

PNG LNG TIMES



PNG LNG scholarship program



(Left) EMPNG Community Development Support Manager, Sisa Kini with recipients of the 2017 PNG LNG scholarship awards and Kaye Eldridge and Suzanne Edgecombe of Australia Awards (right). Loa Lohia and Veronica Angine pictured standing third from left and respectively.



Loa Lohia and Veronica Angine pictured insert.

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Loa Lohia from Porebada village near the PNG LNG Plant site completed grade 12 in 2010 and successfully secured a place in one of Papua New Guinea’s universities to continue her education. Due to lack of funds, she was unable to continue her studies and instead found a job as a house keeper for a local company contracted to the PNG LNG plant. In 2016, after being out of school for almost six years, Loa heard about the Australia Awards PNG LNG Scholarship program and felt this was her opportunity to complete her education. Hailing from Hela Province, Veronica Angine completed grade 12 in 2015. Like Loa, Veronica couldn’t further her education due to lack of funds. She also heard about the scholarship program and

applied. This year, both Loa and Veronica are among 15 other young people from within the PNG LNG project areas who have successfully secured themselves an Australia Awards PNG LNG Scholarship to study Certificate in Community Health Work at Rumginae, St Gerard’s or Raihu Community Health Work Training Schools. Funded by PNG LNG and implemented in partnership with the Australian Government the scholarship program was first piloted in 2016, with seven scholarships awarded to students from the project area for similar studies in community health. ExxonMobil PNG’s Community Development Support Manager Sisa Kini said. “It is our hope that over time our investment in youth today

is laying the foundation for a competent, capable and professional Papua New Guinea workforce, one that supports all industry sectors, and contributes to the growth and development of their communities and this country.” The Australian High Commission’s Counsellor (Education) Ms Suzanne Edgecombe described the partnership as an excellent example of the private and public sector coming together to enhance economic and social progress. “Through the EMPNG-DFAT partnership, PNG citizens will gain skills to provide essential health services to their communities. The 15 awardees for 2017 have already commenced studies at their respective training schools.



Managing Director, ExxonMobil PNG Andrew Barry

Hello olgeta, The year has only begun but we’ve sprinted past the first quarter. As with every year we start by redoubling our focus on safety. In this issue we talk about how our commitment

to safety means being vigilant and responsible for each other’s welfare every hour of every day to ensure that nobody gets hurt on the job. The ongoing development of our workforce, suppliers and

communities is one of the most important aspects of our business in Papua New Guinea. Also in this edition we feature a number of initiatives and programs that together show the range of benefits and

positive influences our people, operations and development programs are having on the community as a whole. I hope you enjoy reading!

Livelihoods improvement program bringing change to communities



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(Top): Women from the 3 Ways group preparing harvested fruits and vegetables from the new garden, Shirley Tombenna is pictured top right.

(Bottom): Men attired in their traditional costumes during the CLIP training day at 3 Ways junction to show support to their spouses.



It was on a typical bright Friday morning early this year when a group of men, fully dressed in their traditional Huli attire walked into a training area belonging to the 3 Ways Women's Group near the 3 Ways junction, the road that leads to Hides and Komo from Nogoli in Hela province. "It was Friday so I thought maybe an important occasion was happening, maybe an intending candidate for the upcoming 2017 general elections was about to be welcomed into the community," recalls Shirley Tombenna, a Community Livelihood Improvement Program (CLIP) officer working with the Australian National University Enterprise (ANUE), with support from PNG LNG operator ExxonMobil PNG. In November 2016, next to the 3 Ways junction, a big piece of land was marked into flat beds and a new farming technique was introduced by Shirley and her CLIP team, with varieties of crops planted ranging from sweet potatoes, corn, peanut,

soybean, pumpkin, cassava, choko, carrot, beans and other local vegetables. When Shirley and the CLIP team returned in February 2017 to deliver the next phase of training on nutrition, they were delighted to see the vegetables had thrived under the management of the 3 Ways Women's group and were ready for harvesting. So on that Friday, to the surprise of the CLIP team and the 3 Ways Women's group, the men kept on walking towards the small area where they were preparing food for the training. They were husbands of the women in the group and the rest were young men in the community who dressed up in their Huli traditional attire to show their appreciation and to thank the CLIP team for what they were doing to positively transform their families and communities.

