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NFA Wharf takes shape !!!

The new PGK 2.5 million wharf is rapidly taking shape ready to cater for commercial fishing vessels of around 25 meters. A jetty will also be built next to the wharf convenient and pleasing to the local Kavieng fisherman with their banana boats. This new set-up will be a well-equipped commercial operations complex in Kavieng. The existence of National Fisheries College facilities, including a slipway, workshop and the proposed seafood handling complex adjacent to the wharf makes it a very unique fishing development project for PNG. It is envisaged that the wharf will provide a suitable operational base for a small fleet of commercial fishing ves-

sels. The processing capacity of the new seafood plant will ensure fish can be well handled for sale to export markets. The wharf construction project is part of the Fisheries Development Project being implemented by the National Fisheries Authority with the Asian Development Bank loan funding. The wharf is expected to be completed in August and operational for the commercial fishing vessels and local fisherman in Kavieng.

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Message from the Principal.

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2002. This is the first newsletter prepared by the new Ficol Information Technical Officer, Kinibo Ura. The first half of 2002 has been a busy one for NFC with delivery of 2 CF01 courses, 3 PH01 courses, the new PH02 course, the new Small Fishing Operations course and the first vocational teachers courses. The campus has been busy with the renovation of staff houses and the refurbishment of tutor and administration offices into open plan areas. NFC staff recruitment is still underway with Services Manager, Matia Rikis and

Fisheries Tutor John Oswn, arriving in July. In May, NFC was visited by the full NFA Management Team for a joint management training workshop. The NFA Team also reviewed our progress with the redevelopment of the waterfront site and the work undertaken on Nago Island (see stories in this issue). Good progress has been made on the construction of the new AusAID funded seafood processing and training facility and the new NFA Fisheries Wharf (also reported above). The opening of these facilities will provide a whole new perspective for NFC operations, particularly

in best practice operations of a seafood processing plant. The AusAID project has just 15 months left to run in its 4 year program but remains busy with the NFC Team in course and program development and systems implementation. This year we are operating with the computerised student tracking system prepared by NFC Adviser, Dave Burgess. For the first time NFC has the capacity to track students through enrolment to graduation via the computer network. NFC has a busy program for the second half of the year with students on campus for all but

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Meet the New College Staff

Kinibo Ura—Information Technical Officer



Mr. Ura is all smiles for the camera.

Mr. Ura joined up with the college on the 6th of May 2002. A Diploma graduate in Library and Information Technology from UPNG, he has more than 15 years of library and information work experience with both private and public organizations. Some of his achievements include setting up school and special libraries throughout PNG with modern library automated systems. His most recent challenging assignment being working in the petroleum

industry for Chevron Niugini in Kutubu, Gobe and Moran Oil fields in the Southern Highlands Provinces. Kinibo hails from Gaire village in the Central Province and is married with five children. Kinibo's main task will be to oversee the smooth operation of the college IT network system as well as revitalize the college library to fully serve the needs of both staff and students. He will also be responsible for the development of the college

newsletter and the NFC various course information brochures. Kinibo is glad to be part of the new college and NFA organisation. I look forward to working towards achieving NFA/ NFC work goals and objectives. There are no walls in libraries, so feel free to consult me whenever in need of information.

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Mr. Rikis was already hard at work preparing the hall for Dovet Course Graduation Day: 14th June 2002.

Mr. Matia Rikis—Students & Services Manager

Mr. Matia Rikis from East New Britain Province has recently joined NFC on the 10th of June 2002. He is married with 2 children (The later a baby girl been born few days after arriving in kavieng; congratulations!!!). He graduated from the University of PNG with a Bachelor of Arts degree, specializing in Language Communications in 1995.

Before joining the college, he was last employed as a Principal for Port Moresby Institute of Matriculation Studies and worked for over 6 years. The college warmly welcomes Mr. Rikis and his family as part of the team. Mr. Rikis main responsibilities will be to manage the student tracking system on Access Database and supervise the con-

tracts/contract staff as well as manage all college facilities (mess, dormitories, college grounds, study halls) and more importantly student affairs. As part of the management team, he is glad to be part of the college.

