



insider

Message from the CEO

Hello everyone, and welcome to our Insider Magazine for the Second Quarter of 2018.

In this issue we write to you all about the issues we have faced, the challenges the successes and some snippets from around the Group, during the Second Quarter of 2018.

We start the issue, but for the last time, with a round up from around the Group of Peter Long and his Business Development Team. I say last time because just the other side of the Quarter Peter has moved from Business Development and on to a higher challenge within the Group, with the salt on that story to be kept dry until next issue!

Sylvia Aihi, our resident IT guru, multiple time Kokoda Trekker and lover of all things Blue tells a story of one of her department members wiring communication towers around some of our remote sites, and then continues on with another story about an automated helpdesk support system which Sylvia and team have introduced across the iPi Group. Now our day to day IT type issues are automatically logged and delegated to members of Sylvia's team and automatic updates and corrective steps advised. Very efficient, very proactive, very innovative.

Our Catering Manager at Unitech, Luke Goa then shares a piece about support we extended to a couple of sporting clubs operating within the Unitech Grounds and staying at Unitech the management team fills us in about more uniforms for Unitech students, this time within the Forestry Department.

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Message from the CEO *continued...*

Maso Mangape, the GM over at Transport is rightly proud of his hardworking team and displays some of their handiwork in the resurrection of one of our older tankers, a complete rebuild to current specs and a beautiful paint job to complete the transformation with a few photos shared for us all.

During the Quarter the plaque to commemorate the late Ovuru Idiki one of the last of the carriers, the so called fuzzy wuzzy angels turned up in Port Moresby after an extreme journey through Richmond Victoria, the RAAF Base in Townsville and joined by a dedicated group of volunteers was in turn transported to Naduri Village and placed ahead of my walk for the unveiling on Remembrance Day (July 23rd). The preparation during the Quarter went like clockwork and only due to the terrific efforts, the dedication and the support of all concerned with this wonderful project. One of the more inspiring moments was when each villager at Naduri scratched his or her name onto a stone and these were all placed into the foundation that supports the plaque, truly a humbling experience to be part of. The actual trek and unveiling took place the following month which falls into Quarter 3, so stories and photos next issue.

One of our Chef Trainers, Josph Beschel had the pleasure during the Quarter of training 3 of the PNGDF Compliance Officers involved with our contract, a great initiative to involve the gentlemen at Basilisk Naval Base in some our own training modules for the benefit of all concerned. Then next we include a quick training story from our SP Brewery project in Lae where Morris Mohave, Chef Trainer, tells us of the latest round of training undertaken at his site.

We include a yum recipe for Almond Torte and then move on to Lae where the latest of our purchases, 10 more Prime Movers and 11 more Tankers were unveiled and David McKenzie my Highlands Regional Manager shares a few photos of the process.

Next we include a welcomed note of thanks received from the Buria Moskitos Rugby Team for the ongoing support we extend to them each year, and then Callum McKinnon our Project Manager at the PNGDF dubs Peter Long in with a few photos to prove it, for attending a social PNGDF Shooting day on range at Goldie, well at least it is better than the type of course Peter is usually on teased Callum, and that's a golf course?!

Mr Eugene Tiut (IT Support Officer) has successfully completed his Bachelor of Science in Computer Studies.



Porgeran Catering employees initially, will be taken through dedicated modules resulting in Internationally recognised trade qualifications. It is a giant step forward and one we are very proud of.

During the Quarter we signed a Training Partnership with the Australia Pacific Technical College. We are extremely proud that the experience of the APTC and their collaborative with the Australian TAFE based system will mean that our Porgeran Catering employees initially, will be taken through dedicated modules resulting in Internationally recognised trade qualifications. It is a giant step forward and one we are very proud of. We sponsor quite a few employees into bettering their formal qualifications and one of our IT officers in Lae has recently graduated from the Unitech through our support, with a Bachelors Degree in Computer Science, well done Eugene and well done to the Lae management team for supporting the studies. Phew that's a very full issue; as always enjoy the read and let me have any feedback you like to send in, as it is always very very welcome.

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From the iPi Group Business Development Desk

To each and all in our Group,

I trust you all have been as busy as the Business Development Team during the last quarter. Certainly much activity has been seen with a high degree of success achieved.



Peter Long, Business Development Manager

Yes, we have been deeply embedded across both the Transport and Catering operations adding support and additional strength.

With our Transport arm, much work has been undertaken in further assistance to the issues created post the February earthquake. Our track through to Porgera has seen additional volumes of fuel delivered in to the PJV Mine and all this critical for the mining operation to continue. Proudly we have done all we can for the Porgera Joint Venture given the support the PJV has likewise offered iPi Transport. We have witnessed a true partnering arrangement in the joint efforts to support one another. On behalf of iPi Transport, I do register our thanks for all the PJV has assisted us in; this specifically in the areas of providing alternate opportunities fast tracking new fuel haulage gear coming into PNG.

