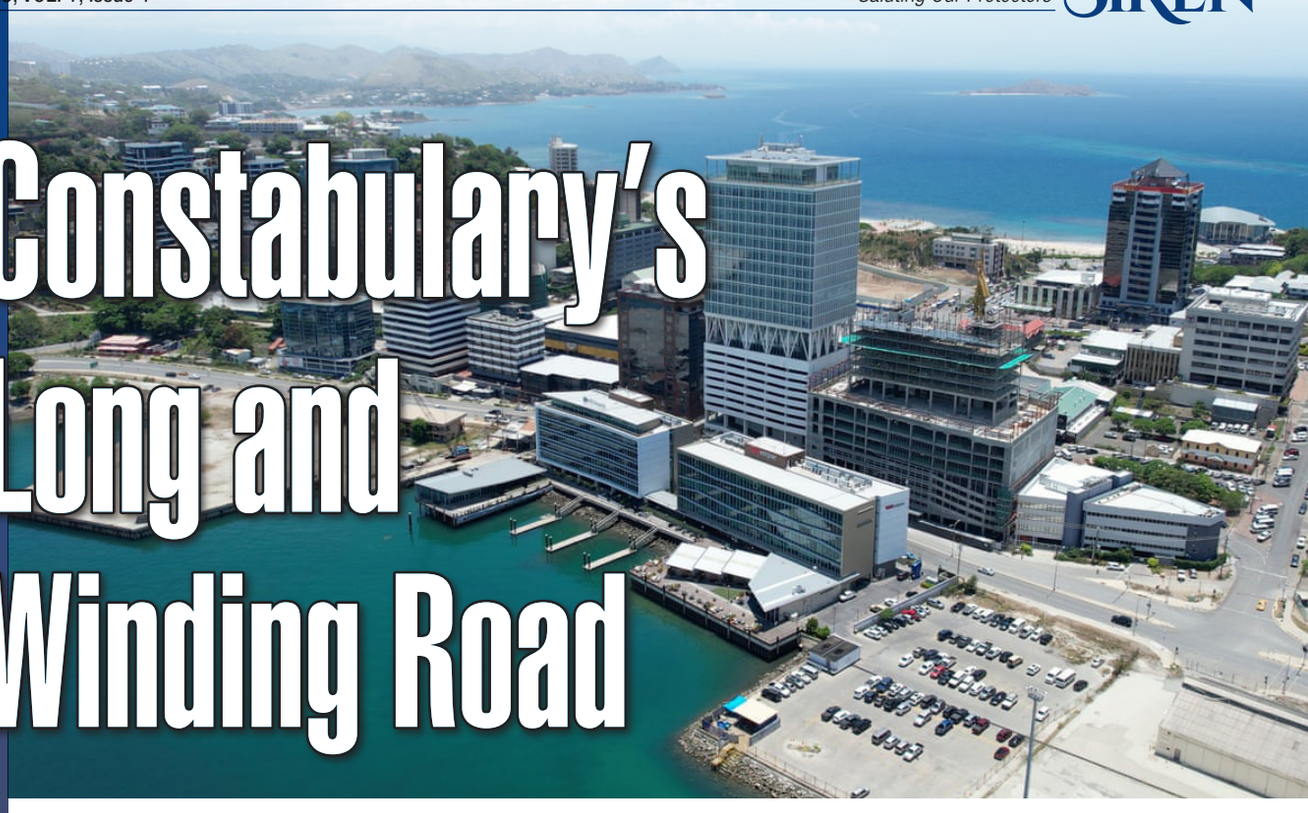
As Minister of Internal Security, it is my privilege to provide strategic direction and leadership to the RPNGC, and to work with the Commissioner and other senior leaders to ensure that this organization is equipped to meet the challenges of the future.

I am committed to working with the RPNGC to ensure that it continues to evolve and adapt to the changing needs of Papua New Guinea, and to providing the resources and support necessary for this organization to fulfill its mission.

I believe that this magazine will provide you with information and resources you need to learn more about the RPNGC task and its mission for the country and its people.

Thank you for your interest in the RPNGC, and I look forward to working with you to make a positive difference in the lives of the people we serve.

Hon. Peter Tsiamalili Jnr
Minister of Internal Security



Constabulary's Long and Winding Road

Keeping on track 50 Years On

By PAMA I. ANIO

The history of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary is a long and wind road, riddled with rough patches, hazardous bends and safe stretches.

Rising from the ashes of two World Wars, the RPNGC's predecessors were the Royal Papuan Constabulary, established by the Australian colonial administration in the late 19th Century, and the New Guinea Police Force, also set up by Australia during World War I and formalized under the League Of Nations mandate of 1920.

The colonial territories of Papua and New Guinea were gradually amalgamated after World War II, leading to the merger of the two police forces, which was named Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary until 1972 when the "and" was dropped and replaced by the current name. The Constabulary structure was retained after Papua New Guinea gained independence on 16 September 1975.

The Constabulary's significant contributions prior to independence, especially during World War II, and over

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Training & modernising the force



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the past 50 years are well-documented, and will be celebrated during Papua New Guinea's Golden Jubilee in September.

As our people prepare to celebrate this milestone event, the 6,000 strong police force finds itself at the crossroads. Having played a key role in nation-building over the past five decades, which has not been smooth sailing, the Constabulary must now refocus and rebuild for the future.

That is the new challenge facing Commissioner of Police David Manning after six years as PNG's top law enforcer. Whilst the rest of the country will be celebrating, CoP Manning will be planning and resetting his ship's new course, with his team of professional and highly skilled police officers.

According to Deputy Commissioner of Police (Administration) Dr Philip Mitna, the Constabulary faces significant challenges in terms of manpower, resources, training and governance.

DCP Mitna told The Police Siren that increasing police numbers is a top priority, but it must be accompanied by improvements in training, supervision, infrastructure, and welfare.

"The primary focus is on increasing police force numbers, aiming for 10,000 plus officers, a goal set in 2008 but not yet achieved. Current numbers are around 6,000 but many are nearing retirement or have been dismissed. Recruitment efforts are underway, aiming for 500-750 recruits per year, but consistent government support is crucial."

"Increasing police numbers brings challenges, including the need for adequate retirement packages, uniforms, accommodation, and resources, especially vehicles. The high cost of vehicle maintenance is a significant budget drain."

"Training at Bomana is considered sufficient, but there are significant problems with field supervision of new recruits. There's a disconnect between training headquarters and provincial officers. A lack of training for field supervisors (sergeants) is a major issue. Reviving sergeant courses is desired but hindered by funding," Dr Mitna said.

Other key issues and challenges are:

Legal and Ethical Framework: Revisions to the Police Act and Conservative Standing Orders (CSO) are underway to address offenses not



currently criminalized and to ensure the organization operates ethically and effectively. Enforcement of these regulations is emphasized.

Good Governance and Discipline: Focus on good governance and enforcing discipline within the police force. Dismissals are occurring at a rate of 4-5 per month.

Adapting to Modern Crime: Training is being updated to address modern crimes like cybercrime and new drugs. Human rights training is also being incorporated.

Welfare and Retirement: Emphasis on preparing officers for retirement and addressing their welfare needs.

Funding and Resources: Adequate funding is a constant concern. The government's Special Police Assistance Program (SPAP) is a significant source of funding. Exploring tax credit schemes and coordinating with donors (especially the Australian government) are key strategies.

Infrastructure and Uniforms: Standardizing building designs and uniforms to reduce maintenance costs and improve the police force's image.

Partnerships and Collaboration: Emphasizing partnerships with district administrations, provincial administrators, and other agencies to support policing efforts.

Addressing Socio-Economic Issues: Recognizing that many crime-related issues stem from socio-economic problems.

Anti-Terrorism Act: The Anti-Terrorism Act is seen as a tool to overcome legal obstacles in addressing new and emerging crimes.

Reservist Program: The reservist program is being expanded to address manpower shortages, but concerns about political influence need to be addressed.

DCP Mitna said the Constabulary was committed to enforcing the rule of law and providing a safe and secure environment for all citizens.

He stressed that securing consistent government funding and coordinating with donors were crucial for addressing the Constabulary's needs.

"Partnerships and collaboration with other agencies and communities are vital for addressing crime and maintaining law and order. Addressing the underlying socio-economic issues that contribute to crime is essential for long-term solutions. The reservist program offers a potential solution to manpower shortages, but safeguards must be in place to prevent political influence," Dr Mitna said.

Aiming for a 10,000-strong force: Deputy PM Rosso





It is my great honour to stand before you today as the Reviewing Officer for this important and proud graduation parade.

Today is not just a ceremony it marks a major milestone in your personal journey and in the continuing strength and renewal of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.

You have undergone six months of intense training-physically, mentally, and professionally to equip you with the foundation you now need to serve and protect our communities.

Your presence here signals your readiness to take on one of the most important roles in our society: to uphold the rule of law and safeguard our people.

RPNGC Recruit Graduation

Recognition of the Graduates: Today, 226 recruits graduate 25 of whom are female and 201 male. This growing participation by women in our security forces is a powerful sign of progress.

Even more importantly, you represent every province across Papua New Guinea. This is a clear reflection of our Constabulary's national character, built on our unity in diversity.

You will now move to the front-lines of policing, posted across the provinces, answering the call to serve where your presence is most needed.

Growth and Reform:

With your graduation, the RPNGC workforce grows to nearly 7,000 members. This expansion is no accident. It is the result of our Government's deliberate and strategic commitment to rebuilding, reforming, and modernizing policing capability across the country.

In just a few weeks by mid-June another 300 recruits will begin their training. And by the third quarter of this year, we expect to welcome an additional intake of approximately 300 recruits as we work to double our training capacity.

At the same time, our Reservist Recruitment Program continues to grow. Through this, we are drawing from the strength of community leaders and dedicated volunteers, expanding our policing footprint into the rural and remote areas where security presence is needed most. Together, these initiatives bring us closer to our goal: a 10,000 strong Royal Papua



New Guinea Constabulary.

Government's Commitment:

Let me reaffirm: Law and Order remains one of the highest priorities of this Government.

A strong, capable, and well-resourced police force is essential for our nation's stability, economic development, and the safety and wellbeing of every citizen.

Our Government has invested and will continue to invest-in police infrastructure, training, and international partnerships. We are working closely with Commissioner Manning and his leadership team to ensure our police officers are well-equipped, properly trained, and fully supported in their mission.

Message to the Recruits:

To the graduates your journey is just beginning. From this day forward, you carry the responsibility of upholding our laws, protecting the vulnerable, and serving the people of Papua New Guinea with honour, courage, and integrity.

Wear your uniform with pride. Serve your communities with humility. And stay true to the oath you have taken today.

Your work will not be without challenges, but you do not stand alone. You carry the full support of your Government, your families, and your nation.

You now enter an 18-month Competency Acquisition Program-an opportunity to cement what you have learned and continue your professional development. Apply yourselves with the same discipline and dedication that brought you this far.

Closing:

On behalf of the Prime Minister, the Government, and the people of Papua New Guinea, I congratulate each and every one of you on this important achievement.

Welcome to the proud ranks of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.

Do yourselves, your families, the Constabulary, and your communities proud.

May God bless each of you, your families, and the vital service you are about to undertake for the good of our country. Thank you.

Interview Summary
with Dr Philip Mitna, MPA, PhD
Deputy Commissioner - Administration





Main Points

Police Force Numbers and Recruitment:

The primary focus is on increasing police force numbers, aiming for 10,000+ officers, a goal set in 2008 but not yet achieved. Current numbers are around 6,000, but many are nearing retirement or have been dismissed. Recruitment efforts are underway, aiming for 500-750 recruits per year, but consistent government support is crucial.

Challenges with Increasing Numbers:

Increasing police numbers brings challenges, including the need for adequate retirement packages, uniforms, accommodation, and resources (especially vehicles). The high cost of vehicle maintenance is a significant budget drain.

Training and Supervision:

Training at Bomana is considered sufficient, but there are significant problems with field supervision of new recruits. There's a disconnect between training headquarters and provincial officers. A lack of training for field supervisors (sergeants) is a major issue. Reviving sergeant courses is desired but hindered by funding.

Legal and Ethical Framework:

Revisions to the Police Act and Conservative Standing Orders (CSO) are underway to address offenses not currently criminalized and to ensure the organization operates ethically and effectively. Enforcement of these regulations is emphasized.

Good Governance and Discipline:

Focus on good governance and enforcing discipline within the police force. Dismissals are occurring at a rate of 4-5 per month.

Adapting to Modern Crime:

Training is being updated to address modern crimes like cybercrime and new drugs. Human rights training is also being incorporated.

Welfare and Retirement:

Emphasis on preparing officers for retirement and addressing their welfare needs.

Funding and Resources:

Adequate funding is a constant concern. The government's Special Police Assistance Program (SPAP) is a significant source of funding. Exploring tax credit schemes and coordinating with donors (especially the Australian government) are key strategies.

Infrastructure and Uniforms:

Standardizing building designs and uniforms to reduce maintenance costs and improve the police force's image.

Partnerships and Collaboration:

Emphasizing partnerships with district administrations, provincial administrators, and other agencies to support policing efforts.

Addressing Socio-Economic Issues:

Recognizing that many crime-related issues stem from socio-economic problems.



Anti-Terrorism Act:

The Anti-Terrorism Act is seen as a tool to overcome legal obstacles in addressing new and emerging crimes.

Reservist Program:

The reservist program is being expanded to address manpower shortages, but concerns about political influence need to be addressed.

Conclusions:

The Papua New Guinea police force faces significant challenges in terms of manpower, resources, training, and governance.

Increasing police numbers is a top priority, but it must be accompanied by improvements in training, supervision, infrastructure, and welfare.

Strengthening the legal and ethical framework and enforcing discipline are essential for improving the police force's effectiveness and public image.

Securing consistent government funding and coordinating with donors are crucial for addressing the police force's needs.

Partnerships and collaboration with other agencies and communities are vital for addressing crime and maintaining law and order.

Addressing the underlying socio-economic issues that contribute to crime is essential for long-term solutions.

The Anti-Terrorism Act is seen as a necessary tool to combat new and emerging crimes, but its use must be balanced with respect for human rights.

The reservist program offers a potential solution to manpower shortages, but safeguards must be in place to prevent political influence.

The administration wing's role is to support the operations wing, and silos should be avoided.

The police force is committed.

Mitna opens recruit training at Bomana

Deputy Commissioner of Police and Chief of Administration Dr Philip Mitna has warned police recruits to observe the established rules and code of conduct while undergoing training.

In welcoming the 296 police recruits at the Bomana Centre of Excellence (CoE) recently, DCP Mitna said they must strictly abide by the rules in the Police Act and the Constabulary Standing Orders (CSO), which were the "Bibles of the Constabulary".

