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Members of the Delegation

Leader of the Delegation

- Senator the Hon Sue Lines, President of the Senate
Senator for Western Australia
Australian Labor Party

Delegates

- The Hon Sharon Claydon MP, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives
Member for Newcastle, New South Wales
Australian Labor Party
- Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC
Senator for Western Australia
Liberal Party of Australia
- Mr Josh Burns MP
Member for Macnamara, Victoria
Australian Labor Party
- Senator Mehreen Faruqi
Senator for New South Wales
Australian Greens
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Member for Mackellar, New South Wales
Independent

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- Mr Alan Raine
Delegation Secretary
- Ms Sophia Wilson
Advisor, Office of the President of the Senate

Introduction

This report gives an account of the bilateral Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Papua New Guinea from 4 to 10 December 2022.

The delegation's aims and objectives were to:

- continue to strengthen parliamentary relationships with Papua New Guinea;
- meet with the High Commissioner and his staff to discuss and learn more about Australia's bilateral relationship with Papua New Guinea and to discuss issues of interest or concern to Australia;
- meet with the Speaker of the Papua New Guinea Parliament and extend a formal invitation to visit Australia in 2023;
- meet with local parliamentarians to understand the challenges and successes they experience, and to share experiences from the recent elections in both Papua New Guinea and Australia;
- conduct site visits of various projects and meet with organisations and individuals that are the beneficiaries of financial aid from Australia and discuss the progress of their programs.

Acknowledgements

Prior to departure, the delegation received a helpful and informative briefing from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

During the visit, the delegation was accompanied by officers located with the Australian High Commission in Papua New Guinea, led by HE Jon Philp, High Commissioner.

The High Commissioner and his staff provided comprehensive briefings and excellent logistical assistance throughout the visit. The delegation is greatly appreciative of the effort made to accommodate its needs and to ensure a successful visit.

The delegation particularly wishes to thank:

- The Hon Sasindran Muthuvel MP, Governor of West New Britain, and the Hon Freddie Reu Kumai MP, Member for Talasea Open, who hosted and travelled with the delegation in West New Britain on Wednesday 7 December and Thursday 8 December.
- Mr Nicholas Murphy, First Secretary and Visit Liaison Officer at the Australian High Commission, who developed the visit program and provided ongoing support during the visit.
- Ms Georgina Atkin, Assistant Director (PNG Political and Strategy Branch) at DFAT, who accompanied the delegation in Port Moresby.
- Mr Simon King, Counsellor (Infrastructure), and Ms Anastasia Likouresis, First Secretary (Infrastructure) at the Australian High Commission, who accompanied the delegation to West New Britain.

Finally, the delegation thanks all the individuals and organisations that graciously gave time to meet with the delegation and expresses appreciation for the warm welcomes and hospitality received.

Senator the Hon Sue Lines
President of the Senate

Report of activities

Sunday, 4 December 2022

The delegation travelled to Port Moresby on Sunday, 4 December 2022.

The delegation met with the High Commissioner, HE Mr Jon Philp, who gave the delegation a briefing on Australia's bilateral relationship with PNG and outlined current events, such as the recent national election, that were likely to be raised with the delegation during its visit.

Monday, 5 December 2022

Kokoda Track

The delegation was up early to walk a section of the Kokoda Track from Owers' Corner to Goldie Creek in the relative cool of a tropical summer's morning. The delegation was accompanied by members of the Australian Defence Force stationed in PNG, guides from the Kokoda Track Authority and members of the High Commission.

Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Jardine gave the delegation a briefing which outlined the significance of the Kokoda Track Campaign to Australia's defence in World War Two, and the challenges presented by the unforgiving terrain and tropical conditions.



The delegation with Kokoda Track Authority guides, members of the Australian Defence Force stationed in PNG and a DFAT official prior to walking from Owers' Corner to Goldie River.

