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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR - Retirement Benefit Fund Service staff get into the festive mood with hanging up Christmas decorations in their office. The Parliamentary Service will shut down at 12noon on Friday December 23rd, 2022 and resume on Tuesday January 3rd, 2023 at 07:45am. - Photo by Parliamentary Media Service

PS hosts Youth Parliamen

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THE second annual National Youth Parliament attended by 60 aspiring young leaders was held at Parliament House in early November, sponsored by the European Union, United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the United National Population Fund (UNFPA) in partnership with the Parliamentary Service (PS).

The weeklong event culminated to a mock Youth Parliament on the last day conducted by the young representatives who had been learning about leadership and governance, roles and responsibilities of Members of Parliament (MPs) and the work of Parliament and its roles and responsibilities.

Deputy Clerk - Chamber Service Basil Kambuliagen, during the event, said the work of the Service was to serve the Parliament of the day without fear or favour and was committed to providing the best service for the aspiring parliamentarians. Mr Kambuliagen encouraged them to take

advantage of the information sessions during the week to learn as much as they could to familiarise themselves with parliamentary processes and procedures. Officers from respective PS divisions including Civics and Education, Bills & Papers, Reporting, Serjeant-At-Arms, Committees, Parliamentary Legal Service and Parliamentary Media Service assisted with information and support to prepare them well, so as to participate effectively in the mock session as youth parliamentarians.

The PS team did an exceptional job in assisting the participants with formulating Questions and Answers for debate and creating a mock Bill in preparation for the mock Parliament session, with the officers standing in to officiate at the meeting, which turned out to be a huge success.

There are plans to have the event hosted again next year and is expected to be bigger and better.

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HOUSE NOTES



WELCOME to the November-December edition of our bi-monthly internal newsletter Tambaran Update.

We bring to you updates of the Parliamentary Service (PS) news and events, with the regulars, "TechTalk" with the ITC Team, "Profiles" featuring staff and "Engagement" which highlights the participation of the Service in events and activities with external stakeholders.

Our must-reads are the Clerk's Message on Page 3, Human Resource Management (HRM) Update on Page 10, the photospreads on Pages 6 and Page 7 featuring events and programs happening at Parliament House and Voxpops on Page 9 regarding views from staff on their professional and personal plans for the New Year.

Your participation and contribution to our publication is always encouraged and welcomed; and we would like to thank those staff who take the time to respond to questionnaires and share their stories and photos.

We trust that you will enjoy this edition, as much as we did, putting it together and look forward to your continued support.

Until next time, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022.

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'Selfie Contest'

DO YOU have a favourite feature or view of the Parliament House? Why not take a selfie with this feature or view in the background, write in 25 words or less why you say so and submit for a chance to win a "surprise prize" and have your photo published in a future edition of the Tambaran Update.

Send your entry to: mediadivision.parliament@gmail.com



CLERK'S LOUNGE - PICTURED here is the Clerk's Lounge in the Office of the Clerk of Parliament where the Clerk as the administrative head of the Parliamentary Service conducts official business including meetings and ceremonies. - *Photo: Parliamentary Media Service*

Speaker's Gallery ...a feature of our Parliament



THE GALLERIES are seated areas in the Chamber of Parliament from which members of the public may watch the proceedings of Parliament. Apart from the Public Galleries, there is the Speaker's Gallery (pictured) which is located directly opposite the Speaker's Chair for his invited guests, members of the Diplomatic Corps and foreign dignitaries. - *Photo: Parliamentary Media Service*



Entry Submitted by: JUNIOR KWARE Student Trainee

My favourite feature is the amazing art on the front of Parliament House, because it tells us a story about our provinces and our country.

INTEGRITY: "One of your most prized possessions is integrity; if this is you, then you should never compromise it." - BYRON PULSIFA

NOTICE BOARD

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Speaker to visit Australian Parliament



SPEAKER of Parliament Hon. Job Pomat, CMG, MP has accepted an official invitation to visit the Australian Parliament in February 2023.

The invitation was personally delivered to him by Senator Hon. Sue Lines, President of the Senate House from the Australian Parliament during a courtesy visit, aimed at strengthening links between the two parliaments.

Senator Lines was accompanied by a delegation of fellow parliamentarians including, Hon. Sharon Claydon MP, Deputy Speaker and Chair of the Parliamentary Standards Committee, Hon. Josh Burns MP, Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, Senator Mehreen Faruqi, Member of the Parliamentary Standards Committee and Hon. Dr Sophie Scamps, MP.