DCP Mitna officially opened recruit training for Intake 1 of 2025. He said the Training Commandant of the Bomana COE, acting Assistant Commissioner Silva Sika, has the delegated authority of the Commissioner to dismiss or terminate recruits who come into conflict with the Police Act and the CSO.

"The Constabulary received 296 recruit intakes, and we want the same number to graduate and pass out of this institution, at the end of the 6-month training period. The instructional staff will impose or enforce discipline, as required by any disciplinary forces. However, two key traits will get you through: self-discipline and your attitude to training," DCP Mitna said.

"Eighteen thousand four hundred and sixty (18,460) applicants from the Momase and Southern regions were received. Four thousand and fourteen (4,014) applicants were shortlisted after the initial filtering process, and only two hundred and ninety-six (296) applicants were successful after the entire stringent recruitment process. Of the two hundred and ninety-six (296) recruits, two hundred and fifty-three (253) are males and forty-three (43) are females.

"The next recruitment drive in October 2025 will focus on Highlands East, Highlands West, and the New Guinea Islands, including the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

"On behalf of the Commissioner of Police, I thank the Marape-Rosso Government for the continued support to increase police numbers," DCP Mitna said before officially opening the training for recruit intake 1 of 2025.







Fresh batch deployed across the nation

A TOTAL of 226 Probationary Constables who passed out of the National Centre of Excellence at Bomana in June this year have been deployed throughout the country.

Acting Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Constabulary's Human Resources Division, Gaiwary Tinga said the respective Provincial Police Commanders (PPCs)have secured interim accommodation for these recruits.

Acting ACP Tinga said to save costs, the PPCs were instructed to identify police-owned houses, or alternatively, seek assistance from the provincial governments to fund rental accommodation for these new pass outs.

He said the PPCs are also aware that these probationary constables are still under the radar of the Bomana Centre of Excellence, at least for the next 18 months when they undergo their Competency Acquisition Program (CAP).

In essence, the graduands have completed their six months of recruit training at Bomana, but they will now work through their 18-month internship period in front line policing to complete their CAP before they are upgraded and accorded the status of a fully-fledged constables.

Acting ACP Tinga said the Regional Training Officers (RTO) and Provincial Training Officers (PTO) aligned to the Bomana Centre of Excellence will assess their performances throughout the 18-month CAP period and upgrade them accordingly.








ACP Tinga said the bulk of them, totaling 78, were posted to the Highlands region with Hela receiving 30 and Enga receiving 20 of these pass outs.

Mr Tinga said Southern Highlands and Chimbu received 10 each, and Western Highlands received eight probationary constables.

He added the 31 of them were deployed under the Border Command where East Sepik received 10, West Sepik five and Western Province, which has a vast geographical land boundary constituting two separate police jurisdictions in North and South Fly, received a total of 16 probationary constables.

The Constabulary's Northern Command received a total of 27, which equated to nine each for Morobe, Madang and Eastern Highlands.

The New Guinea Island Command received a total of 50 probationary constables, whch equated to 10 each for Manus, New Ireland, East New Britain, West New Britain and the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

Mr Tinga said the probationary constables also signed a pledge of loyalty endorsed by the Commissioner of Police requiring them to uphold the values of ethics and discipline throughout their CAP period and onwards.

He said they must remember the promise they made with the Commissioner, and they must serve with pride, dignity, dedication, and honesty.



Next batch kicks off training







The first batch of police recruit began their training at the National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) in Bomana in late July.

A total of 140 recruits from the four provinces of the Momase region, and Northern and Western provinces were received by the Recruitment Team at the Jackson's Airport, Port Moresby and transported to Bomana.

A formal handover of the recruits was done at the NCoE, where the Officer in Charge for Recruitment Inspector Elisha Walaget handed over their Duplicate Record of Service (DRS) Files to the Director of Training Superintendent Charlie Sare.

The Training Team showed up prepared and received the aspiring policemen and women, had the assembled for a roll check and gave them their first set of instructions.

The recruits from Gulf, Central and the National Capital District started their training on 28 July for a duration of six months.









The list for those shortlisted from the Highlands and New Guinea Islands Regions for the second batch would be published on the RPNGC's Official website once the list is finalized.

The recruitment process for the second batch will begin in October or November 2025 to assess those shortlisted and recruit the successful candidates for training.

The second batch is likely to come in for training in the first quarter of 2026 once the recruitment process is completed.

A call-out for the 2026 Recruitment will be advertised in December 2025 and interested candidates are urged to join in the next recruitment to prepare their documents and stay informed by regularly checking the RPNGC's Official website and Facebook page for recruitment announcement.

NCD/Central Command Launch Jubilee Celebration Security Operation



The police cannot do it on their own; we need support from everyone in NCD/Central and others coming into the command to make this celebration a safe and peaceful one.

This was the message from NCD/Central Commander Assistant Commissioner of Police Benjamin Turi and NCD Governor Powes Parkop during the launch of the Jubilee Celebration Security Operation yesterday at Sir Hubert Murray Stadium.

Governor Parkop, while speaking to the police officers on parade, acknowledged their tireless efforts in managing crime in the city and also noted the challenges they face daily in policing the city. He said times have changed, and people are moving into the city in large numbers, which makes it very difficult for them to control. He stated that the only way to manage the movement of people into the city is through the Vacancy Act.

Governor Parkop added that the city will be hosting lead-up events to the main Jubilee Celebration that will be on the 16th of September. He said the police will be very busy and called on the public to celebrate peacefully because the country will be celebrating 50 years of independence, and we must prove to the world that we are civilized people living in the city.

ACP Turi also challenged his officers to work with pride to prove to the people that the RPNGC is one of the oldest organizations in the country that is here to stay and will continue to serve its people regardless of criticism. He said that with limited manpower,



his officers have been hard at work to make sure NCD and Central Province are safe and peaceful.

He also thanked the elected leaders of the two provinces who had been working closely with the police in the past few months, which had seen donations of vehicles and other logistical support that will boost policing in the command.

He also called on business houses that are organizing events in their respective areas to notify the police so that when they patrol around, they can call in to show police presence. He said everyone must work together to make these celebrations meaningful, safe, and peaceful. It will be good to see a peaceful celebration because "PNG gained independence on a golden plate, and celebrating peacefully must be the main aim for us all. The police officers will be closely monitored if they misbehave. I want my officers to also reflect on what they have done for the country. If you have done nothing good, please do it now and record it so you will have a story to tell for 51 years and going forward," ACP Turi said.

He emphasized that the special operation had been launched and police would be out in full force to patrol the city and Central Province.



Commissioner Manning commends peaceful 50th Independence celebrations around the nation



The Commissioner of Police, David Manning, is pleased to advise that the 50th Independence anniversary celebrations have been largely peaceful around the country over the past weekend and public holidays.

"According to reports, for the most part, Independence celebrations have remained peaceful," Commissioner Manning confirmed.

"This is important for the wellbeing of our people, and as our Nation hosted international leaders and dignitaries, the eyes of the world's media was upon our country and communities.

"Celebrating 50 years of statehood is an important milestone for our people. It is a time when family and friends come together and enjoy what this means for our people.

"I thank community leaders and Churches for their efforts to ensure people remained calm, celebrated responsibly, and there was no serious escalation in tension that could lead to violence.

"While there have been isolated incidents requiring police intervention, these were not more than could be expected on a normal public long weekend.

"There are typically a few individuals who cannot handle alcohol, and police break up unruly groups to prevent disruption to the public.

"I am still to receive a final brief on any major incidents, but so far the news is positive. I look forward to the goodwill of this important occasion to continue."

"I thank all of our dedicate police officers and disciplined forces for working together, and for selflessly giving up their public holidays so that they could keep our people safe.

"We have a lot to celebrate as a country, as well a lot of hard work ahead, and the peace and unity of our people as we have seen in recent days will help move our country forward.

"We will continue our efforts to make our country safe and secure, where everyone is welcome and feels safe.

"To the rural and urban communities of this great country, I appeal to you all to work with us to deliver safety and security.

"We will achieve our collective desire to advance PNG into a developed and great country in the community of Nations.

K1 billion for Pacific Policing Initiative



The Pacific Policing Initiative (PPT) is "By the Pacific, For the Pacific" and represents a comprehensive effort to bolster law-enforcement capabilities and ensure the safety and security of communities across the Pacific region.

RPNGC Commissioner David Manning, who has been instrumental in the PPI's design, highlighted the importance of these facilities in fostering regional collaboration and budding explaining that the PPI ensures that no matter the size of a jurisdiction. Pacific police forces leverage.

Since the announcement of the Pacific Policing Initiative. Australia has allocated approximately AUD 400 million (PGK1 billion) over five years.

This finding is intended to support the initiative and ensure its delivery to Pacific countries.

Within the five years ASSO mil (K211 mil) will be spent across the program ensuring the initiative includes the establishment of four training centers across the Pacific along with a hub in Brisbane.

Policing in the Pacific is unique and the Initiative aims to meet law and order and internal security requirements for all Pacific Islands especially when in time of need.

The PPI's aim is to transform Pacific policing capability and cooperation through three pillars

- Regional Centers of Excellence
- Pacific Policing Support Group
- (PPSG)
- Pacific Policing Development and Coordination Hub

The initiative will empower Pacific nations to respond to challenges in security, cross border crime and natural disasters collectively.

The Australian Government has provided funding to support this initiative, reinforcing its commitment to strengthening the security capacities of the Pacific islands.

Physical fitness levels to improve



Commissioner of Police David Manning has issued a directive for RPNGC personnel to better adhere to fitness levels befitting the standards expected to do their jobs.

The Commissioner made mention of the directive while training with KUMUL23 personnel and completing the Pacific Police Commissioners' Fitness Challenge issued by his counterpart, Tonga Police Commissioner, Geoff Turner.

"The public expect their police to be fit for duty and that is my expectation of our men and women in uniform," Commissioner Manning said.

"Our new recruits must meet fitness requirements when they apply to join the force, and it is important that we ensure standards are maintained across the ranks.

"Police work is physically and mentally demanding. We must be on the top of our game.

"Witnessing our recent graduation of more than 200 probationary police constables, I was proud to see the highest physical standards. These young constables are professional and remind us of the importance of physical discipline.

"The best members we have on the force are those who are committed to serving our people and protecting lives and property, and this is the RPNGC that we are developing."

Commissioner Manning said he made a decision to improve his personal fitness and is leading by example.

"We all put on a few kilos as we get older but that is something we can manage through discipline, exercise and sensible choices.

"A disciplined approach to physical fitness benefits our members professionally and personally.

"New standards for physical fitness will be introduced that will set levels required for our police to meet.

"Personnel that are part of the KUMUL23 Police Tactical Group must attain a peak standard of physical fitness and mental agility.

"KUMUL23 sets a high level and this is a very good example for other police around the Nation to aspire to in their jobs."

At the conclusion of the physical training exercise with KUMUL23 members near Port Moresby recently, Commissioner Manning said he accepted the challenge from Tonga and now passes the challenge to the Commissioner of Vanuatu Police Force.

Broadcast video and images of the challenge are available from Police Media.

AFP-Pacific Crime Scene, joint training program





Pacific Crime Scene instructors and experts from across the Pacific are for the first time working side by side in partnership with the AFP to deliver a joint crime scene training program.

The course brings together participants from across the Pacific to focus on building essential skills in securing, examining, and preserving forensic evidence; a vital step in ensuring justice and strengthening policing standards in the region.

The course content was developed during a workshop earlier this year by Pacific Forensic Working Group (PFWG) members, Pacific Forensics instructors and AFP Forensics members. This collaborative approach ensures the learnings from the course are relevant to the various Pacific operating environments. This in turn leads to operationally effective forensic practices.

Delivered as an initiative under the PFWG and supported by the Pacific Policing Initiative (PPI), the training is designed to boost forensic services across the Pacific and is part of a broader framework that supports the long-term growth and sustainability of forensic science in the Pacific. Participants have described the collaboration as engaging, practical, and easy to understand, highlighting how the combined expertise of Pacific and AFP instructors creates a unique and impact full learning environment.

This initiative represents an important step forward in developing forensics capability in the Pacific and fostering stronger regional partnerships to support effective law enforcement.

Participant across the Pacific attending the AFP joint training program.





Getting seriously MOBILE

THIRTY-FIVE old vehicles that the Mobile Squad officers based at McGregor were using have been replaced with 33 new vehicles by the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary Management, with the aim of improving policing services.

Police Commissioner David Manning, while presenting the vehicles to the Mobile Squad Units based at McGregor, stated that this is the RPNGC's aim to replace the police-hired vehicles and to re-fleet the police fleets in the organization.

He said the Mobile Squad is one of the very important directorates in the RPNGC that has been very effective in providing police services to the people of PNG.

Commissioner Manning also called on the officers to look after the vehicles and use them for their purpose of serving the people of this country.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (Logistics division) Chris Smith said the re-fleeting of vehicles in the department is to stop police from hiring vehicles, which will save costs, allowing the money to be used for other things.

He said so far, more than 300 vehicles had been distributed to police stations and divisions throughout the country.



The Police Commissioner Daivd Manning handing the keys over to the Chief Superintendent Michael Tilae, for the 33 new vehicles replacing the 35 old ones for Mobile Squad based at McGregor in Port Moresby.













Director of the Special Services Division, Chief Superintendent Michael Tilae, while receiving the vehicle keys from Commissioner David Manning, thanked the Police Department and the government for the vehicles.

He said the directorate had been using old vehicles to conduct policing in their areas of operation.

Chief Supt Tilae added the new vehicles would boost their work and increase visibility in their areas of operation.



Disposal of old police vehicles in progress



Dr. Philip Mitna, MPA, PhD.

The Royal PNG Constabulary (RPNGC) has set up a Board of Survey (BOS) Task Force to take stock and transparently dispose of all old existing police vehicles across the country, according to Deputy Commissioner of Police and Chief of Administration Dr Philip Mitna.

DCP Mitna said the Commissioner of Police, David Manning, in conformity with the Public Finance Management Act requirements and the National Procurement Act, issued instructions for the RPNGC BOS Task Force to immediately undertake the inventory and embark on a disposal plan from now until December 2025.

The Task Force team will work closely with the Chief Executive Officer of the National Procurement Commission (NPC), Joe Sapa, and his team.

"We aim to take stock and efficiently dispose of all the old fleet, especially when the government is supporting the RPNGC re-fleeting program", DCP Mitna said.

By setting up the BOS Task Force, we are promoting accountability and good governance, the Chief of Administration said when chairing their first inaugural meeting at Police Headquarters recently.

The team comprises police transport officers, internal finance staff, the internal auditor, and a plant inspector from the Department of Works and Highways, whose primary role is guiding and assisting the RPNGC BOS Task Force team.