As a result of participating in the walk, members of the delegation expressed a greater appreciation for the suffering and sacrifices made by those who served in the campaign and agreed that participating in the walk was an important contributor to their understanding of the bilateral relationship between PNG and Australia.

Depo Primary School

A warm welcome by school children performing traditional dances greeted the delegation at Depo Village Primary School. The school is one of many in the Kokoda region that benefits from the Kokoda Initiative Partnership. The partnership invests in classrooms, teacher housing and ongoing in-service training to improve teacher qualifications and boards of management.

The delegation was fortunate to be able to hear from government officials about how support through the Kokoda Initiative Partnership is improving education outcomes through increasing education infrastructure and teacher quality.

The President presented an award to Ms Natasha Maino in recognition of high performance in her Grade 12 studies. The Depo Primary School students then demonstrated their progress by reading to individual members of the delegation. Several members of the delegation also met with teachers from across the region who were increasing their knowledge and skills as part of the initiative.



Dr Scamps listening to students from Depo Primary School demonstrate their reading skills.

Meeting with the Speaker of the PNG Parliament

In the afternoon, the delegation travelled to the PNG Parliament to meet with the Speaker of the Parliament, the Hon Job Pomat, Member for Manus Open. At this meeting, the President presented the Speaker with an official invitation to visit the Australian Parliament in 2023. The Speaker accepted this invitation and indicated that he would seek to visit Australia in the first part of next year with the two newly elected female members of the PNG Parliament.

The Speaker and the delegation discussed a variety of issues including:

- Results of the 2022 National General Election and the significant number of petitions in the court of disputed returns.
- Timing of provision of electoral funding for the recent election and the need for funding certainty to be delivered early in the electoral cycle.
- Establishment of a new committee on gender in the PNG Parliament and government initiatives to better support women.
- Media reports indicating that the population of PNG is significantly higher than government estimates.
- Potential expansion of the PNG Parliament building to support the growing needs of the PNG Parliament and its committees.

Following the meeting with the Speaker, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted the delegation on a tour of the House of Assembly in the PNG Parliament where delegates admired the unique architectural and cultural aspects of the chamber.



Members of the delegation with the Speaker of the Parliament, the Hon Job Pomat, Member for Manus Open in the Papua New Guinea Parliament.

Formal dinner at the High Commissioner's residence

The High Commissioner, HE Mr Jon Philp, hosted a dinner with delegates and the Hon Saki Saloma MP, Member for Okapa Open. Mr Saloma was Minister for Energy in the previous term of government and was known to some of the delegates from that role.

Topics discussed over dinner included challenges in increasing female representation in the PNG Parliament and politics more generally, and the importance of the Connect PNG Program¹ to realise economic and social development opportunities through the construction of road and port infrastructure.



Members of the delegation with the Hon Saki Saloma, Member for Okapa Open, and HE Mr Jon Philp, Australian High Commissioner.

¹ The Connect PNG Development Infrastructure Program 2020-2040 aims to enhance support for sustainable socio-economic development and national cohesion and unity, by connecting PNG's four main regions over the next 20 years.

Tuesday, 6 December 2022

Breakfast with a new PNG Parliamentarian

Members of the delegation met with the Hon Anderson Mise MP, Member for Aitape-Lumi Open. Mr Mise shared his experiences through the election process and noted that he had started campaigning for the 2022 election in 2019 once he had delivered a road connection for his local community.

Mr Mise discussed some of the challenges facing his electorate, including remoteness and the importance of road connectivity, electrification of villages, the border with Indonesian controlled West Papua and the difficulties associated with delivering on the expectations of the local community following his election.

