



**OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSION**  
**40<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

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On behalf of the High Commission of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, I wish to acknowledge and thank you all for your attendance and participation at the various events/activities organised by the High Commission to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary of Papua New Guinea. We acknowledge the support provided by:

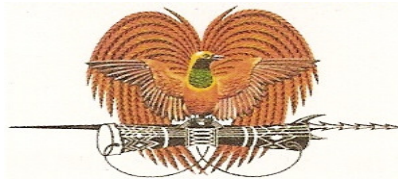
- National Gallery of Australia
- National Film and Sound Archive of Australia (NFSA)
- State, Society and Governance in Melanesia (SSGM)
- ANU Enterprise
- Deakin University and ANU Menzies Library
- 666 ABC Canberra
- Guest Speakers for the various seminars
- Commanding Officer and Staff of Royal Military College (RMC)
- Buk Bilong Pikinini
- Niugini Arabica
- Papua New Guinea Canberra Students Association (PNGCSA)
- Capital Wantoks Canberra (CWC)
- Golf Day Committee
- PNG Defence Attaché, PNG Defence Force Staff College Students and PNG Defence Force RMC & ADFA Officer/Cadets
- Staff of the High Commission

The dedication, hard work and extra hours that you all have put in during the past few weeks have made us all enjoy this event immensely. The success of this event belongs to the country and the people of Papua New Guinea and our Australian Friends.

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**Mr Charles W. Lepani**  
**High Commissioner**

Date: 21 September 2015



**PAPUA NEW GUINEA HIGH COMMISSION**  
**PROGRAMME FOR THE**  
**40TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

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| <p><u>Thursday, 6 August 2015</u></p>   | <p>- <b>National Gallery of Australia</b><br/>         Official Launch of an Exhibition "Myth &amp; Magic - Art of the Sepik River (some of the greatest art pieces from the region)</p>   |
| <p><u>Tuesday, 1 September to Friday, 30 October 2015</u><br/>         Daily 9:30 am – 5:00 pm<br/>         Venue</p> | <p>- <b>PNG Archival Films from the Film Australia Collection: Celebrating Papua New Guinea 40 Years Independence</b><br/>         Program of 13 period (B+W) documentary films (Free)<br/>         - Arc Cinema, National Film and Sound Archive<br/>         McCoy Cct, Acton ACT 2600</p>   |
| <p><u>Sunday, 6 September 2015</u><br/>         11:30 am<br/>         Venue</p>                                       | <p>- <b>Capitals Wantoks Canberra (CWC)</b><br/>         Ecumenical Service<br/>         - Australian Centre for Christianity &amp; Culture, 15 Blackall St. Barton</p>  |
| <p><u>Monday, 7 September 2015</u><br/>         9:00 am -11:00 am<br/>         Venue<br/>         11 am – 7:00 pm</p> | <p>- <b>State, Society &amp; Governance in Melanesia (SSGM): SSGM State of the Pacific Seminar - PNG at 40</b><br/>         *Opening Address: Foreign Minister, Hon. Julie Bishop MP<br/>         *Introductory Remarks, PNG High Commissioner to Australia, H.E Mr. Charles W. Lepani<br/>         *Key Note Speakers:<br/>         -Sir Salamo Injia, Chief Justice for PNG<br/>         -President John Momis, Autonomous Region of Bougainville<br/>         -Nahau Rooney CBE, former MP, Parliament of PNG<br/>         - HC Coombs Lecture Theatre, Coombs Building (8a), Fellows Road, ANU<br/>         - SSGM State of the Pacific Seminar Cont....</p> |
| <p><u>Tuesday, 8 September 2015</u><br/>         8:30 am – 5:00 pm<br/>         Venue</p>                             | <p>- <b>SSGM State of the Pacific Seminar Cont....</b><br/>         - HC Coombs Lecture Theatre, Coombs Building (8a), Fellows Road ANU</p>  |
| <p><u>Wednesday, 9 September 2015</u><br/>         9:00 am – 7:00 pm<br/>         Venue</p>                           | <p>- <b>SSGM state of the Pacific Seminar Cont...</b><br/>         - HC Coombs Lecture Theatre, Coombs Building (8a), Fellows Road ANU</p>   |

