

**SIXTH DELEGATION FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA –
23-30 MARCH 2003**

The sixth delegation from Papua New Guinea consisted of four Members from the Papua New Guinea Parliament, plus a representative from the Office of the Serjeant-at-Arms, Parliamentary Services, Parliament of Papua New Guinea.

Delegation Members included:

Hon Byron Chan MP – (delegation leader), People’s Progress Party, Member for Namatanai Open, New Ireland;

Hon Brian Pulayasi MP – People’s Action Party, Member for Kiriwina-Goodenough Open;

Hon Fabian Inne MP – Rural Pipol’s Parti, Member for Goilaia Open, Central Province;

Hon Martin Tabi MP – Rural Pipol’s Parti, Member for North Fly Open, Western Province;

Mr Roger Maginde – Office of the Serjeant-at-Arms, Parliamentary Services, Parliament of Papua New Guinea

The delegation visited Canberra, Sydney and Darwin during its seven-day visit. Delegation members were afforded the opportunity to meet with many involved in politics at Federal and State levels and with Australian business groups.

Canberra

The delegation arrived in Canberra on Sunday afternoon 23 March 2003. The official program in Canberra commenced on Monday 24 March and included meetings/briefings with:

- **Hon Neil Andrew MP**, Speaker of the House of Representatives, (Patron of the Council) and **Senator the Hon Paul Calvert**, President of the Senate, (Patron of the Council);
- **Mr Tony Nutt** (USA 1989, UK 1995), Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister;
- **Hon Chris Gallus MP**, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
- **Mr Kevin Rudd MP**, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs;
- **Senator Andrew Bartlett** (Germany 1995), Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator for Queensland (Principal of the Council);
- **Senator Joe Hogg**, Deputy President of the Senate, Senator for Queensland;
- **Mr Peter Langhorne**, Chief of Staff, **and Mr Stuart St Clair**, Senior Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the National Party the **Hon John Anderson MP**;
- **Mr Cleaver Elliot**, Clerk Assistant, Senate;
- **Mr Bruce Edwards** (Japan 1992) from the **Liberal Party of Australia**;
- **Mr Tim Gartrell** (USA 2002) and **Mr Linus Power** from the **Australian Labor Party**; and
- **Australian Electoral Commission.**

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Other activities included:

- Lunch hosted by **Senator the Hon Eric Abetz** (Germany 1991, Vietnam 1996), Special Minister of State, and attended by members of the Australia/Papua New Guinea Parliamentary Group;
- Drinks with the High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea, **HE Mr Renagi R Lohia OBE** at the Papua New Guinea High Commission, followed by dinner;
- Lunch in Parliament House hosted by Council Members, **Hon Alan Cadman MP, Mr Paul Neville MP** and **Ms Sam Hudson**; and
- Dinner with former and 2003 Australian Political Exchange Council delegates including Mr Simon Berger (USA 2002), Mr Geoffrey Rutledge (NZ 2002), Ms Annie O'Rourke (2003), Mr Jonathon Kirkwood (2003), and Ms Simone Alesich (PNG 2003).

Sydney

The delegation travelled by road from Canberra to Sydney to allow them to see the Australian countryside. The program in Sydney included:

- a briefing by Australian Business Ltd, arranged by **Ms Anna McPhee** (USA 1995);
- a tour of Parliament House conducted by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, **Mr Russell Grove PSM**;
- a meeting with **Mr Ian Clarke**, President of the Australia Papua New Guinea Business Council and **Mr Peter Taylor**, Managing Director, Rio Tinto Minerals (PNG) Limited and Member of the Australia PNG Business Council; and
- a sightseeing tour of Sydney.

Darwin

The delegation departed Sydney for Darwin on Thursday evening. The Darwin program had been developed with the assistance of Mr Brett Walker (PNG 2003) and included the following meetings/briefings:

- Briefing by **Mr Kevin Peters**, Manager, International Trade and Commerce, NT Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc;
- Meeting with the **Hon Paul Henderson MLA** (Indonesia 1995), Minister for Business, Industry & Resource Development; Police, Fire and Emergency Services; Asian Relations and Trade and Defence Support;
- Courtesy call on **His Honour Mr John Anictomatis AO**, Administrator of the Northern Territory;
- Briefing by **Ms Maria Purvis**, Manager, Business Development, Northern Territory Tourism Commission; and
- Dinner with **Brett Walker** and **Delia Lawrie MLA** (Japan 2003).

On Saturday the delegation visited the Parap Asian Markets, Casuarina Shopping Centre and Crocodylus Park before attending the AFL grand final between Palmerston and St Mary's (tickets provided by the Hon Paul Henderson MLA).

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A program concluded with a dinner at Parliament House hosted by Madam Speaker, the **Hon Loraine Braham MLA**, and attended by a number of Members of the Legislative Assembly and a visiting delegation from Bangladesh.