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As we go to print on this magazine we are all experiencing unprecedented times.

On 7 March we launched our new A320 with much excitement. The new A320 aircraft replaces our former international aircraft after 12 years of reliable service. On 27 March we flew the last scheduled passenger flight in response to a request made by our Government to curb the COVID-19 outbreak.

Changes of this magnitude are not made or managed by one person and I would like to thank all our staff members, Directors, Government Officials, suppliers, leasing company and last but not least, the CAASI staff who have worked very hard to ensure that the aircraft is appropriately certified and fit for purpose.

Like airlines around the world, we are struggling to manage the rapid changes in travel restrictions imposed by most Governments in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. We also experienced travel restrictions to the Solomon Islands as a result of the measles outbreak in the South Pacific in December and January.

Urgent changes to border controls and travel restrictions are usually released overnight and must be applied immediately. Implementing and communicating such changes to passengers, sometimes within hours, is extremely difficult for airlines to do. Unfortunately, this leads to travellers arriving at airports only to discover they are denied boarding, as they are no longer permitted to fly. If you have experienced a disruption, we apologise sincerely, and our thanks go to you for your understanding and patience and to our staff for managing this really difficult issue.

The financial and other impacts of the COVID-19 travel restrictions and associated loss of productivity are yet to be properly quantified. In February IATA estimated the cost to the industry would be \$27 billion, this has been revised and the current estimate is \$252 billion. Very few airlines, support companies and countries can afford these costs and the industry will see significant changes.

In our case, we are a niche player and see a future for the

Airline. It will however take many months if not years for air travel to return to levels seen last year. We are confident that things are going to improve.

The Solomon Islands Airports Company Limited has been set up and will shortly be taking over the maintenance of airports and facilities from the Ministry of Communication and Aviation.

Once this COVID-19 pandemic is resolved, JICA will be commencing work on a brand new Honiara Departures Terminal, the refurbishment of the current Departure Terminal into a Domestic Terminal and the refurbishment of the existing Arrivals Terminal. The ramp will be expanded considerably to allow at least four A320 size aircraft to park and a new parallel taxiway will be constructed.

The World Bank will be overseeing the resurfacing of the runways at Honiara and Munda and a new terminal building for Munda.

We have also entered into an agreement with Strongim Bisnis to promote the Solomon Islands as a tourist destination through digital marketing.

At Solomon Airlines, we are blessed with a team and business partners who understand and are committed to seeing through this period and the necessary sacrifices given the suspension of our operations.

I also want to thank our customers and supplier organisations who have sent us feedback appreciating the conduct, efforts and customer service of our staff in very difficult circumstances.

To echo the words of our friends at Tourism Solomons, "Solomon Islanders have an innate ability to smile through even the darkest of days and while the time might not be right to welcome visitors just now, it won't be long before that happens again."

When it does, Solomon Airlines will be back and we will look forward to welcoming you and to working with you, in a fresh new era for our national carrier.

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Out & About

Natty D represents

Solomon Islands musician and cultural ambassador, Natty Dolaiasi continues to do Solomon Islands proud. Natty D toured Australia again this year with the support of Solomon Airlines, and has been representing Solomon Islands at festivals and through documentaries, performances and in recordings since 1995. Through this project, Natty also visited schools in Northern NSW and spent time with local young people of Solomon Islands background who have been isolated from their culture.



Buy local to grow local



Team Solomons at this year's SPG in Samoa.

Kokonut Solomon Islands Virgin Coconut Oil, Cathliro Cocoa Powder, SolAgro Ngali Nuts and Frangipani Ice Cream are being profiled as part of a new campaign to buy local.

The campaign urges Solomon Islanders to buy local to support local jobs and businesses.

At the campaign launch SolAgro Ngali Nuts Director, Dr Shane Tutua said "Our ngali nut company pays farmers in Western Province and gives jobs to people in Honiara who package and sell our nuts. We are proud to be a Solomon Islands company. We promote something special because ngali nut only grows in a few countries. If you support our company, you support our country".

Look out for the "buy local" campaign in supermarkets and stores.

Solomon Surfboard Run success

Surfboards donated by surfers and families from across Sydney, Australia will soon be on their way to Solomon Islands.

The first 30 boards donated in the 'Solomons Surfboard Run' are due to be delivered to Gizo with the support of Solomon Airlines.

Surfing mates Tim Quinn, Shane Mclachlan, Aaron Amavisca and Ian Warren hatched the plan in support of the Western Solomon's Surfers Association after Tim, a frequent visitor to Western Province, noticed the dearth of boards for kids to use there.

"If anyone has a spare board, fins or leg ropes in the garage, or surfing equipment the kids left when they moved out, we'd love to give it a new life and owner in the Solomon Islands," Tim says. To donate a surfboard or equipment contact Tim Quinn on tim@kindleman.com.au



Chocoholics rejoice

Looking for ideas for how to use the Solomon Islands cocoa you're planning to take home as a souvenir of your trip to the Hapi Islands?

Strongim Bisnis has developed a new cookbook, and while it's aimed at boosting domestic consumption of this delicious ingredient, it has some great ideas for all home cooks. It also provides insights into cocoa processing.

We tried (and couldn't stop eating) the island-style, coconut bark.

You can download the cookbook at <https://strongimbisnis.com.sb/resources.html>



Posing for a team shot, SurfAid CEO, Doug Lees (on right) with (from left) Sasha Leitmanis, Matt Dunbar and Belinda Beggs didn't spot the surprise visitor in the frame. The SurfAid team was visiting Vavaghio Guest House and Kagata Village in western Santa Isabel last week on a fact-finding/surfing mission.

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The Next Generation of Satellite Broadband for the Solomon Islands

Kacific Broadband Satellites Group was founded in 2013 to bring affordable satellite broadband internet to users in remote areas of the Pacific. Since 2016 Kacific has been distributing high-speed internet through partner businesses in selected Pacific Island countries. On the 16th of December 2019, Kacific's brand-new satellite, named Kacific1, was launched successfully into space aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.

Kacific1 has now started transmitting its Ka-band broadband signal covering more than 600 million people across 25 nations. In the Solomon Islands alone, Kacific1 delivers more than 3Gbps of bandwidth on small terminals.

Internet for Business, Schools, Healthcare and Disaster Management

The internet penetration rate in the Solomon Islands currently stands at only 14% of the total population¹, for reasons which include a lack of existing infrastructure, geographical challenges, and the high cost of usage. However, studies have shown that ICT-enabled opportunities could potentially generate a significant number of jobs and more income. In the Pacific alone, improved internet access could bring in more than 5 billion dollars to the economy and create close to 300,000 new jobs by 2040².

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Kacific presently supplies connectivity to the Vanuatu Interisland Telemedicine and Learning (VITAL) Network, which has connected remote schools and clinics with life-changing results, while in the remote village of Maewo, Kacific's broadband connection regularly assists remote nurses in seeking lifesaving advice and hospital transport for patients. Kacific also powers digital healthcare in Timor-Leste, where it has connected 75 clinics to improve the distribution of vital medicines, equipment and patient information nationwide.

