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CAIRNS BUSINESS DELEGATION Port Moresby and Bougainville

21-27 SEPTEMBER 2024

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Cairns Business Delegation to Port Moresby and Bougainville 21-27 September 2024

The Delegation

Tradelinked Cairns-PNG-Pacific and Exchange Innovation & Information Centre are leading a Cairns business delegation to Port Moresby and Bougainville from **21-27 September 2024**.

The timing of the delegation has been chosen to coincide with the Bougainville Chocolate Festival (Tuesday 24 – Thursday 26 September) being held this year in Arawa. The Chocolate Festival is a major event with international judges and over 500 participating farmers on Bougainville.

The intent of the delegation is to continue developing mutually beneficial business relationships between Cairns and Papua New Guinea as well as introducing delegates to potential opportunities and business contacts in Bougainville.

The delegation will stop briefly in Port Moresby, giving time for business or personal appointments, sightseeing or other activities as required. It will then travel to the Autonomous Region of Bougainville for the annual Bougainville Chocolate Festival.

On-the-Ground Support

The business delegation will be accompanied by:

- Tony Sheehan, President, Tradelinked-Cairns-PNG-Pacific
- Lyn Carlyle-Jacob, Director, Exchange Innovation & Information Centre – EiiC

The business delegation will be supported on the ground by:

- **Port Moresby** - Adrian Weeks, Senior Trade Commissioner Port Moresby and Solomon Islands, Austrade; &

- Joshua Kaile, Senior Business Development Manager – Port Moresby, Trade & Investment Qld / Australian Trade & Investment Commission (Austrade)
- **Bougainville** – DFAT Representatives

Who Should Consider:

There are opportunities in Bougainville for innovative businesses – for example skills development in the areas of agribusiness; small business; governance and tourism. Tradelinked Cairns-PNG-Pacific continues to work towards fostering relations between the business communities of Bougainville and Cairns through its inbound and outbound business delegations.

All businesses are invited to attend this delegation with opportunities identified in the following sectors:

- Education and training
- Business development / professional services (ie: community consultation, recruitment, compliance, accounting, legal, business planning, financial planning)
- Governance
- Tourism and cultural activities
- Aviation and marine
- Agribusiness industry development (ie: advisory services, animal health, nutrition & reproduction, cropping, disease management, fishing, beef cattle, food processing, horticulture and dairy)
- Industrial and commercial manufacturing and distribution solutions / services
- Construction / refurbishment services
- Environmental solutions (ie: water, waste-water, solar energy, etc)

Background – Bougainville

The Autonomous Region of Bougainville is a Province in Papua New Guinea. The population of Bougainville is around 300,000. Bougainville covers an area of 9,318km, and is the largest island in the Solomon's archipelago, but has been part of what is now Papua New Guinea since 1920.

Recent years has seen the partnership between Australia and Papua New Guinea (PNG) (including Bougainville) start to mature from an aid relationship to an economic partnership. In Bougainville this economic partnership is focused on:

- Growing and diversifying primary industry production;
- Improving the investment climate and business environment; and
- Strengthening trade links and inward and domestic investment.

At present the administrative centre of Bougainville is on Buka Island so this will give not only the opportunity to see the local culture, agricultural show and displays, but to also make important networking and business contacts. The group will begin their stay on Bougainville at Buka Island before travelling to Arawa located on the main island.

Bougainville has a long history and colourful history. Central Bougainville (near Arawa) is the site of the now defunct Panguna copper mine. The mine has had a contentious history that led to a prolonged civil disruption on the island. Post conflict, Bougainville is now rebuilding its social and economic future. Education, tourism, transport, local and civil engineering, agriculture and other services are all important sectors which offer opportunity for partnership and building business relationships. The renewal of the exploration licences for mining in some parts of the island may also offer opportunities for goods and service providers in the longer term.

Previously there were direct flights from Cairns to Bougainville – which offered direct access for business and travel. Many people in Cairns and Far North Queensland still have close ties with the region, its people and businesses. This delegation is perfect for those who wish to renew their acquaintance with the region, those who wish to explore new opportunities or for those who wish a unique tourism experience.

