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THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY for Pacific island Affairs, Duncan Kerr SC MP, has accepted an invitation to be the guest speaker at this year’s PNGAA Christmas luncheon on Sunday 7 December. “I look forward to this very much,” Mr Kerr said. “Australia and PNG are bound together by a strong sense of shared history, and the PNG Association of Australia makes a really valuable contribution towards maintaining the people-to-people links that are so critical to the continued dynamism of our relations.”

MR KERR WILL talk about the significant changes that have occurred in Australia-PNG relationships recently under the Federal Labor Government, his observations on where the partnership is heading and his views on the role of civil organisations like the PNGAA in assisting to maintain and enhance such relationships. A booking form for the lunch, which is the highlight of the PNGAA’s social activities each year, will be included in the next issue of the Association’s journal Una Voce, to be disseminated late September.

AN IMPORTANT PIECE of housekeeping on which I need your views. In 2002 I set up the asopa.com.au website as the first ASOPA internet presence. Then, in early 2006, ASOPA PEOPLE was established, since when it has taken over all the functions and all of the important content of the website. ASOPA PEOPLE is now the main vehicle for maintaining an ASOPA internet presence. It’s now time for a decision to be made on whether I continue the old website or not. Money has to be paid and paperwork completed. My inclination, unless persuaded otherwise, is to let go of the original asopa.com.au site. You can email your views to me. I shall take silence as mute assent that the collection is going to Steel City.

KEITH & BARBARA BAIN have now both officially retired, although Barbara works nearly as hard as ever. While she’s stopped seeing patients, she does a lot of teaching, writing and lecturing. Keith has nearly finished working on what he claims will be his last economics book. “I shall be very pleased to stop,” he says. “Barbara [a leading expert on haematology] gets lots of invitations to speak in many countries and so we have continued to travel. Her teaching commitments at Imperial College restrict holidays to a few weeks at a time. Consequently, we haven't seemed to have time to travel within Australia.”

PROF AB WESTON has died in London at the age of 86. Prof Weston was Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Papua New Guinea from 1970-74 and was responsible for changing its direction and diversifying its scholastic mix by hiring academics from a diverse range of countries including Australia, the US, England, Nigeria, Poland, Canada, Tanzania and Guyana. Prior to joining the law faculty at UPNG, Prof Weston had been the first Dean of Law in Tanzania. He was also President of the Australasian Universities Law Schools Association in 1972-73, a matter of personal distinction and a great honour so early in the history of UPNG. On a personal note, Prof Weston was a member of the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta in the 1960s and, as such, a contemporary of my father-in-law Prof Henry Lowig, who was Professor of Mathematics there.

FRIDAY 1 AUGUST happens to be Swiss National Day and the members of the closely bonded 2007 Brisbane Reunion Team will be celebrating this occasion at the Bow Thai Restaurant, which hosted the reunion’s farewell function. Our man at the dinner table, Colin F Huggins reports: “I have just returned from a visitation to the Bow Thai. Miss Nuk is looking radiant. Business has improved immeasurably since the write up in the Sunday Mail. I did not see Mrs Bow Thai (Mrs Peng), but Nuk informed me that her mother is in excellent spirits. Do you the William Tell Overture be played during our meal?” ASOPA types who wish to participate in this event at the Bow Thai (6pm - 6.30pm) should email Colin immediately on Colin.Huggins@brisbane.qld.gov.au

FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION of Rebecca Hopper, Harriet Troy has been appointed to the national committee of the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia and has taken up the position of chair of the Fellowship & Caring Sub-Committee which, among other things, organises the Association’s six-monthly luncheons.

This newsletter is published for people who at any time have lived in or loved Papua New Guinea. Send news, anecdotes, opinion and thoughts to Keith Jackson at PO Box 1743, Neutral Bay 2089 Australia or email kevlon@bigpond.net.au

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PNGAA looks at federal structure

The Papua New Guinea Association is about to embark on the biggest overhaul of its constitution since it was founded 58 years ago. A national committee meeting in Sydney has appointed a four-person planning group chaired by veteran PNGAA identity Ross Johnson to review the objectives and shape of the 1,700 member organisation.

Central to the review is a desire to provide a more effective national structure for the PNGAA giving it the capacity to adequately represent and deliver services to members throughout Australia. The planners have been asked to propose recommendations to establish State and Territory branches and to define how the relationship between national and State bodies will work.