Launch of the Australian High Commission Women in Leadership Strategy

The delegation was fortunate to attend the launch of the Australian High Commission's Women in Leadership Strategy. To celebrate the launch of the strategy at the High Commission, four inspiring local women shared their stories and experiences of how they overcame gender bias and rose to become leaders:

- Lieutenant Colonel Nancy Wii, Commanding Officer Air Transport Wing, outlined both the difficulties she faced but also the satisfaction in being able to pave the way for others as the first female in a leadership position within the PNG defence force.
- Ms Angeline Johns, Associate Director ANZ Bank, highlighted a positive attitude and flexible approach to work as the keys to her success and concluded by reminding attendees that "you might not have the skills, but, if you have the right attitude, doors will open".
- Ms Doreen Iga, Co-team Leader Building Community Engagement in PNG, emphasized the importance of resilience and perseverance when explaining her personal challenges in overcoming a history of domestic violence to rise to a leadership position.
- Ms Julienne Leka-Maliaki, Deputy Team Leader Incentive Fund, argued that "if you follow your passion, then leadership opportunities will follow". She shared her story of following her passion for netball for 16 years after finishing school before undertaking a dual degree in three years and then forging a career drawing on the leadership skills she developed from netball.



Speakers from the Women in Leadership Strategy Launch with the Deputy High Commissioner, Dr Joanne Loundes and members of the delegation.

Off-grid renewable energy presentation

Given the relatively low levels of electrification in regional and remote PNG villages, the delegation met with representatives from the National Energy Authority, PNG Power and Powarim Komuniti to learn more about Australia's grant funding programs which provide off-grid renewable energy solutions to otherwise unserved communities.

The delegation learnt about the strategies used in these programs to engender community engagement through a co-contribution by the household in some instances to the cost of the renewable energy solution. The delegation also learnt about the ongoing support provided through these programs to ensure the longevity of the solutions and minimise the waste footprint at end of life through component recycling. Delegates explored the legal and technical barriers facing the deployment of larger electrification solutions that could be employed to provide electricity to entire villages.

Members of the delegation appreciated the benefits that even the most basic electrification solutions can bring to improving safety, health, education and economic outcomes.

Team Up activity with Badminton PNG and Basketball PNG

A variety of children and people with disability from the Inclusive Gymbad and Basketball for Good programs warmly welcomed the delegation. Mr Burns held his own when playing three-on-three basketball with members of the PNG National Under 15 team which had just returned from the

Oceania Championships in Guam. Other members of the delegation tried their hand at badminton with varying degrees of success.

Speaking with representatives from Badminton PNG and Basketball PNG gave the delegation a greater appreciation of the role that Australia's support for these programs helps to increase inclusiveness for females and people with disability and assist in promoting healthy lifestyles.



Mr Burns playing three-on-three basketball with members of the Under 15 National Basketball Team.

National Museum and Art Gallery

Ms Loretta Hasu, Manager – Access, Education and Public Programs, provided an interesting and informative tour of the PNG National Museum and Art Gallery, which received financial support from Australia to be refurbished in 2018. Delegates were impressed by the number and variety of displays which featured a range of artifacts reflecting PNG's diverse culture and history across all 22 provinces.

Ms Hasu indicated that the museum intended to create a display celebrating the military efforts of PNG soldiers in the Second World War.



Members of the delegation with Ms Hasu under the main entrance to the PNG National Museum and Art Gallery.

International Volunteers Day Reception

The High Commission hosted a reception to celebrate International Volunteers Day (5 December) with representatives of the Australian Volunteers Program, partner organisations (including Solar Solutions and Port Moresby Nature Park) and volunteers on in-country assignments.

Speakers at the event highlighted the importance of international volunteers to transferring skills and building local capacity. While the number of international volunteers reduced due to the impact of COVID-19, there were expectations that it will rebound to 'normal' levels by financial year 2023-24.

Wednesday, 7 December 2022

Bomana War Cemetery

Having experienced a short part of the Kokoda Track on Monday morning, the delegation then visited the Bomana War Cemetery on Wednesday morning to pay their respects to those that lost their life during the fighting in and around PNG in World War Two. Bomana War Cemetery is one of three Australian war cemeteries in PNG where the remains of Australian and other Commonwealth personnel who served in PNG and the greater Pacific are buried.

