

PNG LNG TIES



EMPNG supports local communities



ExxonMobil PNG LNG Plant manager Murray Bell and Papa Elementary School's teacher in charge Puro Bisia (shaking hands) with representatives of ExxonMobil PNG's Community Affairs Team, Laba Holdings and Mauri Ranu at a water delivery to Papa Elementary School.



ExxonMobil PNG's Andrew Barry and the Salvation Army and Uniting Church representatives Bob Haro and Captain Bernard Kila with containers of rice to be shipped to Western Province.

Severe drought and frost continues to impact local communities in PNG following the effects of extreme weather conditions due to El Nino.

EMPNG recognizes the impact the conditions are having across the country and is partnering with community organisations, provincial governments, and landowner companies to support drought relief efforts across Hela, Western, and communities around the LNG Plant site.

EMPNG has donated K68,500 to the PNG Uniting Church to assist in their relief efforts around Hela Province. The Uniting Church will work alongside the Hela Provincial Government to address the food and water shortage issues faced by communities.

To aid relief efforts in Western Province, EMPNG has funded 3,900 bags of rice in

partnership with the Salvation Army and the Fly River Provincial Government for Western Province.

In addition EMPNG, with endorsement from the National Disaster Centre, is supplying clean drinking water to nearby community organisations such as schools, clinics and churches in Hela Province and around the LNG Plant site.

In villages near the LNG Plant EMPNG is investing over K150,000 to provide clean drinking water for eleven primary schools and three health clinics in Porebada, Boera, Papa and Lealea. The water project is expected to deliver 100,000 litres of water to the villages throughout December.

To support the efforts, LNG Plant Landowner Company, Laba Holdings Limited is installing water tanks for Porebada Elementary and

Salvation Army Literacy School, Lealea Elementary School, Papa Community Pre-school and Bogi Literacy School.

Managing Director Andrew Barry said by partnering with community organisations and provincial governments, we can ensure that our support is reaching those most in need.

In addition to direct drought relief in villages around our facilities EMPNG is helping farmers with technical advice and materials including planting drought resistant crops and monitoring activities.

To cope with the effects of drought in each of its stages, EMPNG together with the National Disaster Centre recommends the following:

Pre-drought

- Enrich soil by placing leaves and grass over crops and over exposed

soil around crops

- Collect important plant materials for preservation
- Start planting drought resistance crops such as cassava

Mid-drought

- Store yam, sweet potato and cassava tubers correctly
- Manage livestock
- Protect drinking water sources
- Continue to mulch crops

Post-drought

- Replant food gardens from saved seeds and planting materials
- Be quick to plant leafy greens and corns, along with sweet potato varieties once rain falls
- With the shortage of water in rivers and creeks, there is high possibility of water borne diseases with symptoms such as diarrhea, abdominal pain and fever spreading.

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To prevent illness, communities are encouraged to:

- Boil drinking water if it comes from an unknown source
- Do not wash and drink from the same source
- Do not throw or dump waste into the water

EMPNG encourages everyone to share these messages with family and friends who may be experiencing the effects of El Nino.

Message from Managing Director Andrew Barry



Welcome to our last edition of PNG LNG Ties for 2015.

Earlier this year we celebrated one year of reliable operations since the PNG LNG Project started production and as 2015 draws to a close we could not be more proud of having continued that performance and safely loading more than 150 cargos for delivery to our

customers in the Asia Pacific. In the year that Papua New Guinea celebrated its 40th year of independence, I believe our workforce has truly shown the world what this great country is capable of. You will read more about this and our plans for 2016 in this edition.

Also in this edition, you will learn more about our

support for Piku the pig-nosed turtle and the efforts to help preserve the unique biodiversity in Papua New Guinea.

The joint initiative between EMPNG the PNG Tribal Foundation and Project CURE has also seen more than 700 medical supplies delivered to Tari Hospital.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PNG government, our co-venture partners, suppliers and contractors, landowners and communities, who have helped us to make this year a success and wish you and your family a very Meri Krismas na Gutpla Niu Yia. I look forward to your continued support in 2016.

The year in review and a look to the future



PNG LNG Project Managing Director Andrew Barry talks about the achievements of the PNG LNG Project and ExxonMobil's commitment to Papua New Guinea into 2016 and beyond.