In terms of control and management, the PNGAA has been a Sydney-centric organisation since its inception and, while this seems to have been effective in the past, it is not necessarily suitable for an Association with an ageing membership. There is a need for new, younger members: people including people who have an interest in Australia’s relationships with our closest neighbour but who have never worked in PNG.

The planners will also look at updating the objectives of the Association to include aims not envisaged by the original drafters of the constitution, including publishing, advocacy and philanthropy. They will also look at how the PNGAA can identify new revenue sources to provide opportunities to support projects in PNG, offer scholarships and underwrite exchange schemes involving young Australians and young Papua New Guineans.

The September issues of Una Voce and The Mail will be seeking the views of PNGAA members on the changes before they go to a special general meeting for adoption. It is intended that the changes will be effected by mid 2009.

Are we doing it right in PNG?

Until the end of this year, Ms Charlotte Smith is first secretary (and AusAID head) at the Australian High Commission in Port Moresby. Ms Smith told the PNG National she will leave PNG content with her two-year stay in the country.

But Ms Smith also made an unusual admission. She said she still had much to learn about PNG, its people and culture. During her two-year stay, “people had taught her a lot but she still knew very little and there was so much to learn.”

So what did Ms Smith learn? “As I have gone around listening … I have heard about the strong potential for communities to develop local solutions to local problems.”

She had also heard that the disconnection between people and Government could be overcome through partnerships where there was mutual respect and a common goal. “People at local level hope they can deal with important issues like eliminating family violence and promoting peace.”

AusAID has been developing a new program in PNG, Strongim Pipol Kirapim Niesen [Supporting People to Build the Nation’], to start early next year. The project will involve AusAID “working with all the participating organisations and with the Department of Community Development and their strategies and [developing an] appropriate planning and reporting format and [assisting] organisations … develop and implement longer-term solutions.”

Thirty-three years after Independence, it doesn’t really seem quite enough. And, while accepting that Ms Smith was being self-effacing, shouldn’t our senior diplomats be able to do better than an admission of “knowing very little” about critical factors such as culture that comprise the very underpinnings of effective development assistance?

Kerr to meet with PNG Association

On behalf of the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia, I’ll be meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs, Duncan Kerr, and the PNG High Commissioner to Australia, Charles Lepani, in August.

The meetings will discuss the Australia-PNG relationship and, in particular, how the Association and its 1700 members may best be able to assist this relationship at a civil level.

We will also discuss a number of PNGAA initiatives previously put to government - including the School of the Pacific (‘new ASOPA’) proposal, an exchange scheme between Australian and PNG public servants, a donation of The Blatchford Collection (‘Documents on the Development of the PNG Educational System’) to PNG, seasonal work in Australia for PNG labour and the PNGAA’s request for the government to fund the search for the Montevideo Maru.

If there are other issues that readers believe should be discussed, email me at kjackson@jacksonwells.com.au.

New look at Trobriands administration

Andy Connelly has just completed an MA at California State University with a thesis entitled Counting Coconuts: Patrol Reports from the Trobriand Islands. He’s been accepted into a PhD program in the Research School of Pacific Studies at ANU, where, in October, he starts a doctoral paper on Australian colonial administration in the Trobriands.

This will include looking at how Trobrianders remember the period of Australian control and how they have represented and refashioned these recollections to suit their lives.

According to Andy, the online communities of PNGAA, ASOPA and Ex-Kiap.net will be pivotal in this pursuit.
Noosa deal for readers

Keith Jackson

Ingrid and I own a pleasant waterfront apartment at the laid back Sun Lagoon Resort in Noosa. It occurred to me, on a recent visit, that I might be able to strike a deal with resort manager Joanne Eeles to get a special discount for readers who may wish to take a holiday at the resort. Joanne readily agreed - and also offered a discount for readers of *The Mail* to better those available from any other source.

Sun Lagoon will discount listed room rates by 15% for readers who book using the code ‘PNG PEOPLE’. This initial offer extends until Friday 19 September and there will be a second offer from Monday 6 October to Friday 12 December.