The delegation was escorted by Mr Callum Howarth, PNG Manager - Office of Australian War Graves, who provided insight into the heroics and background of a number of personnel buried at the site, including two recipients of the Victoria Cross. The President reflected on the challenges and difficulties her father must have faced serving in PNG as part of the 2/5 Commando Squadron as she saw the headstones of other members of the same squadron.

Mr Howarth was keen to introduce the delegation to the many local groundskeepers that keep the graves and memorial grounds in such good order and give them credit for their important contribution.



The President and Deputy Speaker talking to the local groundskeepers about their work maintaining the Bomana War Cemetery.

University of Papua New Guinea

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Papua New Guinea, Professor Frank Griffin, and other esteemed leaders from the university welcomed the delegation to the UPNG School of Business and Public Policy. The delegation toured the new faculty building and lecture theatre which was completed in 2018 with financial assistance from the Australian Government.

The School of Business and Public Policy has a longstanding partnership with the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University. This partnership has improved both the quantity and quality of graduates, resulted in the development of a master's level course and produced students who have gone on to doctorate studies. The partnership was able to overcome some of the challenges presented by COVID-19 by facilitating the remote delivery of lectures by ANU academics.

The delegation was pleased to hear that the number of female students had been steadily increasing and discussed some of the broader challenges facing the university, including replacing ageing buildings and infrastructure, attracting and retaining appropriate staff to meet greater student demand, securing funding certainty and ongoing financial sustainability and strengthening financial management and audit processes.



Delegation members inspecting new lecture facilities with representatives of the University of Papua New Guinea.

Dinner with West New Britain Governor and Member for Talasea Open

Following the delegation's arrival in West New Britain, the province's Governor, the Hon Sasindran Muthuvel MP, and the Member for Talasea Open, the Hon Freddie Reu Kumai MP, had dinner with the delegation where the opportunities and challenges facing the province were discussed. The Governor discussed the importance of aid and development funding to the construction of much needed infrastructure.

Thursday, 8 December 2022

Mosa Biogas Electricity Power Plant

The delegation conducted a site visit of the Mosa Biogas Electricity Power Plant which harnesses the waste products of New Britain's main industry, palm oil. This is one of two power plants owned by New Britain Palm Oil that anaerobically converts palm oil processing mill waste to biogas (predominantly methane) which is then burnt to create renewable electricity.

The energy generated from the power plants is used to power the processing mills and is also exported into the local electricity grid to provide up to 20 per cent of the power requirements for Kimbe (the capital of West New Britain). In addition to the generation of renewable energy, these power plants also reduce the release of methane into the atmosphere and avoid the use of diesel generators at processing mills and to provide electricity to the township.

Kimbe Market Redevelopment

The delegation was fortunate to visit the temporary market in Kimbe which has been relocated to enable a redevelopment of the permanent market site. This experience gave the delegation an opportunity to experience the conditions that stall vendors currently experience and be able to compare those with the facilities being built through the Kimbe Market Redevelopment Project.

The project is jointly funded by the Australian Government, the West New Britain Provincial Government and the New Zealand Government. The redeveloped market will provide space for more vendors and improve safety, security and hygiene for both vendors and customers.

The delegation was impressed by the large number of local tradespeople employed in the construction phase and the opportunities that the project has given them to improve their skills and competency. The Governor emphasised the importance of projects like the Kimbe Market Redevelopment to building capability and capacity within the local workforce.



The Kimbe Market Development project is employing and upskilling many local construction workers.

Bitokara Community Health Post

The delegation travelled to visit the Bitokara Community Health Post which is currently undergoing a transformation with construction of a new health facility. While the new facility was not yet operational when the delegation visited, construction of the new facility was largely complete with delegates touring the proposed delivery room, post-natal room, upgraded sanitation and medical waste management facilities and new staff housing.

