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Nauru commemorates remembrance day

104th anniversary since the end of World War I

His Excellency Acting President Martin Hunt laid a wreath at the cenotaph in front of the government offices in Yaren, in commemoration of Remembrance Day, 11 November.

The day marks the 104th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice between the allied powers of Great Britain, France and Germany in 1918, ending the four tragic years of the First World War.

The ceremony was by part, led by the Nauru Police Force as the Memorial Guards hoisted the flags of Nauru, Australia and New Zealand.



Public laid wreaths at the cenotaph

Following this was the reading of the Ode of Remembrance by Dagaban Harris. The playing of the Last post, two minutes' silence and the playing of the Reveille shortly took place thereafter.

Remembrance Day honours the service men and women who died during wars, conflict and peace keeping operations.

Formerly known as Armistice Day - in reference to the German surrender in 1918, the name was changed to Remembrance Day in 1945.

Lest We Forget those who died in war •

Australia reconnects with Nauru, North Pacific by air

Nauru Airlines resumed fortnightly flights to the North Pacific, subsidised by the Australian government.

The inaugural Australia-North Pacific Connector flight on 16 October, originated from Brisbane, Australia, and transits through Nauru, Tarawa, Majuro, then overnights in Pohnpei before returning on the same route.

His Excellency President Russ Kun thanked the Government of Australia for its support in re-establishing the route, underscoring it “exemplifies its (Australia’s) dedication and commitment to strengthening regular and scheduled connectivity across the Pacific region.”

Australia’s Foreign Minister Penny Wong announced the service on her visit to Nauru, 14 October.

The arrangement is the result of successful negotiations between the Micronesian Presidents Summit (MPS) and Nauru Airlines.

On launch day, Australia’s Minister for International Development and the Pacific Pat Conroy said the route will link Australia and the North and Central Pacific by air while supporting the Pacific family to stay connected, facilitate trade opportunities and boost economic growth in the region.

Passengers on the inaugural flight included Deputy Minister for Nauru Air Corporation Asterio Appi, Deputy Minister for ICT Reagan Aliklik, Nauru Airlines vice Chair Geoff Bowmaker and CEO Robert Eoe •

Nauru Airlines suspended air services to this region including to Fiji in 2020 following the announcement by the World Health Organisation declaring Coronavirus as a global health pandemic.

The route is a welcome one for families and businesses as it provides opportunities to utilise and improve air services in the North Pacific region and accommodate passenger movement and facilitate movement of goods and services.

Fortnightly flights to Nadi, Fiji also resumed on 23 October thus provide the opportunity for Nauruan and Fijian families to reconnect and business to pick up again •



FSM representatives welcome the Nauru delegation at Pohnpei international airport

Parliament receives UNDP equipment

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with the governments of Australia and New Zealand donated conference furniture, IT and Hansard equipment to the Nauru Parliament in handover ceremony, 11 November.

The donation was made possible through the Nauru Accountable Inclusive Governance Project, which is a joint effort from the UNDP and the Governments of Australia and New Zealand.

The project aims to strengthen Nauru’s democracy by providing multilateral assistance to the Nauru Parliament, the Nauru Electoral Commission and the Department of Justice.

Speaker of Parliament Marcus Stephen who received the donations from Australian High Commissioner, Dr Helen Cheney, said he was very pleased with the donation and the support it will provide the parliament.

“We are very pleased to receive this IT equipment to upgrade our parliament and of course, strengthen our parliament institution.”

The New Zealand High Commissioner Richard Griffith, UNDP Pacific Resident Representative Levan Buoadze, and UNDP Solomon Islands Governance Programme Manager Nasie Saune, witnessed the handover virtually and said they look forward to on-going support for Nauru in the future •



Australian High Commissioner Dr Helen Cheney hands over ICT equipment to Speaker of Parliament Marcus Stephen



Road safety is the number one priority. Keep your eyes on the road!

Development of learning farms

The Department of Environmental Management and Agriculture (DEMA) in collaboration with the Pacific Community (SPC) held an agroecology training session for the development of learning farms, 7 to 8 November.

The team is of the SPC’s Land Resources Division based in Suva, Fiji under the Pacific Organic Ethical Trade Community (POETCom) and held the training session with local farmers to help develop two learning farms as a nature-based solution here in Nauru.

The goal is to develop two learning farms in Tonga, Nauru, Solomon Islands and Fiji. The next target will be focused on developing 40 farms on Nauru and 100 farms for the bigger countries.

Project Manager, Timoci Nakalevu, says that through this initiative, the team hopes to promote the use of sustainable agricultural practices, green manuring, agro forestry, composting, mulching, as well as other organic practices which means zero use of chemicals amongst others.

The project is funded by Kiwa Initiative with donors from the European Union, the governments of France, Canada, New Zealand and Australia •



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Project Manager Timoci Nakalevu along with two other officials from SPC arrive in Nauru to train DEMA technical officers

Nauru USP open day

Secretary for Education Darrina Kun shared her views on how vital the University of the South Pacific (USP) is to enhancing the abilities of Nauruans at its Nauru campus open day, 4 November.

The open day highlights the opportunities for young students who seek to further their education and study for their career of choice once they graduate from school and further helps those who are already working in the workforce.

Ms Kun said that Nauru's founding fathers saw the importance of establishing this regional academic institution so that it would open up opportunities for people seeking to further their education, gain skills and understand the technical aspects of an individual's preferred field of work.

Director of USP Nauru Campus Sarina Tamakin said that the number of students can be improved on and encourages more people to apply to study at USP.

"At Nauru Campus, there are probably about 300 students in a year and that to me is a low number, there should be more people coming to USP."

Despite the campus' limitations, it still offers a variety of courses across a number of fields, especially since more of today's learning is now done virtually.

Students from Nauru Secondary School (NSS) visited stalls set up by various government departments and state owned enterprises, including the Department of Health, the Nauru Utilities Corporation and the Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation amongst others.

Safety First!

- * *Drive safely this Christmas*
- * *Be considerate with other motorists*
 - * *Wear your helmet*
- * *Have your drivers' licence ready for police inspection*
- * *Have a designated driver if you plan to consume alcohol*
 - * *Don't drive if you're underaged*
- * *Be responsible and let's all have an enjoyable festive Christmas*

God bless Nauru!



NSS students tour around USP Nauru campus

USP was established as a regional university in 1968, jointly owned by Nauru, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu •

HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF

AGAINST COVID-19?

Wash your hands **frequently**

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth

Avoid crowded places if possible and put space between yourself and others

Cough or sneeze into your **bent elbow or a tissue**

If you have fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, **seek care early**. Call beforehand and follow medical advice of RON hospital medical staff



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