Sun Lagoon is located on Noosa Sound, a 12-mt walk or 2-mlt bus ride from the famous Hastings Street and, to the west, the riverfront restaurants and boat hire concessions of Gympie Terrace. The Noosa Sound precinct has restaurants, bars, a general store, a hairdresser, a fish ‘n’ chip shop, bottle shop and, if you get really keen, a real estate agent. All this a minute’s walk from Sun Lagoon, which itself is fully equipped with heated pool, barbecue and tennis court as well as boat, canoe, kayak and bike hire. Me – I like to walk.

You can get more information from the Sun Lagoon website at [www.noosasunlagoon.com](http://www.noosasunlagoon.com) or by phoning Joanne toll free on 1300 888 202.

High achievers in PNGAA’s new recruits

The PNG Association signed 28 new members in May and June as a resurgence of interest in PNG affairs among former residents of PNG continues. The bulk of these people were from NSW (13) and Queensland (8). Former teachers (10) were the predominant vocational group.

The new members included a number of people born in PNG. Noteworthy amongst these was Peter Healey from Blaxland, NSW, who was the first white baby born in Kundiawa back in 1956. They also include Richard Gault, now 85, who arrived in PNG in 1946 on the first civilian ship after World War II, the *Reynella*, and had an exotic life trading crocodile skins, trochus shell and scrap before running a plantation in the lower Warangoi (Gazelle) for 20 years.

The PNGAA also benefits from former expatriates who moved to significant careers after they left PNG: Murray Bladwell became a Ministerial adviser in Queensland; Ed Brumby still in harness as GM International Relationships with the Australia and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance; Don Cairns, Australia’s former Consul-General in Mumbai; Dr Chris Owner, director of clinical sciences at the US Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Virginia; and Barry Kneen, former chief licensing commissioner in NSW.

Another new member was the key organiser of the highly successful PNG chalkies reunion in Brisbane, Colin Huggins. If you haven’t joined the Association yet, you can do so for $20. It’s the only way you can get your quarterly copy of the must-have journal *Una Voce*. Visit [www.pngaa.net](http://www.pngaa.net) and complete the web-based membership form.

Helen Rousseau: 1936-2008

Ken McGregor

Helen Rousseau was a linguist and a luncher: the first Australian woman to be awarded a Japanese government scholarship to study in Japan after World War II and the manager of what is perhaps Sydney’s longest-running luncheon club.

Rousseau, who has died at 72 after fighting breast cancer for five years, was born in Waverley. She topped the NSW Leaving Certificate in Latin and French and went on to graduate from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts.

After winning her Japanese government scholarship, she studied at Tokyo and Kyoto universities. On her return to Australia, she became public relations officer for the Japanese consulate in Sydney and began teaching Japanese, an occupation she was to later reignite. She co-wrote a book on the geography of Japan.

On a holiday to New Caledonia, she met Gerald Rousseau, a building contractor, accountant and member of the local parliamentary assembly. They married in Sydney in 1965, before going to live in the French colony. From Noumea, Helen became a lively print media correspondent for *The Australian Financial Review*, *The Bulletin* and *Pacific Islands Monthly*.

Returning to Australia, Helen taught Japanese; promoted the Sydney Opera House, heritage houses and the wine industry; and with Gerald, managed the PIM Lunch. Begun in 1965 by Stuart Inder, then editor of PIM - and today still an occasional patron - this lunch has used a dozen city venues. Most recently the club has met in a separate room adjacent to one of Sydney’s restaurant ‘secrets’, the Law Society’s hideaway eatery in Phillip Street.

Rousseau nurtured a wide range of luncheon followers, from island traders and plantation eccentrics to bureaucrats and other government officials, politicians, media, and food and wine buffs.

Gough at 92 - and still a mind to reckon with

Keith Jackson

They’ve got me into an argument or two in the past, but my views on the Whitlam Government (1972-75) and on Gough Whitlam himself have remained pretty constant down the years. While his government included the usual quota of incompetents, it wasn’t nearly as bad as popular myth has it, being responsible for some great and lasting reforms that continue to benefit Australians 35 years on.

The Trade Practices Act, a national health care system, the vote for 18 year olds, free university education, sewage to neglected parts of our cities, an end to adversarial divorce laws, public funding for non-government schools – all Whitlam government initiatives. And, of course, in this context, it was under Whitlam’s administration that PNG became independent in September 1975.