"I was filled with tears and was speechless for a while," says the group's leader, Mary Wapu, who reiterated that the men had never ever done such

a thing and this was a game changer.

"We couldn't do anything else to show our appreciation so we decided to dress way, without informing our partners, to show them and ExxonMobil PNG that we, men, want to work side by side with our women to support the CLIP program," said Aipe Ako, a community leader in the greater Hides area. In Huli, men dress up in their traditional attire only during special occasions because men attain the right to dress up in traditional attire only after going through the passage of men's initiation rituals when they camp out for some time in seclusion and go through inconspicuous rites well away from the public eye. Owen Hughes, the CLIP Project Manager said of all the training they have done in PNG LNG project areas, this was truly a first and is a very special way of opening the CLIP training program for 2017. "The men were with us all throughout the training session and took part in the activities

with the women which is a shift in paradigm," said Mr Owen. The normal cooking demonstration was turned into a feast on that day with the first harvest of food and vegetables from the nutrition garden and demonstration plots with chicken brought in by the women.

"It was a proud day to remember and I will always cherish this forever because I felt that we had reached a milestone, and that is changing the mindsets of Huli men," says Shirley.

CLIP started in August 2015 and is a partnership between ExxonMobil PNG and the ANU Enterprise (ANUE), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Australian National University. The CLIP team has been

working with local communities to promote the importance of planting a variety of crops to produce surplus as part of their food security planning. Women, men and youth involved in this project have also been taught how to use crops they plant such as cassava, sweet potato and banana to bake cakes. Setting up simple poultry and duck farming facilities in their local community is another small enterprise which participants are involved to earn income for their families. The 3 Ways community group is the latest of 19 groups to participate in CLIP within PNG LNG project areas in Hela and Southern Highlands. It consists of 86 members and is the largest group in Hides by far.





Workforce commended for embracing safety culture

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ExxonMobil's workforce in PNG has established a reputation for outstanding safety performance since PNG LNG began production almost three years ago. This is due to their commitment to making safety a priority and looking out for each other at work. To kick start the new business year, ExxonMobil PNG Managing Director Andrew Barry visited all PNG LNG sites and thanked everyone for being vigilant in doing their work safely last year and stay focused for 2017.

"We've established a reputation for good safety performance. Your efforts in 2016 has resulted in our projects organisation being selected as a recipient of the ExxonMobil President's 2016 SSH&E Award, this is an outstanding achievement," Andrew said.

"Not only was 2016 a great year but since July 2013 we have not had anyone who has had to take time off as the result of an injury at work. You are all the reason for this and you should be very proud."

Staff were reminded to not lose focus and continue to take responsibility and actively care for themselves and their team mates.

They were encouraged to take action and intervene if they saw that a task was not safe or secure, and to hold themselves and others accountable to stop work if needed.

Managing major risks and mitigations are critical to achieving zero hurts. Staff were challenged to fully commit to preventing actual or potential events that could

result in a life altering injury or fatality.

They were urged to familiarize themselves with their site's major risks and key mitigations that protected them.

"If a job involves a life saving action, attention must be laser focused because erosion of safety standards is not acceptable," Andrew stressed. Staff were also reminded to learn from the past lesson, reflect on why serious incidents occurred and identify ways to prevent them to ensure they never occurred again.

PNG LNG announces addition to gas resources



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The PNG LNG joint venture, has added 2.3 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) to the existing PNG LNG project fields' resource base following an independent review by Netherland Sewell Associates Inc. The recertification study, which

included all PNG LNG fields, found that the most likely technically recoverable resource is 11.5 Tcf, a 25 percent increase beyond the earlier 9.2 Tcf assessment. "The independent review highlights the exceptional

quality of the PNG LNG project resources and the significant increase in resource provides the potential for additional mid or long-term sales," said Andrew Barry, ExxonMobil PNG managing director. The people of Papua New

Guinea will continue to benefit from the PNG LNG project for many years to come.