The visitors discussed topical issues about their respective parliaments and opportunities on how best each could contribute to supporting and strengthening each parliament to become more effective and efficient, drawing on their own experiences.

The Australian delegation was given a guided tour of Parliament House afterwards.

Photo by Parliamentary Media Service

CLERK'S Message

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AS 2022 draws to a close, I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you here at Parliamentary Service for your continued commitment and support throughout the year; dedicating your time and efforts towards the work of this great institution that we serve in.

It has been a challenging year with the 2022 National General Elections and the issues that have surrounded it. Nonetheless, we have had a decent Induction Week program and would like to appreciate every staff member who has been in the forefront or in the background enabling a successful transition of the 11th Parliament.

I want to encourage you all to keep up the good work and continue to have the right attitude towards your respective roles and responsibilities that you have been entrusted with, in order for us to achieve the goals that we have set out for ourselves towards truly becoming a "modern, efficient and engaging" Parliamentary Service.

We are progressing well with two years into my tenure, as the custodian of the Office of the Clerk of Parliament, with the launch of the new Organisational and Management Restructure that requires for us to produce on our respective Key Performance Areas (KRAs) and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). By doing so, we have set the bar high on our performance levels, and are promoting accountability in our work practices, thus lifting the standards of our service.

The Human Resource Management (HRM) has made a tremendous effort in integrating digital transformation of the HR and Payroll aspects of the division so as to make systems more efficient with modern technology.

Additionally, the Information Communication Technology (ICT) is at the forefront with this same strategy in improving our systems to stay on par



KALA AUFA Clerk of Parliament

with the world's ever-changing times and technology, with plans already in place for a major overhaul, with ICT infrastructure installed in the Chamber and in respective divisions with the institution to enhance operating efficiencies, communications and decision-making processes.

The Parliamentary Committee Secretariat's support of the work of Parliamentary Committees will see several inquiries held in the early part of 2023, following the Committee Secretariat's preparations to have appointments completed for all committees' chairs and members, followed by their respective declarations and swearing-in ceremonies, so they can get straight into work, come New Year.

More recently, we have come down hard on the dress code and appearance of all occupants of the building and visitors so as to uphold the standards we have as an institution and ensure that rules are adhered to and decorum is maintained at the highest level.

With that, I would like to wish you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2023 God bless.



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NEWS & EVENTS

John Maxwell visits Parit

JOHN Calvin Maxwell, 75 is a No. 1 New York Times bestselling author, coach, speaker and pastor who has sold more than 30 million books, primarily focusing on leadership, in 50 languages worldwide. He visited Papua New Guinea with a team of partners, who are internationally recognised thought-leaders to share new wisdom at the forefront of values-based leadership recently.

Mr Maxwell, widely considered to be one of the world's top leadership thinkers spoke to a number of Members of Parliament (MPs), including the Prime Minister Hon. James Marape and Speaker of Parliament Hon. Job Pomat, CMG, MP about transformative leadership at the State Function Room, Parliament House yesterday.

He encouraged the MPs to participate in the one-hour a week for 11-weeks Nation Transformation program that has commenced through-out different provinces in the country, where Maxwell Leadership® certified consultants were currently training about 3,000 to 4,000 Papua New Guineans leaders to multiply the leadership capacity of those around them, so as to increase their collective ability to change the world for the better. Mr Maxwell said the five-year program envisions to equip about 800,000 leaders in the country to lead powerful, positive change through practical values-based

Parliamentary Committees inducted



MEMBERS of Parliament attending the Induction and Swearing-in ceremony. - Photo by: Parliamentary Media Services

A SPECIAL Induction and Swearing-in ceremony for chairmen and members of Parliamentary Committees was held in November to launch the Work of Committees for this 11th Parliament.

The one-day event began with registration followed by the official opening by the Speaker of Parliament Hon. Job Pomat, CMG, MP and Clerk of Parliament Kala Aufa.

Speaker Pomat in his speech said a strong and active committee system was an asset in any functioning parliamentary democracy, therefore was needed to be properly and adequately funded so as to carry out the important function of Parliament of oversight.

Presentations by secretaries from the Parliamentary Committee Secretariat included topics on, "Why Committees are important?", "How Committees and "Work of Committees and how it's done?" amongst others.