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1. Digital 2019 Report, Solomon Islands, We are Social & Hootsuite
2. Pacific Possible Report, World Bank



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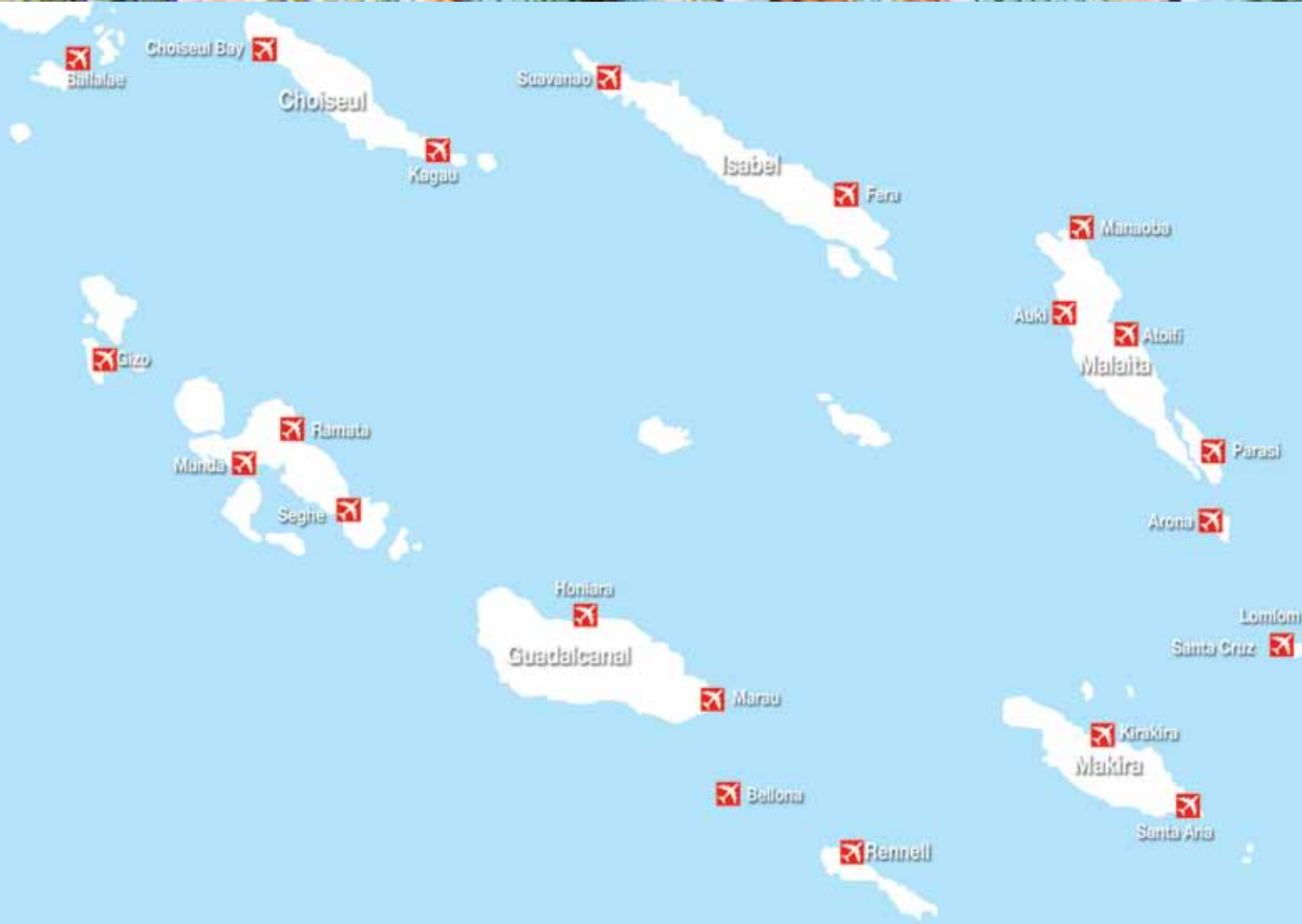


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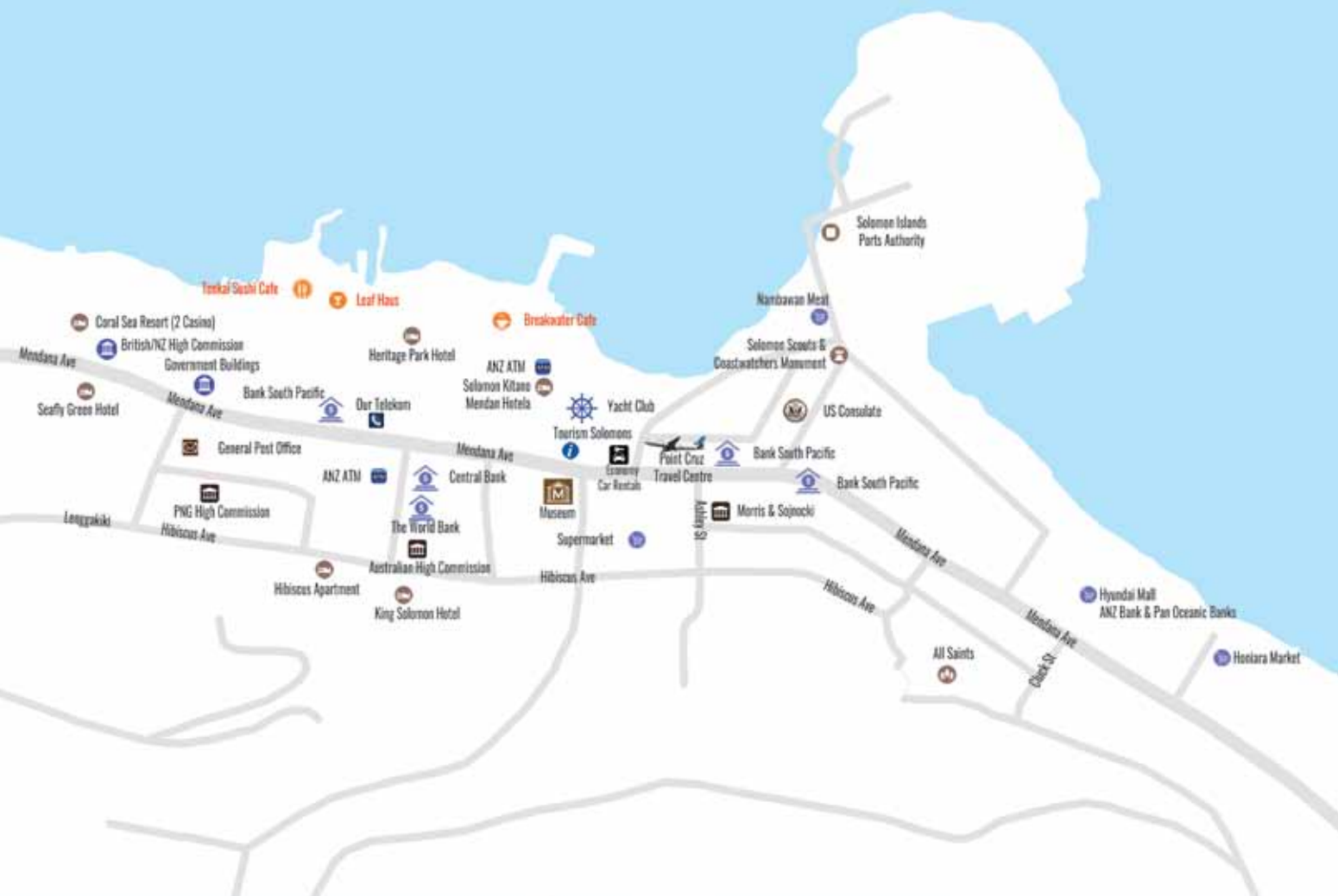
Capital and largest city: Honiara

The Solomon Islands became independent in 1978, the name was changed to "Solomon Islands". The definite article, "the", is not part of the country's official name but is sometimes used, both within and outside the country.

For local government, the country is divided into ten administrative areas, of which nine are provinces administered by elected provincial assemblies and the tenth is the capital Honiara,

administered by the Honiara Town Council.

The islands' ocean-equatorial climate is extremely humid throughout the year, with a mean temperature of 26.5 °C (79.7 °F) and few extremes of temperature or weather. June through August is the cooler period. Though seasons are not pronounced, the northwesterly winds of November through April bring more frequent rainfall and occasional squalls or cyclones. The annual rainfall is about 3,050 millimetres (120 in).



Honiara

The capital city of Solomon Islands, situated on the northwestern coast of Guadalcanal. As of 2017, it had a population of 84,520 people. The city is served by Honiara International Airport and the seaport of Point Cruz, and lies along the Kukum Highway.

The airport area to the east of Honiara was the site of a battle

between the United States and the Japanese during the Guadalcanal Campaign in World War II, the Battle of Henderson Field of 1942, from which America emerged victorious. After Honiara became the new administrative centre of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate in 1952 with the addition of many administrative buildings, the town began to develop and grow in population.

Your Guide to the Solomon Islands

Essential information for visitors to our shores

Climate: Tropically warm and humid with coastal day temperatures averaging 28C (82.4F). April to November tends to be drier and November to April wetter.