Quake relief program ongoing

Of course and likewise, we held volumes going through to the Southern Highlands/Hela Provinces given the road conditions and some of the local unrest problems experienced. Having noted that, our Mount Hagen operation under the leadership of Dave McKenzie kept up the temporary warehousing aiding the support operations for the on-going quake relief program. Dave, thanks for all you and your team have done – top effort and it was greatly appreciated by all the donors who accessed your warehousing facility.

More fuel haulage gear

In the meantime, additional fuel haulage gear was being bought in from overseas and the Lae Workshop team had their hands full in both turning around our existing fleet/trucks and getting them back into ever changing delivery demands/cycles along with commissioning the new equipment. On the latter, that job is both exacting and time consuming given all the requirements of bringing the gear up to mine spec conditions; this inclusive of installing tracking equipment, safety items/

equipment, getting the paint jobs done quickly and then undertaking the final quality tests/assessments. I do privately applaud the superb efforts of Richard Avery and his dedicated and determined team of professionals.

During all this, our deliveries for all other highly valued Clients continued and these included fuel through to the MCC Ramu Nickel mine, BAT products into the Highlands, many dry goods trucked into Hagen, materials for HBS through to Wabag, urgent fuel for NOC's customers, exactly the same for Puma Energy's customer base along with constant food and commodity supply for iPi Catering. Unquestionably again this quarter many kilometres clicked over on our trucking fleet.

Our Catering arm too has been kept constantly pre-occupied and that pace doesn't subside – ever – day after day and all this of course is an absolute pleasure to deliver and serve.

Keeping the pace

Yes, across all Project sites the daily meal service is a constant however it is the professionalism which sets us apart from others. Our teams perform remarkably well. I visit the Uni-Tech in Lae as often as I can and I am astounded at the smoothness in the execution of large volume meal service achieved. Across the three meals each and every day presented, the resident students of that fine and prestigious institution are well looked after. The care and attention given has to be the best in country by comparison and indeed, we are genuinely proud of our work; proud of how we take care of the dietary needs of the student population. I delight in dining there with the academia.

So too our canteen service at both the Lae and Port Moresby South Pacific Brewery sites. Whilst we look after modest numbers of SPB employees each day, the degree of pleasure gained from seeing the smiling faces reflects directly back upon our staff. Same deal, I am delighted to see first-hand the meals being handed across the counters.



Napa Napa foodservice is being beautifully stewarded by Kaupe and Kathy – two wonderful ladies who manage the daily needs of the Puma Energy workforce with consummate professionalism. So too their team of catering and janitorial employees each of whom are nothing less than focused and customer driven. It is always pleasing to see this happening each and every time I pop in and meet with the Napa crew. Truly a job well done.

If I step across to our catering execution for the PNG Defence Force, so too I clearly note the efforts and dedication of our teams across PNG; these are well marked and well documented. Feeding strength numbers across all bases have lifted significantly since we commenced the Project 12 months ago. Of course, we also see much training happening in the background and a significant component of this is geared toward APEC security up-lift. The good and decent men and women of the Defence Force have a serious and committed objective in front of them and we are most pleased to be supporting their combined efforts quietly in the background.

Porjera Joint Venture

Porjera remains both key and central in all that we deliver – the PJV is the home of our quality standing and reputation and up at the top end of Enga we stand extremely proud of the many millions of dinner plates we have both filled and washed. Mountain Lodge has seen recent modest refreshment of the main accommodation facility and so too the general appearance of the establishment as a whole. Hari Hardware is going extremely well with Yawane and his team plugging away quietly and without fanfare – but a great job being performed and we all recognise this for what it is. Thanks Yawane, we appreciate highly all you deliver.

Easter has come and gone – fantastic feedback across all sites has been logged and registered given the wonderful and associated foodservice presented. I see a vast volume of additional formal and informal functions being presented

across country and these are stunning. Thank you for all. Please keep all this up as it reinforces the quality reputation and standing of iPi Catering across country.

Across the iPi Group we continue to provide modest and affordable sponsorship and support to many individuals and community groups. We appreciate highly the feedback given and at all times, we do try and acknowledge the work you are doing – we trust our corporate backing assists the good cause.

Finally and in closing, we are indeed working with specific focus on a number of future commercial opportunities in PNG and these are many and varied. We need your continued and collective support in being able to deliver – it is your talent and enterprise/expertise which supports all we do. The interface we enjoy with both existing and potential future Clients is underpinned by the manner in which we all carry out our daily duties – it is by this measure that we are evaluated and accordingly, I highly value your support and motivation. Together and as one, we will grow.