The afternoon session included topics on the "Functions of the Committees, "Roles and responsibilities, powers, functions and privileges" and understanding the "Terms of References". leadership principles used by everyday people, major corporations, and national governments alike, worldwide for 50 years.He also presented the MPs and other invited guests signed copies of his book titled, Change Your World.

PM Marape thanked the visiting leadership team for their time, passion and commitment to impart valuable knowledge and wisdom for the country's leaders, as PNG ushers in 50 years of nationhood, come 2025.

The program is an initiative of the Papua New Guinea Tribal Foundation who has partnered with the John Maxwell Leadership Foundation and is instrumental in introducing the program to PNG.

Procurement Committee established

A SPECIAL National Parliament Procurement Committee of the National Procurement Commission (NPC) has been established, which now allows for the institution to tender for projects up to K5 million.

The Committee chaired by Clerk of Parliament Kala Aufa is supported by three Parliamentary Service officers, namely Parliamentary Counsel David Yuwa, Director Finance Kari Gabutu and Director Procurement Supplies Robert Kimai.

A representative each from the State Solicitors Office, Department of Finance and the National Procurement Commission make up the rest of the Committee.

Mr Aufa said the NPC will be working in close consultation with the National Parliament going forward on proposed projects for the institution.

"We have a few projects on the line-up and this arrangement, will go a long way to help the National Parliament to better comply with the NPC's requirements," he said.



COLLABORATION: "No individual can win a game by himself." – PELÉ

Vanuatu Parliament

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FORMER Parliamentary Counsel and current Deputy Clerk - Corporate and Support Services Richard Whitchurch and Ellison Waiut from Bills and Papers Division are pictured here with their cohorts attending the 2nd McGill Parliamentary Management Course on Committees and Parliamentary Research and Information Technology hosted by Vanuatu Parliament in 2019. **Photo by Ellison Waiut**



New Zealand Parliament



PICTURED here are representatives from Papua New Guinea's Parliament with their colleagues who attended the Australasian and Pacific Hansard Editors Association Conference, hosted by the New Zealand Parliament.

Principal Reporter Kenneth Sebepmim and Deputy Principal Reporter Joel Tukana joined Hansard Editors from the Australian State Parliaments, Parliament of the Republic of Fiji, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Australian Parliament, Tonga, Vanuatu, Parliament of the Cook Islands, Bougainville and New Zealand to discuss their work.

The theme of this year's conference is "Diversity of Debate: Multiple Languages on the Record". *Photo by: New Zealand Parliament*



Apostcard from...

PARLIAMENTARY Service staff who have gone on duty travel abroad or in the provinces are invited to submit a photo taken in or outside the respective parliament or assembly buildings, they have visited. The photos must include a brief description of the people, the location, the event/occasion and the time captured, as well as mention the photographer. A selection of photos will be chosen each edition to be featured on this page.

Bougainville House of Representative



VALI Mairi Human Resource Management Director takes a selfie in the Office of the Clerk at the Bougainville House Of Representative (BHoR) during her visit to assist in the setting up Human Resource mechanisms and staff structure which has been part of the Parliamentary Service and BHoR Twinning program which began three years ago.



THE SECOND annual Youth Parliament sponsored by the European Union, United Nations Development Program, and United National Population Fund in partnership with the Parliamentary Service held in State Function Room of Parliament House from November 7th to 11th, 2022



CLERK of Parliament Kala Aufa, with officers (from I-r) Kalau Wari, from Office of First Clerk's Assistant and Ellison Waiut and Kwalimu Kila from Bills and Papers, providing support during event. Photo by Parliamentary Media Service



(FROM I-r) Serjeant-at-Arms Lalai Vali, Public Accounts Committee Secretary Repe Rambe, Deputy Clerk - Chamber Basil Kambuliagen, captured during a presentation on Parliamentary Service and its roles and responsibilities. -Photo by Parliamentary Media Service



TYRONAH Sione, a young and vibrant participant of the National Youth Parliament in discussion with Parliamentary Counsel, David Yuwa. - Photo by Parliamentary Media Service



DEPUTY Principal Reporter, Joel Tukana from Hansard Division and Public Accounts Committee Secretary Repe Rambe setting presentations for the week-long National Youth Parliament. - Photo by Parliamentary Media Service



CHRIS Luke (right) from Bills and Papers, guiding a participant with her debate presentation during the National Youth Parliament. - Photo by Parliamentary Media Service



PARTICIPANTS of the National Youth Parliament getting advice from Kalau Wari (right) from the First Clerk Assistant's Office. - Photo by Parliamentary Media Service