Where is the PNG LNG Project at today?

Since the early startup of the PNG LNG Project ahead of schedule in 2014, we have continued to build on our early success and our reputation for being a reliable supplier of LNG to our customers across the Asia Pacific.

Since startup, we have been focused on safely increasing the efficiency of our operations and enhancing production rates at the Hides Gas Conditioning Plant and the LNG Plant. It's pleasing to see these facilities operating above our expectations after only 18 months of production.

What have been some of the highlights in 2015?

ExxonMobil and the PNG LNG Project had another outstanding year in 2015.

In February the first PNG LNG custom-built ship the Papua arrived in Caution Bay and tied up at the LNG Plant marine loading facilities to load its first cargo and in June, just one year after production began, we celebrated our 100th cargo. Today we have loaded more than 150 cargos and produced more than 10.9 million tonnes of LNG.

In July, in support of the government's plans to improve the power generation capacity in the

country, we commenced supply of up to 25 megawatts of electricity from gas turbine generators inside the LNG Plant to PNG Power. To deliver this project in just five short months since its inception was quite remarkable.

But the Project's achievements reach further than just the physical assets.

In the first half of this year alone we delivered 24,000 hours of training to develop the skills of our production workforce which consists of around 2,600 people. We have worked almost 56 million hours since July 2013 without a lost time incident – an outstanding achievement – and proudly watched as our third intake of Operations and Maintenance trainees began training in April.

In our local communities we continued to build key programs focusing on education, health and environmental management. Personally I was very pleased to see 100 staff take part in World Environment Day activities this year and watch our partnership with the Texas Children's Hospital and the Baylor College of Medicine grow to help train students, doctors and nurses at the Port Moresby General Hospital.

How did ExxonMobil achieve these goals?

It's the hard work and cooperation of the PNG Government and provincial governments, our co-venture partners, suppliers and contractors, landowners and communities in and around the areas where we work that allows us to maintain the highest level of performance. It truly requires

a team effort and commitment to deal with the challenges that arise. We are very proud of our collective success.

What projects are in the future pipeline?

We are currently investing to confirm resources for the potential expansion of the PNG LNG Project, including future plans for exploration drilling on the Muruk well north of Juha and drilling on the P'nyang field in Western Province. These field reserves have the potential to increase the supply of domestic gas for power generation and also provide energy for future growth of the PNG LNG Project.

We are working closely with the government on the Petroleum Development and associated pipeline licences for the P'nyang field, that are required prior to our investment and development of an additional 50 megawatt gas fired power station near the LNG Plant on behalf of PNG Power, and future drilling.

We have also completed a seismic data acquisition program covering more than 100 kilometres around the Juha and Hides fields in the Southern Highlands, which once analysed, we hope will lead to further drilling programs in these areas.

What are ExxonMobil's plans for the future in Papua New Guinea?

Our presence in Papua New Guinea does not end with the PNG LNG Project. The close relationships we have developed with government along with the technical expertise we have gained working in challenging

terrain, provides us with a strong platform to grow our business in the country.

In the past five years, together with our joint venture partners, we have invested more than 1 billion Kina in local exploration. The success of the PNG LNG Project and the quality of our exploration portfolio places Papua New Guinea as one of ExxonMobil's exploration and investment focus areas.

The P'nyang project represents a further multi-billion dollar investment in PNG and the potential expansion of the PNG LNG Project, creating jobs and additional revenue for the nation.

Our global outlook for energy predicts that LNG demand in the Asia-Pacific's fastest growing economies is set to rise by more than 60 percent over the next decade.

With its central location in the region, Papua New Guinea is well placed to help meet these future energy needs.

Record bags of blood donated

A record 70 blood bags were donated by ExxonMobil PNG (EMPNG) staff as a result of the Corporate Blood Drive (CBD) in late September held at ExxonMobil Haus in Port Moresby.

Encouragingly, 86 EMPNG staff volunteered to be part of the program.

As a country, Papua New Guinea collects around 20 percent of its annual blood requirement from external contributors, the balance come from family members on a 'just-in-time' basis. "The blood stock levels are particularly low during the times when high schools and colleges are closed for holidays and during such periods we encourage more corporate organisations and their staff to donate blood," said CBD coordinator, Anna Megueria.