What to wear: Keep it light and casual. Keep brief beachwear for the beach.

Immigration: Commonwealth, United States and most European visitors do not need holiday visas but will need return or onward tickets. People intending to work must have work permits.

Geography: The Solomon Islands has 992 islands, spread across 9 provinces: Choiseul (capital Taro), Central (capital Tulagi), Isabel (capital Buala), Rennell and Bellona (capital Tigoa), Guadalcanal (capital and national capital Honiara), Makira-Ulawa (capital Kirakira), Malaita (capital Auki), Western (capital Gizo) and Temotu (capital Lata).

Honiara: Our capital city is eight kilometres (4.97 miles) from Honiara International Airport.

Airport tax: SB\$305 payable by passengers (12 years and over), it is generally added to your air ticket price.

Health: Malaria is a problem. Take anti-malarial medication a week before arrival, once a week during your stay, and for four weeks after departure. Consult your chemist or doctor about an appropriate brand.

Currency: \$100, \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$2 Solomon Islands notes. Coins are \$1, 50 cents, 20c, 10c and 5c.

Business hours: Government and some businesses open Monday-Friday 8am-4.30pm with a one-hour lunch break, usually beginning at noon. Shops and some offices open Saturday 8am-noon.

Banks: Bank South Pacific opens Monday-Friday 8.30am-3pm. ANZ Banking Corporation opens Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. Pan Oceanic Bank opens Monday-Friday 9am-4pm, and the Panatina Plaza branch opens 10am-1pm on Saturday. BRED Bank opens Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

Telecommunications: Telephone and Internet cards are readily available through shops, hotels and our Telekom offices, bmobile and Vodafone outlets. GSM prepaid and postpaid mobile cards are available in Honiara, Gizo and

in some provincial centres. Local and international calls may be made from Our Telekom public card phones which are in prominent locations in Honiara and provincial centres.

Tipping: is not expected, and not encouraged.

Transport: Taxis and buses are readily available in Honiara. Rental cars are also available from Avis, Economy, Travel Car Solomons and Zome.

Domestic flights: Solomon Airlines operates services throughout the country.

Electricity: 220-240 volts in Honiara and some outer island centres.

News media: Solomon Islands has a vibrant media industry offering choices in English and Pidjin languages. Radio services are offered by the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation, private operators and some religious bodies. Our Telekom relays BBC and other satellite TV networks. The daily newspaper are the Solomon Star and the Island Sun.



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13 June

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June 25

WAGOSIA FESTIVAL

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June 29

Santa Catalina, Makira Province

SOLOMON ISLANDS ARTS AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL

July 1-10

SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 7

AKUILA TALASASA FESTIVAL OF ARTS

This 2-day festival will showcase artistic activities, demonstrations, performances, and other displays traditional to the

people and communities of Western Solomons. The festival will include traditional bamboo bands, cultural dance performances, Tomoko (war canoe) demonstrations and live bands. This free event will also involve art and craft displays and demonstrations including local basket weaving, wood carving, stone carving, painting and much more.

17-18 July

Gizo, Western Province

PCYC FISHING COMPETITION

The Point Cruz Yacht Club runs a fishing competition twice a year. Competitors are from various local fishing enthusiasts and fisherman. They have two days to fish and compete in various categories such as the heaviest fish.

July 25

Honiara

My Hapi Ples

The markets of Solomon Islands

By Samantha Magick

Ask urban Pacific islanders about their Saturday morning routine, and a trip to the local produce market is likely to be a common theme. At home in Suva, the market is one of my happiest hunting grounds, so on a recent visit to Solomon Islands I made a beeline for the produce markets of Honiara, Gizo and Munda. Honiara's sprawling market is right on the water, so fisherfolk can motor right up to its edge and load their catch into freezers and cool boxes. The market includes the usual plethora of in-season fruit and vegetables, weighty watermelons and pawpaws (papayas) galore when I was there, plus cooked food, tables of delicate strings of shell money, an on-site screen printer and most interestingly to me, woven building materials in the carpark,

sectioned and ready for people to carry off to re-roof their homes and buildings. Munda's market lines a short road also leading to the jetty adjacent to the Agnes Gateway Hotel. Shellfish were plentiful here. A row of tempting cooked dishes covered in colour cloths lined one side of the road, and carvers worked on their finely inlaid pieces and swapped stories on the other side. We visited Gizo market on a Sunday morning. Not expecting it to be open, we were happy to check out this brand new structure, pick up some salty, crunchy sea grapes to take back to our hotel to prepare for our lunch, and swig a couple of coconuts before jumping back into our punt. Be sure to admire the woven baskets used to transfer goods in this plastic-free venue.



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Saeraghi

a quiet feast for the senses

By Samantha Magick

As we draw up to the beach, a group of young boys in traditional garb rush to greet us, shaking their spears in our faces and whooping in glee.

It is a taste of what to come when you visit Saeraghi, at the western end of Ghizo Island in Western Province, a glimpse into the way of life in this peaceful village.

The villagers have a small tourism offering that feels perfect for the location. Nothing is over-engineered; it feels very local. And Saeraghi beach is glorious, offering the softest of squeaky sand, trees

for shade and calm and inviting waters.

Disembarking, we are seated on plastic chairs, our feet digging into the sand to watch dances and songs performed by the boys who greeted us. Each new piece is introduced with a short explanation of the story it conveys. The face of the smallest dancer creases in concentration as the group moves in formation, hopping across the sand, their shell adornments clacking in time to their movements. It's thoroughly entertaining.

Next stop is the outdoor kitchen, where we see the various steps involved in making a local staple. Its core ingredient is ngali nuts (a Solomon

Islands delicacy) which are shelled. The kernels are then chopped into small pieces and ground into a rough paste. This paste is smeared onto vivid green leaves, wrapped into neat packages, and then wrapped again in banana leaves and placed on hot coals to roast. The cooks explain what they're doing at every stage, as they grind, wrap, and shift hot coals around with bamboo tongs.

Then it's time to taste one they've prepared earlier. It's a delicious explosion of nutty, smoky flavours, made silky with the natural oils imparted from the ngali nut while cooking. It's difficult to stop at one piece, so we don't!



Next we sit cross-legged to watch some deft weaving of the baskets locals use to gather leaves and transport food, and another villager light a fire, using only the friction from his rapidly moving hands around a stick and the fibrous material from a coconut husk.

Our visit was short, but you can arrange to spend the day, or even

overnight at Uirilolo Lodge at Saeraghi. With a last longing look at the beach, we pile back into our boat to resume our day of island-hopping.

A visit to Saeraghi encapsulates all the best things about a Solomon Islands getaway, a glimpse into a rich culture, unpretentious but comfortable lodgings, and a spectacular vista.

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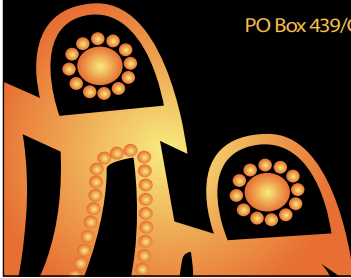
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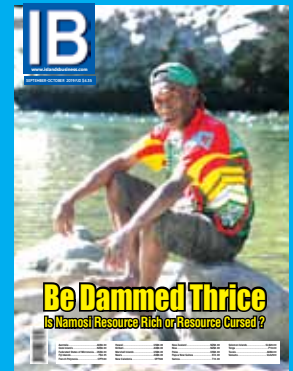
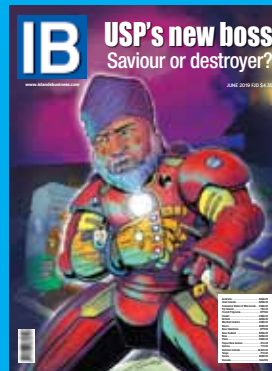
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A tropical sunset scene with palm trees and a person on a beach. The sky is a mix of orange and yellow, with dark clouds. The water is calm and reflects the light. A person is silhouetted against the beach in the distance.