ACCOUNTABILITY "Accountability breeds response-ability" - STEPHEN R. COVEY-

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OFFICERS from Tisa Community Finance held an awareness session on its products and services for Parliamentary Service staff, at Parliament House - *Photo by Parliamentary Media Service*



STUDENT trainee Renata Waiut assisting with administrative duties is attached with the Deputy Clerk's Office. - *Photo by Parliamentary Media Service*



PARLIAMENTARY Counsel David Yuwa (left) swearing-in Hon. Sam Basil Junior, MP for Bulolo during the Induction Ceremony of chairmans and members of Parliamentary Committees. - *Photo by Parliamentary Media Service*



THE State Function Room packed to capacity during the 2023 Budget Lock-up. - *Photo by Parliamentary Media Service*



OFFICERS from Chamber Services with Assistant Speakers during a training session in the Chamber of Parliament. -*Photo by Parliamentary Media Service*



MAINSTREAM media personnel are pictured here taking a break for lunch at the C Block Poolside after the Budget session in November. - *Photo by Parliamentary Media Service*



THE US Senate Delegation for Parliamentary Committees on Defence, Housing, Gender and Internal Security during their visit to Parliament. - *Photo by Parliamentary Media Service*



INDONESIAN parliamentarians present the Deputy Speaker Hon. Koni Iguan, MP, a gift during their courtesy visit in November. - *Photo by Parliamentary Media Service*



Meet Cecly Odai...

a Public Accounts Committee staff for 28 years



Cecly Odai Office Manager Public Accounts Committee



Her position was changed to Administrative Assistant following a restructure and since then, Ms Odai has worked her way up and at present is the Office Manager for the PAC.

"I graduated from Lae Secretarial College, where I learnt how to type," she said. "It was very strict then, as our teachers would get the ruler and smack our knuckles if we were slow."

Shortly after graduation, Ms Odai started work with the PNG University of Technology's Mechanical Engineering

Department from 1986 to 1993 as a keyboard operator before moving to Port Moresby.

Ms Odai said PAC Secretary Repe Rambe has always been her boss since the beginning and she's seen many changes take place in the Service over the years.

She said comes from an era when the type writers were the only form of equipment used to type-set documents and compile official reports.

"My job has been rewarding and I have learnt a lot," she said. "It's been a privilege working with the PAC."

Her advice to new or younger officers starting their careers in the Service is to show commitment and respect, and always be punctual and willing to learn.



Congratulations to the following staff for continuing to achieve milestones in their careers;



PARLIAMENTARY Service staff from the Information and Communication Technology and Human Resource Management divisions participate in the Inaugral Digital Transformation workshop at the Hilton Hotel.







Antonette Nandun Administrative Media Assistant Parliamentary Media Services

Antonette plans to build a career at Parliament

ANTONETTE Nandun from Kiunga and Lake Murray in Western Province joined the Parliamentary Media Services (PMS) in August 2022 as an Administrative Assistant.

She is a graduate with a double major in a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Public Relations and Linguistics and Communications from the University of Papua New Guinea.

In 2019 she began work with the National

Superannuation Fund (NASFund) as an administration staff, before joining the Parliamentary Services.

"Parliamentary Services is very interesting and challenging place to work," she said.

Ms Nandun said she is looking at building a career while working with Service.

"Eventually, I'd like to step into my field as a Media Officer or into research, should the opportunity arise," she said.

RESPECT: "Respect yourself and others will respect you." - CONFUCIUS



This time, two years ago...

PICTURED are two Tambaran Update editions from the year 2020 and 2022 featuring Building Maintenance and Technical Service's officers featured on the front pages, respectively, during the annual Independence Day flag raising ceremony on Independence Hill.

What are your plans for 2023? (Personally and professionally)



Aileen Audui Executive Assistant Office of Deputy Speakers Office

IT WILL be 14 years by the end of 2022 serving here with the Parliamentary Services. This will be the sixth Deputy Speaker I have come to serve since 2008, and I remain committed to my duties. Professionally, I plan to take up further studies in Office Administration or Office Management to enhance my performance overall and enable me to deal with any operational task or challenge that may arise.



Ralph Kiniva Senior Hardware/ Software Officer Information & Communication Technology Division

COMING from another organisation and starting anew at the Parliamentary Service this year has been challenging in terms of the type of systems in place. However, we are currently doing improvements to the system, and it's a work in progress. We hope to see more changes next year, bigger and better ones. So far, we have put in place a server for the Library and the Members Remuneration Benefits Fund (MRBF). This is all part and partial of the overall ICT upgrade which will continue in 2023 and I'm excited about our projects in the coming year.