"Blood cannot be manufactured, it can

only come from the kind generosity of volunteer blood donors and we thank EMPNG for their timely donation."

Often blood is deemed unsuitable due to low iron levels, particularly in women. To ensure the blood is in good condition and can save as many lives as possible, donors are advised to eat a balanced, healthy diet and iron rich foods such as lean meats, egg, broccoli, potatoes, raisins and watermelon.

"Iron is an important dietary mineral that is involved in various bodily functions, including the transport of oxygen in the blood," Anna said.

EMPNG Managing Director, Andrew Barry, said he is proud of the EMPNG team for contributing to such a worthwhile cause.



EMPNG Managing Director Andrew Barry donates blood.

"It is pleasing to see our staff be part of the drive to make a positive difference in the lives of others and we thank our donors who have given lifesaving blood," said Andrew.

The annual CBD is an initiative by the Port Moresby General Hospital (PMGH) and is targeted at the corporate community.

Last year's CBD collected a total of 1200 bags from companies in the airline,

automotive, banking and professional services.

The blood bags collected go to the blood bank and are distributed to hospitals around the country.

Vital medical equipment delivered to Tari Hospital



Above and right, EMPNG, PNG Tribal Foundation and Project CURE representatives with First Lady Linda Babao O'Neil present the much needed medical equipment.

A joint initiative between ExxonMobil PNG Limited (EMPNG), the PNG Tribal Foundation and Project CURE has seen more than 700 pieces of lifesaving medical supplies and equipment delivered to Tari Hospital.

The First Lady, Lynda Babao-O'Neill was at the event with other dignitaries to present the container of equipment.

Tari Hospital Provincial Health Director, Dr Hewali Hamiya, commended the initiative while welcoming the delivery of medical supplies. Dr. Hamiya said long term sustainability, helped by this

public partnership approach, was important for the development of Tari Hospital. "We thank EMPNG, the First Lady, PNG Tribal Foundation and Project CURE for this generous donation that will help serve the Hela Community," Dr. Hamiya said.

Andrew Barry, EMPNG Managing Director, said helping communities to improve public health and lead healthier lives is an important focus area for EMPNG's community investment programs.

"Our partnership with PNG Tribal Foundation and Project

CURE will help strengthen the capabilities of the selected health facilities in Papua New Guinea.

"ExxonMobil PNG supports a range of programs that help to build health care capacity at the community level, support research and development, and promote awareness of major health issues in Papua New Guinea," Andrew said.

Gary T. Bustin, PNG Tribal Foundation president, said the PNG Tribal Foundation and its logistics partners Mapai Transport, Riback Stevedores and Lae Rotary

are honoured to partner with ExxonMobil PNG in this charitable cause to provide medical supplies and equipment.

He believes that it will boost morale and increase the capacity of dedicated healthcare providers in a number of hospitals and health centres.

"Our focus at the Foundation is to bring appropriate assistance and development to the people of Papua New Guinea, and this project certainly is in line with those goals," said Gary.

The delivery of these supplies is the culmination of more than a year's work beginning in Denver, Colorado, when the First Lady, Ms Lynda Babao-O'Neill, with the support of EMPNG, spoke at Project CURE's First Ladies Luncheon.

As a result, \$1.6 million of medical equipment and supplies has since been raised for Papua New Guinea.

Tari Hospital is the first of four health facilities in Papua New Guinea to receive these much needed medical supplies and equipment.

Celebrating the PNG way



Children lining up to collect their prize, won from some of the fun activities.

More than 800 ExxonMobil PNG Limited (EMPNG) and Mobil Oil New Guinea (MONG) staff, families and friends gathered at the newly built ExxonMobil Haus at 7 mile on 19 September to celebrate Papua New Guinea's 40th anniversary of independence.

In his welcome, EMPNG Managing Director Andrew Barry said the company has been in the country since 1920 and was proud to be an important contributor to the nation's economy since PNG gained its independence.

