



WANTOK 2013 - PROGRAM (3days)

Day 1 - Friday 1st November 2013

8:00am Doors Open

9:00am **Pastor Ray Minniecon** MC, Welcome to Country traditional owner **Aunty Carole Currie** South East Queensland Elder from *Jugura Country*, **Aunty Jenni Willie** (SSI acknowledgement), The Voice of the Chiefs **Kakae Pakoa** (Conch Shell), Vanuatu Indigenous Descendants Association (VIDA), Paramount Chief's & Distinguished guests, One minutes silence in remembrance.

9:20am Opening speeches - Patron **Mrs. Bonita Mabo**, **Hon. Jane Prentice** on behalf of Prime Minister Tony Abbott, Brisbane Deputy Lord Mayor - **Cr Angela Owen-Taylor**, Tim **Mulherin** Member for Mackay, Vanuatu **Minister Ralph Regenvanu**, Settlement and Multicultural Affairs Queensland Manager **Sue Charnley**.

Sponsor Acknowledgements – **Danny Togo**

Australian South Sea Islanders Political and Literary Achievements by **Danny Togo**

9:50am ASSI.PJ President – **Waskam Emelda Davis** (speaks to mandate and ASSI.PJ report)

10:05am ASSI Community 150 briefing - Vanuatu Indigenous Australian South Sea Islanders Community – **Natalie Pakoa**, **Fiona Mount** - 150 Tweed Heads ASSI Association.

10:20am Entertainment – TAFEA Australian Connection 'He Speaks choir' & Dancers from Tanna Island – Chief Colin Tarer, **Indigo Ukulele Mob**, **Shane Togo**, **Shireen Malamoo**, **Charlie Bobongie**.

10:55am Setting the scene 'Why we are here' facilitated by **Paramount Chief Duane Anlilinpel Aptvanu Vickery**

11:10am Government commitment verses questionable delivery – **Graham Tanner**

11:25am Historical Advisory Panel – **Prof. Clive Moore**; South Sea Islander Chronological History, **Prof. Gracelyn Smallwood**; Community Cohesion and Activism, **Assoc Prof. Doug Hunt**; The Legacy of the 1860's, **Assoc Prof. Stephen Mullins**; Torres Strait & Maritime Connection, **Dr Francis Bobongie**; reconnecting with Mailaita in the Solomon Islands, audience Q&A

Suggestion box notes from participants.

12:00 LUNCH break

1:00pm Kastom & Culture leadership – **Minister Ralph Regenvanu**

1:30pm Moving forward through effective leadership – sessions below by **Paramount Chief Duane Vickery**

2:00pm Proposed National ASSI Governance structure – briefing

3:00pm Open forum discussion for formal decision from Wantok 2013 forum participants
(closed session to media)

3:20pm Afternoon Tea

3:40pm Role and responsibility of the secretariat board directors (selections & confirmations)

4:30pm Election process

Suggestion box notes from participants.

5:00pm Overview of Day 2

Day 2 - Saturday 2nd November 2013.

8:00am Doors Open

Suggestion box notes from participants.

9:30am SLQ Archive images access, Mackay births deaths and marriages register & Old QLD Kanaka Mission Baptisms – **Professor Clive Moore** (White Gloves Room level 4)

10:30am 150 News Reel and Wantok 2012 – screen culture

11:00am Burdel Coop Advancement Society (Ayr Queensland) – ‘A story in recognition of Grandad Santo’ from Espirity Santo - **Christine Monday. Jane Smith** from Bundaberg shares an insight to her community work. VASSIC Beaudesert film – **Natalie Pakoa.**

11:30am Kathy Frankland (Community & Personal Histories DATSIMA) - Sources for Australian South Sea Islander family history.

Kastom & Culture Practices (Traditional belief systems) – **Minister Ralph Regenvanu**

12:00pm LUNCH

1:30pm Voting briefing process

2:00pm AFTERNOON TEA

3:30pm VOTING IN A NATIONAL SECRETARIAT formalising voting process

Suggestion box notes from participants.

5:00 END Day 2

Day 3 - Sunday 3rd November 2013

10:00am Church Service – **Pastor Ray Minniecon**

sponsor Kapapa Lawyers TAFEA Australian Connection 'He Speaks choir' from Tanna Island
other performances (tbc)

Suggestion box notes from patrons.

12:00pm LUNCH

1:30pm Finalisation, Consolidation, Looking Forward, Wantok 2014 decision

Suggestion box notes from participants.

5:00pm END Day 3

Sincerely,



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