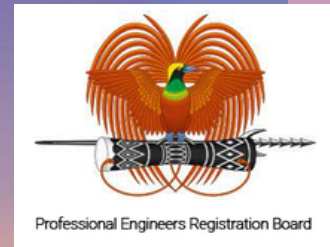


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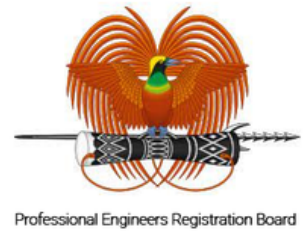
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The IEPNG Proudly Announces the New South Pacific Engineers Association (SPEA) **President Mr. Gibson Holemba**



Mr. Gibson Holemba



IEPNG President Elected to Lead South Pacific Engineers Association

The Institution of Engineers Papua New Guinea (IEPNG) hereby advises that its President and Secretary for Works & Highways, Mr. Gibson Holemba has been elected President of the South Pacific Engineers Association (SPEA) on the 9th of July 2026.

Mr. Holemba's election marks a significant milestone, highlighting his leadership within Papua New Guinea's engineering community and his growing influence across the wider South Pacific region. His appointment reflects the trust and confidence placed in him by fellow professionals and underscores the important role IEPNG plays in shaping engineering standards and fostering collaboration throughout the Pacific.

The presidency, which commenced last week following his appointment by SPEA members, will run for three years. The South Pacific Engineers Association comprises members from Cook Island, Samoa, Vanuatu, Tonga, Fiji, Solomon Island, and Papua New Guinea.

Mr. Holemba is expected to strengthen regional ties, promote innovation, and advance the engineering profession across island nations.

On behalf of the IEPNG Council Members, Staff and Management, CEO Mr. Benedict Mick extended their heartfelt congratulations and wished Mr. Holemba wisdom, strength, and inspiration as he embarks on this new chapter.

Engineering News

ExxonMobil PNG Ltd Celebrates International Women in Engineering Day

International Women in Engineering Day 2026 was celebrated worldwide on June 23, recognizing the inclusive and outstanding achievements of women engineers. Commemorated annually, the event continues to shine a spotlight on the vital role women play in advancing the engineering profession. This year's theme "Engineering Intelligence" endorsed by the Women's Engineering Society called upon organizations, educators, industry leaders and communities to showcase the expertise, creativity, and leadership that women bring to engineering every day (inwed@wes.or.uk).

In Papua New Guinea, ExxonMobil PNG Limited joined the global celebration by hosting hands-on STEM activities and mentorship sessions for young girls in Port Moresby. These initiatives aimed to inspire future generations to pursue careers in engineering while highlighting the achievements of female engineers within the PNG LNG Project.

Photos courtesy: Pacific Business Review & Sunday Bulletin



Enthusiastic young female students actively participating in practical activities guided by instructors, reflecting the company's commitment to nurturing talent and breaking barriers in STEM.



Machinery Engineering Leader Alma Gaso (center) alongside engineers Asenath Babona (left) and Maryjo Lipu (right), exemplifying the dedication and leadership of women in engineering.

Female engineers of ExxonMobil PNG were honored at the Seven-Mile site in Port Moresby for their contributions to the sector. Their recognition underscores the importance of inclusivity in a traditionally male-dominated field and highlights the growing visibility of women professionals in Papua New Guinea's engineering landscape. — The National, June 23, 2026

The Appointment of IEPNG Technical Assessor

IEPNG officially appointed Mr. Moses Gurra on June 26, 2026, as a Technical Assessor who will further strengthening the organization's commitment to upholding engineering standards in Papua New Guinea and beyond.

Mr. Gurra, a Senior Engineer and Honorary Fellow, brings a wealth of experience to the role. He graduated from the PNG University of Technology in 1978 and later earned a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical from the Queensland University of Technology in 1989. His journey to becoming a Technical Assessor was guided by Chief Technical Assessor Mr. Sen Athanasius Hugo, under whose supervision he successfully completed the rigorous Competence-Based Assessment procedures.

With this certification, Mr. Gurra is now qualified to assess both professional and non-professional engineers including nationals and expatriates ensuring compliance with the Professional Engineers Registration Act (Amended) 1986. His appointment marks a significant step in IEPNG's mission to promote excellence and competence in the engineering profession.