The debate continues about whether he got the timing right or not. For my part, I have no doubt he did. And on the occasion of the
great man’s 92nd birthday in early July, I once again had the pleasure of speaking with him about PNG, his visits there and his role in its independence. It’s a subject Gough is always willing to expatiate upon with relish.

Gough is now a very old man, wheelchair-bound and experiencing ill health, but his mind and recall are as sharp as pins – and his famed wit, that got him into so much trouble when he was prime minister – remains as acute as ever. “It’s a sign of the times that Australia now has a Mandarin-speaking Prime Minister”, he said. “In the US, they’re looking forward to having an English-speaking President.”

Air Niugini cheap Moresby flights

Air Niugini is offering discounted one-way fares to Port Moresby from Sydney ($523), Brisbane ($336) and Cairns ($273). The special fares, including taxes and surcharges, will stay in force until the end of the year. The airline operates daily flights from Brisbane and Cairns and twice weekly flights from Sydney.

Meanwhile, reports from Port Moresby suggest that a major Australian airline, possibly Virgin Blue, will be flying to PNG maybe as early as September.

Them’s the surfing breaks in New Ireland

Richard Jones

Surfers from around the globe are always searching for the newest untouched spot of ocean to indulge their passion. Newcastle-based brothers Kirk and Brett Owers found their paradise in the unlikely setting of Nusa, in the New Ireland Province, after being alerted to PNG’s only dedicated surf camp by Ian ‘Smiley’ Osborne.

Osborne had surfed in PNG’s remotest corners in the 1970s. Recently he returned with a dozen surfing mates to Nusa, a small, sand-fringed island off the coast of New Ireland. The Owers, Osborne and the others found seven good reef breaks within easy reach of the retreat, and with more surf options a short drive away.

Kirk Owers says surfers are somewhat obsessive. “We tend to holiday away from a renowned surf coast only under duress. PNG certainly qualifies as a surf trip, but it’s an enigmatic one,” he writes. “PNG tends to attract older surfers because the waves are less challenging and less crowded than in nearby Indonesia. There’s no need to compete for waves, so cordiality, rather than antagonism, develops. It’s a good vibe as they used to say.”

The PNG Surf Association has minimized surf overcrowding with a surf management plan. Each of the nation’s reef zones has been designated a maximum quota of visiting surfers who must pay a daily fee of $A10. The money goes towards community projects and local surf clubs. The president of the PNG Surf Association, Andrew Abel, says he developed the system after seeing how local people in some countries were “bystanders in their own land”, unable to benefit from surf tourism.

After flying from Moresby, the Aussies are met at Kavieng airport by a driver who ferries them across a narrow channel to their island. Local tour operator and head of the Kavieng Surf Club, Luke James, takes The Owers boys in a squeaky SUV to a beach simply called ‘Ribs’ after a guy who broke his there.

“Ribs packs a punch. We surf for an hour then late in the afternoon we have a second surf in front of Kavieng High School. The waves break quickly across a dangerously shallow reef ledge and barrels for just five or six metres before running aground. It’s not a great wave, but it’s exciting. Brett and I push each other into bigger and more dangerous waves — hooting and hollering. Brett paddles around grinning: “Look at this? How about this! Papua New Guinea!”

Oh, and the accommodation at the Nusa Island Retreat consists of traditional island-style bungalows which are fan-cooled and sleep up to six. There are also over-the-water bungalows with en suites plus a large, two-storey bungalow.

Lord’s Prayer - Tok Pisin version

Most of our readers will have encountered this before, but perhaps not for a very long time. It’s worth recording in The Mail.

Papa bilong mipela
Yu stap long heven.
Nem bilong yu i mas i stap holi.
Kingdom bilong yu i mas i kan.
Strongim mipela long bihainim laik bilong yu long graun.
Olsen ol i bihainim long heven.
Givim mipela kaikai inap long tude.
Pogivim rong bilong mipela.
Olsen ol sema i pogivim ol arapela i mekin rong long mipela.
Sambai long mipela long taim bilong traini.
Na rausim olgeta samting nogat long mipela.
Kingdom na strong na glori, em i bilong yu tasol oltain oltain.
Tru.

Media training package is quite a hit

Keith Jackson

I’ve remarked previously in The Mail about an interactive training package for media professionals produced last year by three ex PNG broadcasters and a former human resources guru from ASOPA’s successor organisation, the International Training Institute. My Media Trainer it’s called.