Senator Reynolds and Dr Scamps took the opportunity to visit the temporary community health post in operation and could see the difference that the new facility would make to improving access to health services and health outcomes within this remote community. Members of the delegation also talked with members of the local community about what having access to the new health facility means to them and what benefits the new facility will bring, particularly in maternal health.



The delegation touring the new Bitokara Community Health Post with the Governor of West New Britain, the Hon Sasindran Muthuvel MP (second from the right).

Mahonia Na Dari Conservation and Education Centre

Staff and researchers at Mahonia Na Dari, a conservation, education and research organisation, welcomed the delegation and provided an overview of their work to understand and conserve the natural environments of Kimbe Bay and PNG more broadly. Mahonia Na Dari means 'Guardian of the Sea' in the local indigenous language and their education efforts have reached over 15 000 students in the local area through the Marine Education Environment Program with the assistance of an Incentive Fund grant. This work has also facilitated field excursions for students and resulted in 500 mangroves being planted. Members of the delegation participated in a planting of mangroves for the Mahonia Na Dari nursery.

Kimbe Port Development

The Kimbe Port was the final stop in the delegation's visit to New West Britain. The Kimbe Port is PNG's third largest port and handles a variety of products for both international and domestic markets. Built in 1969 with extensions in 1987, the current port infrastructure is in very poor to fair condition. Investment by the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific will see much needed works to upgrade the port begin in 2023, especially to the overseas wharf and the creation of a new palm oil berthing facility.

The delegation learnt about plans to upgrade a number of PNG ports and discussed some of the particular challenges and needs of the Kimbe Port. The delegation then toured the port facility to better understand why the redevelopment is necessary and how it will result in improved handling processes.

Formal Dinner with the Governor of West New Britain

The Governor of West New Britain hosted a formal dinner for the delegation with various esteemed members of the local community. The Governor emphasised what an honour it had been to be able to escort the delegation to showcase various projects across West New Britain and demonstrate where support from the Australian Government is making a significant difference to the quality of life for the West New Britain community.

The President thanked the Governor for his gracious hospitality and the warm welcome that the delegation had received from the people of West New Britain. The President also highlighted the value to the delegation of visiting a regional centre to better understand the unique challenges faced by those living and working there.

Friday, 9 December 2022

UNICEF – Education Briefing

Members of the local UNICEF office, led by Dr Chiharu Kondo (Chief Education), provided the delegation with a briefing about the challenges facing the education system in PNG and work that UNICEF is doing to improve education outcomes and socio-economic outcomes for children in PNG more broadly.

The delegation was keen to explore what could be done to improve the completion rate of students at Grade 12 level as there appears to be a consistent withdrawal from formal education across most year levels. UNICEF representatives indicated that limited access to secondary schools was an issue for many students once they reach that level. While some of the access can be attributed to secondary schooling not being locally available, it was also noted that community violence (particularly in the Highlands) following the 2022 national election had also closed some schools for significant periods of time and this was having an impact on student attendance and attainment.



Members of UNICEF PNG and the Australian High Commission with members of the delegation.

Australian Defence Force Briefing

The delegation received a briefing from the Assistant Australian Defence Advisor to PNG, Lieutenant Colonel John Leathley, regarding the nature of the ADF's assistance to the PNG Defence Force. The main role that the Australian Defence Force has in PNG is to assist with improving operational proficiency and supporting organisational reform across a number of non-operational areas including information and communications technology, human resources, procurement, governance and audit, and managing estates and infrastructure.

Ending violence against women roundtable

One of the longstanding issues in PNG is violence against women and a significant proportion of women in relationships have suffered some form of family violence. The delegation participated in a roundtable with representatives from a variety of local support organisations and Australian Government officials from various agencies to better understand the issue and the available support services.