Folks, have a great third quarter. I trust you enjoy the read. Please, continue to work safe, play safe and stay safe...importantly and as I always say, have a little fun too if you can squeeze it in??

Cheers and talk soon.

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iPi Group Information Technology Installations across PNG

Hi everyone,

All too often our IT Department goes about our daily tasks outside of the confines of the Port Moresby Office and as such, out of sight – out of mind. I thought best to perhaps offer an article or two for publication in the ‘insider’ and all these with the objective of letting our readers know that IT often goes to great lengths (in this case, great heights) to have our work completed.

Our newest member of the IT Team - Basil Baragut who is a Telecommunications specialist by profession joined us in March, 2017 and this to specifically head our PNG Defence Force sites communication links (setups) by joining up all the remote sites. As many of you would know, our remote sites include:

- > Kiunga
- > Wewak
- > Vanimo and
- > Manus Island

all these now added to our already existing country wide area network.

Basil, our towering Morobe (also known as Big Bas) has done a sterling job thus far.



I have added some photos of Basil climbing a Telekom (PNG) 30m tower to mount our wireless radio transmitter onto it – for this to then beam the communications over to another radio transmitter attached to of our Manus Island Mess Office.

Yes and before anyone comments – it is safety first - Basil is proudly wearing an iPi Catering Safety cap along with all applicable harnessing. This work is not for the faint-hearted and it does indeed take a specialist talent. Does anyone feel dizzy?

Thanks Basil for your efforts in establishing and maintaining open communications with our remote Bases.

Sylvia Aihi
IT Manager
The iPi Group of Companies

iPi Group Information Technology

Launch of our Help Line

Dear Team,

Further to our general mail out recently, the IT Team decided that the iPi Group's 'insider' would also make a perfect vehicle to equally announce something we think is a huge step forward across our IT footprint.

Yes, we have just officially launched our new Help Desk Support/Service – desk system and we think you are really going to like it!

After numerous years of steady growth, taking support requests via standard email, phone calls and what have you, we felt it was vital to research and develop something entirely new; this to stay ahead of our customer service demand.

Our goal was to not only make it easier to submit support requests to IT but for IT to also be able to manage your requests in a much more efficient way ensuring everyone receives our support as quickly as possible.

Email support

You can now email us your requests to IT.Helpdesk@iPiGroup.com.pg and our system will automatically generate a ticket number then email it to you so you will know IT has received it.

In addition to creating a new Ticket via email, you can also add additional notes and file attachments by simply replying to your confirmation email.

Notifications

We really wanted to ensure that all support requests could be handled in as little time as possible so we've built in some tools to be sure we never overlook any requests – no matter how big or small. We utilize email notifications and system pop-up notifications, and will soon add Push Notifications to our phones so no matter where we are or what we're doing, we'll know you've submitted a request to us.

In addition to this and the off chance that we overlook your request, our system will automatically remind us if a request has been sitting too long in our Help desk support system.

These are just a few of the new features included in our new system.

We will start requiring all new requests to be submitted this way moving forward so please go ahead and simply send an email to the administrative email address IT.Helpdesk@iPiGroup.com.pg

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Send your IT helpdesk emails to:
IT.Helpdesk@iPiGroup.com.pg

iPi Catering

Uni-Tech Sporting assistance



Dear readers,

Over the Queen's Birthday long weekend iPi Catering over at the Uni-Tech provided support and assistance for two local Uni-Tech sporting clubs.

The clubs where the Uni-Tech Karate and the Sobou Soccer Club..... the Morobe Karate and Soccer Association's conducted their annual Championship Tournament on the course of Queen's Birthday long weekend; these commencing on Saturday the 9th of June running through and concluding on the Monday, 11th of June, 2018

The opening of the Karate Competition was officiated by the Member for Lae, the Honourable Mr John Rosso and the Vice President of the PNG Karate Association PNG, Mr Roy Stanley

Seven teams in all took part in the Karate Competition – five from within Lae City, one team from Bulolo and one team from the NCD, POM.

The championship were conducted along on the following categories:

1. Kata – Synchronize Dances
2. Point Kumite Fighting
3. Full Contact Fighting

Out of all the teams competing, the Uni-Tech Club of 'Goju Ryu' Karate came 4th place in the overall competition and in both the female and male divisions.

Indeed, not only am I iPi Catering's Catering Manager at the Uni-Tech but I am also the coach and yes, I was extremely happy with their performances and hope the team will do much better in the next Karate competition in August, 2018. We have more hard work in front of us.

The Uni-Tech Sobou Soccer Team also took part in the Morobe Soccer championships. They came in overall 3rd – a great effort all round

iPi Catering has always been both supportive and generous in our sporting sponsorships and again, we were delighted to be directly involved – terrific it was to see the athletes and the officials alike being looked by our smart Catering hospitality providers – and of course, this was much appreciated by each and all.