<u>Thursday, 10 September 2015</u>	-	<b>PNG Canberra Students Association &amp; SSGM Public Seminar : Reflections on the Diversity and Prosperity of Papua New Guinea</b>
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	-	Sam Koim
Guest Speaker	-	Hedley Bull (130), Lecture Theatre 1, Fellows Roads, ANU
Venue	-	
<u>Friday, 11 September 2015</u>	-	<b>PNG Canberra Students Association (PNGCSA)</b>
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	-	PNGCSA Panel Discussion (Venue - TBC)
	-	<b>National Film &amp; Sound Archives (NFSA)</b>
3:00 pm	-	PNG Film Series: Taking Pictures (Discussion: Les McLaren)
5:30 pm	-	Panel discussion: 'PNG and Canberra - ties that bind' (Panellists include: Alex Sloan, Bill Gammage, Andrew Pike, more)
6:30 pm	-	PNG on Screen: Dennis O'Rourke's Yumi Yet
Venue	-	Arc Cinema, National Film and Sound Archive McCoy Cct, Acton ACT 2600
<u>Saturday, 12 September 2015</u>	-	<b>PNG High Commission</b>
11:00 am – 4:00 pm	-	Community/PNG Students/Friends Bung at the High Commission
Venue	-	PNG High Commission, 39-41 Forster Crescent, Yarralumla
<u>Tuesday, 15 September 2015</u>	-	<b>PNGCSA and SSGM Public Seminar : Reflections on the Diversity and Prosperity of Papua New Guinea</b>
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	-	President John Momis, Autonomous Region of Bougainville
Guest Speaker	-	Law Link (7), Theatre 1, Fellows Road ANU
Venue	-	
2:00 pm	-	H.E Mr. Charles W. Lepani interviewed by Alex Sloan of 666 ABC Canberra
<u>Wednesday, 16 September 2015-</u>	-	<b>PNG High Commission</b>
5:15 am – 6:00 am	-	Official Flag Raising Ceremony
Venue	-	PNG High Commission, 39-41 Forster Crescent, Yarralumla
8:30 am - 9:30 am	-	<b>ANU Enterprise and PNGCSA</b>
	-	ANU Enterprise Independence Day Breakfast. High Commissioner, H.E Mr. Charles W. Lepani will deliver a brief remark on Papua New Guinea
Venue	-	Drill Hall Gallery, ANU
12:00 – 2:30 pm	-	<b>PNG High Commission</b>
	-	Official PNG 40 <sup>th</sup> Independence Reception hosted by High Commissioner, H.E. Mr Charles W. Lepani & Dr Katherine Lepani. The event will include Parade of National Flag and Provincial Flags by PNG Defence Force RMC and ADFA Cadets and Children of PNG community with traditional attire. Entry by Invitation Cards only.
Venue	-	PNG High Commission, 39-41 Forster Crescent, Yarralumla
6:00 pm	-	<b>PNGCSA and SSGM Public Seminar : Reflections on the Diversity and Prosperity of Papua New Guinea</b>
Guest Speaker	-	H.E Charles W. Lepani, PNG High Commissioner to Australia
Venue	-	Law Link (7), Theatre 1, Fellows Road ANU

- Thursday, 17 September 2015 - **National Film & Sound Archives (NFSA)**
- 10:00 am - PNG on Screen: Launch of KIAP Documentary  
Morning tea hosted by PNG High Commission (with speeches)
- 11.00am - KIAP Screening
- Venue - Arc Cinema, National Film and Sound Archive  
McCoy Cct, Acton ACT 2600
- 5:30pm - Lecture: 'Not a Poor Man's Field – New Guinea Goldfields' with Michael Waterhouse
- Venue - NFSA Theatre, National Film and Sound Archive  
McCoy Cct, Acton ACT 2600
- Friday, 18 September 2015 - **Capital Wantoks Community (CWC)**
- 9:30 am – 1:00 pm - GOLF DAY at Fairbairn Golf Course organised by the CWC. The event is sponsored by PNG High Commission. Sausage sizzle & refreshments followed by presentation
- 10:00 am - **National Film & Sound Archives (NFSA)**  
Lecture & Screening: 'New Guinea Goldfields' with Michael Waterhouse
- Venue - NFSA Theatre, National Film and Sound Archive  
McCoy Cct, Acton ACT 2600
- 3:00 pm - PNG on Screen: Trobriand Cricket (discussion with Gary Kildea)
- Venue - NFSA Theatre, National Film and Sound Archive,  
McCoy Cct, Acton ACT 2600
- 4:00 pm - **Deakin University & ANU's Menzies Library**
- Venue - Exhibition commemorating 40th Anniversary of PNG Independence  
Menzies Library, ANU Campus, Acton, ACT
- 6:00 pm - **National Film & Sound Archives (NFSA)**
- Venue - PNG on Screen: Man Without Pigs (discussion with Andrew Pike)  
NFSA Theatre, National Film and Sound Archive  
McCoy Cct, Acton ACT 2600
- Saturday, 19 September 2015 - **PNG Canberra Students Association (PNGCSA)**
- 6:00 pm - midnight - 40<sup>th</sup> Independence PNG Ball Night/\$100.00 per person.  
The event is organised by the PNG Canberra Students Association  
Hyatt Hotel Canberra, 120 Commonwealth Avenue, ACT
- 6:30 pm - **National Film & Sound Archives (NFSA)**
- Venue - Performance: 100 Seats - George Telek  
60 minutes with interval / 18+ /Tix \$40  
NFSA Theatre, National Film and Sound Archive  
McCoy Cct, Acton ACT 2600
- Friday, 25 September 2015 - **National Film & Sound Archives (NFSA)**
- 2:00 pm - Friends of the NFSA event/PNG Series: Bob Connolly Trilogy
- 3:30 pm - First Contact  
Joe Leahy's Neighbours

6:30 pm	-	In discussion with Bob Connolly
7:30 pm	-	Black Harvest
Venue	-	NFSA Theatrette, National Film and Sound Archive McCoy Cct, Acton ACT 2600

**Note:** Events for the other States are coordinated through PNG Consulate Offices in Sydney, Brisbane and Cairns in consultation with their local PNG Communities and PNG/Australia Associations.

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