

## Miss Pacific: Sepik Cruise, amazing experience

**Miss Pacific has described her Sepik River Cruise as a rewarding experience.**

Miss Madang Resort, Miss PNG and now the crowned Miss Pacific Island, Leoshina Kariha said that her 6-night cruise aboard the Melanesian Tourist Services' (MTS) Kalibobo Spirit was an honour.

Leoshina was speaking during the Launching of the Miss Madang Pageant at the Haus Kibung, Madang Resort yesterday night.

"I'd like to thank Sir. Peter for giving me the opportunity to truly see the country that I represent," she said. "This is the country that we call home and it is the country that I am proud to represent," said Leoshina.

Leoshina also described the women along the Sepik River as tough and resilient.

"They deliver their babies in their own homes using nothing but a razor blade and a dish of water," she said. "These are strong women that have survived in such tough conditions," said Leoshina.

She also urged other expatriates and Papua New Guineans to take the trip aboard the Kalibobo Spirit.

"It is truly a rewarding experience, I'd like more people to take this trip and to experience PNG the authentic way, the real PNG," she said.

She also said that PNG would host the next Pacific Pageant and was hoping that Madang would be the next location for its venue.

"We are hoping to bring the other Pacific Region Queens to another province outside Port Moresby and we hope that Madang will be that one!"

MTS' Managing Director, Sir Peter also commended Leoshina for her great efforts towards representing the people of PNG.

"It is such big shoe to fill, but I know that the next Miss Pacific would do well," he said. "Leoshina has both beauty and intelligence which makes her the best at what she does," said Sir Peter.

Sir Peter also described the people from the Sepik River as reliant and very hard working.



*Leoshina Kariha speaking to a woman at Kambaramba Village*

"I've forged a relationship with the people of the Sepik River for over 45 years now, one thing I know is that they settle throughout PNG to seek a better future," he said. "They leave the Sepik, but they never leave their hearts behind," said Sir Peter.

The Madang Resort and MTS will be sponsoring, yet another Miss

Madang this year.

With an eye for Talent, Sir Peter and his team will be working closely with Maureen Hill and the Rotary Club of Madang.

The Miss Madang Pageant will be held at the Madang Resort this year on the 8th of June.

## Madang Community Commemorates ANZAC

**Melanesian Tourist Services' (MTS) Managing Director thanked the Madang community for attending the ANZAC Day Ceremony in Madang recently.**

Sir Peter said that it was pleasing for so many young people to attend the service.

Sir Peter was speaking at the ceremony in Madang where the Iconic Coastwatchers Memorial Lighthouse was attended by more than 3000 people from the business community and the local villages.

He also thanked the PNG Maritime College, the Nurses from Modilon Hospital, the Self Creative Help Centre (Disability Centre) and Captain Jack Lush who represented the Australian Government.

The Self Creative Help Centre (SCHC) had one of their representatives read the first bible reading in Braille.

Sir Peter said that the freedom we enjoy came with a price.

"The freedom we enjoy in PNG today is the result from those who paid the ultimate sacrifice during WW2 which included Papua New Guineans as well as Australia and New Zealand," he said. "This also includes those who lost their life in Bougainville a conflict that should never have happened," said Sir Peter.

He also gave tribute to Moses Werror, a former commander of the OPM in West Papua who passed away last week.

"He continued to fight for freedom in West Papua, such a freedom that we all enjoy in PNG."

The Coastwatchers Lighthouse has just been recently repainted and the floodlights restored by NMSA.

Sir Peter said that the local Youths should be praised.

"The real thanks should go to the Kalibobo Youths who maintained the area, stopped graffiti being drawn on the lighthouse and generally take good care of the Madang Icon on a voluntary basis."

Madang continues to attract the

largest number of people to its ANZAC ceremonies.

He also thanked the kind donations by the Madang business community.

"I would like to sincerely thank the business houses for supplying the food for the simple 'gun breakfast' that is traditionally held after the service."

He also said that it was disappointing to see the lack of support by the Madang Government.

"Sadly there was no involvement of the Provincial Government who ignore ANZAC as well as our own Remembrance Day on Jul 23," he said. "In reality, this should be combined with ANZAC to enable more people to remember those who have lost their lives in wars and conflicts and remind us of how futile it is to fight, lest we forget," said Sir Peter.





# MTS Farewells TAKAHIRO

Niugini Dive Adventures' (NDA) Dive Instructor describes his time in Madang as a memorable experience.

Takahiro Yamaguchi (Taka), said that Madang's Dive Sites will always be treasured in his memories.

Taka was speaking in an interview conducted after a farewell dinner that was hosted by MTS' Managing Director, Sir Peter.

"Madang is the best place to Dive, I will always classify Madang as one of the best Dive Destinations."

Taka also said that he will represent Madang and NDA while living in Japan.

