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Induction Training Workshop and Fishing Vessel Safety

Grant Carnie, Managing Director of the Australian Fisheries Academy, completed a month long assignment with NFA in October to prepare and deliver the first Trainers workshop for Fishing Vessel Crew Induction. Under the new certification and manning regulations, fishing vessel operators can hire new crew directly onto the vessels without having to undertake any formal institutional training, other than complete safety training onboard the vessel. However, fishing companies need to have selected personnel certified to deliver the on-board safety training. With the first workshop completed in Port Moresby, the participants are now in the process of being registered with the Marine De-

partment as certified basic safety trainers.

Grant also prepared and delivered a workshop for the industry on the introduction of safe vessel management systems for fishing vessels. The SMS system has been widely adopted in NZ and Australia as a replacement for annual vessel survey. The workshop, attended by 29 industry representatives was shown a model SMS system developed for the FTV Leilani and participants were provided with the pro-forma documentation to use in developing SMS systems for their own vessels.

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"Fishing For A Future"

The National Fisheries College promotional video, "Fishing For A Future" is now complete and available to interested parties and individuals on request from the college. The video highlights the new qualifications available through the college and explains the nature of competency based training. The video also contains some great exciting fishing action footage. Please contact the college if you would like to receive a copy.

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From the Principal's Desk—Mr. John Kasu

Welcome to the second NFC newsletter for 2002. The second half of the year has been a busy one for the college, both with courses and programs as well as the management of the various refurbishment activities. Highlights for the past 6 months have been the successful introduction of the new Certificate in

Small Fishing Operations course, the hosting of the second regional workshop for Fisheries Start Your Business, and the first time hosting of the CFO2 and PHO3 courses at Kavieng. NFC student numbers will reach the highest ever annual tally in 2002 with 360 enrolments and we plan to build on this to reach

450 enrolments in 2003. Our plans for the program delivery in 2003 are well advanced and a schedule of planned courses is included in this issue.

NFC wants to use this newsletter to keep in touch with all past students. We welcome your comments and contributions.



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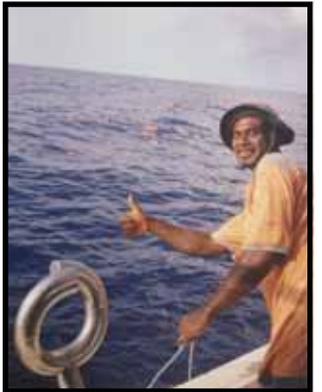
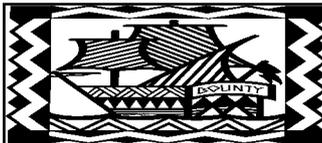




Peter Wagi, Dylan (son) and wife Wendy.



Peter Wagi on FTV Leilani



Leon on FTV Leilani during CFO2 Fishing Trip.



NFC Auditorium undergoing face-lift program by AusAID Project.



One of the recently refurbished house at the college.

Meet the new staff for the College. Peter Wagi—Engineer/Tutor

Mr. Peter Wagi who is of mix parentage from Domara—Central Province and Mt Hagen—Western Highlands is our latest addition to the college team. Peter is married to Wendy also from Domara and they both have two children Rosemary and Dylan. Peter was first hired as a casual engineer in April 2002 until July 2002 when he was officially appointed to fill the Tutor/Engineer Position. When not teaching, most of Peter's time is spent at the waterfront

fixing outboard engines and more importantly carrying out maintenance work on our college boat FTV Leilani. Peter has more than 10 years of engineering work experience on vessels and other major engineering firms. His last job before joining the college was with Cummins as a diesel fitter—power generation. Peter holds a PNG maritime ticket as Marine Engineer Class 3 Part A and a tradesman's certificate in diesel fitting. Peter enjoys going out to sea and enjoys play-

ing organized sports with staff and students and going to church on Saturdays with his family. Peter is grateful for the opportunity to be part of the college team and looks forward to working with the team. He also believes in teamwork and respect for others

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Leon adds strength to CFO—PHO Team.

NFC welcomes the addition of Mr. Leon Blatcham who joined the college in September this year. Leon has been hired as a casual Technician Tutor and will work closely with the Post Harvest operations—PHO and Commercial Fishing Operations—CFO. Leon comes from a mix parentage of Manus and Rabaul—Kokopo. He was the

pioneer CFO1 student in 2001 when this course was first introduced at college. Leon graduated from Kerevat National High in 1993 and has worked in several leading hotels in Port Moresby and Kavieng and poses valuable hospitality and dive tour skills. Before joining NFC, Leon was working as a deckhand on board a longline fishing boat for

Latitude 8 Ltd. Leon enjoys going out fishing and diving. He spends most of his pastimes playing sports or reading a book and loves cooking a favorite fish recipe for dinner. He is very grateful and honored to be part of the National Fisher-