We will let you all know how we go in the August completion – stand by for the news folks.



Luke Goa
Catering Manager
Uni-Tech
Operations - Lae
iPi Catering

iPi Catering

Support for the Forestry Dept – Uni-Tech Lae

To our readers across the iPi Group, The iPi Group of Companies who are contracted to provide students' meals here at the UniTech Taraka Campus are not only serving meals to students but also providing support to students' academic and extra curriculum activities like sports.

While handing over the donated uniforms valued over K3,500, IPI's Business Development Manager Mr Peter Long said that investing back to their clients is in the core of IPI's business values. Mr Long said this when presenting students uniforms shirts to the Forestry Students Association Executives at the Forestry Building conference room.

Mr. Long stressed that it is a worthy cause to invest in student oriented activities which in this case is not the first time and will not be the last time. He wished the students best of luck in their annual games which will be held in Bulolo University College towards the end of the first semester.

The handing over of the uniform was attended by Mr. Long, Mr. Luke Guo, and Mr. Darrel Royal of the iPi group, Forestry Head of Department

Dr. Mex Peki, SRC Executive Officer Mr. Harry Chapau, Public Relations Officer Mr. Augustine Dominic and the student Association Executives. The Head of Department and student executives expressed their sincere gratitude to the IPI Group for their generous support.

iPi's Business Development Manager Peter Long and Catering Manager Luke Guo Handing over the uniform shirts to Student executives and HOD Dr. Mex Peki.

A group photo in-front of the forestry department after the presentation of the uniform shirts.



**Darryl Royal
and Luke Goa**
Project Management
Lae Uni-Tech
iPi Catering



ABOVE:
A group photo in-front of the forestry department after the presentation of the uniform shirts.



ABOVE RIGHT:
IPI's Business Development manager Peter Long handing over the uniform shirts to Student executives.

BELOW:
The Uni-Tech Forestry representatives with the iPi Catering team...



iPi Transport

A piece of history gets a face-lift

Hi Readers,

Some of the long term employees of the iPi Group will remember only too well many components of our original transport fleet...ah, the memories!!!

Yes, upon deep reflection we do recall the old Caltex, BP and petro-haul tankers along with the International Prime Movers (with sleeper cabs) as well as the various other pieces of start-up kit which have served us so well – some of which to this day are still part of our fleet albeit used in a very modest manner and importantly, in a non-contract mode.

Recently in Lae Richard Avery and his team of bulk fuel tanker rebuild and spray painting experts look a hold of

tanker number 306 ... yes, they seized possession of the ole girl, locked it away undercover and a few days later it appeared from the woodwork all resplendent in the livery colours of iPi Transport.

Have a look at the before and after photos...amazing the job the fella's did. It is said that tanker number 306 is very much the heirloom of iPi Transport – just as in our great grandfather's axe – you know the one – the one that

has only had four new handles and six new heads. Well, tanker number 306 pretty much is the same with really only the existing or original piece being the 40,000 litre barrel.

Nonetheless, a remarkable piece of restoration work we think.



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Before

After



iPi Group CEO lead 2018 Kokoda Track walk

To all at iPi,

Just a quick head's up on what is happening in the background and all this on the lead up to our CEO, Scott O'Reilly's 2018 Kokoda Trekking journey – he along with 14 to 15 iPi Group employees.

It has been Scott's wish (on behalf of the iPi Group) to erect a memorial to the Papuan Carriers of World War 11 and this to be put in-situ at the Naduri Village. The Naduri Village you may ask? Well, this the final resting place of the brave and courageous Mr Ovoru Idiki, the last of the *Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels* as they were so affectionately termed given their enduring selfless service and sacrifice to the war effort along the Kokoda Track.

We had a number of dedicated and highly committed ex-ADF and civilian volunteers who boarded a RAAF C130 Hercules Aircraft in Townsville headed for Port Moresby loaded with all we required to construct the memorial.

We have displayed some photos of the gear and the volunteers (who we will tell you more about later). We flew all people and materials up to the Naduri Village ex Sogeri - they along with the wonderful people from Naduri erected the memorial and then the volunteers returned to Australia. As an aside, the brass plaque itself (see crated in the photo below) weighed 93kgs.

The mission to erect the memorial was highly successful... the official unveiling will be held when Scott and his party arrive at the Naduri Village in July. So stand-by for the full story in the next edition of the 'insider'.



Photos sent by
Ms Nikki George –
Trekking Leader for
Peak Learning.



The 2018 iPi Team Kokoda
T-Shirt design.

iPi Catering

On-going PNGDF Compliance Officer's training

Readers,

In most cases; this when we highlight aspects of our Catering Training programs, the news tends to include coverage of our own staff. Well, in this article our news focuses in on a slightly different crew of people, nonetheless the Training professionally delivered by iPi Catering's dedicated trainers.