The commissioning ceremony was held at IEPNG Haus, Hohola, Port Moresby, where IEPNG Chief Executive Officer Mr. Benedict Mick presented the Technical Assessor's Certificate to Mr. Gurra. The occasion was witnessed by Chief Technical Assessor Mr. Hugo, Technical Assessor Mr. Penniel Kulemu Pitalot, IEPNG Member Service Coordinator Mrs. Toksy Tanabi, and IEPNG staff.

A memorable photograph captured the moment Mr. Gurra received his certificate from CEO Mr. Mick, with colleagues standing proudly alongside which is a testament to IEPNG's collaborative spirit and dedication to professional growth.

IEPNG congratulates Mr. Gurra on his appointment and looks forward to his valuable contributions in advancing engineering standards across Papua New Guinea.

Technical Assessor Certificate Presentation



IEPNG Technical Assessors & Staff



PNG Tunneling Hosts Transformative AGM & Fundraising Dinner

The PNG Tunneling Society successfully convened its 2nd Annual General Meeting and 1st Fundraising Dinner at the Lamana Hotel on the 6th of August 2026. The event brought together engineers, government representatives, industry stakeholders, and partners from across Papua New Guinea to advance dialogue on tunneling and underground infrastructure development.

Distinguished guest speakers included representatives from the Department of Works (DOW), the PNG University of Technology, and internationally renowned tunneling expert Professor Arnold Dix. Their contributions underscored the Society's mission to promote the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in tunneling design, construction, and safe utilization of underground space.

Professor Dix delivered a compelling keynote, recounting his involvement in the 2023 Uttarakhand Tunnel Rescue in India, which he described as a "critical moment of his lifetime." His reflections highlighted the importance of prioritizing safety in underground infrastructure and strengthening environmental risk management practices, reinforcing his global standing as a respected leader in the tunneling profession.

The evening marked several significant milestones for the Tunneling Society in Papua New Guinea:

1. PNG University of Technology launched its first Master's in Tunneling Engineering, led by Prof. Mirzi Betasolo, with support from the Australian Tunneling Society.
2. PNG Hydro CEO and Founder Allan Guo announced the establishment of a University for Hydropower & Tunneling.
3. University of Papua New Guinea revealed plans for a new master's program in collaboration with Three Gorges University, presented by Prof. Joseph Espi.
4. The Department of Works showcased advancements in its innovative PNG Connect Program aimed at strengthening infrastructure connectivity.
5. IEPNG reaffirmed its commitment to PNGTS, pledging full support for the fundraising dinner initiative.



NCDC Building Board Authority Seminar Highlights Urban Development Challenges

The National Capital District Commission (NCDC) Building Board Authority hosted a seminar at the Hilton Hotel on 29 July 2026, addressing the pressing issues of rapid urban expansion driven by population growth and increasing infrastructure demands. The discussions centered on strengthening regulatory requirements, improving development submissions, and offering valuable insights and networking opportunities for developers engaged in both national construction and international development programs.

Opening the seminar, Department of Works & Highways Secretary, President of the South Pacific Engineers Association (SPEA), and IEPNG President, Mr. Gibson Holemba, encouraged industry professionals to embrace creativity in their architectural designs and models, underscoring the importance of innovation in shaping sustainable urban growth.

Source: PNG Haus Bung



COVEC (PNG) Ltd CBA Meeting

The Institution of Engineers Papua New Guinea Inc. (IEPNG) was invited to join a CBA tutorial session on 5th of August 2026 with the COVEC (PNG) Ltd at Savannah Heights, Port Moresby. The IEPNG Chief Executive Officer Mr. Benedict Mick, Training Coordinator Ms. Musawe Mupangke, and Member Services Staff Mr. Stanley Mange were present to attend the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide participants with a deeper understanding of IEPNG as an institution, its regulatory responsibilities, professional development requirements under the Continuing Professional Development (CBA) framework and its international partnerships.

During meeting session, Mr. Mick emphasized the importance of professional registration under the relevant Act, while Ms. Mupangke presented an overview of the CBA process. A total of 12 participants attended including six expatriate employees, three national staff members from COVEC and three IEPNG staff.

The COVEC (PNG) Ltd Managing Director acknowledged IEPNG's continuous support and commitment to partnership in ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements. There were concerns regarding opportunities for expatriates to pursue advanced learning programs in recognized institutions within PNG. The participants also suggested that IEPNG consider developing a formal training program in collaboration with relevant professional and government bodies such as Immigration to provide expatriates with greater awareness of responsibilities and requirements associated with working in PNG.