The magic of Sky Islands

Words by Patrick Pikacha

In 1568 the Spaniard Álvaro de Mendaña first set eyes on the verdant green rolling hills and ridgelines of a South Pacific island chain. He later named this island – part of the northern chain in the double-chained archipelago after his wife, Ysabela (Santa Isabel Island). Believing that he may have found the source of gold for the biblical King Solomon’s riches, Mendana named the archipelago the Solomon Islands.

Exploration of the archipelago’s major islands and many smaller offshore islands revealed a diverse Indigenous population that had been there for thousands of years. Primarily hunter-gatherers who depended on marine resources, over time these peoples had ventured deep into the interiors of the larger islands and established villages, shrines, and ‘tabu’ sites.

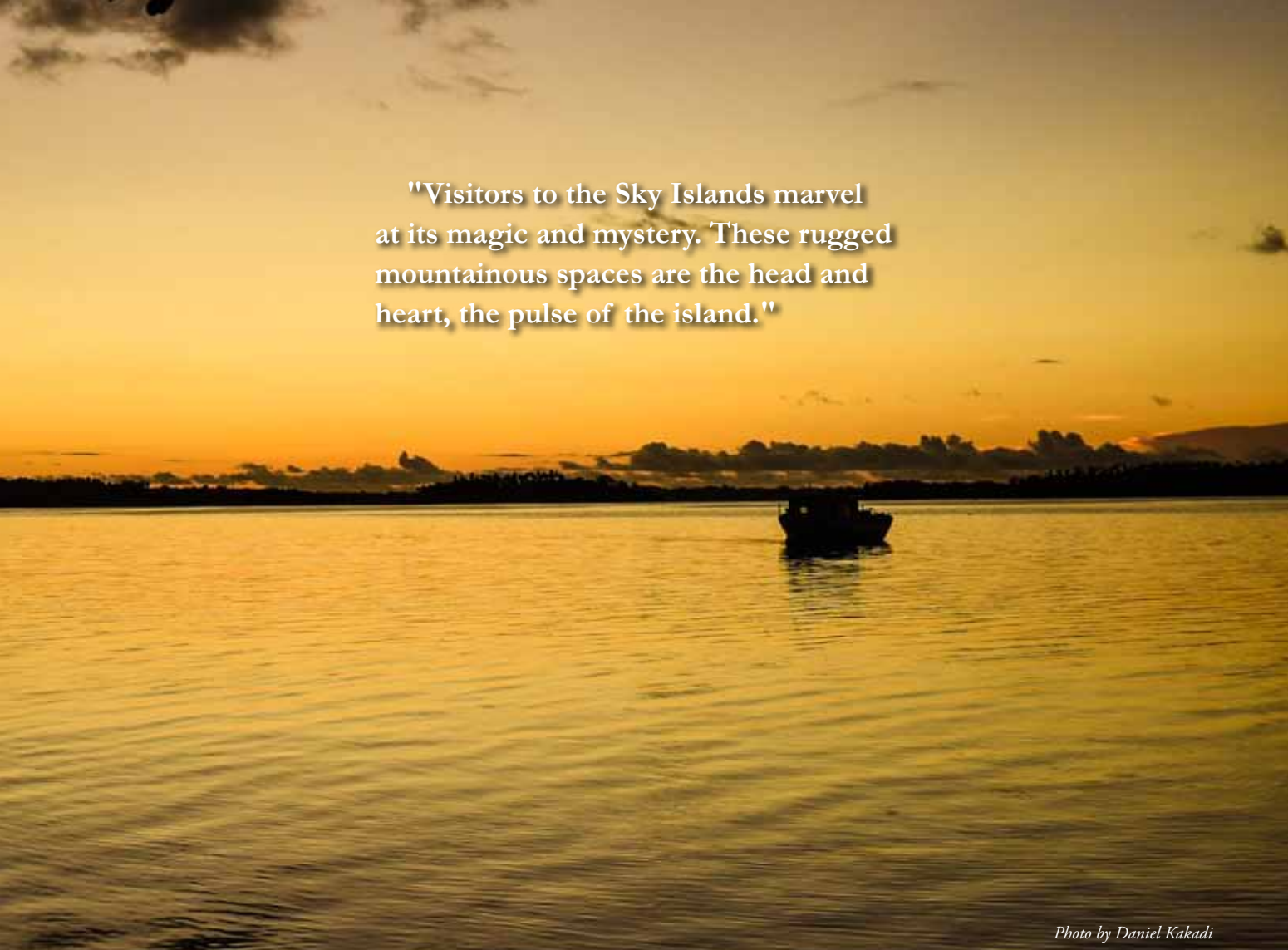
Evidence of human occupation

is scattered throughout these interior, high-elevation forests. Remnants of built up foundations of former forts and villages, and graves adorned with shells and traditional money can be found along the elevated ridges of Guadalcanal, Malaita, Makira, Kolombangara, Vangunu and Choiseul islands. Elders today say that building along these narrow spaces offered protection and fortifications that otherwise open and flat areas could not, and defence from the head-hunting raids that beset many islanders in the past.

The high and rugged peaks of the tallest islands offered both protection and diverse and valued resources for resident human populations. Yet these unique forests contained merely the tip of the vast wealth of biological diversity that spanned across the archipelago, diversity inextricably linked to the biocultural diversity of the myriad of human languages and cultures populating the islands.

Communities and cultures across the archipelago have maintained a deep spiritual connection to nature and place, and in particular, to the often sacred, historic, and biologically unique forest of the mountainous regions. Although a growing colonial and missionary presence in the early 1900s prompted many villages to leave the protections of the interior forests and resettle along the coasts, ties to the high elevation forests persisted. More recently, decimation of many lowland forests has left the intact upper reaches of many islands as a precious wellspring of vital cultural, physical and ecological wellbeing.

In an archipelago known globally for its unique flora and fauna, nowhere has the effect of habitat-influenced species diversification more than in the cool, constantly humid conditions of cloud-shrouded high elevation forests. These ‘Sky Islands’—a term first used to describe unique habitats associated



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Photo by Daniel Kakadi

with isolated mountaintops rising above the ‘sea’ of the Arizona desert—are the isolated mountaintops where populations of a wide array of species adapt to the surrounding, insular environment. With diverse ecological factors driving adaptation amongst ‘sky island’ species, over time, entirely new life forms emerge from this other-worldly high elevation cloud forest.

Solomon Islanders have known about this for thousands of years, but knowledge and connection to these places were largely lost. Only recently has this knowledge—coupled with tools of western science—come again to the forefront.

Visitors to the Sky Islands marvel at its magic and mystery. These rugged mountainous spaces are the head and heart, the pulse of the island. It’s a place where rhythm, grace and mystery persist, and sends breath and life and revitalisation into the people and

landscapes.

From the coast, the high volcanic islands extend like a tapestry of grey green textures. Reaching into the clouds, dense canopies sporadically intersect overheads, shielding the understory from the sun’s scorching rays, creating idyllic microclimates. Here moss allies such as bryophytes and lichens and many creepers or epiphytic plants cling to trees and vegetation that grow along high ridges and in wet gullies. Amounts of wetness within these forests fluctuate between cold and damp situations, and tepid, parched and breezy conditions, resulting in “eternal spring-like climates” unlike the tropical and muggy lowland forests below.

Colourful orchids delight the understory, creating a carpet of greenery, dotted with many colours and shapes, a tapestry of intricate patterns much like a mother’s neatly woven mat. Sky Islands are also critical sources of freshwater, and

the source of many major streams.

Ecological niches created along elevation gradients, and the isolation of these high oceanic islands has driven crazy variation amongst its resident wildlife inhabitants. This has led to the creation of many endemic species, or species that are found in a particular location and found nowhere else on earth. As a result of Sky Islands or high oceanic mountains (some greater 2000m in elevation) on the large islands in the Solomon Islands Archipelago, and their geographic location (closer to New Guinea), there are higher rates of endemism amongst species here than anywhere else in the entire South Pacific. A high percentage of endemic and native species coexist here lacing themselves into an amazingly complex web of life, connected through and with other living components of the environment.

Beady eyes follow your every move as you walk through a maze of evergreen



Photo by Zahiyl Namu



Photo by Daniel Kakadi

along a Sky Island trail.