Well My Media Trainer has, as they say in marketing and aviation, taken off. Assoc Prof Martin Hadlow from the University of Queensland (who together with Ingrid Jackson, Phil Charley and me produced the CD-ROM) reports: “I was at UNESCO headquarters in Paris last month and they have for more copies of My Media Trainer for distribution through UNESCO offices worldwide. I expect to have a minimum of 2,000 copies reproduced - hopefully as many as 5,000 – in addition to the initial run of 2,000.”

No big bucks in this, I’m afraid. The University gave us a nice honorarium but we undertook the project mainly for love. Great to know that our work seems to have gone down well and is meeting a need for media training in developing countries.
PNG education: the 1959 enlightenment

Geoffrey Roscoe

As a newcomer to the field of native education, I learnt to share Mr Grove’s views. I felt that a place should be kept in native education for the use of the vernacular, and that the people’s old ways of life should not be completely broken down. To some extent I shared Mr Grove’s vision of the Papua and New Guinea of the future, consisting of happy communities of peasants reasonably enlightened and living in modest comfort; but without the complications and frustrations and material paraphernalia of modern civilization. Experience has shown that this pleasant dream is unlikely to come true….

I was appointed Director of Education on September 1st 1958, and two weeks later the Minister [Paul Hasluck] discussed educational policy with me. I outlined a plan, already discussed with the Administrator [Donald Cleland], for Universal Primary Education and Universal Literacy in English. This was accepted in principle by the Minister. Later, it was worked out in detail and received his approval in January 1959…

Our main trouble at the present time is that very few make teachers in Australia are applying for appointment to the Territory service. We can actually recruit young women to the limit of the quota allowed in the Estimates, but what we need most of all are single young men who are qualified teachers and have the spirit of pioneers. A proposal is at present under consideration for the extension of our recruiting campaign to overseas countries….

Local Government Council areas are prepared to devote a considerable proportion of their revenue from local taxes to the construction of permanent school buildings. In fact they are doing his to such an extent that the Department is embarrassed because we cannot provide them with trained native teachers. The Department plans an emergency programme of teacher-training in 1960 to provide the maximum possible number of “A” certificated teachers to staff such schools.


Musings of a District Commissioner

Harry West

I was discharged from the army in Lae in March 1946 and was soon back in the highlands where Medical Assistant Gray Hartley and myself under Assistant District Officer Jack Costelloe looked after the whole of what is now the Chimbu Province. Most of it was classified uncontrolled and tribal fighting was rampant.

Then came two and a half years at ASOFPA in Sydney followed by a culture shock posting to Telefomin to take over from Des Clifton-Bassett, who had opened the remote post at the head of the Sepik a year or so earlier. He was evacuated with scrub typhus and Bobby Gibbes flew in the legendary Dr John McInerney just in time to save Clifton-Bassett’s life. Dennis Buchanan, as an 18 year old lad, loaded the Gibbes Sepik Airways plane that took him to Telefomin. He went on to develop Territory Airlines and later Flight West in Queensland.

So difficult were flying conditions to Telefomin from Wewak it was costing 24 shillings to fly in one pound weight of rice. The aircraft had no radio and there were numerous aborted flights. Patrols were long and tough without portable radios, airdrops or helicopters.

I was on the first contact patrol to the Oksapmin people, through the rugged limestone pinnacles at 12,000 feet from Telefomin. My final long Telefomin patrol took many days and reached the headwaters of the May River where, almost by miracle, we rescued an abducted Telefomin girl and persuaded Miamkaling, the headman of the feared Miammin people, to accompany us back to Telefomin.

[In the late sixties the Mataungan Association emerged in the Gazelle Peninsula.]. The Tolais wanted to handle their own affairs. With more than 100 years of white domination, it was evident they had gained little and lost a lot. Many of them were landless through the virtual stealing of vast areas of land by the Germans, which had not been rectified, and pressures were rising through the demands of cash cropping as well as subsistence farming and rapid population growth, related to excellent medical services.

Having lost their land, economically they saw the central government’s move towards multi-racial councils as strangling them politically and socially. There was drama. Police strength was built up in Rabaul to 1,000 – one-third of the Territory’s total force. The Tolais were divided amongst themselves about 50-50 pro and anti multi-racial council, but everywhere was the overwhelming desire to handle their own affairs.