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Note-the final itinerary will be formalized once delegates' individual needs are identified

Saturday 21 September – Travel Cairns to Port Moresby

TIME	ACTIVITY	COMMENTS
7.00am	Delegation departs Cairns Port Moresby – arriving in POM approx. 8.30am	Luggage 30kg Go through Customs
9.00am	Travel to accommodation – Hilton Hotel	Courtesy bus provided by Hotel
All Day	Delegation to spend day in Port Moresby with own appointments. Possible briefing with Australian Government Officials or others	Delegates can make own appointments or ask Tradelinked/EiiC to seek appointments
6.30pm	Tradelinked Official Dinner or Business Networking Event	Tradelinked/EiiC to organise

Sunday 22 September – Day in Port Moresby

TIME	ACTIVITY	COMMENTS
7.30am	Breakfast provided at Hotel	
	Free day in Port Moresby	Delegates can make own appointments or ask Tradelinked/EiiC to seek appointments

6.00pm	Tradelinked Dinner or Business Networking	Tradelinked/EiiC to organise
8.30pm	Free time for delegates	
	Overnight Accommodation – Hilton Hotel	

Monday 23 September – Port Moresby to Buka

6.30am 7.30am	Breakfast at Hotel Check out of Hotel, all incidentals to be paid for by delegates	
7.45am 9.25am	Travel to airport Flight PX 250 – Non-Stop flight from Port Moresby to Buka (1hr 40 mins) Note: luggage limits may apply	Travel to airport – Courtesy Bus provided by Hotel
12.05pm	Arrive in Buka. Travel from airport to accommodation Overnight accommodation in Buka at Reasons Bar & Grill (Hotel)	Hotel to provide Courtesy Bus
1.00pm- 4.00pm	Lunch followed by Business Meetings as available	Time allocated for one-on-one business meetings. Preferably at hotel or other nearby venue. Tradelinked/EiiC to organise on behalf of delegates or delegates to organise own meetings
6.00pm	Tradelinked Dinner or business networking	Tradelinked /EiiC to organise event
8.30pm	Delegates' free time	

Tuesday 24 September – Travel Buka to Arawa

7.00am- 8.30am	Breakfast at Accommodation in Buka. Check out of accommodation	Individual incidentals to be paid by each delegate
9.00am – 12.00noon	Morning in Buka – Proposed Business Meetings	

Lunch/ Post Lunch	Commence Road Trip from Buka to Arawa (approx. 5 hours) with stops on the way.	Transport and security to be organised by Tradelinked/EiiC in collaboration with on-the-ground- organisations
Early Evening	Arrive in Arawa and book in at Accommodation Accommodation in Arawa at Bovotel	
7.30pm	Casual Dinner for delegates	Dinner organised by Tradelinked/EiiC
9.00pm	Free time for delegates	

Wednesday 25 September – Attendance at ‘Chocolate Festival’

7.00am – 8.30am	Breakfast at Hotel with DFAT officials - TBC	Overview of business opportunities in Bougainville – Briefing
8.30am – 10.00am	Free time for delegates to make own appointments	Delegates free to meet with potential clients preferably at hotel unless client arranges transport
10.30am	Transport arrives for delegates to travel to Chocolate Festival (if required) Lunch organised at Festival	Tradelinked/EiiC to organise – Festival tickets; transport and security
2.30pm	Depart Chocolate Festival and travel (same transport if required) return to hotel	Transport and security to be arranged by Tradelinked/EiiC
3.00pm	Free time or industry visit - TBC	This time slot can be organised based on Delegates’ interests
6.30pm	Tradelinked Official Dinner with Keynote Speaker	Tradelinked/EiiC to organise in collaboration with on-the-ground organisations
9.00pm	Delegates free time	

Thursday 26 September – Travel Arawa to Buka

7.30am – 8.30am	Breakfast at Hotel and check out	
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8.30am – 10.30am	Delegates' Business Meeting or free time	Delegates' option
10.30am	Travel to Buka by road stopping on the way	Transport and security to be organised by Tradelinked/EiiC in collaboration with on-the-ground- organisations
12.30noon	Traditional Lunch at Wakunai Village	Tradelinked/EiiC to organise
2.00pm – 5.00pm	Continue road travel to Buka	
5.00pm	Arrive in Buka and travel to accommodation Accommodation – Reasons Bar & Grill	
6.30pm	Final Dinner or Business Networking	Tradelinked/EiiC to organise
8.30pm	Free time for delegates	