Dawn choruses awake you, with frogs squawking, birds singing, and insects whistling, calling out for a mate, for company.

But if there is any vertebrate that would be a representative flagship of montane or mountain forests, then it should be a frog! They are the most abundant vertebrate of the Sky Islands systems in the Solomon Islands. The most common being the tiny shrub frogs, Elegant sticky-toed frog (*Cornufer elegans*), and Fauro sticky-toed frog (*C. vertebralis*), and even the larger terrestrial Malukuna webbed frog (*C. malukunu*). The original specimen or holotype of the Malukuna webbed frog was collected in the now-abandoned mountain village of Malukuna, in Central Malango District on Guadalcanal Island.

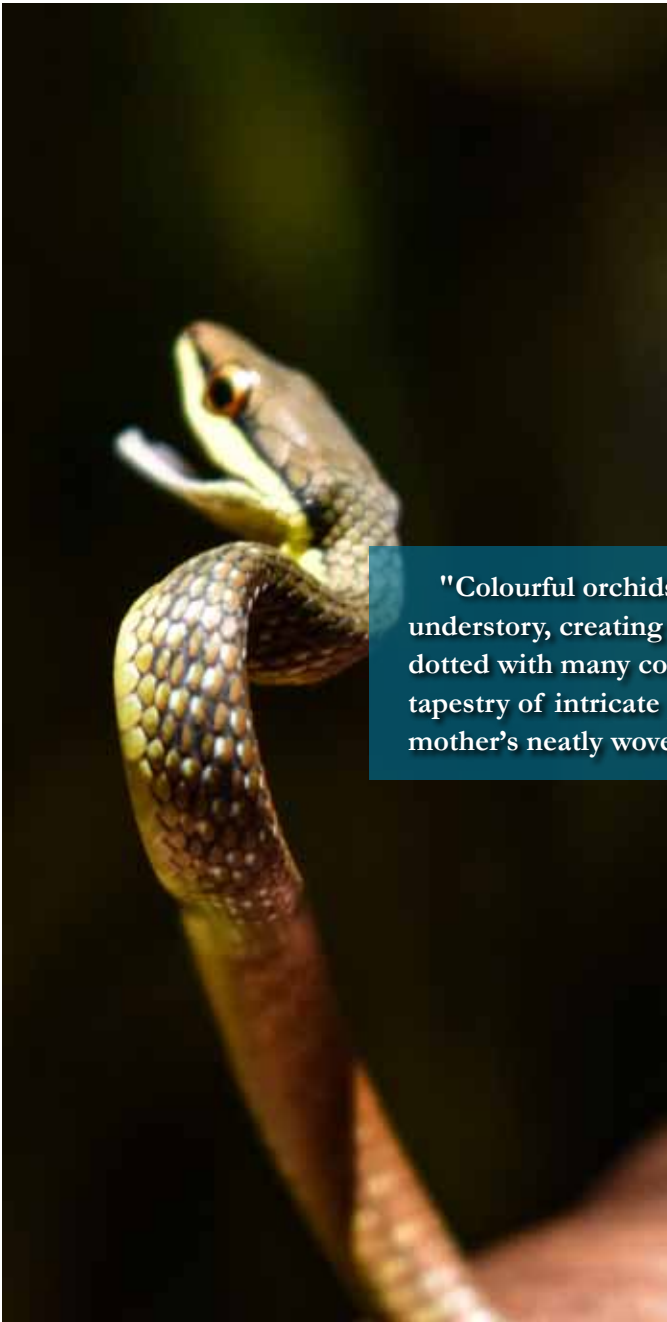
Indeed, many frog species of Sky Islands remain elusive, and some new to science. Other animals such as giant endemic tree rats crawl in the canopies making large nests much like eagles do, large slow-moving arboreal monkey-tailed skinks move in the understories and high in strangler figs.

Yet more attractive to humans and tourism have been the birds. At least 44 percent of all birds in the Solomon Islands

are endemic. Many of these occupy the Sky Islands. Perhaps, none is more sought-after to birdwatchers than the vibrant and enigmatic Moustache kingfisher, which is only found in the highlands of Guadalcanal above 1,300m elevation, and nowhere else on earth.

Sky Islands continue to contribute significant amounts of natural resources to the welfare of Indigenous peoples. The forests and rivers provide everything for a subsistence life such as materials to build traditional houses, many of which can still be seen in the remote recesses of the interior of Guadalcanal and Malaita. Unlike, high stilt houses common along the coast, mountain houses come with intricately designed walls and are structured low to the ground. Almost all are without windows, except for a low door at both ends. Many have a fireplace inside the house to warm the interior during cool nights.

The forests also provide materials and bamboo to make for musical instruments, adding an artistic and social learning dimension achieved by observation, practice, and storytelling. Tuned by adjusting the bamboo lengths, these musical instruments produce melodic harmonies that are characteristic of traditional Solomon Islands music.



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Photos: Zahiya Namo, Daniel Kakadi

The allure of the Sky Islands is only complemented by the dread of losing these special areas, as unprecedented rates of deforestation occur in the Solomon Islands, caused by expanding villages, agricultural pursuits, and especially industrial logging. The latter is by far the largest cause of habitat loss, and deforestation in the country, where more and more, high ridges are now being encroached upon. This is having a tremendous impact on flora and fauna, and waterways by increasing suspended solids and sedimentation, reducing accessibility to clean water, and negatively impacting forest-dependent communities.

Yet, in recent years, there has been a greater understanding of the importance of protecting and conserving Sky Islands, by understanding and exploring the sequence of interactions that these spaces provide not only to biodiversity, but more so

to human wellbeing, language, story, history, and culture. If we triumph in communicating the necessity of protecting Sky Islands, and explore economic opportunities for protected these intact forests, perhaps we have a chance at ensuring that these connections, both biological and spiritual, may hold for future generations.

About the writer: For Dr Patrick Pikacha, a childhood game of hunting for birds and being curious about animals and the environment is his daily job today. Patrick is currently a Senior Lecturer at the Pacific Adventist University in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, and assists the environmental management efforts of Ecological Solutions (Solomon Islands), an Indigenous green organisation in Solomon Islands.

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Wetkam to the Hapi Isles Star Harbour and Santa Ana

Words by Gabi Steindl

Photos by Stephan Kleinlein

Gabi and Stephan have travelled the Solomon Islands with their kiteboard and camera. In the third and final story in their series, they visit Star Harbour and Santa Ana.

The most remote stop on my kitesurfing tour of Solomon Islands tour took me to Namuga Village in the Star Harbour area, two flights from Ulawa and a 45min boat ride. I stayed with Alfred Murray of the Atawa tribe who runs the Star Beach Resthouse. No internet, no electricity (although Alfred owns a small generator), no cars, the only means of transport are boats. Star Harbour was regarded as similar to Fiji and Bali in the early pioneering days of surfing, however surfing explorations came to a standstill as a result of “the tensions” in the late 1990s. After a few hours looking at footage on my laptop, Alfred understood

what I planned on doing. He mentioned a beach on the other side of the peninsula, near Toraa Village of the Amwea Tribe, difficult to access but apparently “with a million dollar view”.

Passing through the dark mangrove forest flanking both sides of the narrow waterway on the way to this beach was spooky to say the least and I wouldn't have been surprised to see a salt-water croc floating right next to us. The boat secured in deep mud, it was still a 15-minute walk along a small riverbed through the rainforest. Several locals with large machetes passed us. The jungle opened up to a small village, built on sand, right along a several kilometre long stunning palm-fringed beach with high, misty, sea sprayed cliffs at the western end. Big eyes were staring at me from all angles. I smiled, waved and greeted everybody asking for the chief of the village. Arriving at Eratus's hut, the thin, 75-year-old chief, with a beautiful, white

toothed smile, invited me in broken English to sit down for a chat and to meet his family consisting of 10 kids and 20 grandchildren. I handed him some presents from Australia and asked for permission to kitesurf on his beach. He granted me permission though I was pretty sure he had no clue what I actually planned to do. That day the wind was not blowing; we had to come back.