"The PNG LNG project has been an historic development for ExxonMobil and for PNG. It is thanks to the dedication of staff and contractors that the PNG LNG project started up ahead of schedule. This demonstrates the commitment, hard work, and efficiency of everyone involved and it demonstrates to the world exactly what Papua New Guinea is capable of," said Andrew.

The celebration was held in conjunction with a fun day to give staff the opportunity to show their families and friends the new office complex.

Andrew said, "In building ExxonMobil Haus, we wanted to provide an environment that sustains and grows our business."

The program of the day comprised of a walk-through timeline of historic events in PNG, face painting, various games, and bouncing castles for kids, live band, tour of the new office and traditional dances from the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, Madang, Oro, Milne Bay, Manus and East New Britain Provinces. The traditional dances were a great opportunity for staff to share PNG's rich and



East New Britain Traditional dancers performing the famous whip dance.

diverse culture with their international colleagues.

Staff had the opportunity to adopt an expat, dress them in their provincial traditional outfits and teach them their traditional dances.

ExxonMobil Managing Director Andrew Barry was adopted by Marciah Mizigi of East New Britain and was dressed in Tolai attire. Operations Manager Jeff Ralston was adopted by Peter Pomeleu of Manus Province and was dressed in Manus attire while Public and Government Affairs Operations Manager Nora

Scheller was adopted by Loa Niebo of Milne Bay and was dressed in Kiriwina attire. She won the best traditional dressed expat.

Meanwhile EMPNG donated over K15,000 to communities in Hela, Southern Highlands and Central Provinces to support their independence celebrations.

Marine Terminal safety

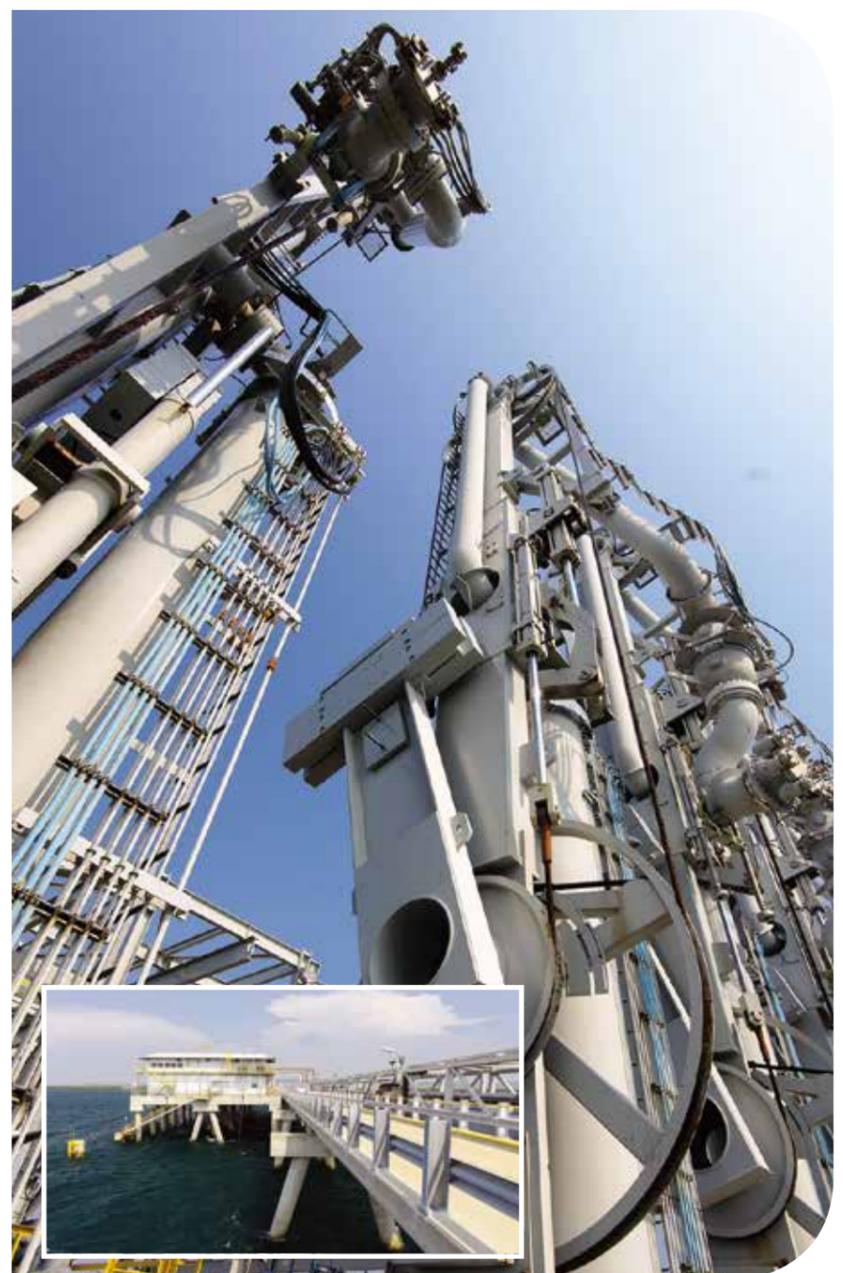
ExxonMobil PNG values seriously the safety of the community and the environment, and urges people to take extra precautions when near the Exclusion Zone, and the Restricted Zone of the PNG LNG Marine Terminal at Caution Bay.

