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RARP Construction Sites Nearing Completion – Targeted for End April

Choiseul Province

Tuzu
Kaza
Nabusasa
Qoqala

Vella La Vella

Supato
Pienuna
Ombobulu
Mondo

Rendova

Buruku PS
Buruku CHS
Medali

Roviana and Vona Vona

Tetemara
Arava
Bangja
Kinamara



RARP Welcomes New Staff

Patterson V - Driver
Wilson Piko - Warehouse Assistant
Johnny Rebaio - Operations Support Assistant
Tangolo Hivu - IT Support Officer
Ravin Dhari - Administration Support Officer
Harley Tuzapitu - Infrastructure Officer
Glyn Katura - Infrastructure Officer
Michael Yavu - Infrastructure Officer

RARP Farewells Old Friends

Vikki and Richard of Emergency Architects Australia (EAA). Recently married we wish them all the best for the future. This is also a farewell for EAA as all other staff have now headed home - thanks to EAA for your comradeship over the years!

Timothy Kale - Our first IT guy - now heading for Japan for a 4 year scholarship - we wish Timo all the best for the future and thank him sincerely for all his work for RARP.

Patrick Baea - returning to Honiara - thanks for your contribution to RARP and best wishes for the future.

Joseph Gorae - taking up construction contracting including a contract to produce furniture for RARP schools in the Shortlands. Good luck in your new endeavors Joseph.

RARP Staff Training and Project Development Meeting – March 29th – 31st 2010

Theme Message: - Equilibrium and Momentum – Keeping On Track



What is this guy JTB talking about - I hear you say????

- Maintaining "balance" keeping the work on a steady progress and output"

Theme Sessions include:-

- Developing 'infrastructure targets' for the three clusters of schools currently under construction
- Problem solving - identifying constraints to implementation and finding constructive solutions
- Navigation and GPS - Land marks, Beacons, Topography - GPS Way Points, Back Tracking, Calculating Distances
- Motivation and Coordination - Building Teams (Billy Apusae (Watsan))
- Development Track - The Final Schedule - M and E
- Health Tips
- Administration Matters

Short Sharp Sessions

- QA and QC The RARP Approach
- Putting Your Case (verbal) Presenting Information
- Professionalism - What is it? Why Me?
- Report Writing For IDs
- Team Building Activities



Mr. Richard and Mrs. Vicki



Will Harvey - Jones

Patrick Baea



Timothy Kale

Joseph Gorae

REST IN PEACE



Late Rachel Kio - Passed away on the 2nd / 3rd March 2010. Rachel was an excellent staff team member- quiet, humble unassuming— a person when given a task carry it out without question and completed it 100%. She was a skilled drafting technician by training and able to apply her training and expertise to many areas of RARP.

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FACTS and FIGURES

- **Final Assessments** - now completed in all 166 schools
- **Project Agreements** - 91 school rehabilitation agreements have been signed up till the end of 2009. 17 agreements are to be signed in April
- **Building Construction** - 35% of the building work (new buildings and rehabilitation) has been completed. Work is currently in progress at 30 schools, work has yet to start at 47 schools
- **Sanitation** - 198 latrines (46%) out of a target of 429 latrines have been installed
- **Water Supply** - 94 water supply facilities (46%) out of a target 206 facilities have been completed including the construction of 52 tap-stands, 30 rain catchment systems, 5 hand dug wells and the rehabilitation of 9 gravity feed systems
- **Furniture** - 1062 pieces of furniture (29%) out of a target of 3275 pieces have been completed
- **Procurement** - the 19 prefabricated double classroom structures are due to be delivered by PNG Forest Products in April as soon as the freight charge for Lae to Noro is paid. The remainder of the hardware materials for buildings construction is due to be loaded onto a barge April 8th for shipment to Noro, Gizo and Nabusasa

- **Timber Milling** - RARP has 2 Lucas Mill operating in Western Province and 2 in Choiseul Province. RARP has contracted a total of 280 m³ of timber to be shipped to respective schools by KFPL. RARP is also buying timber from other mill operators

- Ronald Daga takes up his new appointment as Infrastructure Field Coordinator (IFC) based in Choiseul - we wish him every success in his work. The three IFCs are now Simon Hong, Wilson Dana and Ronald (SH, WD and RD), all 3 are responsible for a 'cluster' of schools and Infrastructure Officers (IOs)

- Our 'man on the spot' in Western PEA - Freedom Tozaka has identified several sites where RARP is building new schools on new sites. As these have to be registered under the Education Act RARP will be assisting the PEA in making this happen - primarily in transport and liaison with community management groups. We also welcome back Dalcy Sito PEA CEO after a time off work and a return to good health!