The Administration tried all sorts of approaches and brought in many local and overseas experts. When the well-respected Papuan Oala Oala Rarua arrived, his mission was misunderstood and eminent Tolai leader Nason Tokiala came to me in great secrecy and said: ‘Mr West, watch gud long dispela Oala Oala Rarua. Im i spi bilong Dr Gunther’ [‘Watch him, he’s (Assistant Administrator) Gunther’s spy’].
Letters

Dick Kelaart

I’m writing you in regard to my friend, Denver Edward (Dick) Kelaart who passed away in September 1992. I heard stories that he was a Sepik pilot during his days in PNG and that he also owned a pub years and years ago. Would you be able to direct me where to get more information please?
aagcaoili@optus.com.au

Keravat High School

Barbara Short

I was a teacher in PNG from 1971-83 and at the moment I’m trying to write a book on the history of Keravat High School. I’m a bit housebound at the moment as I’m recovering from an operation.

I was wondering if there is anything good on Keravat online. I’m interested in the period 1947-60. John Cleverley is assisting me. Many former teachers and pupils are helping but a lot of memories are weak! Any suggestions appreciated.
cbshort@bigpond.com

Royal visit to Kieta

Assoc Prof Martin Hadlow
University of Queensland

Thank you so much for sending me the DVD of Super-8 footage taken by Charles Betteridge in Kieta in February 1974. It’s historically extremely valuable material, especially as much archival documentation from Bougainville went missing during the recent conflict. Radio Bougainville’s entire tape library of stories and music built up over so many years was destroyed after the radio station in Kieta was razed by fire. Tragic.

There must be a lot of historical material (photographs, Super-8 film, letters, newspapers, audio-tapes etc) still in the hands of former PNG folk. No doubt most of it in dusty cupboards or at the bottom of trunks in garages. I have such material, stored in less than ideal conditions. It worries me that, once we pass on, our relatives might not realise its value and toss the stuff into the garbage. Sadly, an all too common problem.

Your ASOPA/PNGAA website is an excellent way of saving memories and documents. I wonder if the Association might see value in a coordinated and structured approach to gathering and archiving the personal holdings of PNG veterans? Maybe a ‘Painim Olgeta Samting’ campaign might turn up important PNG materials.

The aim would be to ensure that Australian and PNG scholars could, in the future, access the collection, thus increasing their knowledge of ‘taim bifo’ and the colonial period of the country’s history. One can’t help but think that the old ASOPA building at Middle Head would make a great repository and research centre.

Riley Warren AM, Chair of the PNGAA History & Scholarship Sub-Committee, is working on just such a project. Ed.
**Readers’ special offer**

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**Friends of Rambutso**

Friends of Rambutso (FOR) is a small, energetic organisation set up to raise funds to assist the villagers of Rambutso Island in Manus through community based health, education and conservation initiatives.

At present FOR is raising funds for the shipment of six pallets of schoolbooks to Rambutso, solar lighting for 12 community study halls and 24 community water tanks. It’s one of those projects that, in a very practical way, builds close relationships between Australia and PNG.

[www.friendsoframbutso.com](http://www.friendsoframbutso.com)

**PNG as it always was**

Aurora Cruises has just signed a 3-month promotional package with the PNG Association, so you’ll be hearing more about the company in Una Voce, on the PNGAA website, on ASOPA PEOPLE and in The Mail.

This is the start of what is a major effort to offer a range of PNG-related communications channels to advertisers.

Proceeds will go to assisting projects to benefit the people of PNG.


And, should you book a trip with the line, please mention the PNGAA, ASOPA PEOPLE and, of course, The Mail.

**Oli bin mekim wok**

Jim Moore
Kiap, 1965-74

Are you proud of your PNG service and want to tell the world? Do you want a memento that will be truly unique? Do you want to raise some money for a worthy PNG cause? Well you can buy a tee-shirt that does all this.

Jim Moore is printing quality tee-shirts with this text on the front:

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OLSEM LONG PAPUA NEW GUINEA
KIAP
TISA
POLIS MASTA
LIKLIK DOFTA
DIDIMAN
PUBLIK WOKS MASTA

YU OLSEM WANEM?

Underneath the text are the PNG and Australian flags in full colour. The wearer uses a permanent marker to tick what their occupation was, or writes it in if it’s not there.

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