Yes, we have the pleasure of letting you all know of the three most enthusiastic PNG Defence Force personnel who eagerly volunteered to undertake Module One and Module Two Training recently.

Jeffery Waira, John Uapope and Jokin Thag, all Compliance Officers working out of the Basilisk Naval Base in Port Moresby set aside their time with us (and over a period of two months) to study the Modules.

iPi Catering was most pleased to have these gentlemen onboard – offer them personalised exposure to areas of skill our Catering Staff hold as mainstream. For the three Compliance Officers, this was all rather different, it was challenging but very much a deep understanding of entry but essential foodservice disciplines.

So that you all know, Module One Training covers the following topics:

Module One

Workplace Health & Safety

1. Personal Hygiene.
 2. Food Hygiene.
 3. Kitchen Hygiene.
- and all this along with our ...

Food Safety Program

Critical Control Points.

Module Two

Units 1-4 covered the following disciplines:

1. Clean and Maintain Kitchen Premises.
2. Receiving and Storage of Kitchen Supplies.
3. Organisation and Preparation of Food.
4. Presentation of Food.
5. Customer Service.

Indeed, it was all our pleasure in having client representatives sitting in the classroom, working away in the practical areas of the messing facilities and generally moving around with our Trainers as the sessions were

being conducted. We are most proud in having the Compliance Officers as our guests.

All three gentlemen thoroughly enjoyed the time allocated to iPi Catering and we trust with their newly acquired skills they will have a deep empathy with all that happens across a polished Catering Service.

We have added some pictures of the Compliance Officers at the conclusion of their course. Callum McKinnon was very happy in presenting Certificates – it appears all others were ready to eat the cake. Ah well Callum, a quick presentation is a good presentation given that cake was to be consumed immediately thereafter.

Congratulations to the three J's – John, Jeffery and Jokin!!!



Joseph Beschel
 Chef Trainer
 iPi Catering



iPi Catering

More successful training outcomes

Hi Readers,

Just to keep you abreast of more Training outcomes, it is pleasing to include as part of the 'insider' the latest from the South Pacific Brewery in Lae.

Very recently we conducted further HACCP and Quality Assurance Training on site in Lae. Of course the South Pacific Brewery Management remains very supportive of iPi Catering's efforts to include employee training delivery across both their Lae and Port Moresby sites. iPi Catering is very grateful for SPB's continued support and encouragement.

As part of our Training delivery, much time is spent in the Kitchen facilities – all is made as practical as possible so yes, there are sessions of practical cookery (with full meal service following), food handling, food storage, food transport etc along with observations, theory sessions and plenty of personnel but professional mentoring.

We were pleased to have onboard the following Lae based Catering staff as part of this Training exercise...

- > Maggie Nonafo (Chef Manageress)
- > Erick Paken (Chef)
- > Selan Pondrilei (Senior Cook)
- > Margret Abia (Assistant Cook)
- > Aaron Roberts (Kitchenhand)
- > Ricky Tatapo (Kitchenhand) and
- > Magdalene Anzim (Kitchenhand)
- > All successfully completed their Modules along with HACCP and Quality Assurance Training accomplishments

Congratulations to all...a great job – great outcomes and it was a pleasure working alongside such an enthusiastic team of iPi Catering staff.



Morris Mohave
Lae (based) Chef Trainer
iPi Catering

The iPi Group's

Iconic Cookbook recipe

Almond Torte

- 200g sugar
- 400g almond paste
- 280g softened butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 6 eggs (at room temperature)
- 115g plain flour
- 1.5 tsp baking powder

Beat the sugar with the almond paste until the almond paste is in fine pieces. Beat in the butter and vanilla, then cream the mixture until it is light and fluffy.

Beat in the eggs one at a time. Beat well after each addition so that the eggs are thoroughly mixed in.

Next mix the flour, baking powder and salt and beat until completely blended.