"I will still promote diving in Madang to the many Japanese Divers."

Taka will be replaced by a new Japanese Dive Instructor, Tetsuya Nakamura, who will be here in Madang around July.

Tetsuya was previously a Dive Instructor for Deep Sea



Divers and has enough experience to conduct Instructor Diving for NDA.

Taka also urged the Staff from NDA, Madang Resort and MTS to look after the

new Dive Instructor.

"He is very new to PNG, speaks little English and hasn't lived overseas for a long period of time," he said. "Please do take care of him when he is here," said Taka.



# Ambassador Enjoys MTS' Facilities



His Excellency Mr. Phillip Janvier- Kamiyama, his Wife Honami and the crew from the Warship, Vendemiere at the Haus Kibung, Madang Resort.

The France Ambassador has described his Madang experience as a memorable one.

France Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, his Excellency Mr. Phillip Janvier- Kamiyama, said that his village tour with his wife was truly a remarkable experience.

Mr. Phillip was speaking at an interview earlier this year at the Haus Kibung, Madang Resort.

Following the arrival of the France warship, Vendemiere, Mr. Phillip and his wife, Honami, enjoyed a thrilling afternoon with MTS' Tour Guide and Driver, Busybee Kunjip.

"Madang has one of the most beautiful locations in PNG, I think," he said. "The village that we went to visit along the South Coast was amazing and the people there were very friendly," said Mr. Philip.

His wife, Honami, also said that the Madang Resort's staffs were hospitable.

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# MTS Refurbishes the Cairns Sheridan Hotel

The Cairns Sheridan Hotel will undergo a major upgrade this year.

MTS' Managing Director, Sir Peter, said that the hotel will see a major refurbishment.

"The Management is in the

final stages of negotiating the furniture, carpet, cabinets to upgrade the iconic hotel to provide four-star accommodation."

The Cairns Sheridan is the closest hotel to the Cairns International Airport, it also

only a 10-minute drive to the CBD.

Facilities at the MTS Hotel includes a pool, gym, 3 conference facilities, free off-road parking and charge outlets for electric powered vehicles.





## Swiss Lawyer: MTS' Goroka Tour, Memorable

A Lawyer from Switzerland has described his trip to Goroka as a memorable experience.

As a passenger on the European passenger vessel, MV Europa, Walter-Peter Ludin said this recently when him and his wife travelled with 50 other Swiss and German Tourists to the Eastern Highland's capital recently.

"Back in our country, we hear so much about the mythical 'Mud Man,' to be here and to experience the real thing is amazing."

Walter also said that he loved the idea of creating his own impression of PNG.

"Because I'm here now I refuse to take photos, I want to feel PNG the way it appears to me now," he said. "If I take photos and I bring it back with me, then it defeats the purpose of me being here in the first place," said Walter.

The Melanesian Tourist Services (MTS) and the Goroka Trek and Tours had organized the trip from Madang to Goroka.

Also present during this trip was MTS' seasoned Tour Guide Busybee

Kunjip.

Busybee said that such expeditionary trips throughout Papua New Guinea can boost PNG's image to the outside world

"MTS has always been at the forefront of such tourism activities, such trips as this helps to enhance PNG's image to the globe," he said.

Among the 50 eager tourists were 7 Europa crew members who were also as curious about PNG as their passengers.

Sebastian Große, said that he enjoyed the many interesting sites around Goroka saying that he will promote more of PNG back in his country.

"I have collected a lot of photos and memories, which is enough to show PNG to the many people back home," he said. "I know there will be a lot more tourists that would love to come to PNG," said Sebastian.

MV Europa will continue its journey to the Philippines where it will travel through to other continents. The duration of this entire trip will see a total of 6 months.



Walter-Peter Ludin and his wife in Goroka early this year.

## Nicholay Mikloucho-Maclay Returns to Gorendu



Nicholay Mikloucho-Maclay aboard the Kalibobo Spirit on his travel to Gorendu. Nicholay and a team of scientists and Russian TV Crew spent several days at Gorendu, the entire trip was coordinated by MTS.

Russian Explorer's descendent describes his trip to the Maclay coast as a rewarding experience.

Nicholay Mikloucho-Maclay said that his trip to Gorendu, at the Rai-coast District in Madang, was greatly anticipated by him and his team.

Nicholay said this in an interview aboard MTS' Kalibobo Spirit prior to their arrival at the village during April this year.

"We came here in 2018 and have planned for a long time for this particular trip."

Nicholay was accompanied by several scientists and the Russian TV, who were new to Madang and Papua New Guinea.

Nicholay said that he has promoted Madang in Russia.

"Through my latest book and several other publications, I hope to promote more about Madang and Gorendu."

### MTS Appoints New GM for its Resort

The Board of Management at the Madang Resort and Kalibobo Village have recently appointed Andrea Cavaliere as their new General Manager.