The RPNGC BOS Task Force will conduct physical inspection, assess, evaluate, and report on the conditions of all unserviceable or obsolete vehicles currently held by the RPNGC in all the provinces and regions and recommend appropriate disposal options, including public tender, in line with the Public Finance Management Act and the National Procurement Act.

MOBILITY: A CHALLENGE TO CRIME INVESTIGATIONS







Mobility is one of the biggest challenges in investigating crimes, particularly those related to fraud cases and other significant cases, according to Deputy Commissioner of Police Special Operations Donald Yamasombi.

DCP Yamasombi, while thanking the RPNGC management for presenting three new vehicles to the National Fraud Squad Directorate this morning (Friday, May 30, 2025), stated that police officers need vehicles to move around to collect evidence, pick up eyewitnesses, and conduct crime scene investigations. He said the presentation of vehicles to the National Fraud Division is a great bonus for them to boost their work performance.

The Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) looking after RPNGC Logistics, Chris Smith, while presenting the cars to the division, added that the presentation is part of the refleeting that RPNGC is doing to do away with hired cars. He said hired cars had eaten up a lot of money that was supposed to be used for other things, like renovating barracks or taking care of the police officers' welfare.

ACP Smith also challenged the officers to make sure the vehicles are brought in for service when they are due for service. He said that is the only way the vehicles will be looked after and will serve their purpose for a long period.

Hodges Ette, the ACP for Crimes, while receiving the keys of the three vehicles, thanked the RPNGC management for the timely presentation of the vehicles because of the number of cases that are piling up for investigation. He said the vehicles will now assist the National Fraud Squad members in carrying out investigations into the reported cases.

NCDC donates new vehicles to city police





National Capital District Police have received six new police vehicles from the National Capital District Commission (NCDC).

The vehicles were handed over at City Hall in a ceremony attended by Governor Powes Parkop, other officials, business leaders, and community members.

Metropolitan Superintendent Warrick Simitab thanked Governor Parkop for the vehicles, which would complement City Hall's CCTV program.

He said the donation confirmed the strong partnership between government and the community in keeping the city safe.

"This is more than just a donation; it shows the partnership we share in keeping our city safe, and complement the MTDP IV, National Policing and Crime Prevention implementation strategy on promoting and support smart city program," Met Supt Simitab said.



He also thanked city residents of Port More business owners and the Motu Koitabu people, for their support as taxpayers. He stressed that law and order is a shared responsibility, and the police cannot do it alone.

The Metropolitan Superintendent promised that the new vehicles would be used to their full potential, patrolling the streets and responding to the community's needs to ensure a return on their investment in the police force.

The new vehicles are expected to significantly improve police response times and visibility throughout the city, helping to maintain peace and public safety.



The NCD Governor Powes Parkop, handing over the keys for the 6 new vehicles to Metropolitan Superintendent Warrick Simitab at the official launching ceremony.

Partnership key to crime fight: ACP Turi





Hiri-Koiari MP, presenting vehicle keys to Commander NCD/Central and official opening of the Police Station in Hiri-Koiari electorate.

The National Capital District and Central Police Command is one of the most populated commands in the country that needs collaborative efforts from all of us.

This was the message delivered to the people of Koiari and others residing around Sogeri Road towards NCD by the Commander of NCD/Central, Assistant Commissioner of Police Benjamin Turi, during the presentation of two brand new police vehicles and the reopening of the 15 Mile refurbished police station recently.

ACP Turi, while thanking the Hiri Koiari District Development Authority under the chairmanship of Hon. Keith Idihu, said the people must work with the police to ensure there is law and order in the community. He stated that the MP and his DDA had assisted the police with the vehicles, and it is now up to the police officers and the public to look after the police vehicles to ensure they serve their purpose.

He also warned the police officers in the command that if they damage the police vehicles, they will be dealt with accordingly. He said there had been many police vehicles involved in accidents, which responsible officers are investigating.

ACP Turi also thanked Hiri-Koiari MP Iduhu for the renovation of the Fifteen Police Station, which has been serving the people of Central for a long period of time.

According to Mr Iduhu, the two vehicles were bought and painted in police colors at an estimated cost of K300,000.00, while the renovation of the police station was done by a local construction company at an estimated cost of K33,000

The handing over of the vehicle keys and the reopening of the police station event was hosted by the Central Provincial Police Command under the leadership of Provincial Police Commander Chief Inspector Joseph Salle and his management team.










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Safety and security is our goal: NCD Governor



Safety and security are the foundation of progress in any nation and country, says NCD Governor Powes Parkop.

"Safety cannot be compromised, and it has to be our goal and in our capital city now, me as chairman and governor and board are prioritizing security," Governor Parko said.

"NCDC has allocated approximately K41 million for law and order this year.

"We are making a big investment, for the purchase of the new police vehicles, nearly K1million was spent, Warden, K16million, POM City Watch, K1.2 million, and the CCTV K20million in partnership with National Government (K15m National Government and K5m NCDC), and "Another K3million will be spent on rolling out the GBV Strategy.

"Apart from that we also fund the reserve police, and the security at Ela Beach and all the public markets, "we also spend more on social and economic programs aimed at addressing the root causes of crime and violence. So, we spend a lot on safety, security, behavior change; opportunities for young people.

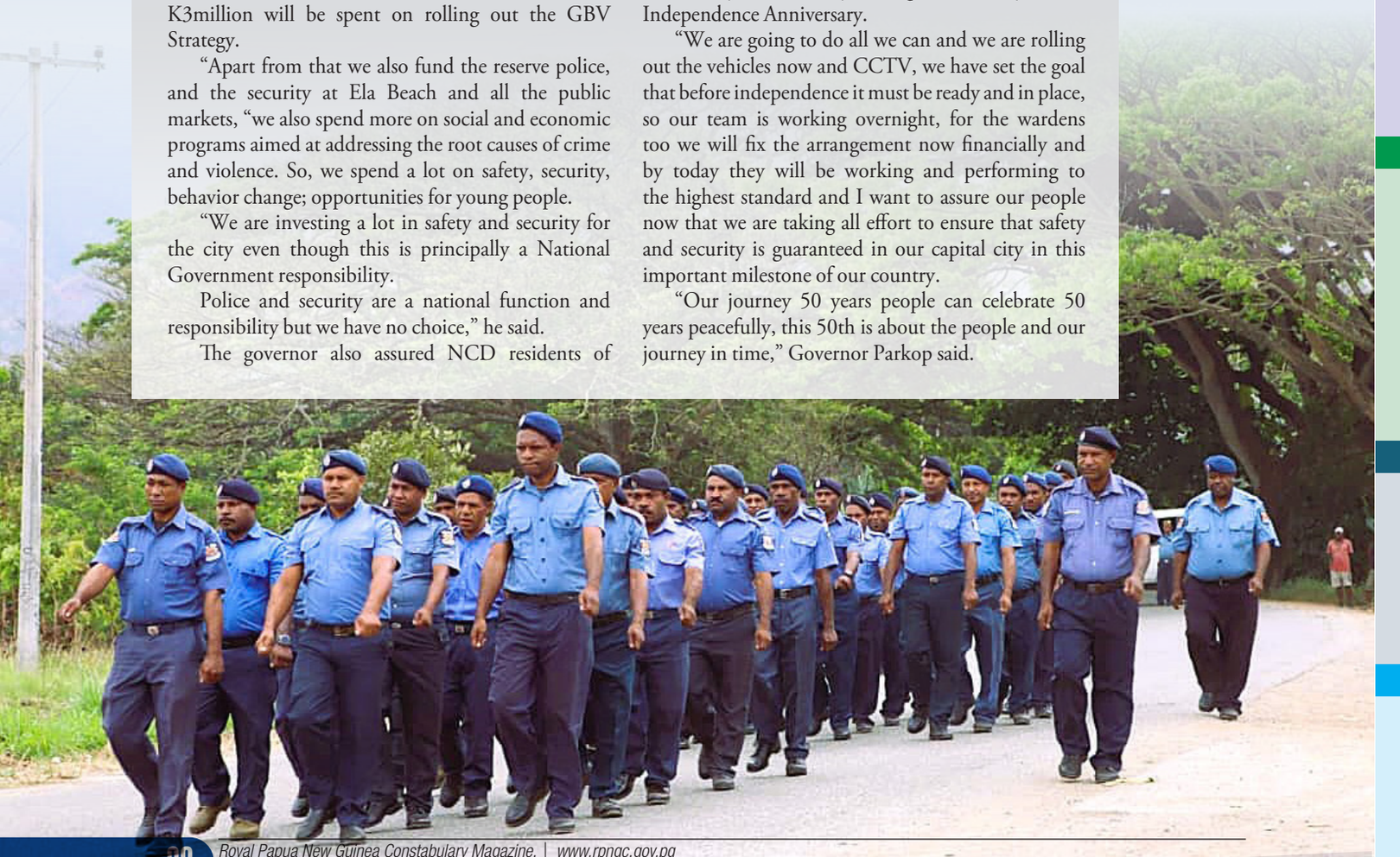
"We are investing a lot in safety and security for the city even though this is principally a National Government responsibility.

Police and security are a national function and responsibility but we have no choice," he said.

The governor also assured NCD residents of their safety and security during the country's 50th Independence Anniversary.

"We are going to do all we can and we are rolling out the vehicles now and CCTV, we have set the goal that before independence it must be ready and in place, so our team is working overnight, for the wardens too we will fix the arrangement now financially and by today they will be working and performing to the highest standard and I want to assure our people now that we are taking all effort to ensure that safety and security is guaranteed in our capital city in this important milestone of our country.

"Our journey 50 years people can celebrate 50 years peacefully, this 50th is about the people and our journey in time," Governor Parkop said.



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE



MR. SAMUEL PENIAS
Secretary

ENSURING GOOD CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & TRANSPARENCY THROUGH PUBLIC SECTOR AUDIT PROGRAM

1. INTRODUCTION

The Public Sector Audit Program (PSAP) is an integral part of good corporate governance in the public sector. It provides advice to accountable authorities who received public funds from the National Government through normal annual budgetary allocations. PSAP assist entities to meet their duties and obligations, and support the development of key practice and capacity within their corporate governance expectations in government agencies.

With the introduction of **Section 9** of the ***Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) 1995,*** *(as Amended)* in 2004, (effective 01st March, 2005), the Parliament signalled a shift in its expectations for greater accountability in government agencies.

In 2016, the Parliament made an amendment to ***PFMA Act*** that further strengthened ***Section 4*** to establish Audit Committees (ACs) across government agencies and must have a traditional role in supporting the entity and its management to comply with their legislative obligations and performance of their agencies. Also ***Section 5, (1) a***, of the amended ***PF(M)A*** has made it mandatory for all Government Agency Heads to establish ACs as one of their Key Result Areas (KRAs).

2. THE OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLICATION

The purpose of issuing this notice is to provide an update of good corporate governance and accountability in government agencies in compliance to procedures and processes for the use of public resources in line with the Public Sector Audit Program.

The lack of accountability and proper conduct across the public sector has been a major concern to the general public regarding ineffective public service machinery which needs improvement.

Lack of proper management and reporting of resources in terms of financials, assets, and other government utilities that affects delivery of the corporate government's priority goals and objectives. To improve these, the Department of Finance in collaboration with the PNG Auditor-General's Office are tirelessly advocating for good governance and accountability in the government agencies as outlined in ***Strategic Priority Areas (SPA) 8 of the Medium Term Development Plan IV***.

3. FUNCTIONS AND ROLES OF INTERNAL AUDIT IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The functions and roles of internal audit is to provide independent assurance that an organisation's risk management, governance and internal control processes are operating effectively. ***(Institute of Internal Audit (IIA) Standards)***. The operations of the Audit Committees are part of the management tool that act as a yard-stick to measure performance in terms of accountability and good governance within the government agency. Effective functioning of the Internal Audit Unit means the effective functioning of the Audit Committees and thus enhances performance orientation of that agency.

Having an Internal Audit Unit is a pre-requisite to having an Audit Committee for the Agency being established.

4. LEGISLATIVE MANDATE FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE'S OPERATION AND ROLE

> *The Audit Committees' functions were first established in the United States (US) in the **1940s** (1939-NYSE) then, **1972** (US-SEC). In PNG, Legislative amendment was introduced in June 2004 and became operational on the 01st of March, 2005.*

Department of Finance has been mandated under ***Section 9*** of the ***Public Finance Management Act 1995***, and then ***Amended Act 2016, Sections 4 & 5***, to strengthen our country's democracy by enabling oversight, accountability and governance in the public sector through prudent Financial Management, thereby building public confidence.

The Public Sector Audit Program (PSAP) who manages the Audit Committees throughout the public sector derives its mandate from the overarching ***Public Finance Management Act, 1995*** *(as Amended)* and relevant Finance Instructions that are issued from time to time by Secretary for Finance and the departmental head responsible for financial matters of the State.

Its primary functions are to:

(a) Oversee the preparation and distribution of the Financial Statements/information externally.

(b) Reviewing the nomination and performance of the External Auditors (Auditor-General's Office).

(c) Reviews internal control systems and processes, (Risk Management).

(d) Ensure that Audit Recommendations are being implemented.

(e) Enhance internal and external audit functions.

(f) Promote accountability and enhance corporate governance.

5. GOOD GOVERNANCE IMPROVES ACCOUNTABILITY AND PROVIDES TRANSPARENCY

The PSAP program intends to improve and enhance:

- Corporate Governance & accountability,
- Corporate risk management,
- Effective internal control practices,
- Enhances overall operational efficiency and effectiveness,
- Allows and encourage productivity from officers *(a honest pay for a honest day's work).*
- Ensure the 3-Ps policy (1-person, 1-position, 1-pay).

The Audit Committee therefor provides:

- Independent oversight and advisory role,
- The ultimate decision making rests **with the management**.
- Audit Committee is a key component of an organization's overall governance structure.
- Enhances internal audit functions.
- The Audit Committee's existence in government agencies **deters** and **prevents** would-be fraudulent and corrupt activities from occuring.

6. AUDIT COMMITTEE COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP

The composition of the Audit Committee membership includes the:

(i) Secretary for Finance or his appointed delegate – Chair (Deputy Level).
(ii) Auditor-General or Delegate (Deputy Level).
(iii) Head of the Organization/Agency (Deputy Level). ***(Note: i, ii, & iii, Mandatory Membership)***
(iv) 2 x Independent Members.

Attendance to the Audit Committee meetings by ***Independent Members*** are through merit based appointment for a specified term. Such renewal terms are based on performance at the meetings assessed and recommended by Audit Committee Secretariat.

Independent Members to the Audit Committees are merit based appointments and are invited through formal advertorial placements and recruitment processes. Candidates must be on par with Departmental Heads and Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of State Agencies and have board level experiences. ***Independent Members*** are paid reasonable sitting fees and annual stipend allowances specified in their appointment instruments.

