

BUSINESS MISSION TO MOROBE PROVINCE.**THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2022 TO SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER 2022**

The Australia Papua New Guinea Business Council in conjunction with the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) and the Australian Consulate-General in Lae is arranging a Business Mission to Lae, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea, to coincide with the Morobe Show, the largest provincial agricultural and industrial show held in Papua New Guinea.

THE MARKET.

Lae is PNG's main manufacturing hub, producing soap, industrial chemicals and cleaners, steel, gas, and timber. It is estimated the manufacturing and industrial sectors of Lae employ around 25% of the workforce. According to the Oxford Business Group this sector contributes an estimated 10% of GDP.

Lae is situated north of Port Moresby and located on the Gulf of Huon in Morobe province. It is a significant port with an upgraded airport under construction. It is known as the gateway to the Highlands and New Guinea Islands. It also provides the main transport link between the most populous provinces of the country.

Lae is a city for a range of economic activities including industry, agriculture, fisheries, and mining. The Highlands Highway begins in Lae and provides supplies and transport to the Wafi Golpu and Hidden Valley mines and populations in the Highlands regions.

Lae Port is the county's largest and busiest port. It is estimated the port contributes more than 60% of PNG's movement in the import and export of cargo each year. The Gulf of Huon is home to abundant fish stocks supplied by the many feeder rivers emptying into the gulf's deep waters and the Markham Valley's vast expanse of fertile plains spread across the province from east to west, making it a productive region for agriculture.

Australian companies frequently visit Lae to support their business relationships across the mining, agribusiness and manufacturing sector or building and construction sector. The University of Technology, Lae, is a science and technology university with around 3,000 students.

THE MISSION: THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER 2022:**INDICATIVE PROGRAM.**

Mission participants should arrive in Lae during the day on **Thursday 6 October 2022**. There will be a welcome **reception and networking event** that evening hosted by the Australian Consul-General in Lae which will provide an opportunity to engage with Morobe political leaders, Lae City Authority, business and community leaders, and Australian expatriates.

On **Friday 7 October 2022** the President of the Lae Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Australian Consul-General in Lae will host a **Business Breakfast** at Lae International Hotel which will provide an opportunity for participants to engage with members of the Lae Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and hear from Papua New Guinea Government and Australian Government representatives on future planning and investment in Morobe Province. Participants will then move to the **Lae Port for a briefing and site visit** providing an opportunity to understand current operations and future development through the expansion of the Lae Tidal Basin. Following lunch at Lae Yacht Club there will be a **briefing on mining industry operations** and future developments including **Hidden Valley** and **Porgera** mines, and status of the **Wafi-Golpu** mine project. The afternoon will conclude with a possible **Huon Gulf cruise** (tbc) providing an opportunity to observe Lae development, including Lae Tidal Basin, and Foreshore Proposal) and proposed outfall site for Wafi-Golpu Deep Sea Tailings Placement. In the evening participants will attend a **Morobe Show Sponsors Event** hosted by the President of the Morobe Show Society providing an opportunity to meet with Morobe Show Executive, committees and sponsors.

Saturday 8 October 2022 will commence with a **briefing and site visit to Lae Market** providing an opportunity to tour fresh food and produce market and learn of the redevelopment plan incorporating donor support from the Governments of Australia and New Zealand. Participants will then proceed to the **Morobe Agricultural Show** to witness and participate in Papua New Guinea's oldest agriculture show and take part in display of business profiles in the Australia Pavilion.

On **Sunday 9 October 2022** participants may engage further at the Morobe Agricultural Show. Participants may depart Lae on this day or remain on to pursue their own business agenda. Any participants who are also participating in the APNGBC Business Mission to Bougainville should return to Port Moresby on this day to be positioned to travel from there to Bougainville on Monday 10 October 2022.

A more detailed program is being developed and will be provided to registered participants closer to the date of the Mission including transport arrangements in Lae. The Australian Consulate-General is arranging secure transportation in Lae to business events and the show. Delegates are required to make their own airport transfer. Information on options will be provided later.

COSTS:

Participants will be directly responsible for all costs including on the ground transport costs. There will be a mission fee as detailed in the attached booking form.

RECOMMENDED FLIGHTS:

The following are the suggested flights for travel to Lae and return to Port Moresby.

Wednesday 5 October

0925 Depart Brisbane Flight QF57.
1235 Arrive Port Moresby.

Thursday 6 October 2022:

1340 Depart Port Moresby Flight PX104
1435 Arrive Lae.

Sunday 9 October 2022:

Flight options for return travel from Lae to Port Moresby.

PX293 1335/1420.
PX103 1455/1540.
PX107 1740/1825.

ACCOMMODATION IN LAE:

Participants are required to make their own accommodation bookings in Lae. The following are recommended.

Hotel Morobe Coronation Drive Lae 411, Morobe Province Papua New Guinea T. +675 479 0100 F. +675 479 0500 E. info@hotelmorobe.com	Lae International Hotel 4 th Street Lae 411, Morobe Province Papua New Guinea T. +675 472 2000 F. +675 472 2534 E. business@laeinterhotel.com
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BOOKINGS:

To book your place on the Mission you must complete the attached booking form and lodge it with your payment as either a member or a non-member by close of business on Friday 8 September 2022. Your completed booking form will be provided to the Australian Trade Commission which will assess the nature of your company business and the specific opportunities or appointments and objectives you have nominated and may contact you directly to make other suggestions relevant to supporting your interests.

**RESERVATION FORM AND INVOICE.
Business Mission to Morobe Province.
6 to 9 October 2022.**

This is not a tax invoice because it covers services provided outside Australia.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Office: _____ **Mobile:** _____

E-mail: _____

Please indicate dietary requirements: _____

Please provide a precis of the nature of your company business and any specific opportunities or appointments and objectives you have in mind for your participation in this mission (provide an attachment if more space required):

Membership (tick one):

Australia Papua New Guinea Business Council.

Not a member.

Please book me to participate in the Business Mission to Morobe Province as follows (tick one):

APNGBC Member at a cost of AUD250.

Non-APNGBC Member at a cost of AUD500.

TOTAL AMOUNT OWING: AUD _____.

Payment Options

CREDIT CARD: (2% processing fee will be added)

Mastercard Visa American Express Diners' Club

Card No

Expiry... /

Name on cardSignature of cardholder.....

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