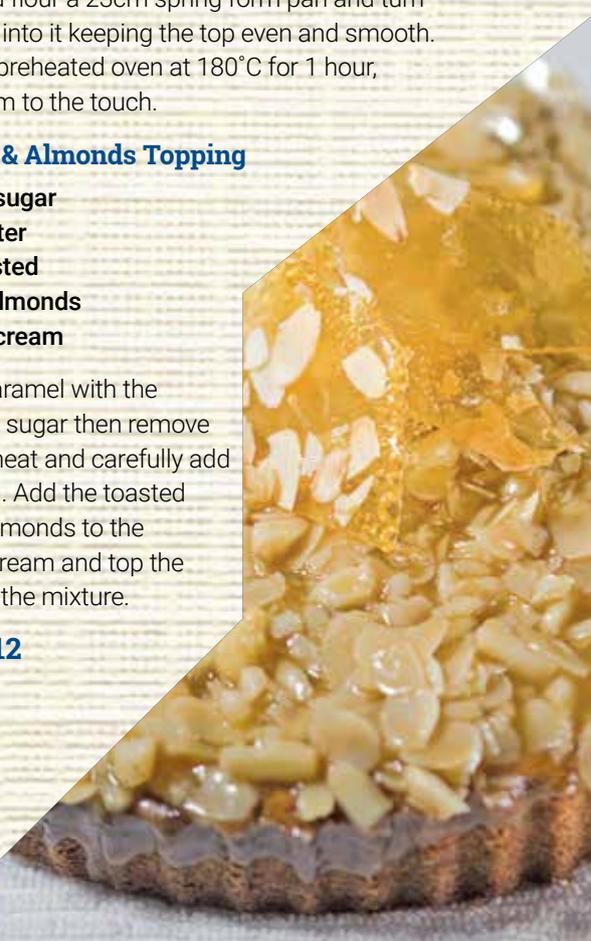
Butter and flour a 23cm spring form pan and turn the batter into it keeping the top even and smooth. Bake in a preheated oven at 180°C for 1 hour, or until firm to the touch.

Caramel & Almonds Topping

- ½ cup of sugar
- ½ cup water
- 250g toasted slivered almonds
- ½ cup of cream

Make a caramel with the water and sugar then remove from the heat and carefully add the cream. Add the toasted slivered almonds to the caramel cream and top the torte with the mixture.

Serves 12



Good news stories

...always a welcome invitation

Hello readers,

The Editor here...yet again I pass on our sincere thanks for all the contributions to this (and past editions) of the 'insider'. As we have mentioned many times before, without your thoughts, articles, stories and photos our Newsletter would be very much thin on the ground.

I trust you all like the look of our new style and format of the 'insider' because we wished to have a refreshed approach in 2018. If I can mention it, we have had a number of extremely positive comments coming through and our task is to keep the momentum going; this at full noise!!!

So, as always, your articles sent through remain most welcome – your stories and your photos will be embraced but as a further reminder, please, get them in early. Likewise we again openly welcome any and all calls for level of private help and assistance - if you are stuck and or unsure about your thoughts and ideas just send us a note. I highlight in passing the issue of photos - yes whilst we do our best to include the photos sent through, it is far better if we have high resolution shots as this does improve the overall 'look/polish' of our publication – especially and even more so now that we have modified the presentation of our Newsletter.

Please keep in mind that the iPi Group's 'insider' is your broadcast medium and we encourage you to embrace it – indeed, it is your message board and it is a wonderful means of highlighting to all in and across the iPi Group the things which are happening around you such as in your work place, happenings in your village, interesting stuff in and around your Province, all your family and friends news, your community sporting interests and involvement; this along with lots of hints which may or will help others if shared. We'll repeat this manta and will keep on doing so until we are flooded with articles.

Good luck and we look forward to receiving your happy snaps. Remember, we need all the 'drivers' we can get – try not to be a 'passenger' if you know what I mean? Please, get involved and do it now – you'll love it.

...the Editor

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iPi Transport

More new gear rolling in

Hi Readers,

Just to keep you abreast of more iPi Transport news...in the recent months we have taken delivery of a number of new pieces of Highlands Highway bound or destined gear; all this as per our Equipment Replacement Program although, some aspects of the purchases were bought forward slightly. There was opportunity and a need and the decision was to move quickly.

Indeed, there was a requirement for quick access to further and additional bulk fuel tankers (all earthquake related at the time) and as such, we were able to secure 5 all but brand new barrels ex Queensland, Australia.

We had the said trailing equipment inspected and verified and all components checked out 100%. We had them delivered immediately to the Port of Brisbane and then shipped directly to Lae. Post all clearances and duties paid, we witnessed a convoy of our Prime Movers hauling the said new barrels toward our Workshop at 10 Mile Lae and on arrival, we laid up the barrels ready for poste-haste spraying (of course) in the iPi Transport livery colours along with the additional checks and balances afforded to all new gear coming in.

All hands on deck

It was an amazing effort, a combined effort to have the gear ready for almost immediate use and proud we were of the turnaround time from

shipping to physically rolling up the Highway. The PJV assisted us in many ways and our thanks are extended to all the individual PJV people who lent expertise and talent; this getting traction across all aspects of the journey.

Teamwork

The example of absolute 'team work' was never more evident than what happened here. So much so, 5 additional brand new Kenworth Prime Movers were accessed; these too dressed, polished, and slotted into the action of fuel recovery all but what appeared to be 'overnight'. Again we saw our skilled Workshop people, each of whom dedicated themselves to the cause, throwing all they had at helping and assisting in the end our valued Clients in their time of need.