Since it is impractical for Secretary for Finance to attend and chair such meetings, Deputy Secretaries are automatic delegates to chair meetings. Where there is an independent chair, Department of Finance must be present as a member.







- *Top (main photo): "**Launching of the Autonomous Bougainville Government Audit Committee – 2024**" Autonomous Region of Bougainville, Buka – 2024.*
- *Above (inset): Audit Committee Members of **Small and Medium Enterprises Corporation (SMEC)**, 2024.*
- *Right (inset): The University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG-Waigani) 04th Quarter Audit Committee with Vice-Chancellor (VC) and his Management Team in session, 2023.* ➨ *Photo courtesy of PSAP Secretariat Desk.*

7. PSAP–AUDIT COMMITTEE MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS IN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Since the insertion of **Section 9 of PF(M)A, 1995** came into effect on 01st March 2005, 58 Audit Committees were established out of 700 Agencies to date.

- National Departments : 23
- Statutory Bodies : 17
- Provincial Governments : 18
- **Total : 58 Audit Committees established**

Top eight (8) compliant agencies include:

1. Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA, 2005).
2. National Capital District Commission (NCDC, 2006).
3. Internal Revenue Commission (IRC, 2009).
4. University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG, 2010).
5. Milne Bay Province (2012).
6. PNG Customs (2012).
7. Central Province (2014).
8. Department of Higher Education, Research, Science & Technology (DHERST, 2014).

The PSAP program encourages agencies to be fully compliant as much as possible with the ***Public Finance Management Act, 1995 (and Amended Act, 2016)*** includes other by-laws through the Audit Committee forums. Those agencies who strive to be fully compliant are recognized and rewarded with Awards and prizes in the form of assistance to its Internal Audit Units or Branches.



- *The Civil Aviation and Safety Authority (CASA) Audit Committee Meeting in session.* ➨ *Photo courtesy of PSAP Secretariat Desk.*



- *IRC Commissioner-General, Mr Sam Koim (left) receiving an Award from IRC Audit Committee Chairman, Mr. Jerry Wemin on behalf of the Secretary for Finance. Receiving is IRC's Commissioner-General, Mr. Sam Koim for 2023 outstanding performance.* ➨ *Photo courtesy of PSAP Secretariat Desk.*

8. THE PUBLIC SECTOR AUDIT PROGRAM (PSAP) SUPPORT FACILITY

The PSAP program driven by the ***Finance Department's Internal Audit & Compliance Division*** has a support facility to enhance respective agency's internal audit unit with office equipment where possible to support the Audit Committees. It was jointly co-funded and supported by ***GoPNG*** and ***AusAid*** initially since 2005 until ***AusAid*** support ended in 2015.

With bugetary support from ***GoPNG***, PSAP was able to support many active Audit Committee agencies with soft skills enhancement programs and workshops for public sector internal auditors and independent members. Awards in kind were awarded to best performing Audit Committees as incentives to encourage agencies to have regular quarterly meetings. So far three (3) agencies; Internal Revenue Commission (IRC), PNG Customs and Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) took out the award as the most compliant agencies with equipments valued at K50,000 for their Internal Audit Branches. For the second time, IRC was awarded for 2023 performance, *(refer to photo on article no. 7 above)*.

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The program (PSAP) has a Trust Account from which it supports and builds capacity for those active Audit Committee agencies. For 2024 operations, Department of Treasury considered its submission with an allocation of K500,000 under its Public Investment Program (PIP) program, however noted that it was a re-current expenditure since it is an on-going activity, all-year-round.

Corporate Risk Assessment & Registration Workshop – 14th and 15th March, 2024

The focus and the objectives of the PSAP funded ***Risk Assessment & Registration Workshop*** was to enable internal auditors to know and identify Risk Appetites of their own agencies. Also know the process of developing a Risk Register from which Annual Audit Plan (AAP) will be developed to help guide both agency internal auditors and management to mitigate and control those risks.

The participants of the recent workshop facilitated by *Gangloff Consulting* on ***Corporate Risk Assessment & Management*** for Chief Internal Auditors of active Audit Committee Agencies. Only 27 active PSAP agencies were invited to attend the workshop held in March, 2024 at Holiday Inn, Port Moresby.

• *Participants of the Corporate Risk Assessment and Management Workshop.*
➧*Photo courtesy of PSAP Secretariat, Department of Finance (DoF) – March, 2024.*



National Government Departments

No.	Name of Government Agency	Audit Committee Established Date	Number of Audit Committee Meetings (2019-2023)		Current Status	No.	Name of Government Agency	Audit Committee Established Date	Number of Audit Committee Meetings (2019-2023)		Current Status
			Planned	Held	(✓/✗)				Planned	Held	(✓/✗)
01.	National Department of Health	26.02.2004	20	9	✓	13.	National Judicial Staff Services (NJSS)	26.05.2010	20	1	✗
02.	Police — Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary	01.04.2005	20	1	✗	14.	Department of Prime Minister & National Executive Council (DPM&NEC)	26.04.2013	20	4	✗
03.	Defence — Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF)	19.04.2005	20	2	✗	15.	Department of Justice and Attorney General	04.04.2014	20	3	✗
04.	Department of Lands & Physical Planning	09.05.2005	20	4	✓	16.	Department of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (DHERST)	06.07.2014	20	8	✓
05.	Department of Education (DoE)	22.08.2005	20	4	✗	17.	Department of Labour & Industrial Relations	14.07.2014	20	0	✗
06.	Department of Works & Highways	28.07.2005	20	2	✓	18.	Department of Provincial & Local-Level Government Affairs (DPLGA)	06.03.2016	20	5	✓
07.	Department of Transport	31.03.2006	20	5	✓	19.	Public Services Commission of Papua New Guinea	18.02.2018	20	6	✓
08.	Department Agriculture & Livestock (DAL)	07.04.2006	20	3	✗	20.	Department of National Planning & Monitoring	25.02.2020	20	3	✓
09.	Department of Mineral Policy and Geohazards Management	14.07.2007	20	1	✗	21.	Magisterial Services of Papua New Guinea	12.10.2020	20	3	✓
10.	Papua New Guinea Correctional Services	15.10.2007	20	0	✗	22.	Department of Petroleum and Energy	31.03.23	20	0	✗
11.	Department of Finance (DoF)	24.10.2007	20	9	✓	23.	Department of Treasury	12.05.2023	20	0	✗
12.	Department of Commerce & Industry	26.10.2007	20	4	✗						
Total Number of Meetings in each Year						**Total Number of Meetings in each Year**					

Statutory Government Statutory Bodies and Institutions

No.	Name of Government Agency	Audit Committee Established Date	Number of Audit Committee Meetings (2019-2023)		Current Status	No.	Name of Government Agency	Audit Committee Established Date	Number of Audit Committee Meetings (2019-2023)		Current Status
			Planned	Held	(✓/✗)				Planned	Held	(✓/✗)
01.	The Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Papua New Guinea (CASAPNG)	26.06.2005	20	10	✓	10.	Papua New Guinea University of Technology (PNGUoT)	11.10.2015	20	2	✗
02.	National Capital District Commission (NCDC)	17.05.2006	20	14	✓	11.	Coffee Industry Corporation Limited	26.10.2015	20	1	✗
03.	Internal Revenue Commission (IRC)	20.02.2009	20	12	✓	12.	Registry of Political Parties	14.10.2020	20	0	✗
04.	University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG)	08.03.2010	20	8	✓	13.	Somare Institute of Leadership and Governance (SILAG)	19.11.2020	20	1	✓
05.	Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission (PNGEC)	08.04.2010	20	1	✗	14.	Papua New Guinea Sports Foundation	24.11.2020	20	0	✗
06.	National Housing Corporation (NHC)	29.08.2010	20	8	✓	15.	Papua New Guinea Tourism Promotion Authority	10.02.2021	20	1	✓
07.	National Airports Corporation (NAC)	20.07.2011	20	0	✓	16.	Small and Medium Enterprises Corporation	23.09.2022	20	0	✓
08.	Papua New Guinea Customs Service (PNGCS)	16.10.2012	20	11	✓	17.	National Trade Organization (NTO)	20.04.2022	20	1	✓
09.	University of Goroka (UOG)	25.09.2014	20	1	✗						
Total Number of Meetings in each Year						**Total Number of Meetings in each Year**					

Provincial Governments

No.	Name of Government Agency	Audit Committee Established Date	Number of Audit Committee Meetings (2019-2023)		Current Status	No.	Name of Government Agency	Audit Committee Established Date	Number of Audit Committee Meetings (2019-2023)		Current Status
			Planned	Held	(✓/✗)				Planned	Held	(✓/✗)
01.	Goroka, **Eastern Highlands Province (E.H.P.)**	26.02.2004	20	3	✓	10.	Popondetta, **Oro Province**	29.08.2013	20	1	✓
02.	Lae, **Morobe Province (M.P.)**	28.11.2007	20	2	✓	11.	Kerema, **Gulf Province**	26.10.2013	20	6	✓
03.	Wabag, **Enga Province**	04.06.2010	20	0	✗	12.	Konedobu, **Central Province**	07.07.2014	20	12	✓
04.	Madang, **Madang Province**	19.07.2010	20	1	✗	13.	Kokopo, **East New Britain Province (E.N.B.P.)**	14.07.2014	20	4	✓
05.	Vanimo, **Sandaun Province**	09.09.2010	20	2	✓	14.	Lorengau, **Manus Province**	15.03.2017	20	1	✗
06.	Kavieng, **New Ireland Province (N.I.P.)**	29.10.2010	20	1	✗	15.	Kimbe, **West New Britain Province (W.N.B.P.)**	25.09.2019	20	1	✗
07.	Alotau, **Milne Bay Province**	30.11.2012	20	4	✓	16.	Wewak, **East Sepik Province (E.S.P.)**	30.10.2020	20	0	✗
08.	Mendi, **Southern Highlands Province (S.H.P.)**	25.03.2013	20	1	✗	17.	Kundiawa, **Simbu Province**	23.09.2021	20	0	✗
09.	Mt. Hagen, **Western Highlands Province (W.H.P.)**	01.06.2013	20	1	✗	18.	**Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG), AROB**	26.04.2024	20	0	✗
Total Number of Meetings in each Year						**Total Number of Meetings in each Year**					

For those defunct audit committee agency heads (indicated by an '✗' above) Department of Finance would write letters with a view to reactivate them and hold regular committee meetings. After which, a quarterly ***performance score card rating*** will be released based on ***20 Assessment Benchmarks***. This would indicate each **Audit Committee Agency** where they are in terms of compliance and performance by percentage (out of 100%).

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9. NEW AUDIT COMMITTEE PROGRAM INTERESTS FOR LAUNCHING

There are increasing number of new requests for the establishment of Audit Committees in the agencies. As of this date, the following agencies are to be established, however not all of them will be established in 2024 but will be done progressively.

1. The University of Natural Resources & Environment (UNRE).
2. Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) – AROB Launched.
3. National Capital District Provincial Health Authority.
4. Western Provincial Administration.
5. Department of Information & Communication Technology (DICT).
6. Highlands Regional College of Nursing, Goroka.
7. National Energy Authority.
8. PNG Accidents & Investigation Commission.
9. Oro Provincial Health Authority.
10. National Statistical Office (NSO).
11. National Procurement Commission (NPC).

10. AUDIT COMMITTEE CHALLENGES

Notable issues and challenges faced by the PSAP program over the last 19 years of operation:

1. Lack of host CEOs' commitment and attendance at Audit Committee meetings.
2. Lack of mutual and professional relationships between Chief Internal Auditors and Agency CEOs/ Heads.
3. No reports/incomplete reports for Audit Committee's noting – Internal Audit Unit not fully engaged.
4. Lack of communication by Agency Internal Auditors with Department of Finance (DoF).
5. Lack of Contractual obligation of Secretary's/CEO's to the Audit Committee.
6. Lack of adequate PSAP program funding.
7. Political interferences in Internal Audit functions/ tasks.

Mitigating Strategies recommended to overcome challenges

1. Engagement by the **TOP Management** that is; Chief Executive Officers (CEOs), Managing Directors (MDs), Secretaries and Provincial Administrators (PAs) of Provinces.
2. Annual Budgetary support to PSAP Program – Department of Finance/Treasury.
3. Phones Against Corruption (PAC) Awareness.
4. Audit Committee Sustainability (Annual Budgetary Support – Agency Level).
5. Clear and direct Internal Audit Unit/Branch reporting lines: Functionally to Audit Committee and Administratively to Management.
6. DoF Costs sharing relationship or arrangement with Audit Committee Agencies.
7. Audit Committee exists primarily for host agency benefit.

11. CONCLUSION

Good Governance and Accountability at the institutional level minimizes risks of non-compliance and misappropriation of public funds & assets. All agencies receiving and expending public funds needs functional Audit Committee for oversight and advisory functions.

For greater good of the society, it is believed that the tone must be set from the top that will trickle down to arrest corruption. With having the culture of working together and adequate visibility brings out accountability resulting in better outcomes for us and our society at large.

PSAP program, therefore welcomes private citizens, corporate entities and donor agencies to join the team for **Good Governance** through this program.

All interested candidates who wish to serve on the Audit Committees on the Public Sector Audit Committee Program (PSAP) can submit his or her ***Expression of Interest (EOI)*** to the Secretary for Finance, with full resume. The candidate must express his/her interest for the committee within his or her locality.

PHONES AGAINST CORRUPTION (PAC) – DIAL 16321

Phones Against Corruption

*An Initiative of the **Department of Finance** and **UNDP** supported by the **UNDP-Australian Government Asia-Pacific Partnership** on **Anti-Corruption for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies (ACPIS)***

Empowered lives. Resilient nations.

The **Phones Against Corruption** (or PAC) is an initiative of **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** supported by **UNDP-Australian Government Asia-Pacific Partnership on Anti-Corruption for Peaceful and Inclusive Society (ACPIS)**. It was launched jointly by **UNDP** and **PCaB-Provincial Capacity Building Programme** in 2014. The Internal Audit & Compliance Division is part of, and provides awareness through audit committee forums, workshops and trainings it facilitates.

It also assumes the responsibility of gathering and analysing data filtering, scrutiny and prioritization using a specially designed database management system.

It is an innovative way to expose and combat corruption by using the mobile phone *text messaging system (SMS)*. The identity of the mobile numbers is anonymous, safe and not revealed by the system used.

- PAC Initiative was launched in 2014.
- Innovative way to expose and combat corruption by using *Text Messaging System (SMS)* on mobile phones.
- Part of the government's reform agenda to combat corruption and mismanagement of public monies.