The Exclusion Zone and the Restricted Zone are designed to keep people safe.

The Exclusion Zone is an area where entry is prohibited at all times. The Restricted Zone is an area which is restricted to people when there is a ship transiting the channel to or from the Marine Terminal. If there are no ships

within the shipping channel, people may access the Restricted Zone. Both the Exclusion and Restricted Zones are essential for community safety. Community Affairs Officers frequently conduct information sessions about the Zones, and have also been urging people to use the designated Boat Passage.

The designated Boat Passage has been created to allow people to get from one side of the Marine Terminal trestle to the other without entering the Exclusion Zone, when transiting Caution Bay close inshore.



Buk Bilong Pikinini library receives funding



EMPNG Community Investment Advisor Valentina Kaman (right) with Buk bilong Pikinini Koki librarian and children.

ExxonMobil PNG Limited (EMPNG) continued its funding support for the Buk Bilong Pikinini (BbP) Library in Port Moresby with K69,000. The funding will go towards advancing early education in PNG.

The partnership between EMPNG and BbP has helped to deliver BbP's early

childhood reading program targeting vulnerable children.

Funding this year will assist with the refurbishment of the library in Koki, volunteering activities and help with the general operations cost of the library.

BbP Executive Officer Lucinda Kisip said the

partnership and ongoing support has played a key role in enabling BbP to deliver on reading and literacy programs and expand their activities to include other centers.

"ExxonMobil PNG Limited has been a valued partner of BbP since 2011, we are very proud of our long association and welcome their continued support," she said.

ExxonMobil PNG Managing Director Andrew Barry said the value of early reading and comprehension for children is critical to their long term educational development.

"Learning to read a book is an important step to opening young minds to a world of possibilities. The library offers children the early academic tools they need to inspire them to be successful in life."

"As a parent, I am very proud to be a part of that effort," he said.

To date EMPNG has provided more than K400,000 in support including more than 700 volunteer hours of gardening, painting and book sorting.

The Koki library hosts between 80 to 100 children every day through facilitated early literacy classes, after-school homework and reading sessions, run by six passionate staff, the library provides a safe place for young children to learn to read, and also fosters a love of learning.

BbP establishes children's libraries throughout PNG and currently operates in 16 locations in Port Moresby, Lae, Goroka, Alotau and Manus.

Promoting fun science for schools



EMPNG LNG Plant Stakeholder Engagement Lead, Patricia Gau with students from Papa above and below conducting an exercise during science Ambassador Program.

This year, over 950 Papua New Guinean students in grades seven and eight were introduced to the exciting world of science thanks to ExxonMobil PNG Limited's (EMPNG) science education program.

Students learnt about science and the petroleum industry from EMPNG staff members who volunteer to be science ambassadors and are trained to visit and teach lessons from specifically designed science kits.

Seeing and touching minerals and chemical samples, including fossils which were millions of years old were some of the fun activities students experienced.