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LNG resource value and provide long-term, sustainable benefits to the people of Papua New Guinea," Barry said.

Clinics receive medical items



(Left) PNG LNG Community Affairs Lead Marilyn Wingi and her team presenting a box of medical supplies to Boera Health Extension Officer Muka Sana.

ExxonMobil PNG on behalf of PNG LNG, has recently donated medical items to community clinics near the LNG Plant site, helping them to maintain essential health services to the villages of Papa, Boera and Porebada. Items donated were syringes, IV giving sets, urine bags, triangular bandages and a synthetic cast stockinet.

These items will help in patient care with medication, injections, collection of blood and management of injuries at the health facilities in the three communities. Representatives of the clinics thanked EMPNG for recognising their needs. "Getting medical stock on time is often a challenge for us and this assistance from EMPNG

will certainly help our community," said Morgan Viama, a community health worker from Porebada village. "We are pleased to support our local health care clinics by providing important medical supplies to help them serve their communities," said the LNG Plant Senior Field Superintendent, Al Sandoval.

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New desks for schools near the plant site

Students from five schools in the PNG LNG plant site area were happy recipients of new desks and chairs to start the 2017 academic year.

A total of 500 desks and chairs were donated by ExxonMobil PNG, operator of the PNG LNG project to Porebada, Boera, Papa and Lealea Primary Schools and Redscar High School with each receiving 100 chairs and desks.

"The future growth of the country lies in providing today's children with a good education and having well equipped schools helps to provide a conducive learning environment," said ExxonMobil PNG's LNG plant site Superintendent Al Sandoval.

"We hope the new desks will motivate students to study hard this year," added Mr Sandoval.

"The desks will make the children feel comfortable which will help them learn," said Head Teacher for Lealea

Primary School, Mrs Ranu Lari. Mrs Lari added that the school was very grateful for ExxonMobil PNG's support in enhancing the quality of education at the school.

"I know the students are excited about their new desks and it will motivate them to learn and when the students are excited about learning, I'm much more excited about teaching," said Mrs Lari.

ExxonMobil PNG has been supporting schools in Central and Hela Provinces with desks since construction in its efforts to support the delivery of education in project areas.

The desks have either been made or bought locally, to encourage local economic growth. ExxonMobil PNG has also funded infrastructure projects such as classrooms and teachers' houses, refurbishing existing school facilities and providing capacity building programs for teachers.



ExxonMobil PNG LNG plant site Superintendent Al Sandoval (left) handing over the school desks to Head Teacher of Boera Primary School Mr John Wasigui (right).

Clean water for communities in Southern Highlands



(Left) EMPNG representatives officially handover water tank to Pimaga Rural Hospital staff early this year. (Top) ExxonMobil Upstream Pipeline Supervisor George Shaw (centre) and EMPNG staff with the Daga Community representatives after the water tank handover ceremony in Daga village in January.

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Access to clean water is often a challenge for many rural communities and service providers in the country in remote locations.

The Pimaga Rural Hospital and Daga community in the Southern Highlands Province are no exception and recently,

were recipients of water tanks installed by operator of PNG LNG, ExxonMobil PNG.

Pimaga Rural Hospital serves a population of about 10,000 people.

Often having clean water to cater for patients during dry season is tough and the

hospital is forced to turn away patients who are not critically ill.

The installation of a large water tank that can hold 80,000 liters of water will now ensure that the much needed health service is continuously provided to serve the local

communities and that there is clean water readily available for their use.

EMPNG Upstream Pipeline Supervisor George Shaw who spoke at the handover ceremony, said the water tanks come at a much needed time for these communities and will continue to deliver fresh drinking water to the communities for years to come.

“Pimaga Rural Hospital previously had to turn away patients at times due to their inability to store clean drinking water. The hospital now has an 80,000 litre water tank allowing them to provide health services to patients all year,” Mr Shaw said.

Meanwhile Daga community,

hosts of the popular Kutubu Kundu and Digaso Cultural Festival, also received a 22,000 liter water tank boosting its capacity to cater for its nearby villages.