Such program could incorporate institutional requirements to ensure expatriates entering the country to undergo appropriate orientation and become familiar with local regulations, practices and knowledge. In response, Mr. Mick recommended the Department of Works (DOW) master's program, currently offered online as a pathway for engineers seeking to further broaden their knowledge.

Source: Ms. Musawe Mupangke – Training Report

COVEC (PNG) Ltd with IEPNG staff during meeting discussion



Dulux Group PNG Technical Workshop

IEPNG acknowledges the successful technical workshop hosted by Dulux Group PNG which brought together more than 50 participants. The presentation was impressive and beneficial with Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours formally recognized by Engineers Australia for registered members.

The workshop provided IEPNG with an opportunity to explore how Dulux Group PNG can contribute to the engineering profession through technical specifications, industry expertise and product knowledge. Facilitators shared valuable insights and practical knowledge that proved highly relevant to engineers and industry professionals. IEPNG was represented by Mr. Stanley Mange (Member Services Staff) and Ms. Musawe Mupangke (Training Coordinator) who attended on behalf of Mr. Benedict Mick the IEPNG CEO during his duty travel.

Dulux staff and management expressed their appreciation for the collaboration and emphasized their commitment to working closely with IEPNG. They highlighted the importance of assisting engineers in making informed decisions regarding sustainable coating and painting products suitable for engineering and construction applications.

Below are images supplied by Dulux Group PNG attendees capturing highlights of the workshop.

Source: Ms. Musawe Mupangke – Training Report



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Dulux Group PNG
Workshop
Presentation at the
Hilton Hotel



Participants
undergone
training including
engineers and
non- engineers

National Polytechnic Institute of PNG in Collaboration with MIDAS on Engineering Software Applications Seminar

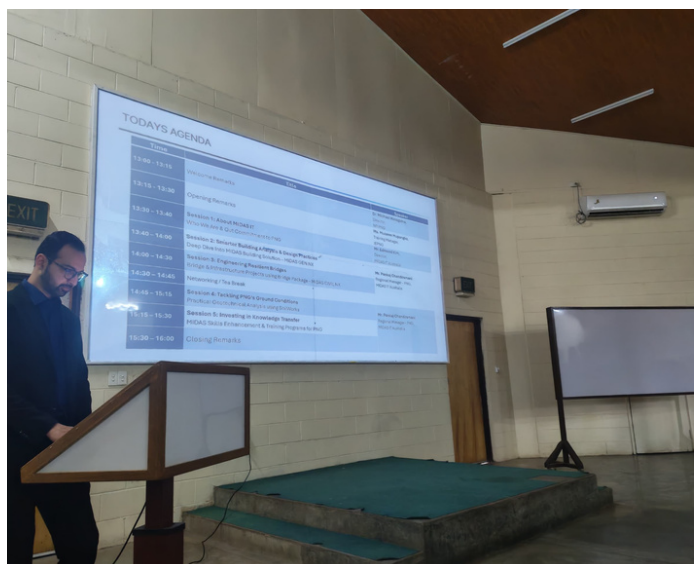
A total of 120 participants attended a seminar hosted by the National Polytechnic Institute of Papua New Guinea in partnership with MIDAS IT Australia at the Lae Polytech campus. Attendees included students, representatives from IEPNG, Department of Works & Highways (DOW&H), Kramer Ausenco, SMEC, and academic staff.

The seminar focused on software applications for structural, bridge, and geotechnical engineering, providing participants with valuable insights into modern engineering tools.

A technical specialist from MIDAS IT Australia delivered a comprehensive presentation with live demonstrations showcasing the software's capabilities and practical applications in engineering.

The program commenced with introductory remarks from the National Polytechnic Director followed by an address from Ms. Musawe Mupangke, representing IEPNG CEO Mr. Benedict Mick. The sessions featured technical presentations highlighting the relevance of advanced software in engineering practice.

Inset below- Seminar at National Polytechnic Institute of PNG hall in Lae



MIDAS IT Australia Rep presented technical training during seminar with participants



During the seminar, MIDAS IT acknowledged IEPNG's support and discussed the potential for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) accreditation aiming to expand participation among engineering professionals in Papua New Guinea.

At the end of the program, Ms. Mupangke assisted engineers with membership queries and responded to student questions regarding IEPNG membership. She also had the privilege of visiting a student project funded by Markham Culvert underscoring IEPNG's commitment to supporting innovation and professional growth.