A total of 17 primary and high schools were visited including Para, Manada, Komo, Kukupalu, Tiunte, Tugupawi, Juni and Idauwi Primary in Hela Province. In Port Moresby, visits to primary schools included Porebada, Boera, Papa, Lealea, Baruni, Gordons

International and Ela Murray International. The team also visited Redscar and Port Moresby International (POMIS), high schools in the Central Province and NCD.

EMPNG LNG Plant Stakeholder Engagement Lead, Patricia Gau, complimented the schools and teachers efforts in embracing the program to make learning more fun and educational.

"We are excited to bring the science ambassador program to PNG that lets children see and handle some fossil samples and learn about how they form into petroleum products over millions of years," she said.

"Education opens doors to people and broadens their horizon, as it enables economic progress and prosperity for the nation. It also steers communities towards achieving a better future."

POMIS Science Teacher, Rudolph Powih said not only were the students interested and captivated with what the EMPNG Science Ambassadors offered but the teaching staff had all praise for the program and experience.

"We thank EMPNG and the Science Ambassadors for making the time and we look forward to future visits," said Rudolph..

The science education program will continue in 2016 and is one of many ways in which EMPNG is making a positive impact on education for future generations.

Since 2010, EMPNG has invested over K13 million towards infrastructure development, teacher capacity building and governance activities in PNG.

Aspiring students participate in youth camp



EMPNG Community Affairs Officers with Kutubu Secondary School Principal, Bai Irabo bidding farewell to Bill Buri and Silvia Maseni at Moro Airport before departing for the MMDYC.

Aspiring students from across PNG have attended the annual Mike Manning Democracy Youth Camp, in a bid to learn basic principles of democracy and good governance in society.

The youth camp, held in Lae over 10 days, is part of

Transparency International's fight against corruption and is funded by ExxonMobil PNG Limited (EMPNG). This year saw Kutubu Secondary School send two student representatives to the camp for the very first time.

Bill Buri and Silvia Maseni made the 1 hour and 45 minutes flight to Lae from Kutubu via Port Moresby and were among 55 students to attend the event from 26 schools across PNG.

In its eighth year, the MMDYC targets students in grades 10

to 12 and between the ages of 16 to 21 and aims to instill a higher level of integrity, to reduce corruption and to eliminate poor governance in society.

Transparency International PNG Executive Director, Emily Taule said the event is focused on economics, political science and media. It is delivered through intensive workshops, presentations, skill building sessions and leadership scenario simulations.

"Through the MMDYC, participants learn about the basic principles behind democracy and good governance and are put through simulations where they will carry out passing laws and conducting elections," said Emily. "It is important for today's youth to become good, active and responsible citizens, especially during these challenging times, and the way to achieve this is through education."

EMPNG has supported the program since 2010, and this year donated K50,000 to assist with the running of the event.

EMPNG Managing Director Andrew Barry, said EMPNG is committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity in all of our operations and is proud to be associated with Transparency International PNG and its activities. "Investing and supporting programs such as the Mike Manning Democracy Youth Camp that have focused programs for young emerging leaders is integral to the future of PNG," said Andrew.

Transparency International Papua New Guinea is a non-profit, non-government organisation dedicated to fighting corruption at a national level. It was formed in 1997 with the aim to combat corruption and promote transparency.

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Annual Tuberculosis screening program for staff



EMPNG Staff attending a TB awareness session with EMPNG Occupational Health physician Dr Valentine Kolant (right).

The rate of Tuberculosis in Papua New Guinea (PNG) communities is among the highest in the world with the percentage of drug resistant tuberculosis increasing at an alarming rate. This is according to the Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research which has a partnership with ExxonMobil PNG Limited (EMPNG).

Tuberculosis is a contagious disease caused by bacterial infection of the lungs and has the potential to spread to other organs. It is transmitted through the air typically by coughing and sneezing.

EMPNG has been working to educate its workforce and their families on symptoms and actions for tuberculosis through an ongoing awareness program.

On World TB Day earlier in the year, awareness sessions were held for the workforce to highlight the issues surrounding the spread of tuberculosis. Staff were also encouraged to attend the annual tuberculosis screening program. This year over 3070 individuals were screened of which almost 800 latent TB cases were identified. Only four of these latent TB cases were diagnosed and managed as Active TB.