The delegation was also encouraged to hear that political attitudes towards addressing domestic violence seem to be improving but there is a long way to go. While there have been positive reforms to help women (such as the introduction of specific domestic violence laws and the creation of domestic violence units with the police force), one of the key challenges raised was difficulties with dispersing information about these changes to the broader population, especially the large proportion of the population living in remote areas.

Meeting with Australia Award Scholarship recipients

The delegation also met with local recipients of Australia Awards Scholarships who shared their experiences and how they benefited from the opportunity to pursue further study in Australia. Recipients of the awards are taking up leadership roles within their chosen fields in both the government and private sectors.



Australia Awards recipients and alumni with the delegation

Trade and Business Dinner

The final formal engagement for the delegation was a trade and business dinner where the delegates met with locally based business leaders from a variety of industry sectors. The dinner provided an opportunity for the delegation to better understand from people working on the ground about the challenges and opportunities that private businesses face when operating in PNG.

Saturday, 10 December 2022

The delegation travelled from Port Moresby back to Australia on Saturday, 10 December 2022.

The delegation takes this opportunity to again thank the High Commissioner, his staff and the all the organisations it met with for their time and hospitality during what was an informative and successful visit to Papua New Guinea.

Delegation Program

Sunday 4 December 2022

- 17.50 Arrive Jackson's International Airport, Port Moresby
Check in at Hilton Hotel
- 19.00 Security and Situational Awareness Briefing, Hilton Hotel
Hosted by the Australian High Commissioner, HE Jon Philp, and the Deputy High Commissioner, Dr Joanne Loundes

Monday 5 December 2022

- 6.30 Depart hotel for Kokoda Trail Walk and Depo School Visit
- 7.45 Kokoda Trail Walk to Goldie River
- 10.00 Travel to Depo Primary School
- 10.20 Visit to Depo Primary School
- 11.20 Travel back to hotel
- 14.40 Travel to PNG Parliament
- 15.00 Formal meeting with the Speaker of the PNG Parliament, The Hon Jon Pomat MP
- 16.00 Tour of PNG Parliament with the Sargent-at-Arms
- 16.30 Travel to hotel
- 18.15 Travel to High Commissioner's Residence
- 18.30 Official Dinner at High Commissioner's Residence
Hosted by the Australian High Commissioner, HE Jon Philp, with the Hon Saki Saloma MP, Member for Okapa Open
- 20.45 Travel to hotel

Tuesday 6 December 2022

- 7.30 Breakfast with a new Member of PNG Parliament, Hilton Hotel
Hosted by representatives from the Australian High Commission with the Hon Anderson Mise MP, Member for Aitape-Lumi Open
- 10.00 *The Deputy Speaker, Ms Sharon Claydon, arrives in Port Moresby and joins the delegation*

- 10.15 Travel to Australian High Commission
- 10.30 Launch of the Australian High Commission Women in Leadership Strategy
Hosted by the Minister-Counsellor (Management) and Consul-General, Australian High Commission, Mr Mauro Kolobaric
- 11.30 Travel to Port Moresby Arts Theatre
- 11.45 Short Film Screening – Australian Off-Grid Energy Projects in PNG
- 12.00 Meeting with the National Energy Authority PNG
- 13.00 Travel to Australian High Commission
- 13.15 Light lunch
- 13.50 Travel to Sports Partnership Event
- 14.00 Sports Partnership Event
Hosted by Mr Andrew Lepani, Partnerships Manager, Team Up in conjunction with representatives from Badminton PNG and Basketball Federation PNG
- 14.45 Travel to National Museum and Art Gallery
- 15.00 Tour of PNG's National Museum and Art Gallery (NMAG)
Hosted by Ms Loretta Hasu, Manager – Access, Education and Public Programs of the PNG National Museum and Art Gallery
- 16.00 Travel to hotel
- 18.00 International Volunteers Day Reception, Hilton Hotel
Hosted by the Australian High Commissioner, HE Jon Philp