Source: Ms. Musawe Mupangke – Training Report

Highlights on progress in partnerships with Kenmore & NBPOL

IEPNG Strengthens Training Partnership with Kenmore Training Centre

The Institution of Engineers Papua New Guinea Inc. (IEPNG) continues to advance its professional development initiatives with a strategic site visit to the Kenmore Training Centre at 6 Mile, Port Moresby. A delegation of seven IEPNG staff members attended the visit, accompanied by Ms. Melissa Gorogo, Kenmore's Human Resources Manager, and Ms. Maria Victoria Lopez, Learning and Support Manager. The inspection was conducted to assess the availability of training facilities and explore opportunities for collaboration in delivering engineering-focused training programs.

Facility Assessment: IEPNG reviewed Kenmore's training infrastructure, confirming its suitability for hosting technical training and professional development activities.

Partnership Agreement: Discussions led by Ms. Gorogo concluded with an agreement for IEPNG to utilize Kenmore's facilities for training engineers, while also accessing specialized courses offered at the centre. Kenmore's facilities are now available for bookings to host IEPNG events, including Board meetings and the upcoming South Pacific Engineers Association (SPEA) meetings. The IEPNG and Kenmore will coordinate training itineraries and jointly manage program delivery to strengthen engineering capacity in Papua New Guinea.

While the outcomes of the visit mark a positive step forward, the proposed partnership initiatives will be subject to review and endorsement at the next IEPNG Council meeting. This ensures alignment with IEPNG's strategic objectives and governance processes.

The collaboration with Kenmore Training Centre represents a significant opportunity for IEPNG to expand its training reach, enhance professional development pathways, and foster stronger regional cooperation through platforms such as SPEA.

Strengthening Collaboration: NBPOL HR Team Visits IEPNG

The Institution of Engineers Papua New Guinea Inc. (IEPNG) hosted representatives from New Britain Palm Oil Ltd (NBPOL) for a formal meet-and-greet session at IEPNG Haus. The delegation was led by Mrs. Tracy Isarua from the NBPOL HR team, accompanied by the newly recruited HR Manager from Malaysia.

IEPNG Chief Executive Officer Mr. Benedict Mick, together with Mrs. Toksy Tanabi and Ms. Musave Mupangke, warmly welcomed the visitors and engaged in constructive discussions.

The primary purpose of the visit was to introduce the new HR Manager to IEPNG and to reaffirm the partnership between the two organizations. Conversations centered on the strategic role of NBPOL's HR team in ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements, and how IEPNG could provide technical and institutional support to strengthen these efforts. The meeting also addressed outstanding training sessions requested by NBPOL, underscoring the importance of capacity-building initiatives for workforce development.

Both parties acknowledged the significance of collaboration in advancing professional standards and fostering industry growth. The session concluded on a positive note, laying a strong foundation for future cooperation and reinforcing the shared commitment to partnership. This engagement reflects IEPNG's ongoing dedication to supporting corporate partners in achieving compliance, professional development, and sustainable growth within Papua New Guinea's engineering and industrial sectors.

Source: Ms. Musawe Mupangke – Training Report

In Memoriam

The Institution of Engineers PNG (IEPNG) Regretfully Announces the Passing of Our Senior Hon. Fellow, Late Mr. Andrew Pinge

Condolence Message

The Council of the Institution of Engineers PNG Incorporated (IEPNG); the Board of Professional Engineers Registration Board (PERB); the Management and Staff of IEPNG, wish to convey their heartfelt and sincere condolences to the family, relatives, friends, and colleagues on the passing of the Late Mr. Andrew Pinge on July 2026. His contribution to the engineering profession and his legacy will be remembered with deep respect and admiration.



The Institution of Engineers Papua New Guinea (IEPNG) mourns the passing of Late Mr. Andrew Pinge, a distinguished Senior Electrical Engineer, Honorary Fellow, and Registered Engineer. As a Council Member of IEPNG and Board Member of the Professional Engineers Registration Board (PERB) from 2024 to 2026, Mr. Pinge dedicated his career to advancing the engineering profession in Papua New Guinea. He faithfully represented IEPNG across various boards and committees, leaving behind a legacy of service and commitment. A graduate of the PNG University of Technology in 1984 with a Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering, Mr. Pinge joined the Institution in 1989 as a Graduate Member, holding Membership Roll No. 895 and Registration No. 570. His invaluable contributions to the Institution and the wider engineering fraternity will be remembered with deep respect and gratitude. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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