SMS Text System Characters

- ► **Interactive** TXT message system.
- ► Works with any **simple** mobile phone.
- ► Is **free** of charge for the users — free text.
- ► Available in **Local Language** (Tok Pisin) and English.
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Number of Cases Reported (last 5 years since 2018)

Texts of Cases	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Totals
General	306	76	27	58	n/a	n/a	467
Other Departments	343	144	38	75	n/a	n/a	600
Department of Finance	277	32	8	6	n/a	n/a	323
Total	926	252	73	139	n/a	n/a	1,390

Successful outcomes: Two (2) people arrested for $US2.0m fraud, five (5) cases awaiting courts decisions and 250 cases under investigation. Since ICAC is now operational, DoF's Internal Audit Division will work closely ICAC Office for investigation through PAC initiative. Data for 2022 & 2023 were not available at the time of this publication.

Additionally, our partner agencies include:

- ► **23** National Government Departments
- ► **18** Provincial Governments
- ► **17** Statutory Authorities & Institutions ...and still growing!

Summary: Out of the 58 Established Agencies 30 are Active and 28 are non-functional.

For more information, visit: **www.pcabii.org**

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PNG-Aust policing partnership hand-over ceremony



The Papua New Guinea-Australia Policing Partnership (PNG-APP) recently hosted a handover ceremony for the extension of the Kokopo RPNGC Headquarters.

This critical infrastructure project will provide a dedicated RPNGC ICT office and communications centre and permanent office space for PNG-APP members.

During the ceremony the PNG-APP also formally handed over a new Kokopo Police Station Boat to RPNGC to support their police response capability on the water.

This new maritime asset was well received and will play a critical role when conducting patrol activities in the coastal waters around Kokopo.

PNG-APP remain committed to supporting RPNGC in the Kokopo Divisional Command through delivery of significant infrastructure projects and provision of critical assets to support the police response capability in the East New Britain Province.



Pacific police bands entertain our capital

AS part of our 50th Independence Anniversary, the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) hosted a Pacific police band Tattoo competition at the Sir Hurbert Murray Stadium in July.

The Tattoo competition featured police bands from nine countries in the Pacific, including PNG, Fiji, Australia, Solomon Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga and Tuvalu, as well as the PNG Correctional Services Band.

The Tattoo band competition followed the Pacific Policing Forum in Port Mort Moresby that brought together Police Commissioners from around the region working on confronting domestic and regional security threats.

To commemorate the start of this main event, the RPNGC staged an opening Day Parade at Ela Beach on July 20, which featured members of the Special Services Division, the Police Dog Unit and Water Police performing drills and demonstration exercises.

Strong police action is important for the lives of everyone in our communities as we work to get criminals off the street, while the Police Band Tattoo provided an opportunity to take a moment to celebrate tradition and music with the public.

In the Pacific, no matter what job or position a person holds, culture and togetherness is important, so the Tattoo was a fitting conclusion to the Police Commissioners' Forum in July.

The Tattoo was a proud first for the Pacific region, which showcased not only regional identity and talent, but also the strength of policing relationships at a time when they have never been more important.

This is a significant year for PNG as it celebrates 50 years of political independence in September.






POLICE



New fire-power unit to target terrorism





Deputy Prime Minister John Rosso and Commissioner of Police David Manning inspected the continuing training of the RPNGC Police Tactical Group, KUMUL23, at a training facility recently.

The inspection included a demonstration of advanced use of force, rapid methods of entry, drone capabilities and night vision equipment used in the development of the Police Tactical Group.

The RPNGC Police Tactical Group, KUMUL23, is undergoing extensive training to provide the RPNGC with a professional tactical capacity to neutralise domestic terrorists and other violent criminals and respond to highly volatile operational requirements.

"I am impressed with the tactical capabilities and intelligence gathering capability of KUMUL23 to track down and neutralise the domestic terrorist threat," Deputy Prime Minister Rosso said after the demonstration of force.

"This is a much-needed capability, that aligns with the Marape-Rosso Government's strategic approach to improving law and order outcomes.

"The Commissioner of Police called for expert skills to respond to those who terrorise our communities. This Government has listened and is responding.

"I am proud to see KUMUL23 in action and witness their emerging capabilities firsthand.

"Under the direction of





Commissioner Manning, this elite tactical unit has been established and is being trained to the highest global security standard.

"Recruitment into KUMUL23 is from within the Police Force especially the Special Services Division. "All members of KUMUL23 will continue to undergo intensive physical and psychological screening as part of training before being deployed on active operations."

Commissioner Manning said the specifics of the KUMUL23 training and rollout is classified due to the relevant National security elements of the capability, though the public will be made aware of these capabilities where appropriate.

"Advanced tactical training of this nature does not happen overnight, and we are investing in professional, well-trained members who can competently meet the challenges of our most volatile regions and incidents.

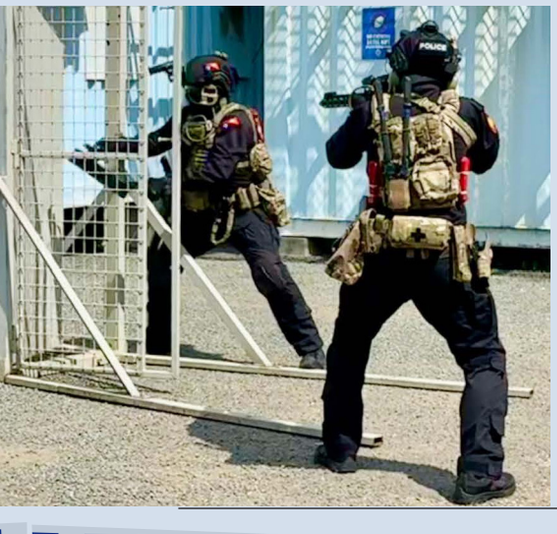
"Tactical training currently underway is supported by the latest technology and intelligence capabilities, including use of drones and night vision equipment. This

training will ensure a level of regional interoperability that the RPNGC has not previously had.

"This is the first time PNG has developed and trained an advanced tactical group of this level. It is intensive, both physically and mentally.

"This includes 20 kilometre pack marches each day, significant training in use of force operations, and training on intelligence-led policing operations to counter the most serious threats to our community safety.

"The KUMUL23 personnel are living and operating as an elite team where they have full trust in each other and interoperate seamlessly to deliver targeted tactical outcomes.





"This specialist capability is what we need to fight organised crime, warlords and other people who seek to destroy our country to build their personal wealth.

"I thank the Deputy Prime Minister for inspecting our KUMUL23 capability as this training progresses. The support of Government has been critical in ensuring that the RPNGC continue to develop capabilities that meet the modern law and order environment."

The training of KUMUL23 personnel is being undertaken at police facilities around the country with new intakes of personnel to take place in the coming months.

Further information on the development of the KUMUL23 Police Tactical Group will be released at an appropriate time.

NCD frontline complete training in Conflict Resolution









As police officers, conflict resolution is one of the methods that are used every day, but it is not known to some of the police officers until after the completion of a recent three-day training.

The training, which was organized by the Police Human Resource Directorate and led by Superintendent Jackson Ambo, saw more than 15 frontline police officers leaving satisfied with the skills they gained.

Supt Ambo, while congratulating the police officers, also thanked the management of the International Business and Technical College for imparting the skills to the police officers.

He said that with the increasing crime rate and other civil issues, frontline police personnel must be well equipped to address them without using excessive force, which could later bring allegations against the officers.

He thanked the officers for participating in the course and urged them to put into practice what they had learned.









NCD Metropolitan Superintendent Warrick Simatab

Met Supt urges city residents to initiate community-based safety initiatives

NCD Metropolitan Superintendent Warrick Simatab, has urged city residents in suburbs, settlements, and communities to initiate community-based safety initiatives such as the Gerehu-for-Gerehu (G4G) and the City Wardens, to safeguard their neighborhood to help reduce crime.

Simatab said that whether it's forming a neighbourhood watch, establishing community patrols, or simply setting up clear lines of communication with their local police station, contributes to a safer city.

"Effective policing is not just about responding to crime; it's about building strong, resilient communities where citizens and police work hand-in-hand," stated Superintendent Simatab. "I have been incredibly impressed by the dedication and commitment shown by these City Wardens and the members of Gerehu 4 Gerehu."

"These initiatives are powerful examples of what can be achieved when communities take ownership of their safety and work collaboratively with the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC).



Giusu returns to force, heads Reservists in NCD



Mr Giusu (second from left) with Deputy Commander NCD/Central Superintendent John Midi (left) Staff Officer Chief Inspector Fred Tundu (right) and officer from the command at Sagara Police Post.

National Capital District and Central Police Commander, Assistant Commissioner Benjamin Turi has welcomed Senior Inspector Ruben Giusu as the coordinator of Police Reservists in the National Capital District and Central Provinces, as per a directive from the police management.

With the increasing number of complaints from the public regarding police impersonators in the command, ACP Turi welcomed Mr Giusu, who has a wealth of experience in both administration and policing duties in the Police Force.

ACP Turi also gave directives to all reservists who are currently working or not working in the command to report to him and identify themselves so the command can know who they are.

He said there are many police impersonators running around in the command who have been involved in illegal activities that have spoiled the good name of the constabulary.

Mr Giusu is based at the Saraga Police Post and is coordinating the reservists under his command. The Saraga Police Post is now the operational centre where all reservists will be in based.

ACP Turi said: "We have seen impersonators running around claiming to be police reservists who have been involved in illegal activities. With him coming into command, we want to see some changes.

"We also want to call on the trained reservists to report to him so he can assign them to a police station to work.

You were trained and given the police uniform to serve the people. If you are not performing, then we have to take action and remove the uniform from you because the police uniform belongs to the police department," he said.



Guinness logs a remarkable 50 years of loyal services

Assistant Commissioner of Police Peter Guinness

Deputy Prime Minister John Rosso has commended Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Peter Guinness for reaching a remarkable milestone of 50 years of dedicated service to the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC).

"ACP Guinness has served this country with distinction, integrity, and courage for half a century. His commitment to law and order, discipline in leadership, and loyalty to the Constabulary and our people is truly exceptional," Deputy PM Rosso said.

Beginning his policing career on April 11, 1975, as a 16-year-old, ACP Guinness was inspired by his father who was a Senior Constable. Guinness rose through the ranks from a constable to an Assistant Commissioner of Police.

He has served as the Head of NCD CID, Provincial Police Commander of Morobe and is currently the ACP Commander for the Northern Command serving with unwavering dedication to public service, particularly in Morobe and the Highlands region. His leadership has been instrumental in managing some of the most complex law and order challenges in the country.

"As a long-serving officer of RPNGC, ACP Guinness has become a symbol of resilience and professionalism in our police force. He has mentored generations of officers and has remained a steady hand during times of uncertainty," the Deputy Prime Minister added.

Deputy PM Rosso, further commended ACP Guinness's contribution to community policing, peace building efforts, and national security, noting that his legacy would continue to inspire many within and beyond the RPNGC.

"On behalf of the people and Government of Papua New Guinea, I thank ACP Guinness for his service, sacrifice, and steadfast commitment to keeping our communities safe. The people of Lae and I would like to sincerely thank you for your services to Lae City and Morobe Province.

"Congratulations on this extraordinary achievement — 50 years of service is no small feat, and we are grateful for your dedication," Deputy PM Rosso concluded.

New inter-agency group to pursue criminal assets



Commissioner of Police, David Manning



Papua New Guinea's Commissioner of Police, David Manning, has announced the formation of a new inter-agency law enforcement group aimed at seizing the proceeds of crime.

The Asset Restraint and Recovery Working (ARROW) Group is a collaborative effort bringing together specialist officers from the Bank of PNG's Financial Analysis and Supervision Unit (FASU), the RPNGC National Fraud and Anti-Corruption Directorate (NFACD), and the Office of the Public Prosecutor (OPP).

The establishment of the group was formalized with a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which outlines a framework for the agencies to work together from a secure RPNGC facility.

Commissioner Manning said the new group will play a crucial role in the fight against crime.

"ARROW will investigate suspicious financial transactions and gather evidence that will be used in court to freeze accounts, seize assets and initiate restraining order applications," Manning confirmed.

He added, "Legislation is in place to confiscate the proceeds of crime and ARROW has been established to make this happen."

The co-location of the three agencies is a key feature of the initiative, designed to improve efficiency and communication.

"This is the first time these three agencies will work together from the same location. It enables much more effective inter-agency collaboration and improve effectiveness in the



identification, tracing, and recovery of assets under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2022," Manning stated.

The Commissioner emphasized that the new group will enable quicker action, preventing criminals from concealing their wealth.

"With the ARROW Group we can plan the seizure of assets from initial investigation through to prosecution and avoid the delays and miscommunications that can come from working in different locations," he said.

He issued a stark warning to criminals, noting that a new era of surveillance makes it harder to hide ill-gotten gains.

"Criminals who benefit from corruption, drugs, weapons, stolen goods and other illegal activities face the real prospect that they will lose their houses, vehicles and money in their bank accounts without warning," he said.

"In the modern era of communications and surveillance, criminals are not able to hide the proceeds of their crimes as had been the case in the past and they are on notice."

Manning concluded by highlighting the group's mission to disrupt criminal operations financially.

"Confiscating the assets and money of criminals has been very effective in other countries and has wide-spread public support," Manning said.

"Those officers working within the ARROW Group have been given clear directions. Hit criminals where it hurts, seize assets, freeze bank accounts and take the profit out of crime."

Ralum Police HQ gets new K3.2m facility



The Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) achieved another milestone in East New Britain Province recently when Governor Michael Marum opened a new wing at the Ralum Police Headquarters in Kokopo.

Australian Federal Police (AFP) Assistant Commissioner Jamie Strauss was the special guest at the opening ceremony.

The opening of the K 3.2 million police facility for the New Guinea Islands (NGI) Command in Kokopo has demonstrated the strong commitment and partnership between the RPNGC and the PNG Australian Policing Partnership PAPP in improving its capacity building through its new ICT information centre for ENB.

The new wing consists of the





RPNGC Provincial Administration office, PNGATP office, and the ICT and information Centre.

The new facility demonstrates a long-time commitment in supplying the infrastructure development in Kokopo and APP remains committed to enhanced its partnership with the RPNGC in improving its Community Policing for East New Britain.

Governor Marum has reaffirmed the ENB Provincial Government's commitment in supporting various law enforcement agencies, including the Police, Law and Justice Sector, to improve community policing.

Governor Marum emphasized the recent donation of 11 new police vehicles to strengthen the Police SSD Division for its general police operation in the province and the NGI region. Other achievements included the opening of the SSD division command office at Tomaringa, opening and transfer of new police houses at the Tokua Police post, the new upgrading of the Taliligap Police Post and the Police Reservist Training program currently underway at the Gunan Nanuvia at Takubar.

Governor Marum acknowledged the support of the PNG Australian Policing Partnership (PAPP) in partnership with the RPNGC in meeting the challenges of modern policing operations for East New Britain.