Wednesday 7 December 2022

Senator Reynolds travels to West New Britain prior to the rest of the delegation

- 4.30 *Senator Reynolds check out and travel to Jackson's Airport*
- 6.10 *Senator Reynolds departs for Hoskins Airport, West New Britain*
- 8.05 *Senator Reynolds arrives at Hoskins Airport, West New Britain and spends the time until the rest of the delegation arrives visiting Hargy Oil Palm Limited*
- 7.30 Travel to Bomana War Cemetery
- 8.00 Visit to Bomana War Cemetery

Hosted by Mr Calum Howarth, PNG Manager - Office of Australian War Graves

- 9.00 Travel to hotel
- 10.15 Travel to University of Papua New Guinea
- 10.30 Visit to the University of Papua New Guinea
- Hosted by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Frank Griffin
- 11.45 Travel to hotel
- 12.00 Light lunch
- 13.30 Check out and travel to Jacksons Airport
- 15.40 Depart Port Moresby for Hoskins Airport, West New Britain
- 16.55 Arrive Hoskins Airport, West New Britain
- 18.00 Arrive Liamo Reef Resort and check-in
- 19.00 Dinner with Governor of West New Britain

Hosted by the Governor of West New Britain, the Hon Sasindran Muthuvel MP, and the Member for Talasea Open, the Hon Freddie Reu Kumai MP.

Thursday 8 December 2022

Activities in West New Britain were accompanied by the Governor of West New Britain, the Hon Sasindran Muthuvel MP, and the Member for Talasea Open, the Hon Freddie Reu Kumai MP.

- 7.30 Travel to local market in Kimbe
- 7.40 Visit local market in Kimbe
- 8.00 Travel to Mosa Biogas Electricity Plant
- 8.15 Visit to Mosa Biogas Electricity Plant
- 8.45 Travel to Kimbe Market Development
- 9.00 Kimbe Market Development - Briefing and Inspection
- 9.45 Travel to Bitokara Community Health Post
- 11.00 Bitokara Community Health Post – Inspection of new facilities
- 12.00 Travel to Walindi Resort
- 12.45 Lunch at Walindi Resort

- 13.45 Travel to Mahonia na Dari
- 14.00 Visit to Mahonia na Dari Education and Conservation Centre
- 15.00 Travel to Kimbe Port
- 15.30 Kimbe Port – Briefing and tour
- 16.30 Travel to hotel
- 18.30 Formal dinner with Governor of West New Britain and other local dignitaries

Friday 9 December 2022

- 5.30 Check out and transfer to Hoskins Airport
- 7.00 Depart Hoskins Airport for Port Moresby
- 8.10 Arrive Jacksons Airport, Port Moresby
- 8.30 Check in at Hilton Hotel
- 8.30 *Mr Burns transfers to international airport for departure to Australia at 10.30*
- 9.45 Travel to UNICEF Officer
- 10.00 UNICEF Roundtable and Briefing on Education in PNG
Hosted by Dr Claudes Kamenga, UNICEF PNG Representative, and Dr Chiharu Kondo, UNICEF PNG Chief of Education
- 11.30 Travel to Australian High Commission
- 11.45 Light Lunch
- 13.15 Briefing on the Australian Defence Force operations in PNG
Hosted by Lieutenant Colonel John Leathley, Assistant Australian Defence Advisor to Papua New Guinea
- 14.00 Roundtable discussion: Ending Violence Against Women and Girls
- 14.45 Afternoon tea with stakeholders
- 15.10 Roundtable discussion: Australia Awards Students and Alumni
- 16.00 Travel to hotel
- 18.15 Travel to Airways Hotel
- 18.30 Business and Trade Dinner

Hosted by the Deputy High Commissioner, Dr Joanne Loundes

20.30 Travel to hotel

Saturday 10 December 2022

4.30 Check out and travel to Jacksons International Airport

6.30 Depart Port Moresby for Australia