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NFC Refurbishment Projects

Following the allocation from NFA funds, NFC is continuing on a initial program of building and facility refurbishments which follows on from the program undertaken by AusAID. Projects currently underway include the refurbishment of all staff houses, NFC auditorium as a theatre, 2 old dormitory buildings, extension of the campus seafood plant ,

tutorial and admin offices. The student accommodation will include lounges, kitchen and covered verandah. This improvements will extend the student live in capacity to almost 100 persons. The NFC Auditorium has had little use for the past years due to poor ventilation and lack of seating space. With new air-conditioning, seating for 80 persons and installation of the

multimedia projection equipment, the room be used for college and public film showing or other theatre and performing arts. Students life on campus has also greatly improved with sporting activities, picnics and BBQ's organised for both

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AusAID Project News

The National Fisheries College Strengthening Project moved into its 4th and final year in October and is scheduled to be completed in September 2003. The major current task for the project is securing a contract for the construction of the new NFC Seafood Processing and Training facility adjacent to the new NFA fisheries wharf. Tenders for the facility closed in August and the awarding of a constructing contractor should take place in November. The new facility will be leased out to a commercial operator for fish processing but will also be

accessed by the college for training courses. A training room and lab with viewing windows to the processing areas will enable students to view all sides of the processing operations. Students will also work directly in the processing area for practical assignments.

The project continues to organise and facilitate visits from the short term adviser team. Gender Advisor, Vele Pat, visited for a week in September and Seafood Advisor, Warwick Neame will be in Kavieng in November to assist in the delivery of the first CF03 course. Team

Leader, Hugh Walton will take on a HR advisor role in November with Project Technical Director, Peter Cusack, standing in as Team Leader. Commercial Fisheries Adviser, Rusty Strickland has been working with the Commercial Fisheries Team in the delivery of the first full CF02 course scheduled for completion in November 2002.

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Female Dormitory recently refurbished by NFA Refurbishment Program.



Students Social Night

NFC Campus News

The Students and Services section of NFC have gone out their own way organising various activities for both staff and students making students life on campus enjoyable and very exciting. Study facilities such as the library and classrooms have been well maintained and made available for study and

research. Other services such as transportation and phones have been readily available and fully utilised to serve every basic needs of the students on campus. Some of the most interesting activities that students enjoyed very much have been organised class picnics at Nago, sports between staff and students, Friday nights

Christian fellowships and the fun nights held every end of the month. Students & Services Manager, Matia Rikis would like to thank all staff both core and contract for the support and co-operation during

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Students Picnic at Nago



Volleyball match between staff and students at the college

New Ireland Fisheries SYB Course Update.

On Friday 4th October 2002, the NFC witnessed the occasion of the 2nd batch of graduands of the Fisheries Start Your Business (SYB) Programme. Eighteen (18) intending fisheries businessmen and women graduated from a two (2) weeks intensive management training in planning a fisheries business workshop at the NFC. The official guest was New

Ireland deputy governor, Mr. Gerson Rabana who officiated at the closing ceremony presenting certificates. The occasion marked a remarkable achievement in the Commonwealth Secretariat, NFA, NFC and SBDC capacity building programme in strengthening the NFC and Maritime provinces with skilled facilitators to implement the Start Your

Fisheries Business Programme in PNG. The occasion ends the NGI workshop but marks the beginning of more similar workshops in future. It has been a historic and successful programme for the aspiring fishermen and

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SYB Graduands



SYB Participants at NFC



NFA Wharf News

The new fisheries wharf complex next door to Fisol in Kavieng harbour will be completed and ready for commercial use by the end of November. The two wharf complex will cater for both large and small vessels with outboard petrol sold directly from the small wharf and the main wharf providing diesel direct to the vessels. Wharf operations are unlikely to get into full swing until the new seafood processing facility is completed and the EU funded local fish market constructed. It is envisaged that these facilities will provide both ice and market options to artisanal and commercial fishers.



Small Boats Jetty taking shape



San Pedro Docks at the New NFA wharf to offload cargo—14/10/02

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NFC Gets Delivery of New Fishing Boat

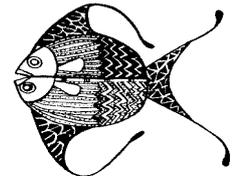
The college is a proud owner of a new 27 foot fishing boat delivered at the waterfront on the 4th of October 2002. CFO Program leader Paul Alloy and NFCSP Team Leader Hugh Walton were on hand to receive the boat from the Kavieng based Ela Motors sales team.

The delivery of the boat will boast the Commercial Fishing Operations programs and play a major role in accommodating the CFO2 and CFO3 fishing training for both the deckhands and engineers. The boat is also a welcome relief to FTV Leilani



Mr. Paul Alloy—CFO Program leader (obscured) tying the new boat onto Leilani while Ela Motors Sales staff look on.

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From the Editor:

Special appreciation to all those that contributed to this newsletter by providing stories. This is the last newsletter for the year 2002 and we hope that you have enjoyed reading our newsletter.

An invitation is extended to all NFC staff and students to send in any news article of interest to be covered in our next edition beginning 2003. Interesting news on courses, meetings, visits, new projects, staff matters will be most welcome. We hope to keep our readers informed and updated on all college matters.

Special word of 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.

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