The day before leaving Star Harbour, conditions looked favourable and we went back to Eratus' Toraa Village. YES! This time it was windy. All villagers and kids came to see my big wing getting pumped up on the beach. Launching my kite, people were screaming, hooting and jumping deliriously. Taking a few kids on my back and cruising out to the reef was the ultimate highlight for the villagers and for me too!

Cyclone Liua threw a spanner in the works as we planned our return to Honiara. Heavy rain and six foot-plus



waves nearly capsized the small fiberglass boat on several occasions on the way from Namuga over to Santa Ana where Stephan and I were meant to catch the plane that day. Sheltering under a tarp, trying to stop board bags and camera cases from going overboard, we tried to stay positive during the roughest boat journey of our lives. Somebody was looking over us and we arrived safely, yet completely drenched and with every single bone aching like after a marathon, at the beach of Santa Ana. It was pretty devastating being told there that the airplane never left Honiara and our flight was cancelled—a beautiful reminder of the “simple” luxuries, such as telecommunication, of our world back home.

Local Solomon Airline agent Henry put us up in his guesthouse, whilst Liua was raging outside with heavy storms and torrential rains. One afternoon a whole tree came down just centimetres from my

room. Lucky me; it would have flattened the guesthouse no worries. The afternoon Liua had moved on, the sun came out and a sweet breeze kicked in. Stephan and I went down to the lagoon, my kite gear in tow. The colours of the rainforest after days of rain were intense; all the deepest shades of green. Cruising out into the bright blue lagoon, Santa Ana locals gathered on the beach cheering, a worthy last ride, before boarding the plane the next day.

Reflecting back on my trip, I'm grateful to have had these unparalleled life-experiences in a world adrift in time, so rich in new friendships and bonds with warm, welcoming people, who live a peaceful, happy existence and find joy in the simple things—only a three-hour flight from Australia. 🇧🇲

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Top 5 Day Hikes

Words by Dan and Nid

Looking for an adventure close to Honiara that you can do in a day? If you're the sort that likes off-the-beaten tracks, you're in luck (literally, your guide may have to beat a track as you walk).

Hikes in the Solomon Islands are unpaved, unmarked, and tend to lean towards the sportier side. These hikes will take you far enough from civilisation to warrant hashtagging your photos with #bushwhackingwanderlust, but still close enough to have you back in time for your afternoon aperitif at Coral Sea Resort.

TENARU FALLS (EAST HONIARA)

If it's not too dry, Tenaru has the mightiest waterfall out of these selected hikes. This hike is a good introduction for a first-time hiker in the Solomon Islands. From Honiara, the hike starts at Parangiju Lodge, a 45-minute drive east from town (a 4WD may be required). Although there is more than one starting point, Parangiju Lodge is the most common start point, which does mean one has to walk down the hill to get to the river (and for the rest of the hike, dread knowing that you have to walk back up it). Once you get to the river, the walk is relatively flat and easygoing. This hike is 50/50 walking through the river and shortcutting through the bush. The falls vary in size

depending on the time of year. Ask the guides for the best places to do mean bombs.

Duration: 3-5 hours

Difficulty: Easy-Medium

PARISAIA BAT CAVES (EAST HONIARA)

The guides will meet you at Parangiju Lodge where you can read their handwritten disclaimer not to overestimate your physical abilities. A short 10-minute drive to the bottom of the hill and the trail starts at a shallow riverbed (a different entry point than the Tenaru Falls hike). The entire hike follows the river and is a mix of wading through water and clambering over rocks.



This hike is gorgeous. The bush is thick and the reward of picturesque, flowing river scenes is high. You will reach a verdant waterfall dappled with ferns and moss. There is the option of exploring the bat cave located behind it, which takes around 15 to 20 minutes return. Take a torch if you want to go inside.

Duration: 4-6 hours

Difficulty: Medium-Difficult

MATANIKO FALLS (NEAR CHINATOWN)

Situated behind Chinatown, the start point at Lili village is easily accessed from town by car, bus, or even by foot. The walk is preempted by crossing a river where the guides will give you an innertube - yes, you can float down this one. The hike starts up and over some grassy hills where you're likely to trip over some old WWII Japanese foxholes. Entering the bush and descending into the valley is a muddy and treacherous exercise for the less coordinated. Upon reaching the bottom, you will be compensated for your efforts by a spectacular rockpool and waterfall combo. Jump in for a swim before picking your way down the rocks to the lower levels of the river - be careful, it's very slippery. Then, float back (most of

the way) in style. Don't forget your dry bag.

Duration: 3-5 hours

Difficulty: Medium, with 15-20 minutes of Difficult

KAHOVE FALLS/KAKABONA (WEST OF HONIARA)

Only 10 minutes' drive past town towards Boneggi, hikers can pick up a guide from Kakabona village - just ask. The trail starts at a dry riverbed and plunges inland. Throughout the walk are pretty little rock pools and mini cascades to keep you cool most of the way. The hike is relatively easy most of the time but can be gnarly in places: for example, where you need to cross an old, slippery, and decomposing, log-bridge. 45 minutes into the hike, spectacular rock formations straddle the river like mini-canyons. After this point, effects of the 2014 floods become more obvious. Hikers will need to scramble over loose boulders and felled trees before reaching the waterfall. Since the floods, the waterfall has seen better days. It is arguable that the canyons are the highlight of the hike, but if this is your first time, might as well go all the way.

Duration: 4-6 hours

Difficulty: Medium



Tips: Never wander around on kastom land unattended and always take a guide with you. 99% of hikes in the Solomon Islands necessitate getting your feet drenched; wear grippy shoes that won't get too heavy when waterlogged. Start early in the morning before the heat sets in and take plenty of water. Take a drybag to keep your stuff dry.

Kastom fees: Expect to pay a small fee to cover land entrance and a guide, somewhere between 50-200 SBD per person.

Take: Kastom fee, hardy shoes, plenty of water, insect repellent, sunscreen, food, drybag.

Rainy season: Take care when hiking between November-April. Heavy rains turn trails into mudslides and water levels can rise quickly and unpredictably. Tell someone where you're going, take precautions, check the weather before setting out, and listen to the guide.

VISALE (WEST HONIARA)

Visale is an hour's drive west from town and starts opposite the very colourful Visale Catholic Church compound. There is no shade so it's best to start early in the morning. Usually there will be some boys hanging around who will be happy to take you up for a small fee, unless you're climbing at the crack of dawn. If there isn't anyone about, it is easy enough to find the trail from the road opposite the church entrance. There is a great view, but the hike is very steep

and not recommended for those who get wobbly at heights. There is a nice view at the halfway point for those who don't want to go all the way. To get down from the top, return the way you came or take the bush trail. The bush trail is five times longer, five times less steep, but five times harder to find. Only go bush if you're with someone who knows the way. No waterfalls on this hike. Complete the hike with a snorkel and picnic at Visale beach.
Hike duration: 45 minutes - 2 hours
Difficulty: Difficult/ Scary

Dan and Nid are two Kimis who wrote a blog while living in the Solomon Islands. Achievements include coconut cracking, passable Pijin, and one slippery cabbage recipe.



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Skull Island Sanctuary



I've been here before, I mean no harm, and I've brought two visitors.

Barney Paulsen calls out words conveying these messages as he steps ashore on Skull Island, a short boat ride from Munda in Solomon Islands' Western Province. It's a show of respect appropriate for this special place.

Dozens of skulls, of both defeated warriors and Rendovan chiefs now rest on coral and stone platforms on this tree-fringed island. The chiefly skulls are housed in a small wooden shrine which is shielded from prying eyes and the wind

that whips across the small island. Again, Barney greets and reassures the spirits, before removing the small piece of wood covering the entrance to the shrine to reveal intact skulls and pieces of shell jewellery.

The skulls range in age, but all are hundreds of years old and date to the days of headhunting in the area, when warriors went on raiding parties and announced their return with the long notes blown into a conch shell, says Barney.

