



Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth

5th Next Generation Papua New Guinea Mission

16th – 30th October 2015



Home of the annual **Morobe Show**

The Morobe Provincial Agricultural Society conducts the annual Morobe show, held in Lae, Papua New Guinea. The show is a major tourist attraction and showcases the Agricultural, Industrial, Commercial and Cultural aspects of the Morobe Province of Papua New Guinea. It plays a major role in the dissemination of information on cultivation, crops, diseases and breeding, as well as being the largest entertainment event in the province.





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DRAFT ITINERARY



Friday 16th October 2015 – Participants meet in Brisbane, Australia.

Overnight: Hotel to be confirmed near Brisbane International Airport.

DAY 1 - Arrival to Port Moresby

Saturday 17th October 2015

Group travels together to the Brisbane airport (BNE) for a morning flight to Port Moresby (POM) where they will transfer to a Domestic flight to Mt Hagen. Check in for Mt Hagen flight will be done in the Port Moresby International Terminal. The Group will then walk to the Port Moresby Domestic Terminal for the flight to Mt Hagen. A bus and driver will meet the group at the airport in Mount Hagen and transfer them to Tambul. Formal briefing and group discussion at Tambul for what to expect and what is expected from NG's during this NG Mission facilitated by Team Leaders Tom Green & Cassie MacDonald.

Overnight: Tambul Guesthouse

DAY 2 – Mount Hagen

Sunday 18th October

Michael Dom will share background information about NARI and their work at the Tambul Station in the 'High Altitude Highlands'. The itinerary will be discussed for what is planned for the coming days.

Overnight: Tambul Guesthouse

DAY 3 – Mount Hagen

Monday 19th October

Group will learn from and work along side NARI in helping educate farmers who grow potatoes, pyrethrum and raise poultry, pigs, sheep, goats and cattle.

Overnight: Tambul Guesthouse

DAY 4 – Mount Hagen flight to Goroka

Tuesday 20th October

Group flight from Mount Hagen (HGU) to Goroka (GKA) where bus and driver will meet the group at the airport. Once checked-in to hotel, informal evening discussion with local farmers Betty Higgins, Maria Linibi, Bernard Gunn & Robinson Kale at hotel (or at nearby village while enjoying a traditional Mumu dinner.) Brief afternoon visit to Niugini Coffee industry facilities for an introduction to the PNG coffee industry.

Overnight: Bird of Paradise Hotel Goroka

DAY 5 – Goroka to Ramu

Wednesday 21st October

Group bus trip from Goroka where bus and driver will meet the group at the hotel and proceed to Kainantu for a brief stop and on to Ramu. Visit with Ramu Agri-Industries commercial farming

operation including sugar refinery, oil palm plantation and processing plant, abattoir and cattle ranching operation.

Overnight: Ramu Guest House

DAY 6 - Goroka drive to Lae via RAMU Farm

Thursday 22th October

Finalise the visit to Ramu and continue the drive down the Markham Valley to Lae. Brief stops at Umi Biofuel Project and Rumion Piggery.

Overnight: Melanesian Hotel in Lae

DAY 7 - Set up at Showground Prior to Show

Friday 23rd October

Group members will meet the Morobe Show Councillors from various show sections and spend the day assisting them to set up for the show. NG's will also set-up an RASC stand at the show. The Morobe Show Committee would like the RASC display to showcase information about agriculture in the home countries represented within the NG group. Members would bring posters, pictures and display items to build the display and take turns manning the display during the show and interacting with show patrons to promote its messages. The display site may also be a place to undertake demonstrations for farmers on concepts that may be of assistance to them.

Most likely we will spend the morning setting up our RASC stand and then some of us will head out in the afternoon to assist loading livestock and come back to the showground in the trucks with the stock. Some members will provide further assistance on the showground as required.

Overnight: Melanesian Hotel Lae

DAY 8 - First Day of Morobe Show

Saturday 24th October

Show activities for the group:

- Stewarding in various sections
- Assisting the committee with a broad range of show day tasks
- Manning the RASC display
- Assisting in marshalling areas for horse and cattle. Mike Quinn has said we can be of enormous assistance in these areas giving advice to people on the preparedness of exhibits for competition. Mike said we will likely find horses in the marshalling area with barbed wire bits, saddle sores from poorly fitting gear and no saddle cloths and generally very poor animal welfare practices and knowledge. Mike said if some of us wanted to keep ourselves busy in this section for the day, we would find no shortage of people who need a lot of help with how to better care for their animals. The same will apply in the area where cattle exhibits are marshalled.
- There are a range of sporting events and show competitions that the group members would be encouraged to enter to raise the profile of their presence.

