

# Information Pack

## ***Getting to PNG***

There are several options and carriers to get to Port Moresby.

The most direct routes are from Auckland, Brisbane and Cairns.

From Auckland, Pacific Blue, Qantas, Air New Zealand fly to Brisbane and Cairns. It is possible to fly Auckland to Port Moresby in the one day with Qantas or Pacific Blue. Depart Auckland 8.15 am, arrive Brisbane 8.30am, depart Brisbane 10.30am and arrive Port Moresby 1.30pm.

From Brisbane or Cairns there are code share flights. Airlines PNG/Pacific Blue.

Air Niugini/Qantas. This would mean over nighting in Brisbane or Cairns.

Please confirm with your travel agent.

## ***Visas***

A tourist visa is obtainable at the Port Moresby airport on arrival. The cost is K100.00 cash. This is equivalent to US\$33.00 or Aus\$ 38.00. There is an ATM which accepts most credit cards.

## ***Accommodation***

Hotels are expensive in Port Moresby. We have contacted a range of Hotels to check out the lowest rates available.

At this stage budget on US\$200.00/night twin share. This is per room with one or two people. Once our entry numbers have been confirmed we will be able to advise actual rates and get the best deal possible. The more people we have participating the better the deal we will be able to get for everyone.

## ***Transport***

Transport has been organised and is included in the entry fee, for airport pick up and drop offs, daily to and from competition field and all official functions. For other transport requirements please speak to the organizers.

## ***Climate***

PNG is in the tropics and the temperature in Port Moresby hovers around the 24 – 35% mark. July- September is our winter months so usually dry and cooler than other months. The evening temperature will be low 20's and the hottest part of the day around 28 degrees.

The sun rises round 5.45am and sets after a short twilight round 6.45pm

We recommend participants wear light cotton clothing with long sleeves if your susceptible to sunburn. If you don't pack sun-block you can buy some here but we recommend you bring it with you, as it is expensive here.

## ***Security***

We recognize personal security is an issue for people visiting PNG. As in most capital cities throughout the world there are areas that are unsafe. Port Moresby is no different. Being sensible and aware of your surroundings you generally will not encounter any problems. We will be providing attachés and or guides for countries. The hotels all have there own internal security and we will be providing security to

the competition grounds. This is more to keep vandals from stealing the target butts which could be used as fire wood.

### ***Banks / Currency / Money Exchange***

Our currency is called the "KINA" (pronounced as it looks **keena**) and "TOEA" (pronounced **toeea**). It is available in the following denominations:-

Paper - K100; K50; K20; K10; K5; K2  
Coins - K1; .50t; .20t; .10t; .05t.

The current exchange rate is K1.00 = USD0.30.

The following banking institutions operate in Port Moresby.

1. BSP ("Bank South Pacific")
2. ANZ Banking Group
3. Westpac Bank

All Banks have Automatic Teller Machines located around the city and offer Credit Card/Money exchange services in their establishments.

### ***Laundry Facilities***

Laundry will be provided free of charge. Collection of dirty laundry from your hotel will be every 2<sup>nd</sup> day. Laundry bags will be provided. It will be returned the following day.

### ***Language***

PNG's population is approx 6 million and there are 850 languages. English is spoken predominantly in Port Moresby. The other two (2) languages that are used by locals are Tok Pisin (Pidgin English) and Motu.

### ***Telecommunications***

PNG does have Internet and mobile phone networks and the major hotels do offer internet facilities for an additional cost.

Mobile phones – Global roaming is being introduced, but is not very effective at present. A local SIM card will set you back K125 which gives you K100 worth of call time. The current rate of a mobile phone call is .40t per minute. Extra call time can be purchased at all major supermarkets and other selected outlets.

### ***Food***

The following is only included as a guide. Our tap water is safe to drink however for those that are wary please boil the water before drinking. All supermarkets, hotels and restaurants also sell bottled water. Bottled water and drinking fountains will be provided at the competition grounds free of charge.

We do not recommend you buy any food cooked by street vendors and that all market food be washed before you eat it.

### ***Restaurants***

All major hotels have restaurants however Port Moresby boasts some excellent eateries catering for cuisine from Asia – Japanese; Malaysian; Chinese and Indian food. There are also social and sporting clubs that offer food and beverage services. A recommendation list will be provided to all participants.

### ***Supermarkets***

There are various grocery shops around the city. They offer imported and local food and other grocery items

Most of these accept credit cards.

### ***Craft markets***

There are several markets around the city that participants can visit. We can organise transport and people to accompany participants to offer language translations and information on items being sold.

### ***Cultural activities***

We want you to leave here marveling at the diverseness of our culture. July 23<sup>rd</sup> is Remembrance Day and is a public holiday. There will be a dawn service and cultural displays at various locations throughout the city. You will have the opportunity to see many different provinces in their traditional dress.

### ***Medical***

There is malaria in PNG, however June through to September is the dry season and there is very little threat of being bitten by malaria carrying mosquitoes during this time. We would still advise to bring insect repellent. We have public and private hospitals available.

All participants will be provided a more detailed Program upon their arrival in Port Moresby.