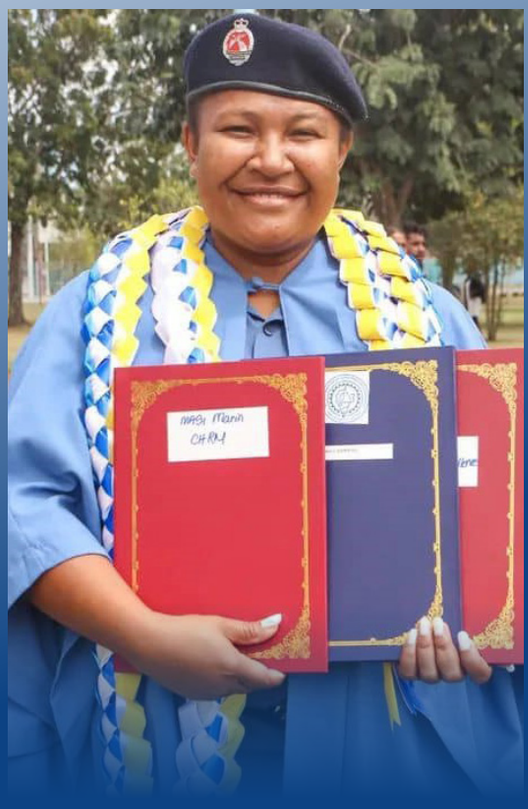
The Secretary, Samuel Penias, and the Department of Finance congratulate the Police Commissioner David Manning, MBE, QPM, DSP, and the Royal PNG Constabulary on this inaugural edition of the *Police Siren* news publication.

The Department is committed to supporting the RPNGC in its Constitutional duty to uphold the rule of law and in so doing, protect the government, citizens of PNG and property.

Congratulations







Female cop wins top honour

Inspires young women

Senior Constable Marin Masi of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) has proven that it is never too late to chase one's dreams, graduating as the top student from a prestigious leadership program while balancing her duties as a mother and a police officer.

The 33-year-old officer, of mixed Madang and Morobe parentage, recently completed the Certificate in Human Resource Management (Batch 1) at the Somare Institute of Leadership and Governance (SILAG), where she was not only awarded her certificate but also received the coveted Leadership Award and the CEO Excellence Award.

Her journey to academic excellence was not a straightforward one. A 2012 recruit who joined the force after Grade 12, SC Masi had dedicated over a decade to her career and her family as a proud wife and mother of two sons. Stepping back into a classroom after such a long gap was a daunting challenge.

"I stepped out of my comfort zone in 2025 and enrolled," SC Masi recounted. "Being the only public servant in the class surrounded by fresh high school graduates, I felt uncertain and doubted myself. The long gap since my last classroom experience brought back fears."

> "Never give up until you achieve your dreams. Remember, if you fail to plan, you plan to fail."

Despite these initial doubts, she persevered, channeling the same dedication she applies to her police work into her studies. She attributes her success to unwavering faith, hard work, and a resilient spirit.

"With God, everything is possible," she often reflects, a belief that carried her through the demanding course.

Her achievement is made even more remarkable by the delicate balance she maintained between her role as a student and her responsibilities as a mother. She stands as a shining example that personal and professional development can be pursued at any stage of life with the right support and determination.

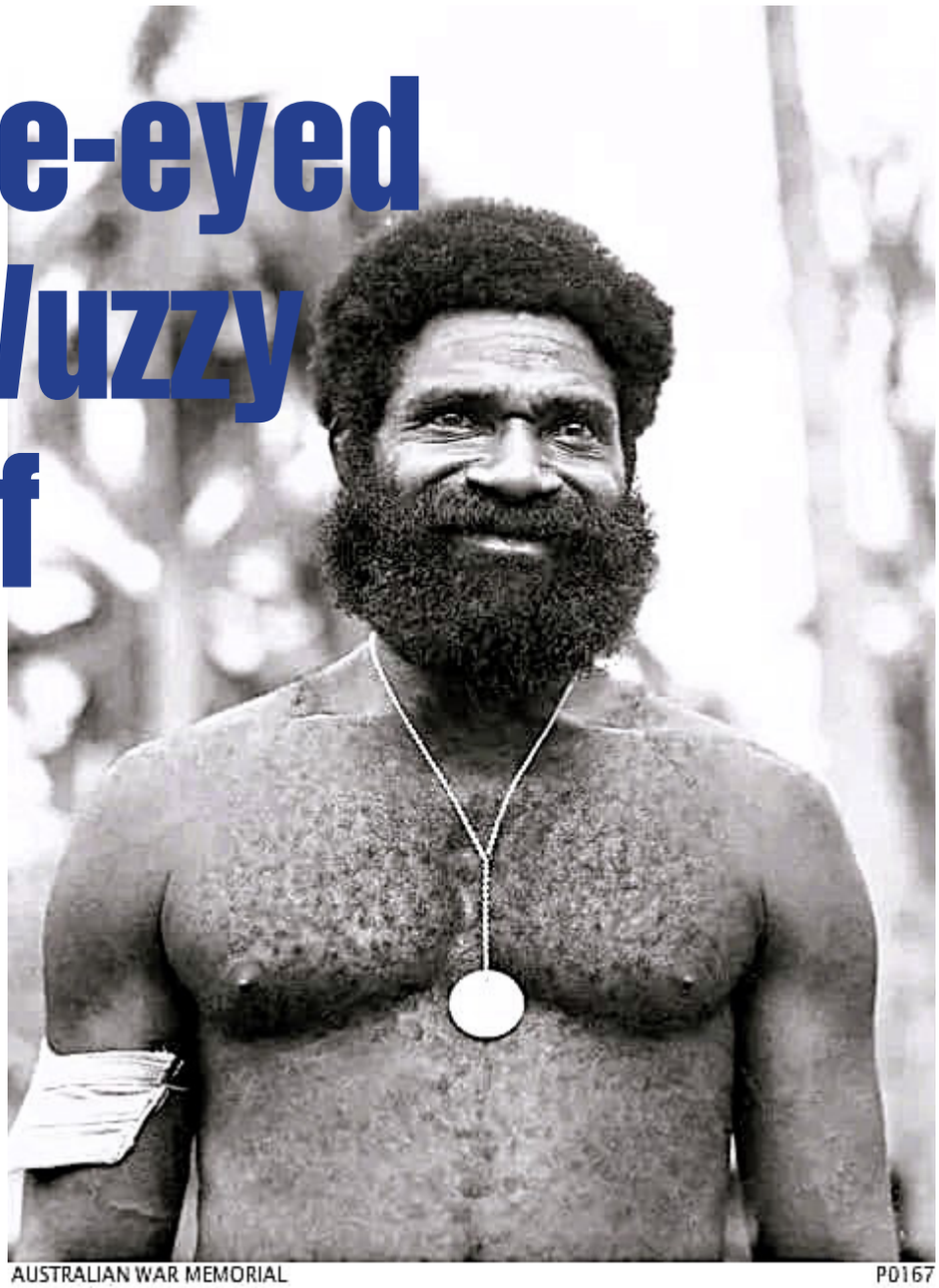
SC Masi's success has also been bolstered by a strong support system at home and work. She offers sage advice to other married individuals: "Find yourself a partner who supports and invests in your dreams. A strong partnership is the foundation of a successful and fulfilling life."

To the youth of Papua New Guinea, her message is clear and powerful: "Never give up until you achieve your dreams. Remember, if you fail to plan, you plan to fail."

The RPNGC, which sponsored her studies, has been praised for its investment in the professional development of its officers. SC Masi expressed her profound gratitude to the Constabulary for giving her the opportunity to pursue her academic ambitions.

Today, Senior Constable Marin Masi stands not just as a dedicated officer of the law, but as a national role model of courage, discipline, and determination—inspiring her colleagues, her family, and a generation of Papua New Guineans to strive for excellence in every field.

Our blue-eyed Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel of WWII



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By STEVEN EDMUND WINDUO

The most famous Papua New Guinean Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel with a blue eye happens to be Paul Yauwiga Wankunale from Kusaun village in the Kubalia area of East Sepik Province.

This tall and muscular man became a legend for his bravery in World War II, fighting alongside the Allied forces on Guadalcanal, Buka, Rabaul, Madang, Morobe, and Sepik.

Warrant Officer Yauwiga was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, Bravery Award and other medals for his valiant war efforts.

One such campaign is described in Lorna Fleetwood's book, A Short History of Wewak: "On 27th March 1945, Yauwiga was with an Australian Infantry Brigade (AIB) party at Aravia. It was learned that an enemy party of about eighty Japanese was approaching their camp. While the AIB escaped with their codes and essential equipment, Yauwiga took up a defensive position with just three rifles. He and two other soldiers managed to keep the Japanese at bay for fifteen minutes, exhibiting great bravery. In two years, Yauwiga killed fifty-seven Japanese."

Yauwiga lost a hand and both his eyes when holding a grenade used as a signal for Australian planes to drop supplies. No one showed him how to use it. He spent three months in a hospital in Canberra, Australia, and was given the eyes of a motorcycle accident fatality. One eye grafted well and Yauwiga became a very rare Papua New Guinean with a blue eye.

In The Bishops' Progress: An Historical Ethnography of Catholic Missionary Experience on the Sepik Frontier, Mary Taylor Huber notes: "The major figure in Wewak and its immediate hinterland in the first years after the war appears to have been Yau[w]iga…who was also a war hero, and whose decoration ceremony in 1948 was witnessed by some 30 Europeans and 80,000 natives from near and far." Yauwiga's war exploits is an exemplary military valour deserving far more attention than is observed.

Yauwiga was more than a war hero to his people. He was a catalyst of many transformative changes in East Sepik right after the war. Yauwiga's contemporaries Ludwig Somare Sana and Pita Simogun were articulate leaders in their epoch, taking the bull by its horns to wrestle it until it came under their feet.

Yauwiga succeeded in destroying the practice of sorcery in Nagum Boiken villages. In each village a two-to-three meter deep hole was dug where all the powers and sorcery tools like plants, bones, lime, ginger, stones, and other items of sorcery were buried.



Yauwiga displays his medals of honor. Courtesy of Bikmaus Journal published by IPNGS

Only the old men opposed him but Yauwiga made the refractory ones stay the whole day long in the hot sun until by evening they showed some pliancy.

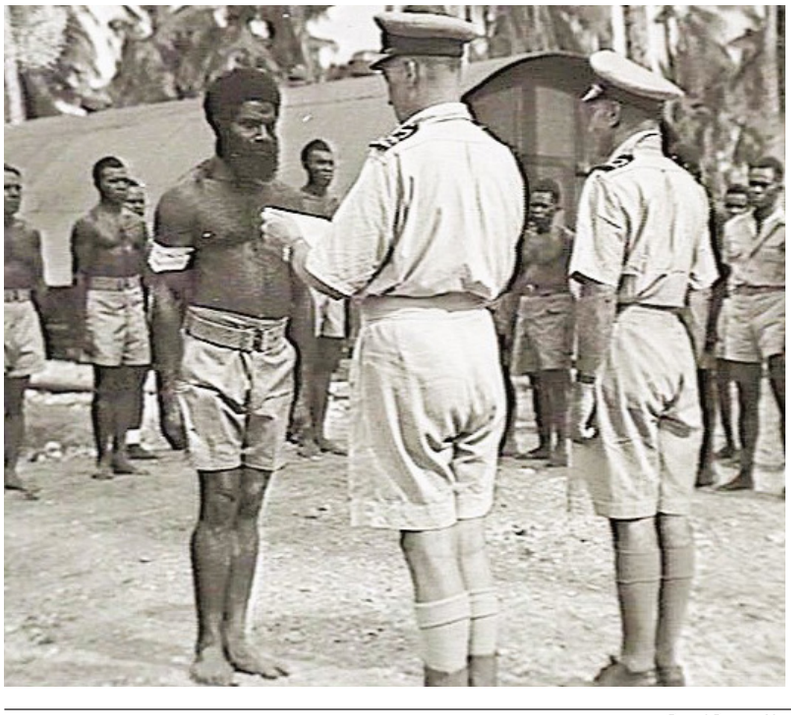
Father Andreas Gerstner, the Catholic missionary anthropologist, in charge of the parish covering the immediate hinterland of Wewak records his admiration of Yauwiga as a messianic figure: "This unusual man… undertook a war against old heathen spirit cult and has had up to now wide success. Beginning in 1947 and then up to February 1948, he has already undertaken one reform expedition to his own people, two in the Wewak region, one in Boiken region, and one on the island of Kairiru. On each of these trips he stayed three to four weeks. Delegates from many different villages accompanied him. After arrival in a new village, Yauwiga would first give a speech. He asked all the men to give up their spiritual and magical paraphernalia and whatever other things were known as causes of conflict and feud. He said, 'So long as you keep the old things, you think only of them. You threaten with sorcery, quarrels, and fighting. A new time has come for us. We will better ourselves and follow the whites of the Administration and the Mission.'"

Was this Yauwiga's way of avenging the rebuke and shame he received during his initiation into the Maiye sorcery society? It is said Yauwiga had failed his assignment, as an apprentice maiyenduo, to bring back to normal senses a young woman victim of sorcery, who was still in a state of trance. He went against the rules and code of the maiyenduo society, resulting in his rebuke and banishment.

The knowledge of Maiye saved him during the war. It earned him the reputation as a one man army. Yauwiga used the Maiye knowledge to ambush and kill many Japanese during the war. He was invisible to his enemies because he used the Maiye spells and powers to great advantage.

In the film Angels of War, Yauwiga speaks proudly about his bravery.

In the first years after the war Yauwiga advocated business with a campaign for reform of village society. Yauwiga had the support of his people who worked on a variety of projects, including salt extraction, a coconut plantation corporative, and a sago-processing operation. It is said Yauwiga purchased a saw mill from the government.



Yauwiga had a vision for the future of the Sepik District. He organized the Boram school in Wewak. The Boram school was his brainchild, inspired from the discussions he once had with wounded soldiers from Samoa and Fiji he met in the hospital in Canberra. Elders from Kreer village gave him land to build the school, with the help of his own people from Kusaun, Porombe, and Ulighembi. The famous pupil of this school is our Prime Minister, Grand Chief Sir Michael Thomas Somare.

Yauwiga died in 1982 and was given a military service and buried conspicuously on his land at Marinumbo.

Yauwiga had a vision to develop his people through education, through various business ventures, and developmental activities. Given the atmosphere at that time, Yauwiga had the leadership attributes that were not acknowledged and given due recognition.

Yauwiga's gallantry in World War II, his post-war contributions and pioneering leadership legacy will be best honored if a foundation or scholarship is set up to recognize his milestone achievements.

Overview

History of RPNGC and key developments



The Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) is the country's national police force. It descended from colonial-era forces in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea that were later merged; the "Royal" title dates from 1939. The force retained its structure at independence in 1975 and today is led by Commissioner of Police David Manning.

