

First sewing training completed



Far right: Mrs Nafu Waffi, owner of Aute Pasefika -PNG with the first batch of participants who registered for a week-long Sewing Training. These ladies, posing with their finished products learned how to tie dye and draft, cut and sew a dress and kaftan. Picture supplied.

Vabukori to host SME Market



THE partnership between the POM City Markets and Moresby South MP Justin Tkatchenko will deliver another Motu-Koita Market this Saturday at the Vabukori Village.

Through the Moresby South Motu-Koita (MK) Women's Representative Anna Skate, the first two successful SME Markets and cultural showcases were held at the Pari and Kila Kila Village with local women-owned SME's taking home at most K4000 and averaging on K500 to K600 on the day.

This week, in true Motu-Koitaabuan fashion, the Vabukori Market organisers are looking to make their event even bigger.

Apart from the selling of arts and craft and locally made products, the Vabukori villagers have set up tours to the famous picnic island of Manubada, fishing trips with local fisherman and a beach barbecue.

Pascoe Promotions Director Sylvia Pascoe says all these activities are set to showcase the tourism potential with the traditional villages of Port Moresby, which have never been celebrated as much as they are now.

"These tourism products will continue to develop and grow the more they are seen and the SMEs on show will grow as tourism to these villages grows", she said.

Stalls will be predominantly local SME's from various Motu-Koitaabu villages with a select few for the POM City Marketers to take up.

Pascoe said there has already been much interest from local tourists that are looking forward to learning more about Port Moresby's MK villages.

A huge line-up of entertainers will perform throughout the day, with cultural performances complimented by local string bands that Vabukori prides itself on, all directed by well-known PNG producer and Vabukori local AK-47 (Alan Kedeau).

Secure parking will be ensured at the Kila Police Barracks and a shuttle from there will run throughout the day to the event area in the village.

MiBank refurbishes Lae and Kimbe branch



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Whilst COVID-19 has had an impact of slowing the economy, MiBank has taken the opportunity

at this time to refurbish its Branches in Lae and Kimbe to improve the customer experience.

Since acquiring both PNG Microfinance Limited and Esiloans from Kina Bank in 2020, MiBank has not only expanded its

presence but has had to refurbish offices to accommodate additional staff. In LAE MiBank has taken additional space on the first floor of what was formerly known and Microbank Haus , now called MiBank Haus, 5th street Top

Town. The Lending and Esiloan teams are now located on the first floor whereas Branch operations has the entire ground floor for transaction banking services.

The CEO of MiBank Tony Westaway said the fit-out in Lae is consistent with that of MiBank's newer branches in Port Moresby (Cameron road), Goroka, Madang and Kokopo. "The working environment is now more conducive for the safety and wellbeing of both our staff and customers and better reflects the MiBank branding", said Westaway.

In Kimbe the MiBank branch has relocated back to the site of Hamamas Trading where it was previously located, prior to a fire which destroyed the building a few short years ago. For information on MiBank products and services please visit www.mibank.com.pg, or ring the Call Centre on 16789 (Digicel Free Call).

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