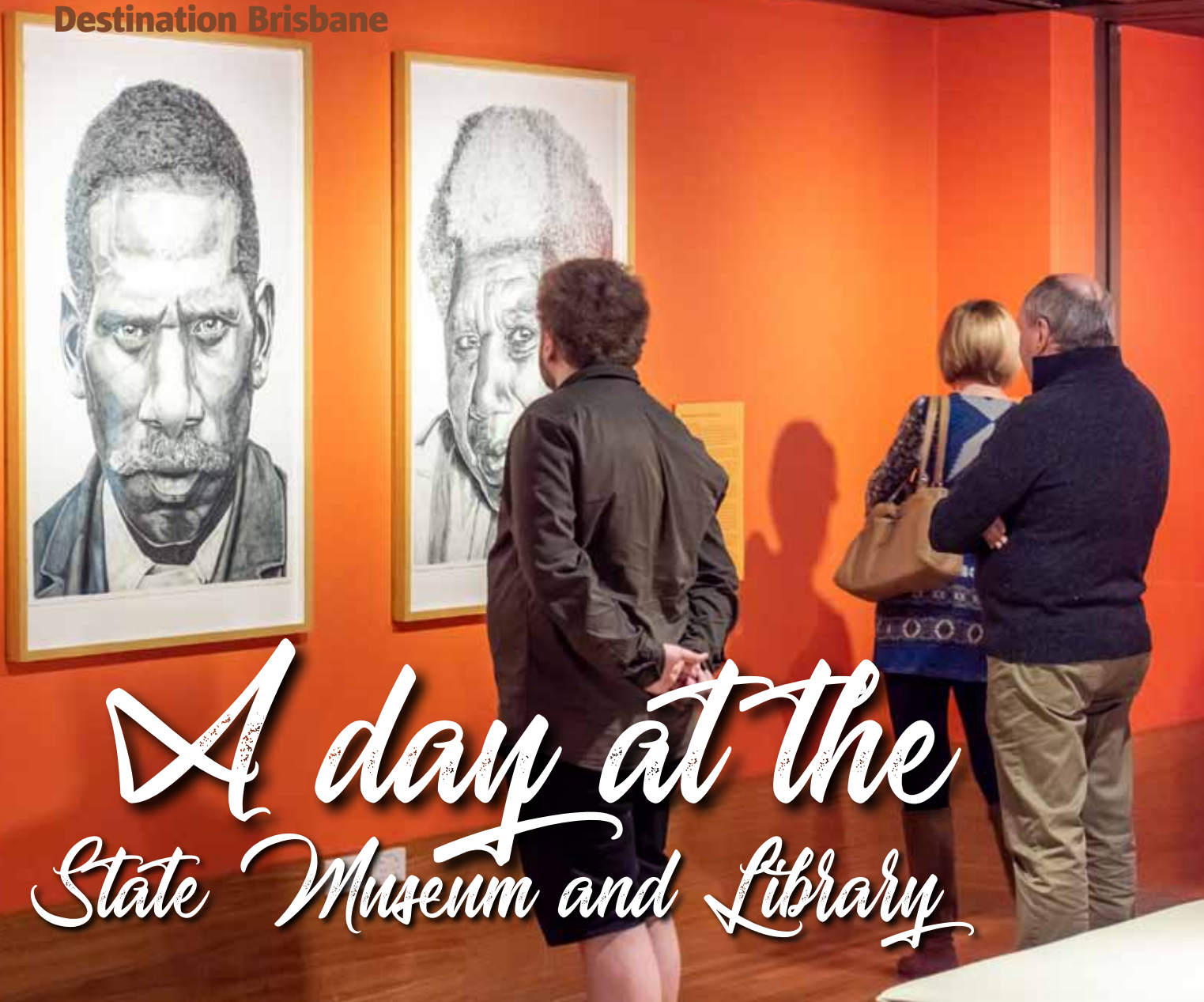
Conch shells and traditional shell

money are also secreted on the island, which feels sacred and silent.

A small alter to the local fishing gods can also be seen close to the island's 'entrance'. Fishermen stop here to offer shells, fish, tobacco or coins on their way to catch bonito in a tradition that endures today.

Visitors to the shrine must pay a small fee and be escorted by a local guide; ask at your accommodation or the local dive outlets.





A day at the State Museum and Library

By *Samisoni Pareti*

If you happen to find yourself in Brisbane's South Bank during one of your travels to the Queensland state capital, try finding time to stop by at the state museum.

You won't be disappointed, that I can assure you.

Queensland Museum is unique in many ways. Not only does it feature ancient and Indigenous artifacts in its collections, but the museum also features collections of Queensland's biodiversity and geosciences; comprising specimens of the state's natural resources, as well as research into Queensland's fossils, geology and minerals.

I find the display named Dinosaur Stampede intriguing.

It's a sizeable slab of red stone with the imprints of what's believed to be 3,000 footprints made during a stampede of dinosaurs millions of years ago.

The display comes complete with an audio-visual presentation beamed to the wall above you, so you can visualise what the mayhem could have been like.

The Museum's Indigenous Cultures collection is limited but fascinating nevertheless. The various axe heads on display shaped from volcanic rocks are a marvel; reflection of how advanced and creative the Indigenous community was.

No display would be complete without a collection of boomerangs, and

the Queensland Museum has these too. How these agile sticks can be thrown then return to the thrower has always baffle me.

Up on level 4, I came across the collection I have been eager to view.

A crescent-shaped shell ornament worn undoubtedly as a ceremonial chain is around 150 years old sits majestically on a timber chest with a glass frontage for easy viewing. Beside it is the explanatory note, this being a pearl shell from Malaita.

There is also a head comb, made from black treefern core-wood.

This one is believed to have been carved during the 1880s, also from the province of Malaita, collected by one W.



H. Lawrence who worked in one of the many so called labour-trade vessels that ply the waters of Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

There is also a basket plaited from dried coconut palm leaves.

This also came from Solomon Islands, believed to be made around 1883 to 1900.

I particularly fancied a nicely carved cylinder on display, only because I do not see it often and I am oblivious of its purpose.

The commentary in the display describes it as a lime container, which was collected from a Solomon Islander during 1886 to 1905.

It is made from bamboo, of about 17cm in length, used to store lime collected from crushed corals, a much sought-after ingredient in the consumption of betel nuts, a favourite past time in Solomon Islands up to this day.

These artifacts and a lot more are the prized trophies in the Australian South

Sea Islanders' Customs collection of the Queensland Museum.

Most if not all of the items on the display were collected during the blackbirding years of 1863 to 1904.

In that 40-year period, up to 10,000 Solomon and Vanuatu islanders were either tricked or kidnapped outside their homes or villages, and shipped in overcrowded boats to work on sugar or cotton farms in Queensland.

Some today said the practice was no different to the slave trade of Africa and



of the Americas, or the Indian indentured labour trade that saw Indian men and women shipped to work in cotton and sugar plantations in neighbouring Fiji.

Some 60,500 Indians were bought to Fiji in this way, any if not all of them got deceived or kidnapped, just like those in Solomons and Vanuatu.

The similarities do not end there, because just as many Indians opted to make Fiji their home, many descendants of blackbirders have made Queensland home as well.

A number of them built small towns along the coast of Queensland, and they still exist to this day.

There's 'The Old Place' on the Sunshine Coast, as well as 'Kanakan Town' and Joskeleigh near Rockhampton.

I was not aware of this until the Queensland Museum, in the process of researching this story linked me up with Imelda Miller, who is the Curator of

the Museum's Torres Strait Islander and Pacific Indigenous Studies Cultures and Histories.

Miller was one of the organisers of the Plantation Voices, a portal about the Australian South Sea Islander culture and history that the Queensland State Library hosted.

Both the State Library and the State Museum are located on Brisbane's South Bank, an oasis of 17-hectares of parks, gardens and freshwater pools located along the southern banks of the Brisbane River.

It's one of my favourite places in Brisbane.

There's so much to see and do, and all within easy walking distances.

In addition to the Queensland Museum and the State Library, South Bank also hosts the Queensland Art Gallery and the Gallery of Modern Art, the Queensland Performing Arts Centre,

the Queensland Maritime Museum and a campus of Griffith University.