The introduction of state-of-the-art technology is helping EMPNG to make major improvements to tuberculosis diagnosis among its workforce with the installation of two diagnostic machines at the LNG Plant site and the Hides Gas Conditioning Plant's (HGCP) health clinics to help control the spread of the disease among the workforce since 2012.

The GeneXpert machine works by analysing sputum samples taken from patients for tuberculosis bacilli, as well as genetic markers that may indicate any resistance to tuberculosis treatment.

Using the machine, initial test results can now be obtained within 24 hours with 98 percent accuracy, compared to the previous month-long waiting time for results using current methods available in PNG. Timeliness of results is critical to getting the right treatment and care for the patients, with nearly one quarter of PNG's 16,000 tuberculosis cases each year estimated to be fatal.

Under the new testing process, workers diagnosed with tuberculosis undergo a further series of testing while being masked and isolated to

prevent others from being infected. After treatment, the patient may be eligible to return to work and remain on treatment if they are considered to be no longer a threat to others after completing the first month of TB treatment.

Dr Valentine Kolant, EMPNG's Occupational Health Physician said programs like the annual tuberculosis screening helps to identify and treat tuberculosis in the workplace. "Annual screening is an important step for each one of us to know our tuberculosis status and manage our health," said Dr Kolant. "Tuberculosis is curable but it is important to identify it early, start treatment and complete it. When someone does not get the proper diagnosis and treatment, they are at risk of infecting others who will in turn, infect many more people," he stressed.

Operations and Maintenance trainees host career day



Presenters from the operations included electrical, mechanical and instrumentation trades.



The third intake of Operations and Maintenance trainees listening attentively to the presentations.



The mechanical group with their equipment display during the career day.

A career day hosted by the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) training department in September gave the third intake of O&M trainees an idea of the different trades they could progress into after completing their training.

Representatives from operations, electrical, mechanical and instrumentation presented their case on why their trade

is best to get the trainees to start thinking about their preferences.

Operations Support Superintendent Graeme Hunt said the O&M trainees are asked to nominate their trade preferences and where they would like to be located either in the Hides Gas Conditioning Plant or LNG Plant site (LNGP). "We can't always guarantee they

will get their preference but the training department uses the information as the basis to plan facility staffing and career development paths, so it is important," said Graeme.

Certain types of equipment were on display during the career day to allow the trainees to get a feel of the type of equipment they will be working on.

The enthusiastic 39 O&M trainees were thrilled after hearing about the different trades.

O&M trainee Lydia Tarabu said she learned a lot of new and exciting things from the presentations. "The presentations were great. I cannot make up my mind which trade I'd like to join," said Lydia.

Prizes were awarded to the trade with the most compelling presentation and the maintenance team won the hearts of the trainees. The trainees will complete nine months of basic skills training before commencing the advanced skills training program in 2016.

Piku project moves from strength to strength



Local communities are involved in conservation efforts.

In continuing with our commitment to maintaining and preserving the biodiversity of Papua New Guinea, ExxonMobil PNG Limited (EMPNG) has provided more than 2.6 million Kina over 4 years in funding, in an effort to protect Piku – the pig-nosed turtle.

Initiated in 2013 through a partnership with the University of Canberra, the project is focused on researching the nesting biology of Piku, disseminating knowledge, building awareness and local capacity, and supporting community-

led conservation initiatives in the Kikori Delta.

Over the past six-months, field officer and masters student Yolarnie Amepou has been stationed in Kikori to help deliver these initiatives.

"Research is critical to conservation," said Yolarnie.

"To date we've trained 14 local field assistants to monitor the nesting sites, measure the turtles and engage with the communities.

"We're putting all this information into a monitoring

report, but our preliminary findings show that there is an increase of Piku in the protected areas, which is a good indicator that the program has been effective."

Increasing awareness in local communities about environmental issues is critical with the research team currently working on an extensive school engagement program.

To date, three Piku-specific children's books have been developed with 15,000 copies distributed to 14 schools in Kikori.

A three-day environmental education training workshop was also conducted with 15 teachers from the schools focused on biodiversity and conservation, invasive species, and how to use the children's books most effectively.

"For the information to be meaningful, our communication must be effective and the core message of conservation needs to be understood," continued Yolarnie.