EMPNG will also be installing water tanks at Nipa Rural Hospital and Dauli Teachers College later in the year.

EMPNG’s Water Tank Project was developed in response to the increase in demand for more water supply in these areas, especially during the dry season. The Water Tank Project was initiated to support local institutions with infrastructure assistance which will be of long-term benefit to the communities in Project areas.

Homa Paua Primary School refurbishes classroom

Grades five and six students of Homa Paua Primary School in the Hela Province commenced the 2017 academic year in a newly refurbished classroom. Working in partnership ExxonMobil PNG Limited, the Evangelical Church of PNG and the local community fully overhauled a double classroom that caters for the two grades.

Forty new desks were also donated.

The refurbishment of the double classroom is part of ExxonMobil PNG’s commitment to upgrading school infrastructure in PNG LNG project areas.

“With the classroom being such an important place in the growth of a child it is important that we ensure that the learning environment is one

that helps students thrive,” said ExxonMobil PNG’s Pipeline Supervisor Patrick Blackmon. “When students have a safe and comfortable place to learn, they have the best opportunity to receive quality education,” added Blackmon.

A classroom is where children learn the various skills deemed necessary and proper for them to achieve success in the global society.

Surrounded by smiling faces, the teachers explain that they face many challenges in their line of duty.

“Teaching in remote areas is not easy especially when you have limited resources,” explains head teacher Jonathan Ogoli. “We face many challenges but we keep going because we are determined to build a stronger



Students of Homa Paua Primary School using their new desks in their newly refurbished classroom.

nation, and support from ExxonMobil PNG is helping us do that.”

“A large amount of a child’s time is spent sitting in a school classroom and it is our responsibility to ensure they

are comfortable to learn,” Mr Ogoli added.

ExxonMobil PNG has refurbished and built new school facilities, distributed books, sports equipment, school materials and t-shirts

across the PNG LNG Project footprint since 2010. It has also advanced the capacity of teachers by facilitating various training and provided housing for some teachers.

Locally grown vegetables generate income



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Gala of fresh fruits and vegetables being displayed by local women from Hides.

Transportation of local vegetables to the nearest market to sell and earn an income is often a struggle for the majority of Papua New Guineans who live in a very remote location that lack proper road and transport services.

For the Hides communities, this burden is being relieved by Hides Alliance Group (HAG), a landowner company that provides catering services to Hides Gas Conditioning Plant for PNG LNG. HAG travels to the communities’ door steps to purchase their fruit and vegetable on a weekly basis. As a result the communities save money from traveling and their produce, when it is the right quality, will likely be

purchased. Launched in November last year (2016), this new initiative compliments EMPNG’s Community Livelihood Improvement Program (CLIP) and provides local food growers with the opportunity to sell fruit and vegetables direct to HAG.

EMPNG Hides Superintendent Ken Rhyason said the market is providing a welcome source of income for local families. “Communities in the upstream area rely on subsistence farming for their basic staples and with few commercial opportunities available in the area, there is a real opportunity here for the community to develop a new revenue stream.

“Selling excess fruits and

vegetables to Hides Alliance Group is an equitable and sustainable way for local communities to increase their share of benefits from the PNG LNG project.

“Whilst we are conscious of the benefits derived from earning additional income, we are also mindful that the local

producers’ priority is to grow enough food to feed their families,” said Mr Rhyason.

The initiative provides a great opportunity for local producers to further their knowledge with regards to quality standards, consistency, reliability and commercial experience and offers a cost effective and

convenient solution for the caterer.

HAG, a joint venture between landowner company Hides Gas Development Company and PNG Catering Company Alliance has run the camp management and catering services at the HGCP since 2014.



Local women from Hides with their fresh vegetables.