Friday 27 September – Buka/Port Moresby/Cairns

7.30am – 8.30am	Breakfast at Hotel – Check out of Hotel	
9.00am	Cultural event or tourism activity – delegates choice	Tradelinked/EiiC to arrange with delegates' interests in mind
10.30am	Travel to airport for Air Niugini Flight to Cairns via Port Moresby - departing Buka at 1.10pm	Tradelinked/EiiC to arrange Transport
6.30pm	Arrive in Cairns	
	DELEGATION ENDS	

Cost to Participate

The cost to participate is: **\$5,400** or for Tradelinked Members - **\$5,130 (5% discount)**

This includes:

- All international and domestic flights;
- 6 nights' accommodation;
- Breakfasts and other meals as highlighted in itinerary;
- Transport and security;

- Networking functions with existing and leading organisations;
- Scheduled meetings tailored to identified opportunities;
- Facilitated business events and dinners;
- Briefings on key economic and industry matters by in-Country Government representatives; and
- Attendance at the 2024 Bougainville Chocolate Festival.

Note: Travel/Health Insurance and Visa costs are the responsibility of the Delegate. Travel insurance must include a Medivac option if required.

This Invitation is Open Now:

You are invited to participate on this delegation, please note **spaces are limited** – to confirm your space please email your signed confirmation form to: info@tradelinked.com.au by **COB WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 2024**

Tradelinked Cairns-PNG-Pacific and EiiC acknowledge the funding support provided by **Trade and Investment Queensland** and **Cairns Regional Council** to undertake activities such as the Outbound Cairns Business Delegation to Port Moresby and Bougainville 21-27 September 2024.



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CAIRNS BUSINESS DELEGATION CONFIRMATION FORM

To formally confirm your participation on the Tradelinked Cairns-PNG-Pacific Business Delegation to **Port Moresby and Bougainville**.

Please read carefully before completing and return form with a duly authorised signature.

ORGANISATION/BUSINESS:

TRADELINKED MEMBER

Name:

DELEGATION OPTIONS:	TICK YOUR OPTION/S	NON MEMBER	MEMBER (5% off)
Port Moresby + Bougainville	21-27 September 2024	\$ 5,400 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 5,130 <input type="checkbox"/>

NB: Delegates are required to organise their own business visas; travel and health insurances (which must include a Medivac Option).

CONTACT DETAILS:

Name of Delegate:			
Delegate's Contact Mobile No:		Delegate's Whats app No:	
Delegate's Contact Email:			
Postal Address:			
Name of Accounts Contact:			
Email address for Accounts:			
Accounts Contact Phone No:			

DETAILS OF INCLUSIONS:

The above costs include airfares, accommodation, some meals, transfers, attendance to organised events, scheduled events & planned meetings with key business contacts, itinerary, pre-delegation briefing, delegate's handbook and post-mission debriefing. Tradelinked Cairns-PNG-Pacific/EIIC are working with Government representatives on-the-ground to tailor your itinerary and organise all meetings on behalf of your business. We will help you build relationships and put you in touch with key decision makers. Up to two (2) meetings will be organised by Tradelinked/EIIC in collaboration with Austrade, DFAT, Chambers of Commerce, other business organisations, key industry, government and business representatives.

BENEFITS: As a delegate you will receive the following:

- Business-to-opportunity matching to maximise each delegate's investment through building relationships with existing organisations.
- Briefings on key industry sectors by Government Departmental Heads.
- Business networking events.
- Functions/meetings with key business people.
- Proposed industry visits in key sectors identified as important to your business (as deemed necessary).

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Cancellation Policy: Full payment is required within 14 days of signing this confirmation form, unless otherwise negotiated and agreed. Cancellation fees will apply, and refunds will only be available, if a cancellation is made within 21 days of confirmation. A 75% refund will be provided if notice is given within the required period with a nil refund due after. I have read the terms and conditions of Tradelinked Cairns-PNG-Pacific and agree to accept the terms and conditions herein.

CONFIRMED:	YES	Name:
	Date:	Signature:	
Tradelinked Cairns-PNG-Pacific's Acceptance:		Name:
	Date:	Signature:	

RETURN EMAIL TO: info@tradelinked.com.au by: **COB WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 2024**

Please ensure you print out form, sign and scan before returning.