I thought it a great idea to pencil out this note given that to ask our workshop

people to do the same would be a little harsh – they were all flat out doing what I have just outlined and far better that their focus was on the same.

Ladies and Gents of the Workshop in Lae – many thanks are extended for all you achieved. It was a brilliant outcome and all was done in record time. Top effort and indeed, we stand in front of you in applause.

Yours,



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On-going sporting sponsorship

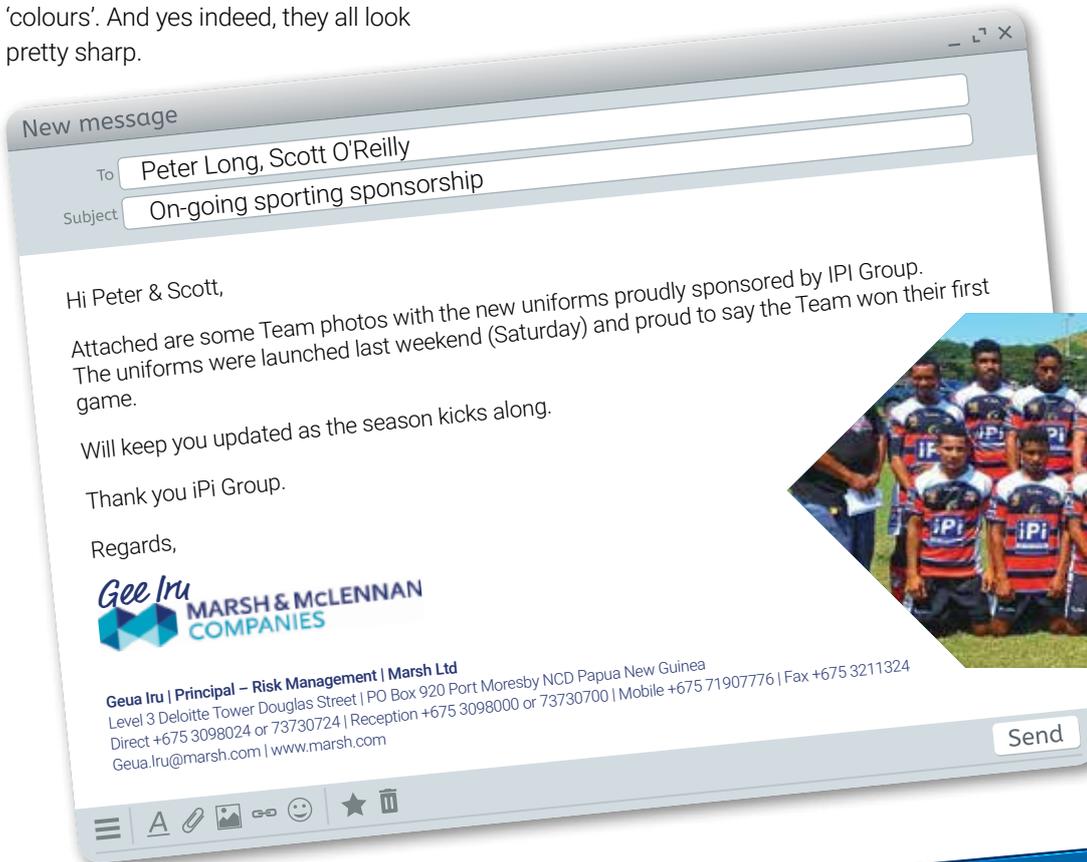
To the readers of the 'insider',

We try and keep you all abreast of the background sponsorship we provide; this in the main kept quiet and understated but every now and again we receive wonderful warm notes of thanks and importantly, updates on how the sporting teams are faring as their season draws along.

The iPi Group have for a number of years now supported the Buria Moskitos' Rugby team with polished uniforms and recently the boys were in full flight not only training but happy to show off their 'colours'. And yes indeed, they all look pretty sharp.

The lads were all keen to send us a photo or two of them listening intently to their coach and importantly, all lined up for the team photo – the ones taken before the bruises and broken bones appear.

Seriously, they look the part and we are proud to continue with their on-going backing.



Thanks Geua for your note and it is highly appreciated that we are kept informed as to how the boys are tracking – we are following through on their achievements and certainly, we trust the modest help we provide by supplying their uniforms lifts their spirits and motivates them to chalk up some further wins!!!

We wish the Moskito's well...apparently they have quite the bite with a sting to match (so we hear from their opposing sides...)

...The Editor

Our PNG Defence Force work

Readers,

Across Papua New Guinea we continually build upon the fine delivery of foodservice at all PNG Defence Force Bases and as you are aware, this centred in and around Port Moresby and then extended to the likes of Wewak, Lae, Vanimo, Kiunga and Manus Island.

