

41st AUSTRALIA PAPUA NEW GUINEA BUSINESS FORUM & TRADE EXPO
BRISBANE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, SOUTH BANK, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA
13 TO 15 MAY 2026.

“GAME ON FOR GROWTH”

SPEAKER PROGRAM.

MC: Ms Stephanie Brantz

DAY 1 — WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2026.

1500 45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF AUSTRALIA PAPUA NEW GUINEA BUSINESS COUNCIL, Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre. (financial Full Members of APNGBC only).

1730 **BSP Registration Desk Open.**

Kina Bank COMMENCEMENT COCKTAIL RECEPTION.

Austrade / Investment Promotion Authority TRADE EXPO OFFICIAL OPENING.

1930 **Westpac FORUM DINNER.** Guest speaker: Mr Ben Ikin, CEO, Queensland Rugby League.

2230 **END**

DAY 2 — THURSDAY 14 MAY 2026.

0745 **ExxonMobil ARRIVAL REFRESHMENTS.**

0830 **SESSION ONE – OPENING SESSION.**

Welcome Remarks: Mr Vaughan Mills, President, Australia Papua New Guinea Business Council.

Papua New Guinea Keynote Address: Hon James Marape MP, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.

Australia Keynote Address: Ms Elizabeth Peak, Deputy Secretary & Head of the Office of The Pacific (HOTP), Dept of Foreign Affairs & Trade.

14th Henry Kila OBE Memorial Address: Hon Allan Bird MP, Governor of East Sepik Province and Member for East Sepik Provisional.

1000 **Santos MORNING TEA.**

1040 **SESSION TWO A – GAME ON: SPORT AS A CATALYST FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH [Panel]**

Strategic and Policy Perspective:

Ms Lorna McPherson, Chief Executive Officer, PNG Chiefs Rugby League Club.

Infrastructure and Investment Perspective:

Mr George Constantinou, Managing Director, Constantinou Group of Companies.

Local business and Economic investment Perspective:

Mr Rio Fiocco, President, Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

1140 **SESSION TWO B – FEEDING GROWTH: UNLOCKING PNG’S AGRIBUSINESS POTENTIAL. [Panel]**

Lead: Hon Allan Bird MP, Governor of East Sepik Province and Member for East Sepik Provisional.

Agribusiness Insights:

Mr Michael Whitehead, Executive Director, Food Beverage and Agriculture, ANZ Banking Group.

Rice and Other Commodities:

Mr Andrew Grace, General Manager Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, Trukai Industries.

Developments in the Timber Industry:

Mr David Cusick, Commercial Manager, PNG Forest Products Limited.

1230 Corrs Chambers Westgarth LUNCH.

1350 SESSION THREE A – POWERING GROWTH: MAJOR PROJECTS DRIVING PNG'S FUTURE.

Developing PASCA A: Mr Stephen Quantrill, Chairman of the Board and CEO, Twinza Oil Limited.

The Oil and Gas Big Picture: Mr Gereia Aopi CBE, Chairman, Kumul Petroleum.

Delivering Coastal and Marine Infrastructure in PNG:

Mr Andrew Morris, Business Development Manager, Pacific Marine Group.

1455 SESSION THREE B – UNLOCKING CAPITAL: FINANCIAL INTEGRITY, INVESTMENT & GROWTH

The Role of Bank of Papua New Guinea in Moving Papua New Guinea Out of Grey Listing:

Mr Wilson Onea, Director- Financial Analysis and Supervision Unit (FASU), BPNG.

What Grey Listing Means for Normal Business:

Mr Andrew Cairns, Chief Executive - PNG, Westpac Banking Corporation.

Managing Responses to Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Issues:

Dr Eric Kwa, Secretary, Department of Justice and Attorney-General and NCC Co-chair AML/CTF.

1535 CC Pacific AFTERNOON TEA.

1615 SESSION FOUR – FUTURE READY: AI, SKILLS & THE WORKFORCE OF TOMORROW. [Panel]

Australia's Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme: Ms Rachel Jolly, Assistant Secretary, Pacific Integration Division, Labour Mobility & Engagement, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

A case study: Mr Kori Chan, Managing Director, Total Waste Management Ltd.