Staff Volunteer Column

Celebrating World Wildlife and International Women's Day



A total of 108 ExxonMobil PNG staff volunteered their time this quarter to assist at the World Wildlife Day and the International Women's Day activities. World Wildlife Day and International Women's Day fell on the 3rd and 8th of March respectively. Sixty staff from the Port Moresby office assisted at the Port Moresby Nature Park to commemorate World Wildlife Day and to raise awareness on the conservation of world's flora and fauna. The staff

volunteered as safety ambassadors, meet and greet team and also helped out with various children's fun activities such as face painting and jumping castle. Meanwhile 11 staff from Hides visited Idauwi Primary School while 22 Moro staff visited Tubo Primary School to celebrate World Wildlife Day with the students and present prizes to winners of quiz activities. International Women's Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of

women. The day also marks a call for action to accelerate gender parity. Be Bold for Change was the theme for 2017. Ten staff from Port Moresby office assisted the Business and Professional Women's Club with packing of gift packs for a breakfast event, hosted to raise funds to empower women and girls through education in Papua New Guinea.



Hunters coach local rugby league teams

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Local rugby league clubs and associations from the PNG LNG Plant site areas began their 2017 season with expert rugby league tips from PNG Hunters players in February. Ten players and coaching staff visited Porebada Bulldogs club, the Buria Reds club of Lealea and the Boera and Koita Rugby League Associations of Boera and Papa. They spent an hour with each team, running basic coaching clinics including warm-up techniques, fitness training and ball handling skills. The Central 9's rugby team that was camping at Papa village in preparation for the PNG Games in Kimbe, also participated in the session. PNG Hunters Coach Michael Marum said programs like this help the Hunters to impart

skills and it is also an opportunity to identify promising rugby talent. "We would like to work more with community rugby associations and run regular coaching clinics", he said. The Hunters players also used the opportunity to make awareness on drug and alcohol abuse. "I ensure I keep away from any form of alcohol and drugs to ensure that my body is healthy and I am in the right state of mind to play rugby," said the Hunters star fullback, Bland Abavu, who is passionate about the image he portrays to young people on and off the field. Marum also reinforced that drugs and alcohol do not have a place in rugby league. Porebada Bulldogs Vice-



PNG Hunters' players run basic coaching clinic with Porebada local rugby club.

Captain Maraga Lohia said most of the former PNG LNG Kumul players like Tara Gau, Airebo Taumaku, Mike Arere, Dairi Kovae and the Morea brothers were products of Porebada and having the Hunters presence encouraged his players' ambitions to one

day make it into the Hunters and Kumuls. Koita Rugby League Association President Bisia Geita expressed his appreciation to EMPNG for bringing the Hunters to the local community to impart coaching skills and provide

awareness on drug and alcohol abuse. "Going forward, I have an ambition of creating a rugby league academy combining all the four villages so that we have an identified pathway for the local youths" said Mr. Geita.

Juni Primary School basketball court gets facelift

Juni Primary School in Hela Province recently had its basketball court refurbished courtesy of PNG LNG. The need to improve the facility was identified during a basketball coaching clinic that was piloted with Juni Primary School teachers and students late last year. In partnership with the Basketball Federation of Papua New Guinea (BFPNG),

ExxonMobil PNG initiated a youth empowerment program that incorporates both life-skills training and health awareness, using basketball as the medium. Sixteen students from grades six to eight, four teachers and sixteen youth participated in the clinic. It included basketball drills, techniques, life skills training and health education. ExxonMobil PNG recognises

the important role that students and youth play in PNG's development. "Sports not only keeps us fit and healthy but teaches us about team work, commitment and dedication to achieve goals," said ExxonMobil PNG's Hides Gas Conditioning Plant Field Superintendent Martin Santhanasamy. "Anyone can become a good player with the proper skills

and knowledge of the sport but having the right attitude and discipline is equally important in your development as a sports person and future leaders of PNG," Martin added. Head Teacher for Juni Primary School Shelly Kaiabe said they are so happy with the improvements ExxonMobil PNG has made to their basketball court.

"Thank you ExxonMobil PNG for investing in our children's health and wellbeing. We are all excited and cannot wait to use the basketball court," said Kaiabe. ExxonMobil PNG's support through community-based initiatives strives to help young people in Hides develop important skills they will use throughout their lives to make a positive difference in their communities.



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