Managing Director for MTS, Sir Peter, said that Andrea has the experience to manage both MTS facilities.

"Andrea was previously the GM at Green Island and has extensive experience in the hospitality industry, covering tour operations, shipping and hotel management," said Sir Peter.

Andrea has Italian heritage and he lives in Cairns, Australia.

He will be taking up the newly appointed role on the 1st of June this year.

### Madang Resort & Kalibobo Village will be the Venue for the Lukim PNG Expo

Madang Resort and Kalibobo Village have been selected as the venue for the 'Lukim PNG' expo by the PNGTIA.

The expo will be supported by PNG Travel Authority, Air Niugini and the Madang Resort who will sponsor the

event.

MTS' Managing Director, Sir Peter, said that the resort will be assisting in accommodating the people attending this expo.

"The Madang Resort will be offer-

ing a 50% discount for registered delegates for the expo."

The event will be between September 23rd to the 30th this year, it is expected to have 20 international tourist operators and 40 exhibitors.

**Registered delegates are eligible for up to 50% discount on accommodation, provided that bookings are made direct. Visit [www.madangresort.com](http://www.madangresort.com) or email [reservations@madangresort.com](mailto:reservations@madangresort.com). Pre-payment is required 30 days in advance. This offer is subject to the category of room requested being available and proof of registration.**

# Air Niugini's CEO praises MTS' Facilities and Staff



Air Niugini's CEO, Alan Milne and his wife, Nell Milne at the Madang Resort's Haus Win Restaurant during the Cocktail party on the 16th, May.

Air Niugini's Managing Director, Alan Milne, said that the services provided at the Madang Resort and the Kalibobo Village were outstanding.

Alan said this recently at an Air Niugini Cocktail function, which took place at the Madang Resort's Haus Win Restaurant on Thursday the 16th.

"The staff here are very friendly, they are very helpful and hospitable."

Alan was with his wife Nell and their 6-month old baby, Harry.

Several other Air Niugini board members including the staff at Madang's Air Niugini Terminal were all present at the evening's cocktail function.

The cocktail party was also a double-celebration as MTS' Managing Director, Sir Peter, played the Happy

Birthday song on the piano to celebrate Mrs. Nell Milne's birthday.

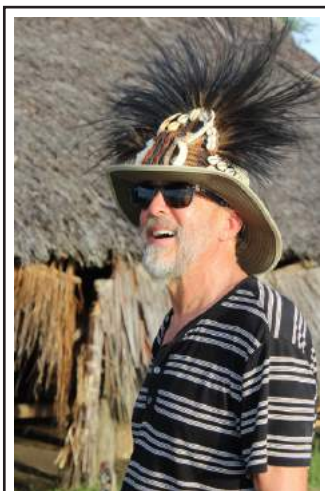
On Wednesday the 15th, marking their arrival in Madang, MTS gave Alan, his wife and several of the board members a special harbour cruise aboard the Kalibobo Spirit.

Alan said that he would come back to Madang next year with his wife and son.

"I will definitely come back here with my family, same month and day,"

Air Niugini had their board meeting at the Madang Resort, this is following their 'Higher Altitude' Program. Alan said that the program was intended to make Air Niugini better.

Cruises Aboard the Kalibobo Spirit	
Sepik River 7 Nights/Days	
2019	Jul 3, Jul 17, Aug 03, Aug 21, Sep 04 and Sep 18.
2020	Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 18, Apr 25, May 30, Jun 07, Jul 01, Aug 07, Aug 19, Sep 09, Sep 23, Oct 07.
2021	Jan 19, Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 29, Jun 30, Jul 14, Aug 06, Aug 18, Sep 08, Sep 22 and Oct 06
Milne Bay & Trobriand Islands 5 & 8 Nights/Days (Diving Optional on all Cruises)	
2019	Oct 18, Dec 08, Dec 15 and Dec 22
2020	Oct 14, Dec 22, Dec 09, Dec 14, Dec 21.
2021	Oct 13, Dec 01, Dec 08, Dec 08, Dec 15 and Dec 21.



A stop at one of the many villages along the Sepik River where tourists can purchase wonderful Sepik Artifacts.



## Madang Resort & Kalibobo Village achieves High Status

The Madang Resort and the Kalibobo Village have received TripAdvisor's 'Hall of Fame' status.

The Melanesian Tourist Services' (MTS) Managing Director, Sir. Peter, said that this ranking was important.

"Madang Resort has been awarded with 'Hall of Fame' for 5-years certificate of excellency," he said. "This is important as there are a few hotels (if any) that have received this award in PNG," said Sir Peter.

The Madang Resort and the Kalibobo Village have won the 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and now the 2019 excellence award, this has ranked them in TripAdvisor's 'Hall of Fame' status.



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