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NAGO Island Development Planning

For much of the past year, NFC has coordinated a team of workers in clearing bush and rubbish from the Nago Island site of the former Japanese katsubushi processing plant. The Island is now cleared and has become

a favoured site for NFC staff and student picnics and social gatherings. In April, 2002, NFA advertised expressions of interest for the development of a tourist facility on the Island. NFA is planning the co-development of the

Island with a small fisheries research and hatchery facility complementing the proposed tourist development.

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NFC Seeking Commercial Operator for Seafood Processing and Training Facility Complex.

One of the major undertakings of the AusAID project at NFC is the construction of the new seafood processing and training facility on the Kavieng waterfront. This facility is being built as a model plant for seafood processing best practice and will have both training and commercial applications. Commencing in May, NFC has advertised expressions of interest for

the commercial lease of the plant. NFC hopes to identify an experienced commercial operator who can operate the plant and who has capacity to ensure regular landings of fish for processing.

Following initial problems with aspects of design, plans for construction of the plant are now well developed with construction tenders due out in June.

More information is available on the plant via the NFC Principal, John Kasu.

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Students learn fish processing and handling training at the NFC College.



Students on Leilani during a fishing training trip.

NFC 2002 Courses to date

The NFC staff team have had a busy start to the year with the delivery of 2 CF01 courses, 3 PH01 courses and the first delivery of the new PH02 course. In addition, the first of the years 4 week courses for Vocational Teachers (the DOVET course) was delivered in May with a

second course commencing in June. In between these courses, there were 2 deliveries of the new Small Fishing Operations Course. Up until the end of June, NFC had enrolled almost 150 students for the year to date, well on the way to the target for the year of 350 students.

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1st DoVET Class 2002.



Post Harvest Training at National Fisheries College.

NFC takes advisory role on HACCP.

NFC Seafood Program Leader, Fuba Denano and Tutor Yaosa Kaikar are increasingly in demand from industry clients to assist in the preparation and implementation of company HACCP plans. HACCP advisory services have been provided to industry clients in

Kavieng, Lae, Madang, Port Moresby, Daru and Alotau. In support of these services, NFC has also scheduled delivery of 2 HACCP workshops later in the year for industry clients to improve their knowledge and understanding of HACCP plan implementation. This knowledge and technique

should ensure fish products exported meet requirements and standards of trading partners locally and abroad.

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Fish Processing at NAKO in Alotau, Milne Bay Province.



Manning Regulation and Safe Ship Consultancy Planned.

NFA has contracted Australian Consultant, Grant Carnie, for up to 8 weeks to undertake 2 assignments in PNG. In the first instance Grant will spend 4 weeks working with NFC, the Marine Department and company operators to establish systems for managing and tracking certification of crew under the new fishing vessel manning regulations. This will include ensuring that designated company personnel are fully briefed in the delivery of vessel safety training for new crew members.

Grants second assignment involves promotion of Safe Ship Management (SSM) systems for commercial fishing vessels. SSM has been successfully introduced in Australia and New Zealand as a means of ensuring standard vessel operating and safety procedures at the same time as minimising formal survey requirements.

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NEW SMALL FISHING OPERATIONS COURSE APPROVED

The Fisheries Training Advisory Committee (FTAC) met in March and approved the introduction of the new Small Fishing Operations (SFO) Course at NFC. This 2 week short course is designed to improve technical skills in small fishing boat operations. The course covers modules in safety, navigation, outboards, business, gear technology, fish quality and resource management and includes 4 days of practical fishing. The course is competency based and includes

practical and oral assessments. With a grant from NFA, NFC has contracted SPC Fisheries Development Officer, William Sokimi, to assist in planning and delivery of the first 2 courses in Kavieng in June. William will work with NFC tutorial staff and contracted personnel to build a tutorial team who will then be able to undertake course delivery in off campus locations.

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From the Editor:

Special appreciation to all those that contributed to this newsletter by providing stories. This is the first newsletter for the year 2002 and we hope to produce one more before the end of the year..

An invitation is extended to all NFC staff to send in any news article of interest to be covered in our next edition. Interesting news on courses, meetings, visits, new projects, staff matters will be most welcome. We hope to keep our readers informed and enjoy reading about the college..

Special word or appreciation to Hugh Walton for his support and guidance in helping me to produce this newsletter.

To all our readers in PNG and Overseas we hope that you will enjoy our newsletter and we will be glad to hear from you to improve on our next edition.

Thankyou,
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