How It Began (late 19th century 1939)

Colonial origins: Policing under the Australian administration developed in the late 1800s in Papua and, separately, in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

"Royal" title: In 1939, King George VI granted the prefix "Royal" to the Papuan force in recognition of service—hence the Royal Papuan Constabulary (RPC). Contemporary and official summaries confirm this milestone.

World War II (1942 45)

The RPC and local police supported Australia's war effort in New Guinea; civil administration shifted under the Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit (ANGAU) during the war.

Post-war Merger and Name (1949 1972)

1949: With the territories' administrations combined by the Papua and New Guinea Act 1949, the two police forces were merged as the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC).

1972: The name was streamlined to Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (dropping "and").

Since Independence (1975 to present)

The RPNGC remained the national police after PNG gained independence in 1975, and has continued modernization efforts while tackling issues such as resource constraints, urban crime, and corruption.

Leadership and Intent

Commissioner: David Manning (appointed December 2019) continues to lead reforms focused on growing and professionalizing the force, community safety, and accountability partnerships.

2024 2025: What's New (the latest)

Budget lift: A 2025 UNODC/Devpolicy analysis notes significant funding increases for the RPNGC—K610 million (real 2023 Kina) in 2024, up K61 million from 2023—signaling stronger resourcing for policing.

Recruitment surge: The RPNGC announced new intakes at the National Centre of Excellence (Bomana), including 312 recruits commencing training on July 29, 2025.

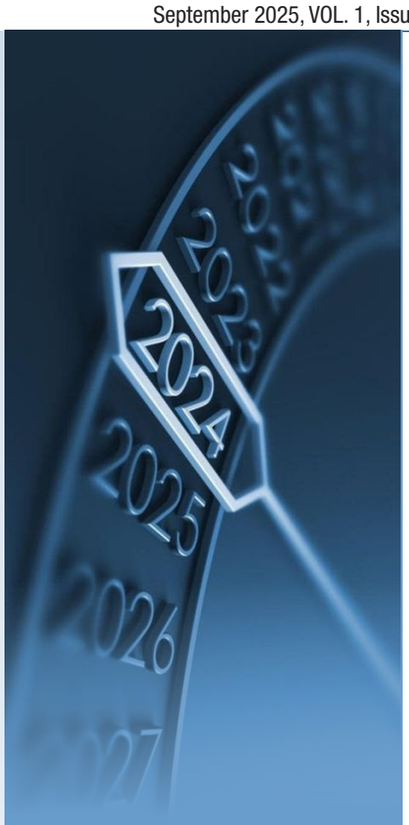
Elite capability: PNG engaged an Australian firm to help train an elite counter-terrorism/tactical unit ("KUMUL 23") to address kidnappings, tribal violence, and high-risk crime.

Regional partnerships: The New Zealand–PNG Statement of Partnership (2025–2029) highlights deeper cooperation, including security and policing collaboration.

Priority areas (from Commissioner's agenda): expand and upskill the force; strengthen community engagement; modernize practices to confront transnational crime, drugs, and corruption; tighten governance and accountability.

Quick Timeline

Late 1800s:	Colonial policing established in Papua and New Guinea.
1939:	"Royal" title granted Royal Papuan Constabulary.
1942–45:	WWII; ANGAU administration; local police support war effort.
1949:	Forces merged Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary.
1972:	Name becomes Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC).
1975:	Independence; RPNGC continues as national police.
2024–25:	Budget increase, fresh recruit intakes, elite unit training, and expanded regional cooperation.



History Timeline

1885
German New Guinea established
1885: German New Guinea established – A German colonial police force is set up in the northeastern part of the island of New Guinea, which is under German administration.

1888
British New Guinea established
1888: British New Guinea established – A British colonial police force is set up in the southeastern part of the island, which is under British administration.

1905
British New Guinea becomes Papua
1905: British New Guinea becomes Papua – The British colonial police force continues to operate in the territory, now called Papua.

1914
Australian forces occupy German New Guinea
1914: Australian forces occupy German New Guinea – During World War I, Australian forces take over the German territory, and the German colonial police force is disbanded.

1921
League of Nations mandates Australian administration of former German New Guinea
1921: League of Nations mandates Australian administration of former German New Guinea – The territory is renamed the Territory of New Guinea, and an Australian-administered police force is established.

1942-1945
Japanese occupation during World War II
1942-1945: Japanese occupation during World War II – The police forces in both Papua and New Guinea are disbanded, and law enforcement is overseen by the occupying Japanese forces.

1945
Australian administration resumes in Papua and New Guinea
1945: Australian administration resumes in Papua and New Guinea – Separate police forces are re-established in each territory.

1949
Papua and New Guinea merge under Australian administration
1949: Papua and New Guinea merge under Australian administration – The police forces of the two territories are combined to form the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC).

1950s-1960s
Expansion and modernization
1950s-1960s: Expansion and modernization – The RPNGC expands its presence throughout the country and undergoes significant modernization, including the establishment of specialized units and increased training and professional development for officers.

1973
Self-government for Papua New Guinea
1973: Self-government for Papua New Guinea – The RPNGC continues to operate under the newly formed government, which is preparing for full independence.

1975
Papua New Guinea gains independence
1975: Papua New Guinea gains independence – The RPNGC becomes the national police force of the independent nation.

1989-1998
Bougainville Crisis
1989-1998: Bougainville Crisis – The RPNGC is involved in operations against the Bougainville Revolutionary Army during the conflict on the island of Bougainville.

2000s
Capacity-building and international cooperation
2000s: Capacity-building and international cooperation – The RPNGC engages in capacity-building initiatives, such as the Papua New Guinea-Australia Policing Partnership, to improve its effectiveness and strengthen its international partnerships.

2018
APEC Summit
2018: APEC Summit – The RPNGC plays a key role in maintaining security during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit held in Port Moresby.

2023 AND BEYOND
2023 and beyond
Ongoing efforts to improve policing and tackle crime – The RPNGC continues to work on modernizing its practices, improving community relations, and addressing challenges such as transnational crime, drug trafficking, and corruption.

1975
Queen Elizaberth II and Brigder General Ted Diro during the Independence celebrations in 1975.





History of Commissioners
Pre-Independence

1947-1954

John Spillard Grimshaw MC, ED.
Prior to 1950 the 'Commissioner' of Police was a Superintendent.

Born Scarborough, England 10/10/1907. Joined South Australia Police in 1925, serving as Trooper, Criminal Investigation Branch, Sergeant Instructor and was latterly Officer in Charge Adelaide Police College. Was member of the 1937 Coronation Contingent and studied at Peel House, Hendon College and Birmingham Colonial Police College. Served WW2 as a Lieutenant with the 2/17th Australian Infantry Battalion. Later formed and commanded the 7th Division Provost Corps serving in the Western Desert, Greece, Crete and Syria. Served New Guinea, Owen Stanley Campaign as well as the Ramu Valley, Lae and Finschaffen operations as Provost Marshall, 1st Australian Corps. Appointed Superintendent Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary 15/4/1947, resigning on 20/9/1954. Died South Australia in 1989.

1954-1964

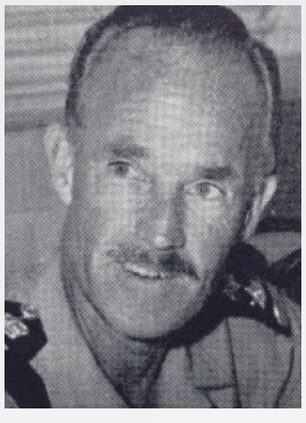
Chris Normoyle MBE.

Born Inverell, NSW 27/7/1908. Served with the 35th (Militia) Field Artillery Battery from 1924-1928. Joined NSW Police as number 3114 on 27/03/1929, resigning on 19/10/1932. Appointed as Warrant Officer class 2 with New Guinea Police Force on 20/10/1932 and posted to Rabaul. Promoted in 1937 and appointed in charge of Kokopo



Police Station from 25/2/1938. He left Rabaul on 4/10/1941 for Sydney, escorting two prisoners (G.R.. Devine and W. Nichols), after which he took leave in Australia from the 10/10/1941. As a result, he was away when the Japanese invaded New Britain but returned to Port Moresby in 1942 and enlisted on 6/3/1942 in the Army initially as a Private with the Papuan Administration Unit (forerunner to ANGAU) . Appointed as Acting

Lieutenant, 29/2/1942 and Lieutenant with Australia New Guinea Administrative Unit (ANGAU) from 10/3/1943. He was responsible for rebuilding the newly formed RPC, (combined pre invasion NGPF and RPC) and was its Commanding Officer throughout the war Accompanied the Band to Australia for the 1945 'Victory Tour'. Discharged as Lt-Colonel 22/7/1946. Joined Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary 29/7/1946 initially as an Inspector at Rabual. Appointed Acting Superintendent 1953, his promotion became permanent on 7/10/1954. Awarded Member of the Order of the British Empire 1/1/1965 for 'loyal and valuable service in the Administration of Papua and New Guinea'. Resigned 30/9/1964. Died New South Wales in 1981.



December 1964-1969

Robert Rothsay Cole OBE, MC

Born Dubbo, NSW 3/11/1913. Formerly a Chartered Accountant he arrived in New Guinea on 2/11/1938 and was appointed as a Cadet Patrol Officer in the Sepik District, later becoming a Patrol Officer. Joined the 2nd A.I.F. on 22/1/1940 he served in England, the Middle East and New Guinea with ANGAU and Far Eastern Liaison Office (FELO) the latter service being mostly guerrilla fighting in nature. Awarded the Military Cross 21/9/1944. After the war he re-joined the Provisional Administration and was posted to Buin as an Assistant District Officer. He was the first District Officer for the Western Highlands, also serving in this capacity in Southern and Sepik Districts until his appointment as Commissioner of the Royal Papua and New Guinea Police in December 1964. Appointed as Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) 1/1/1969. He retired as Commissioner in 1969.



18/4/1969 – 14/8/1970

Raymond Withrod AC, CVO, QPM

Born Adelaide 16/4/1915. Joined the South Australian Police in 1934, serving mostly in Criminal Investigations. During WW2 he served with the Royal Australian Air force (RAAF) as a Flight Lieutenant Navigator in Europe and the Mediterranean. Post war he returned to the SA Police before being recruited as a founding member of ASIO. He was then appointed as the Director of the Commonwealth Investigation Service. In 1960 he was responsible for the creation of the Commonwealth Police and was appointed as its first Commissioner. Appointed initially as Deputy Commissioner of the RPNGC (Special Duties – whilst taking over from Robert Cole) on 31/3/1969, and Commissioner from 21/4/1969 he resigned on 31/3/1970 to take up an appointment as Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service (Brian Holloway was acting Commissioner until the appointment of N.A.M. Nicholls in August). He later taught Criminology at Australian National University and wrote several books. Awarded Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO) 27/4/1954 for the 1954 Royal Visit, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO) as Commissioner Commonwealth Police 16/4/1963, Queens Police Medal 10/6/1967, Member of the Order of Australia (AM) 26/1/1987 for 'Service to Australian Law Enforcement, to victims of crime and to the community', being promoted within the order to Companion (AC) 26/1/1993. Died Adelaide 11/7/2003.

14/8/1970 – 7/5/1974

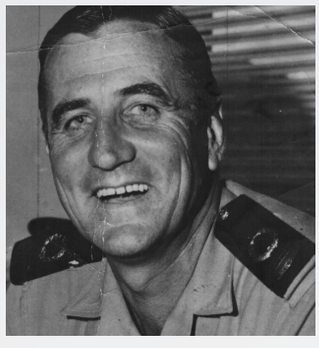


Norman Allan Mark Nichols O.B.E.

Born Wallaroo, South Australia 12/8/1917. Enlisted for the Australian Army on 4/1/1939. Promoted Lieutenant, 2/4th Australian Infantry Battalion. By 1942 he was a Major and GSO 2, 1st Australian Armoured Division. Second in Command of the Australian Army Contingent Headquarters to the 1953 Coronation. Commanded 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment from 2/10/1953 until 1/1/1955 including service in Korea from 31/3/1954. Promoted Brigadier and served on the staff in Washington. His last Army posting was as Deputy Adjutant General of the Australian Army. Appointed Commissioner of the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary on 14/8/1970. Resigned 7/5/1974. Awarded Officer of the Order of the British Empire (Military Division) 10/6/1961. Died 17/8/1999.

7/5/1974 – 8/5/1975

Brian Holloway CBE, QPM



(one year contract during transition)

Born Adelaide 31/7/1927. Joined South Australia Police as a Cadet in 1943. Appointed Assistant Sub-Inspector in Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary 11/1948 and posted to Wau. Served the remainder of his career with the RP&NGC serving at a number of location. From 1958 he was instrumental in the planning and building of the Police Training College at Bomana near Port Moresby from which the first local Commissioned Officers graduated on 26/8/1964, as well as designing numerous other training courses aimed at assisting the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary to become self-sufficient in the lead up to Independence. Promoted Assistant Commissioner 1968 and Deputy Commissioner in 1970. He acted in the role of Commissioner in the interim prior to Brigadier Nicholls being appointed in 1970. He was appointed as Interim Commissioner 7/5/1974 and retired 8/5/1975. He was awarded the Queens Police Medal (QPM) on 1/1/1969, Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) on 1/1/1971 and elevated within the Order to Commander (CBE) on 16/9/1975. Died Perth 21/1/2013.



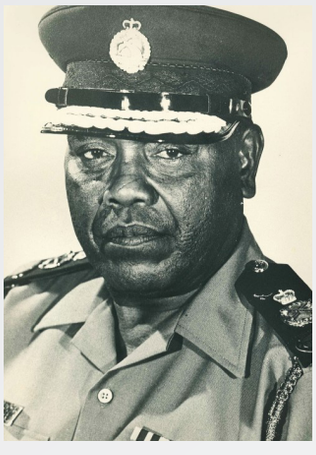
History of Commissioners
Post-Independence

02/02/1976 – 7/11/1977

Pius Barbey Kerepia OBE, QPM

Born Bougainville. He was Assistant Commissioner when he was appointed after only 12 year's service as Commissioner of Police on 7/5/1975. He was only 29 years old at the time. Resigned 7/11/1977. Later Secretary of the Department of Works and appointed Corrective Services Commissioner in 1986. He was murdered in Port Moresby in April 1990.

7/11/1977 – 2/5/1979



William Penias Tiden OBE, QPM

Born East New Britain on 7/8/1925. He claimed to have enlisted in the New Guinea Police Force at Rabaul prior to Japanese Invasion and to have been a prisoner for the duration. Joined Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary on 30/3/1946. Senior Constable 1/6/1946, Sergeant 3rd class 1/10/1948, 2nd class 16/6/1952. He was one of the first eleven local officers to pass the Officers Course at Bomana Police College graduating as Sub Inspector on 24/8/1964. Inspector 3rd class 30/11/1967, 2nd class 8/6/1970 and 1st class 15/2/1972. During his service he was an Instructor at Bomana and OIC at Kerema, Sohano, Mt Hagen, Kundiawa, Western Highlands and Goroka. He attended overseas courses in 1966 and 1969. Appointed as Commissioner on 7/11/1977 he retired on 2/5/1979.