Mele Taufa Gardener Building Maintenance and Technical Services

I PRAY for a bigger and better 2023 workwise and I'm happy that a lot of the trees that were planted this year are growing and flourishing. I will continue with the beatification plans for the Parliament House precincts in 2023. On a personal level, I'm praying for success in my local ministry as we need a vehicle for transport and a new guitar.



Melton Bini Bogege Accounting Manager Finance Division

PROFESSIONALLY, my plans for 2023 as a Team Leader in the Accounts Section of the Finance Division is to train and share the skills and knowledge I have with my staff, especially the Bank reconciliation officer, the Examiner and the Certifying Officer on the processes and procedures of reconciling the expenditure reports and the examination processes respectively. Personally, I have planned to save up and afford my own place, somewhere to call home.



Craig Keri Speakers Butler Clerk's Office Attached to Speaker's Office

PROFESSIONALLY, my plan for 2023 is to focus more on my work skills as a butler for dignities and executives, while serving under the office of the Hon. Speaker of the National Parliament. Personally, I would like to teach new staff from the Parliamentary Catering Services and pass on hands-on skills and knowledge to deal with daily tasks and challenges as well as impart good work ethics.



Leonard Badira Student Trainee Information & Communication Technology Division

PERSONALLY, I would like to see myself grow and get a step closer to the goals I've set for myself. I would also like to improve in areas I lacked or struggled with in 2022. Professionally, being a student, the only thing you truly desire is to make your parents proud and to get good grades. I plan on making 2023 a successful year for me. We may have our own plans but the Lord has the last say.



GHTALK

THE MODERN technology is now embracing and adapting to new Cloud Technology. Most users using digital handsets like mobile phones and PCs (Personal Computer) have come across the word Cloud Technology or simply cloud computing. In a nutshell let's see what cloud technology really means and why it is pivotal in our working sphere and our daily uses of technology.

When experts use words such as technology, they are simply referring to applications or softwares that are programmed to dictate and manipulate how machines (like your phone/ PCs) and equipment should operate to produce certain outcomes. In any technology or engineering application there is always that phenomenon where there is that input component, processing component and the output component. Imagine you want to call someone, you dial his/ her number (input component), the phone received the number and processthem to digital/ electricalsignals (processing component) and finally you can hear your friend speaking on the other end (output component). Different industries utilize different technologies that are critical in their operations.

In this 21st century we have seen the rapid surge in the usage of applications and software to meet the high market demand. Those applications and softwares now require more sophisticated machines or processors that will handle, interconnect with other machines and process high-speed data traffic efficiently. Machines such as network switches, servers and storage with high processing capabilities are built to interface with the applications/ softwares and other machines to process and store digital information.

Switches, servers and storages are simply high processing computers. Traditionally, applications run on simple computer(s) and depending on the industry the number of computers can increase which are often too difficult to maintain and managed because the data cannot be stored and backed up in a centralized way. In addition, many computers and storage resources are not fully utilized with high maintenance cost, poor security and high energy consumption resulting with high capital expenditure.

Cloud Technology have come about to address those challenges. Cloud somethings refer to as "Internet", which is simply the centralized hosting of all computing resources including; networking switches, servers, storage, software, applications and other critical infrastructures like electricity for power and cooling and other security parameters. The centralized hosting of computing resources often referred to as "Datacentres". Internet comprise of multiple datacentres that are interconnected word-wide to provide cloud services to end users. Cloud Technology is the way forward into the future as more and more new innovations in technology emerges, the computing resources are already available to cater for the demand and time-to-market. Cloud Technology are not free and has pros and cons that one has to carefully research before hosting any of your private information on cloud.

Current applications that most of us are familiar with and are hosted on Cloud include; Facebook, Youtube, Whatsapp, Twitter, Gmail and many out there.

HRM UPDATE

CLINIC

- Routine Health Check and Diagnosis for Parliamentary Service staff .

POST OFFICE

- Registration and Circulation of correspondence from various Constitutional Office (such as Ombudsman Commission) to Clerk, Speaker and Members of Parliament.

TRAINING

- Officers from of HRM, ICT and Finance attended Basic Alesco Payroll Training with Concept Group from 7th -11th November 2022.

NEW PAYROLL

- Data integration has commenced and first trial run will commence in January 2023.