AI transformation:

Mr Stephen Matainaho, Secretary, PNG Dept of Information & Communications Technology.

1700 ANZ Banking Group COCKTAIL RECEPTION.

1900 END

DAY 3 — FRIDAY 15 MAY 2026.

0745 Dentons ARRIVAL REFRESHMENTS.

0830 Kramer Asia Pacific SESSION FIVE B – BUILDING THE PIPELINE: INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GROWTH & INVESTMENT

Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP):

Ms Rachael Moore, Acting First Assistant Secretary, AIFFP, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Kumul Consolidated Holdings: Professor David Kavanamur, Managing Director.

Building Papua New Guinea's Maritime Infrastructure:

Mr Neil Papenfus, Managing Director, PNG Ports Corporation Ltd.

Australian Department of Defence:

Ms Laura Darlington, Assistant Secretary, Indo-Pacific Infrastructure Branch, Pacific Division.

World Bank: Mr Amin Saskai, Senior Procurement Specialist.

Asian Development Bank: Mr Leonardo Storni, Senior Procurement Officer.

0940 SESSION SIX A — ENABLING GROWTH: TECHNOLOGY, SECURITY & CAPABILITY IN PNG. [Panel]

National emergency management, capability & system development: Mr Dave Long, Assistant Coordinator General, National Emergency Management Authority (NEMA).

Operational coordination & frontline response: Mr Aadil Mansoor, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP PNG.

Advanced Technology & Operational Capability: Mr Chris Pantelli, BD Lead, Australia & International, EPE.

1025 Steamships MORNING TEA.

1100 SESSION FIVE A – DAY THREE KEYNOTE ADDRESSES: CONNECTING FOR PROSPERITY:

Australia: The Hon Pat Conroy MP, Minister for Pacific Island Affairs and Minister for Defence Industry.

Papua New Guinea: Hon John Rosso MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Lands, Physical Planning and Urbanization.

1145 SESSION SIX B — SCALING UP: GROWING PNG’S SME ECONOMY. [Panel]

Financing, Ecosystem Leadership and Partnership Perspective:

Mr Raymond Logona, Head of Business Banking, BSP Financial Group.

Program Leadership and Delivery Perspective: Ms Liz Mackinlay, CEO, Australian Business Volunteers (ABV).

Business Owner Experience and Outcomes: Ms Marilyn Henry, Owner, Novelty Hire Cars.

On the Ground Mentoring and Implementation Insights: Ms Zarah de la Cruz, ABV Mentor.

1230 Trade and Investment Queensland LUNCH.

1345 SESSION SEVEN A — GREEN GROWTH: CLIMATE, CARBON & NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES
[Panel]

Mr Ryan Warokra, Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth.

Ms Sophie Hollingsworth, Director Climate Change & Sustainability Services Advisory, KPMG PNG

Mr John Dowell, Managing Director, Economic & Financial Advisory, FTI Consulting

Mr Phil Summers, Forestry Climate Change Biodiversity (EU-FCCB) Program

Mr George Awap, Assistant Governor Financial Systems Development & Innovations Group, Bank of Papua New Guinea.

1435 SESSION SEVEN B — CONNECTING GROWTH: DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE & MARKET ACCESS
[Panel]

Ms Carmella Gabina, Executive Director, Business Council of Papua New Guinea.

Mr Tarik Boudiaf, Chief Executive Officer, Digicel PNG.

Mr Robbie Huxley, Chief Executive Officer, TE PNG.

Chief Paul Komboi GCL OBE, Chief Executive Officer, PNG Data Co.

1520 AFTERNOON TEA.

1550 SESSION EIGHT A — SUSTAINING GROWTH: THE NEXT CHAPTER IN PNG’S RESOURCES SECTOR

Mr John Lewins, Chief Executive Officer, K92 Mining.

Mr Philip McCormack, Country Manager, Frieda River Limited.

1700 SESSION EIGHT B – CONCLUDING REMARKS

Mr Vele Rupa, Executive Committee Member, Business Council of Papua New Guinea.

1710 Pacific Marine Group CLOSING DRINKS.

1910 END