- Warehouse Manager Joseph Szetu reports...

- Fencing of the Warehouse (1) area is now completed.
- The construction of a tarpaulin roof area is in planning.
- Arrival of a new canoe at end of February
- Construction of a small jetty/wharf has been completed.

Thank you JS for your continuing and constructive approach to RARP activities

- RARP also warmly welcomes a new canoe driver Dickson Qora who hails from Choiseul Province - we wish Dickson all the very best in this very demanding job.

A PANORAMA OF INNOVATIVE DESIGNS



Ngari "Panorama" Innovative design / construction co-ordinated by Vicki & Richard and the EAA Team.



Concept Proposal Rural Training Center (RTC) Rendova Island - Community Survey Completed - Positive Results - Despite Stormy Weather and Plenty of Rain!

- **RARP Works With Western PEA**

RARP works with Western PEA in the development of a 'Concept Proposal' for a new RTC fronting Rendova Harbor. The last stage of this proposal was the conduct of a 'community survey' this was undertaken between 17th - 21st March 2010 by RARP and PEA representatives and social survey trainees. The primary goal of the survey was to establish or not levels of interest and support for the proposed RTC, and find ways they (communities) plan to support the establishment and on-going maintenance of the RTC and the benefits communities foresee coming out of the RTC for themselves and the community as a whole. A total of 10 Communities were visited during the field survey and an estimated coverage of 1000 people (In/Out of school Youths, Parents) were interviewed.

- **The Survey Team and Communities Surveyed**

The survey team comprised Ravin Dhari - (Team Leader) Admin Support Officer, RARP, Francina Bennett - Provincial Education Authority Rep. John Shato - Trainee, Cheryl Iro - Trainee, Maxine Ratoava - Trainee and Tivo Maika - Trainee. In all 10 communities were surveyed - Dundu and Kokegolo Community - Munda, West New Georgia, Mandale Community - Rendova Island, Ego Community - Rendova Island, Agagana Community - Rendova Island, Nusa Hope Community - South New Georgia, Nusa Banga Community - South New Georgia, Nusa Roviana Community - West New Georgia, Noro Town - West New Georgia, Goldie College - West New Georgia, Ugele Rendova Island

- **Levels of Community Support**

Community Support of and interest rendered towards the new establishment was very positive. Interviews

conducted within the 10 communities reveal a 98% support towards the Planned RTC on Rendova Island. To many people in these communities such a development creates a better opportunity for many of the youths and even adults to further develop and acquire skills that can in return, contribute to many developments in each community.

(by Ravin Dhari, Survey leader - ASO, RARP)



Survey Team - Preparations

Rendova Harbor Rural Training Center (RTC) - Community Survey

Rendova RTC Community Survey Team left Gizo on the 17th of March. The team comprised

The survey team tested the survey forms around Gizo and then sharpened the forms up for the community survey in the Rendova Harbor area. The survey forms the final part of a concept proposal for an RTC at Rendova Harbor being developed jointly by RARP and the Provincial Education Authority (PEA) of Western Province. This development included a comparative study of 3 RTCs in Auki Malaita in December 2009. One of the key curriculum areas being proposed is 'organic farming' which forms a core curriculum in Ngaligaragara RTC Auki.

Western PEA staff and RARP

RTC Concept Proposal team visits Ngaligaragara RTC Auki



Front row - Elvis, John (agriculture specialist), John Boveington and Freedom Tozaka. Back row - Friend, Dalcy Sito.

TREE PLANTING



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