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM WITH BHOR

- Ongoing consultations are carried out by HRM Officers to formulate the Organisational & Management Structure for Bougainville House of Representatives.

HRM staff presented with certificates after training



PARLIAMENTARY Service staff from the Human Resource Management (HRM) Division were awarded Certificates of Attainment and Attendance after undertaking a week-long training on the updated Alesco Payroll system. This is the first training session for the payroll system which has been conducted in three batches, consisting of staff members from various divisions within the Service.

The first batch included officers from HRM, and the second batch, from Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Finance, apart from HRM divisions.

EXCELLENCE: "There are no shortcuts to true excellence." — ANGELA DUCKWORTH

Indo parliamentarians visit



THE delegation take a group photo with the Speaker of Parliament Hon. Job Pomat, CMG, MP after a guided tour of Parliament House and its precincts. *Photos by Parliamentary Media Service*

A SEVEN-MEMBER parliamentary delegation from the Republic of Indonesia paid a courtesy visit to the Speaker of Parliament Hon. Job Poma, CMG, MP yesterday to strengthen bilateral relations and cooperation between the two parliaments.

The delegation from the Nasional Demokrat Party Fraction from the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia was led by Hon. Saan Mustofa, MP and six members of the Indonesian Parliament who are on a working visit to Port Moresby.

After meeting with the Speaker, the team was taken on a guided tour of Parliament House and its precincts before taking a group photo.

NCSL presents products to staff



THERE are 13 students studying at various tertiary institutions around the country, who are now attached with various divisions within the Parliamentary Service under the Clerk of Parliament's Student Vacation Engagement Program.

Pictured are the students working on respective tasks as assigned by the Parliamentary Legal Service, Bills & Papers, Information and Communication Technology and Parliamentary Media Service divisions.

- Photos on this page by: Parliamentary Media Service



PARLIAMENTARY Service staff were given a introductory session by officers from the Nasfund Contributors Savings and Loans (NCSL) about the various products available with the supernanuation fund for members who were interested in loans for SME start ups as well as Vehicles, Housing and Life and Medical Insurance.

The visit was part of an initiative of the Human Resource Management (HRM) Division to create awareness and allow access for financial institutions to offer future investment opportunities for staff.



Cricket teams on top 5 spots

THE PARLIAMENT Tambaran Men's and Mixed Cricket Teams are faring well in the first five games of the season in the 2022-2023 Corporate Indoor Cricket competition.

According to the competition's points ladder, the Men's team has had four wins so far, with 56 points sitting in first place, which is two points ahead of Moni Plus Thunders in the Avala Division.

Meanwhile the Mixed team is in fifth place on the points ladder after Round Five.

Team organiser, Vincent Karo said it's

been a good season so far, with both teams trying to get more practice in on training days and should be able to do so over the festive season as work commitments slow down.

The training sessions have been held at Amini Park, the Gym and the Parliament grounds recently to make it easier for players to attend.

"One thing about the team is that we don't stick to the winning line up; we give chances to all players and that is the reason why we have the winning spirit every weekend," he said. "We also have some great support and coaching from experienced players such as James Maha, William Hans and our skipper Ila Pala.

Mr Karo said there were also some young and upcoming players such as Banabas Maha and Billy Salien and thanked the Clerk of Parliament Clerk Kala Aufa and Executive-Director - Corporate Services Tim Bonou for their continued support. Staff are encouraged to support the teams during the weekend games at Amini Park.



TEAM Parliament in the Port Moresby Corporate In-door Cricket competition geared to face their rivals during one of the matches. The teams are faring well securing themselves in the top 5 spots, respectively - **Photos supplied**

Netball goes on festive break

THE PARLIAMENTARY Services Netball team is in fifth place in Division 6 of the 2022-2023 Private Companies Netball Competition, as teams take a break for the festive season.

The Parliament team has fared well despite the challenges faced due to work commitments and a lack of training and a fitness schedule in the first half of the season.

"We will need to work on our fitness level," said team organiser, Helen Lawrence. "We need to walk, run for 10 minutes every day, as well as do individual training."

She said the team had three more games to go in the season, starting on January 15, 2023 which will be after the festive break. The team celebrated with a low-key Christmas gathering at the Rita Flynn netball courts with the other teams taking part in the competition and as a team at the Holiday Inn before the break.

In the next Issue, we will feature the Public Servants Netball Competition which will commence in the New Year.

Watch this space for more updates...

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