Overnight: Melanesian Hotel Lae

DAY 9 - Second Day of Morobe Show

Sunday 25th October

Continuation of itinerary as above.

The PNG Governor General of PNG will officially open the Morobe Show.

Overnight: Melanesian Hotel Lae

DAY 10 - Lae

Monday 26th October

Visit to NARI with Michael Dom and Atmaleo Aguyyanto, meet the Director General and other key staff. The NG's are to provide feedback on their PNG experience.

Overnight: Melanesian Hotel Lae

DAYS 11 & 12 - 2 Day Cultural Awareness Boat Trip

Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th October

2 day trip with Morobe Show Life Vice President Mike Quinn and his wife Karen to their seaside hideaway at Salamaua by boat. Mike and Karen are expatriate Australians who have lived in PNG for over 40 years and have developed a unique understanding and appreciation for traditional PNG culture and remote native communities. This is an opportunity to unwind, swim, snorkel on coral reefs and in a relaxed environment chat about all that has happened, recount highlights and light moments and record the experiences of the trip. It will also be an opportunity to see a sea level coastal village environment reliant on fishing as well as subsistence agriculture for their food.

Overnight: Both nights at Salamaua

DAY 13 – Preparation for Departure

Thursday 29th October

Return from Salamaua to Melanesian Hotel in Lae. Visit some sights in Lae – Lae War Cemetery, Mainland Crocodile Farm, Habitat and enjoy a last night with an early morning departure the following day. Final Dinner is to be hosted by MPAS.

DAY 14 – Departure and Port Moresby

Friday 30th October –

Early flight from Nadzab Airport to Port Moresby arriving at 08:30 Check in for the flight to Brisbane. Brief driving tour of Port Moresby including site visit to Parliament House. Depart Port Moresby for Brisbane 13:30 and arrive Brisbane 16:40.

Overnight: Own arrangements for overnight accommodation in Brisbane or connect to onward flights from Brisbane.

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PNG Mission Costs

1. Air Travel:

Return airfare to Brisbane, Australia on own arrangements and expenses.

** Please note that your flights must arrive into Brisbane International Airport (BNE) on Friday October 16th and depart from Brisbane International Airport (BNE) on Friday October 30th AFTER 20:00 OR on Saturday October 31st. (Overnight accommodation in Brisbane will be arranged if necessary for group members flying out on October 31st.)*

Flight Schedule Costs Included:

Brisbane to Port Moresby, Port Moresby to Mt Hagen, Mt Hagen to Goroka, Lae to Port Moresby, Port Moresby to Brisbane

Total Cost for Flights: K2,362 per person

2. Accommodation

Brisbane Airport Hotel, Tambul Guesthouse, Bird of Paradise Hotel in Goroka, Ramu Guest House, Melanesian Hotel in Lae, Salamaua

Total Cost for Accommodation: K2,537 per person twin share

3. Bus Hire

Mt Hagen, Tambul, Goroka drive to Lae, Port Moresby

Total Cost for Transportation: K 1,091 per person (based on 10 pp minimum)

4. Meal Expenses

**Please note that additional beverages, snacks and food items are to be paid for personally.*

10 Days K1,250 pp (Est. K35 for breakfast, K40 for lunch and K50 for dinner)

Total Cost for Meals: K1,250 per person

5. Miscellaneous

Contingency Rate K70/day x 14 days = K980 per person

Total cost per person = PGK K8,220	GBP £1,945	AUD \$3,890
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Disclaimer: Budgeted costs have been calculated as close as possible. They do not include costs for return airfare to and from Brisbane Australia. Please understand that costs may vary slightly as a result of fluctuating exchange rates and unexpected trip expenses. We've included a contingency rate for this and hope that this will be more than enough. Please also understand that costs may increase if bookings are not made in the near future. For additional questions please contact Léona Dargis at leona21d@hotmail.com



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BOOKING FORM

Please Return to Léona Dargis by email at leona21d@hotmail.com

Name:

Age:

Birth Date:

RASC Member Society/Sponsor Organization:

PASSPORT DETAILS

Full Name (as on passport):

Country of Issue:

Nationality (as on passport):

Passport Number:

Expiry Date:

CONTACT DETAILS

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EMERGENCY CONTACT

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