"We've been working with the Research Conservation Foundation who are focused on environmental education in Papua New Guinea, to ensure our materials are effective."

The research teams continue with ongoing communication with the community at large, providing information and awareness at locations throughout Kikori and working with local landowners in the area to ensure that conservation efforts are ongoing.

Yolarnie says engaging with the landowners has been extremely rewarding.

"In response to the need for conservation, landowners in the Wau Creek area have built a house that they intend to use as a research station and an eco-tourist facility to further support our efforts.

"Initiatives like this have a positive influence on other landowners as they demonstrate the long-term benefits of focusing on conservation.



The pig-nosed turtle is a threatened species.

"We've made significant progress in all areas of our research and the funding from EMPNG has been vital to this.

"There is a lot we need to do for conservation in Papua New Guinea and we need to rise to the challenge.

"Projects like this are an example of how sustainable conservation initiatives can be successful and how they can bring multiple benefits to all the people involved," Yolarnie concluded.

PNG Hunters finish their 2015 season strongly

The PNG Hunters have concluded their first year in the 2015 Queensland Intrust Super Cup on a high note.

The Hunters played strongly throughout the tournament and qualified for the semi-finals convincingly. However, their hope to take home the Cup was not to be with the Townsville Blackhawks proving too strong.

The PNG LNG Project joins the people of Papua New Guinea in being incredibly proud of the team's achievement and their performance throughout the tournament.

In a major coup for the team, the Hunters equaled the competition record of 17 undefeated matches. ExxonMobil Managing Director Andrew Barry says the PNG LNG Project is a proud supporter of local talent in Papua New Guinea.

"We're proud to support the Hunters and look forward to watching them in action in 2016," he said.

As a supporting sponsor, ExxonMobil PNG (EMPNG) was invited to the Hunters awards night. EMPNG's Public and Government Affairs Operations Manager, Nora Scheller, presented the prestigious award of "Top Try Scorer" to team captain Israel Eliab on the night. In September EMPNG was also proud to support Papua New Guinea's national rugby league team, the Kumuls, when they played against Australia's national team in the annual Prime Ministers match.

Papua New Guinea hosted the match, held on September 26 at the Sir John Guise Stadium in Port Moresby.

Although unsuccessful on the day, the match was a great success and saw ExxonMobil Managing Director Andrew Barry given the honor of facilitating the official coin toss.

Kutubu Kundu and Digaso festival



EMPNG Lary Adams presenting cheque to Chairman of the Kutubu Kundu and Digaso festival, James Irimaru and other community representatives.

ExxonMobil PNG Limited (EMPNG) recently supported the 2015 Kutubu Kundu and Digaso Festival with K29,000 to assist with the cost of mobilizing festival logistics and transportation of the sing-sing groups.

The annual festival, was held from 25-26 September at Pimaga village, Nipa – Kutubu District in the Southern Highlands Province and attracted thousands of visitors.

The Kutubu Kundu and Digaso Festival Chairman, James Irimaru said the event aims to promote the preservation of rich biodiversity, preserve Kutubu's cultural heritage, and promote sustainable resource conservation.

"It is an educational event for our children and young people to not forget the richness of our culture, we truly appreciate EMPNG's support," James said.

Pipeline Supervisor Lary Adams said EMPNG is deeply committed to preserving PNG's unique environment and cultural heritage for future generations.

"The long-term preservation of the environment around our operations is very important to the PNG LNG Project," said Lary.

"The festival provides an opportunity to share the unique culture of the region and most importantly share the message of conservation and bio-diversity," added Lary.

The Kutubu region is one of the most important rainforest areas on the planet with lowland moist tropical rainforest, such as that around Lake Kutubu and the Kutubu region and contains rare species of plant, animal and insect unique to PNG.

The festival's main highlights included sing-sing groups, Digaso oil extraction and Kutubu Kundu drums demonstration with arts and crafts displays.

The theme of this year's festival was preserving our cultural heritage through saving our environment.



EMPNG Managing Director, Andrew Barry and PNGRFL Operations Sponsorship Manager Shane Morris just before the Prime Minister XIII 'Toss the Coin' to kick off the 2015 Prime Minister's XIII match.



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