3/5/1979 – 17/2/1982



Sir Phillip Bouraga KBE

Born 30/9/1940, Philip Bou he was the son of Henao (Nee Aria) and Bouraga Taunakekei, of Kikori, Gulf Province. He was the first locally appointed Cadet Patrol Officer graduating in 1962. Appointed District Commissioner from 1974 and was later Secretary to the Prime Minister. Appointed Commissioner Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary 1979, resigning 17/2/1982. Later MP for the National Capital District. Awarded Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) 16/9/1975 (Independence List) for outstanding public service, Commander (CBE) 30/12/1978 and Knight Commander (KBE) 11/6/2005.

7/10/1992 – 18/4/1996



Henry Tokam CBE, QPM

Born Kainantu, Eastern Highlands 19/5/1948. Joined 10/6/1980. Appointed as Commissioner RPNGC 1/4/1982. Resigned 15/12/1983. Appointed Commissioner of the Corrective Service. Served as Commissioner again from 7/10/1992 to 18/4/1996. Later Secretary, Department of Simbu Provincial Government. Queens Police Medal (QPM) 16/6/1979, Commander of the order of the British Empire (CBE) 31/12/1991.



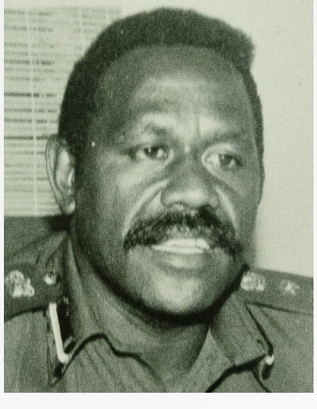


15/12/1983-1988

David Dorkou Tasion CBE, QPM

Born Pak Island, Manus on 22/4/1948. Attested into the Constabulary on 2/2/1968 as a direct entry Cadet Officer. Promoted Sub Inspector 27/5/1971, Inspector 3rd class 25/3/1974. Served Kieta and Hutjena as his initial postings. During his career he completed several advancement courses including a traditional Detective training course and explosives course at Bomana Police College. In 1973 and 1978 he attended the Commonwealth Police College in Canberra where he undertook the ASOPA and Canberra Officers Courses respectively. He has also completed a Management Course at the Australian Administrative Staff College at Mount Eliza in Victoria in 1982. Chief of Operations and Acting Deputy Commissioner from August 1981 until appointed as Commissioner on 15/12/1983. Previous postings included OIC CIB Mount Hagen and Boroko and Divisional Commander of 'A' Division of the National Capital District Division. Awarded Queens Police Medal (QPM) 13/6/1981. Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) 30/12/1985.

27/5/1988 – 15/3/1990



Paul Tohian QPM
(First Governor of New Ireland Province 1997 to 2002)

Born 2/7/1949. Appointed 31/1/1968. Promoted Superintendent 20/8/1979. Commissioner 27/5/1988 to 15/3/1990. Hew commanded the Bougainville Operations at the beginning of the crisis in 1987. First Governor of New Ireland Province in which capacity he served from 1997 to 2002. Awarded Queens Police Medal (QPM) 31/12/1985. Died Kavieng 3/5/2004.

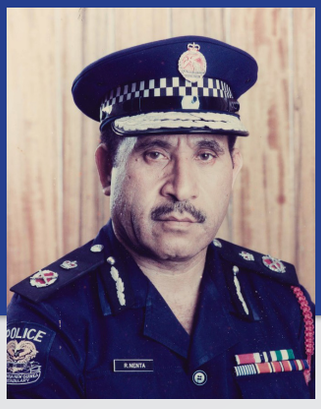
11/5/1990 – 7/10/1992

Chief Ila Geno GCL, OBE, QPM

Born Karawa village, Hood Lagoon, 1/4/1974. He attended London Missionary Society School in Karawa and Hood Lagoon Primary School at Keapara. He completed his secondary education at Sogeri Secondary School in 1967. Joined the Royal Papua New

Guinea Constabulary 3/2/1968 as a direct entry cadet. Appointed Sub Inspector he served at a number of posts including Goroka and Lae before gaining his detectives designation and being posted to Boroko. Completed a Diploma in Police Science at the University of Papua New Guinea in 1975. as a detective, rising to the level of Chief Superintendent, Director of Criminal Investigations. Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner of Police in 11/5/1990. He moved from the RPNGC on 7/10/1992 and was subsequently appointed Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Services Commission. Mr Geno was appointed an Ombudsman in December 1998 and assumed duties Chief Ombudsman on 1/1/2001 retiring on 20/6/2008. He was the founding Chairman of RPNGC Police Legacy and his interest in the welfare of Police Officers families has continued over many years through his current role as President of the Police Legacy Board. Recipient of the prestigious Anthony Siaguru Award by Transparency International PNG in December 2007, "in recognition for his outstanding leadership in fighting corruption". The award was established to honour individuals and organisations that have demonstrated exceptional courage and outstanding leadership in fighting corruption. Awarded Queens Police Medal (QPM) 1983, Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) 31/12/1985, Papua New Guinea Service Medal for Community Service 1989 and Grand Companion of the Order of the Logohu (GCL) 1/1/2012

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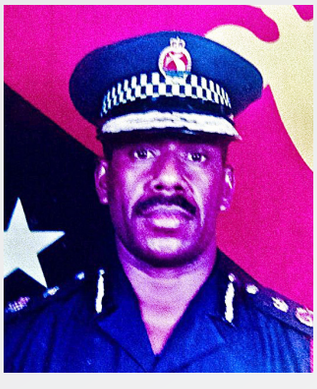


1997 – 1998

Robert Nenta OBE QPM

Born 1952, he joined the RPNGC on 27/1/1970. Promoted Superintendent 28/5/1980 he was appointed Commissioner of the RPNGC in 1997 in which position he remained for 14 months after which he was appointed as PNG High Commissioner for Singapore. Following this appointment he was made Director National Intelligence Organization in which position he served until retiring in 2012.

1998 – 1999



Peter Aigilo

Born in 1957 and joined the RPNGC on 8/1/1974. Promoted Inspector on 28/5/1980 he was a Chief Superintendent when he left the service to practice law. Recalled by the NEC he was appointed as Commissioner RPNGC in 1998. He was Commissioner during the Tsunami Disaster which struck between 24-28 July 1998 resulting in a National Emergency. Following his retirement he went into private business and still practices law at Lae.

20/07/1999 – 1/11/2001



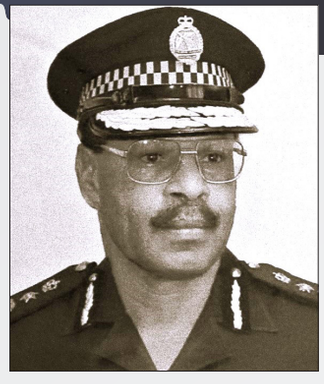
John Wakon QPM

Born 1958 he joined the RPNGC on 9/1/1975. Promoted Inspector 28/5/1980. He was Metropolitan Police Commander for Port Moresby and only Chief Superintendent when he was appointed as Commissioner on 20/7/1999, serving as such until 1/11/2001. Awarded Queens Police Medal (QPM) 31/12/1999.

01/11/2001 – 17/9/2002

Joseph Kupo QPM

Born 1954, he joined the RPNGC on 9/7/1974. Promoted Sub Inspector 16/6/1976. He was Metropolitan Superintendent at the time he was awarded the Queens Police Medal (QPM) on 11/6/1994.



Appointed Commissioner 1/11/2001 and serving until replaced on 17/9/2002. He later went into politics.

17/9/2002 – 2006

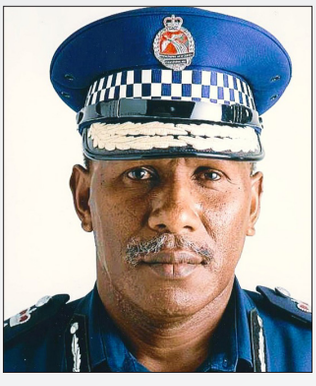


Samuel Inguba CBE, DPS, QPM

Born 1955 he joined the RPNGC on 29/1/1973. Promoted Inspector on 20/08/1979. He was Deputy Commissioner Operations when he was appointed as Commissioner on 17/9/2002. He served as Commissioner until September 2006. On 30/9/2005 he became the first ever recipient of the newly created Distinguished Police Service (DPS) medal, the medal being presented by HRH Princess Anne in Parliament.

Awarded Queens Police Medal (QPM) 1993 and Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) 2004. Later Secretary of Department of Police and Manager for Government Relations and Public Affairs. In September 2010, Mr. Inguba was appointed General Manager, Corporate Services for Petromin and he was involved in the coordination of the construction of the Petromin Haus Building in 2010.

2007 – 2011



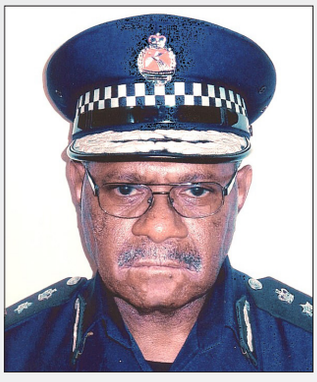
Gari Baki CBE, DPS, QPM, O.St.J

Born 1956, he joined the RPNGC on 26/5/1974. Promoted Sub Inspector on 16/6/1976. He was Deputy Police Commissioner when appointed as Commissioner on 17/12/2006. He remained as Commissioner until 11/11/2010. In 2013 he was appointed as Director-general of the National Intelligence Organisation. On 5/6/2015 he was again appointed as Commissioner. Awarded Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) 1991 and created Brother of the Order of St John (OstJ) 24/8/2004. Queens Police Medal (QPM) 2007 as Deputy Commissioner. He was promoted Officer (OBE) 12/6/2004 and Commander (CBE) 2011.

2011 – 2011

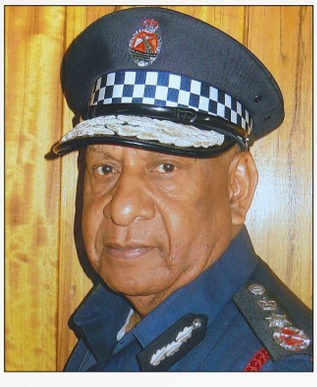
Anthony Wagambie, MBE, DPS, QPM.

Born 1952 and joined the RPNGC on 28/1/1970. Promoted Inspector 1/7/1976. He was Assistant Commissioner when appointed as Commissioner on 11/11/2010. He retired on 30/9/2011 and was



appointed as High Commissioner for Singapore on 15/1/2012. Awarded Queens Police Medal (QPM) 1990 and Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) 2009 also the Distinguished Police Service Medal (DPS).

2011 – 2014



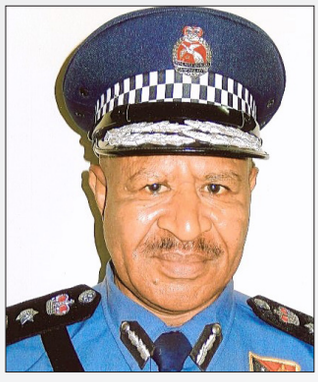
Kulunga Bt, OBE, DPS, QPM

Born 1952, he joined the RPNGC on 5/1/1971. Promoted Senior Inspector 28/5/1980. Appointed Commissioner 29/11/2011. Awarded Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) 2006, Distinguished Police Service medal (DPS) and Queens Police Medal (QPM) 1988 and created Knights Bachelor (Kt) in 2014.

2014 – 2015

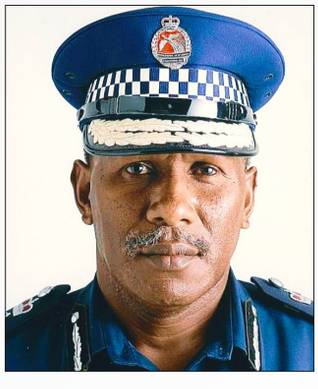
Geoffrey Vaki MBE, DPS, QPM

Born 1953 he joined the RPNGC on 21/3/1970. Promoted Inspector 21/7/1978. Service included Commander of NCD/ Central, Commander Southern Region, Highlands Divisional Commander, and Commander Special



Services Division (SSD). Deputy Commissioner Operations 2007 until 2009. Served as Commissioner RPNGC from 17/6/2014 to 7/5/2015. Awarded Queens Police Medal (QPM) 2002, Distinguished Police Service medal (DPS) and Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) 1989.

5/6/2015 – 2019



Gari Baki CBE, DPS, QPM, O.St.J

Born 1956, he joined the RPNGC on 26/5/1974. Promoted Sub Inspector on 16/6/1976. He was Deputy Police Commissioner when appointed as Commissioner on 17/12/2006. He remained as Commissioner until 11/11/2010. In 2013 he was appointed as Director-general of the National Intelligence Organisation. On 5/6/2015 he was again appointed as Commissioner. Awarded Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) 1991 and created Brother of the Order of St John (OstJ) 24/8/2004. Queens Police Medal (QPM) 2007 as Deputy Commissioner. He was promoted Officer (OBE) 12/6/2004 and Commander (CBE) 2011.

VISION

To be a professional and trusted community in partnership



VALUES

ACCOUNTABILITY

We acknowledge that the RPNGC is a public service delivering organization with funding support from the national government and other partners' support. We will maintain accountability to our stakeholders within the organization, donor partners, the community, and the national government.

COMMITMENT

We are loyal to our police service, our communities and our country. We are diligent in the performance and carriage of our duties. We are resilient and steadfast in facing the challenges of policing in PNG.

CUSTOMER FOCUS

We are an organisation charged with the responsibility of delivering policing services. We do this with a focus on meeting the needs and expectations of all our stakeholders.

FAIRNESS

We acknowledge that there are people of various ethnical backgrounds, professions, and abilities and disabilities within the organisations and communities. We will treat everyone equally with due considerations and diligence without fear, favour, malice or ill-will.

MISSION

Securing a safer community in partnership

INTEGRITY

Integrity is at the heart of policing. It is central to winning and maintaining community confidence and support for the vital work that the RPNGC has to do for and on behalf of the government and the community.

PROFESSIONALISM

We strive to be highly professional in earning the trust and respect of our colleagues, partner organisations and communities by being honest, disciplined and accountable.

RESPONSIBILITY

The RPNGC will take full responsibility for the conduct of its staff in their conduct of delivering Policing Services in communities across the country.

TEAMWORK

We acknowledge and value that collective efforts achieve more. We support and cooperate in our service to our communities.

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