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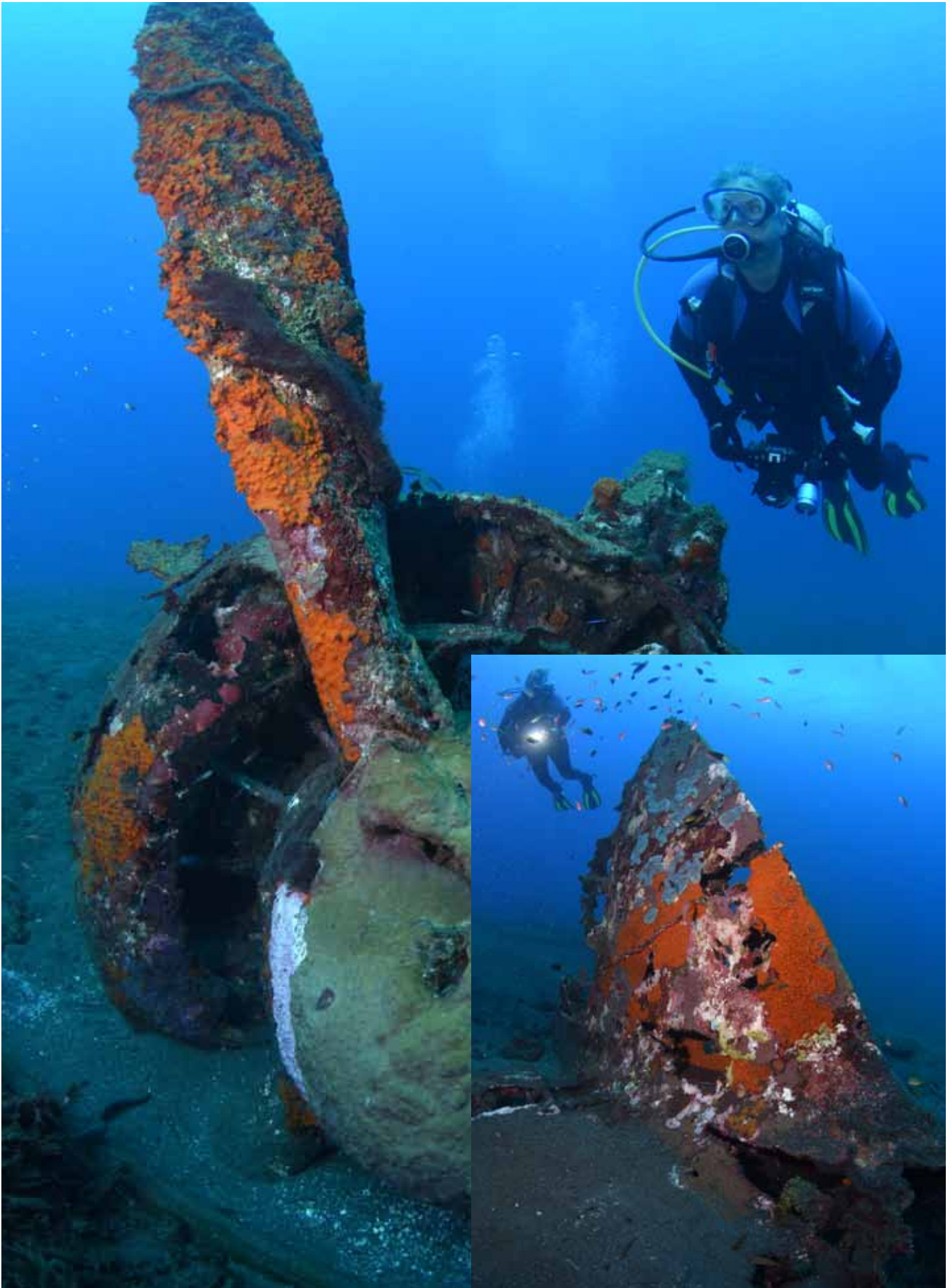
Tulagi's Reef Riches

*Text and photos by
Nigel Marsh and Helen Rose*

With a wealth of World War II ship and plane wrecks, Tulagi rightfully has a reputation as a wreck divers' heaven. However, on a recent visit we discovered that the area also has a rich collection of reefs that are as good as any in the Solomon Islands.

Located just an hour by boat from Honiara, Tulagi is one of the easiest dive destinations to reach in the Solomon Islands. Taking divers to the wonderful reefs and wrecks in the area are Raiders Hotel and Dive. Located on the waterfront, this small hotel is run by expat Kiwis Bob and Yvie Norton, who offer daily boat dives to their wonderful array of dive sites.

During our day stay, we dived four amazing seaplane wrecks, a large American fuel tanker, the USS Kanawha, a Kiwi minesweeper HMNZS Moa, a scuttled fishing trawler and a vast junk pile of World War II rubbish at Base One. And while all these wrecks were fascinating to explore, the thing that surprised us the most was the reef diving - as we simply hadn't expected it.





Our first reef dive was on a large pinnacle called Twin Tunnels Reef. Rising from 60 to 12 metres, this reef has a top covered in hard corals, walls covered in lush soft corals and is a great place to see sharks and pelagic fish. But the main feature of the reef is an L-shaped cave that starts on the top of the reef and exits on the reef wall at 33 metres.

Equally as good was the wall dive we did at Tanavula Point. Coating this wall were beautiful soft corals, sponges and

gorgonians. We enjoyed a sensational drift dive at this site, encountering reef sharks, humphead parrotfish and schools of fusiliers.

The most surprising reef dive we did was right in front of the hotel, on the Raiders House Reef. Only 10m deep, this combined reef and muck site was a delight, full of critters like shrimps, pipefish, gobies, anemonefish, scorpionfish, nudibranchs and even a pair of common seahorses.

We always thought Tulagi was just for wreck divers but discovered that this wonderful destination has something for everyone.

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Creating a healthy and respectful workplace for all employees is a key goal at Solomon Airlines.

It is more than two years since Solomon Airlines opted to join the 'Waka Mere' Commitment to Action initiative which aims to promote better opportunities and supportive workplaces for female employees in the Solomon Islands. Already positive change has occurred. Launched in July 2017 at the Australian Solomon Islands Business Forum, Waka Mere is led by International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank Group, in collaboration with the Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The initiative now includes 15 of the largest private sector companies in Solomon Islands, with nearly 6,000 employees combined.

Under Waka Mere, which means 'She Works' in pidgin, each company has committed to at least one of the following priorities: promoting women in leadership; building respectful and supportive workplaces; and increasing opportunities for women in jobs traditionally held by men.

Our Human Resources Manager Hernandia Zoleveke and female staff have been particular champions of the initiative. "Waka Mere is about supporting women in the workplace, giving them the confidence and opportunity to shine, to

progress, to take on leadership roles, and also non-traditional jobs," said Zoleveke. "We are very proud of the achievements and example of our female employees and company and hope that by providing a respectful workplace and greater work opportunities, this will lead to benefits for our staff, their families and the community," she said.

Over the past three years, the number of women working with Solomon Airlines has grown to 105 female staff, who work alongside 187 male colleagues. The company has created new human resources policies related to employee welfare and workplace behaviour. "Waka Mere provided this platform and we made this commitment with our CEO's support because we want to create a healthy and respectful workplace for all of our employees, female and male," Zoleveke said.

"This led to the development of new human resources policies regarding supporting employees who may be experiencing domestic violence at home or potentially unacceptable harassment in the workplace.

"In any company, should a staff member become a victim of violence, their performance is likely to be affected which of course is a productivity loss for an employer.

"Now with a specific company policy

and management support to address this issue, we are providing an avenue where victims of violence can come forward to seek help.

"Under the programme, education is also important. Previously it may have been that staff would think that violence happening outside of the workplace such as domestic violence is not the company's business. Or that workplace harassment was to be tolerated, as it could be too embarrassing to reach out.

"However having a company Violence Policy helps us all to recognise why we have a responsibility to help and why this is important for the business as well. It empowers employees to come forward in confidence and seek help or report an issue without fear.

"Under the Waka Mere programme we have engaged in workshops that especially help women to discuss issues affecting them in personal and professional life and how they can best deal with these issues.

"We have been able to listen to inspirational stories from successful women who have made it to the top and to participate in professional development workshops to inspire positive personal and professional growth."

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