Indeed, many Defence personnel to take care of three meals per day, seven days per week...now, tossed in with all of our 'core' activities as noted are the many other issues we attend to on behalf of the PNGDF and these include the necessary grease trap cleaning (not pretty), the servicing of the gen-sets when required, topping up of quality drinking water, Base rubbish removal, general kitchen and facility maintenance, keep alive the fingerprint readers, making sure all remote communications are in-tact along with the many and varied function presentations...it is quite varied in all we are involved with.

Recently we hosted a number of private functions at Taurama, Goldie River and Murray Barracks. Our objective is to embed ourselves as part of the daily machinery we call the PNGDF... and that involvement is fun – we get to understand the issues and difficulties we sometimes think are only our own.

At the Taurama gathering an invitation was quietly slipped Peter Long's way, this from the Taurama Base Commander Lt Col Boniface Aruma and we noticed a couple of eyebrows being raised at the time.

Next we seemed to have lost Peter – only found him having returned from a mission at Goldie River; this as a guest of Lt Col Aruma and Major Nombe. We understand that Peter was invited to attend a PNGDF Corporate Shooting Day. Knowing Peter and guns are not a good mix, we waited for the summary or debriefing post his day out.

Yes, Peter proudly announced that shooting and shooting accurately was not his field of expertise however, whilst exceedingly sunburnt, dehydrated but well educated in the workings of a Mag 58 Machine Gun, an M16 Rifle and a 9mm Handgun (a Browning I think it was???) he loved the exposure and experience. Sadly we got a hold of some photos sent by the Military (and more on their Facebook site it seems) and these we thought we would share with the readers of the 'insider'...more for a private warning never to offer Peter a gun ever again.

Peter did say that whilst he enjoyed every moment at Goldie River out on the shooting range, he learnt much and more, that he ought to stick with what he currently knows and that should not include his new found knowledge on the

three weapons spoken of...apparently we are all safer that way.

Hope you enjoy the photos of Peter trying to remain in the background...and not be seen given that his targets were ever hit!!!

Lt Col Aruma, thank you most sincerely for the invitation to the PNGDF's Corporate Shoot – we all want to attend next it is held but we think Peter has had enough of guns and ammo.

Oh, speaking of Lt Col Aruma...we appreciate very much his recent letter of thanks and thought proudly, we should share that too with you all. It is wonderful to receive feedback along these lines.

Cheers from the PNG Defence Force.



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Our partnership with the APTC



To the readers of the 'insider',

We are delighted to tell you that we have recently signed off on an exciting Training opportunity and this in partnership/conjunction with the Australia-Pacific Technical College.

This has been some planning in the making. Mr Peter Aiyok (iPi Catering's National Training Manager), Ms Julie Sema (iPi Catering's HR Manager) along with Mr Dennis Sparks (iPi Catering's Operations Manager) and Mr Mark Buckland (iPi Catering's Project Manager – Porgera) have all combined/pooled their extensive talents and developed a common but highly effective approach to further on-site Training.

Through Dr Brad Shaw, Country Manager of the APTC (and his team of Trainers) our staff are now about to launch the first sessions of Certificate 111 in Cookery to 15 very lucky and privileged Porgera based Trainees.

Our objective is to run 22 weeks of formal training on-site at Porgera using the wonderful facilities of the PJV; this where our Trainees feel comfortable, cannot be distracted, are not away from family and friends, have professional support around them and through the generosity and support of the Porgera Joint Venture, link directly their soon to be acquired skills with the workplace they know so well.

This is quite an achievement and we are delighted with the opportunity. The training is planned to commence next quarter

and the training will be centred along and married to Australian based TAFE Qualifications.

In the meantime, many meetings have been held with Dr Shaw and his people; we have secured new uniforms for the trainees along with new tool-kits for all. There is an excitement in the air and iPi Catering is delighted to be fully involved.

Our thanks are extended to Chris Moroney who has endorsed and supported this program – we are all now keen for kick-off and well-focused on a successful outcome for all 15 selected Trainees.

In the next edition of the 'insider' we will offer you the updates on how the Trainees are faring with 'going back to school'.

In the meantime, we wish them all the very best in their quest for further skills acquisition and educational enhancement.



Peter Aiyok
National Training Manager
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Another proud Graduate

Readers of the 'insider'...

There are a number of our employees across PNG who are privately engaged in further study of one kind or another. Seldom do we hear or learn as to who they are or what they are studying.

Having said this, it came to our attention that recently one of our dedicated IT staff members, based in Lae at the 10 Mile Administration Centre had Graduated from the Papua New Guinea University of Technology (in Lae) and we felt that this needed some public recognition for his achievement.

Indeed, Mr Eugene Tiut (IT Support Officer) has successfully completed his Bachelor of Science in Computer Studies.

We tracked down Eugene and congratulated him on his success with his studies. We had a wonderful conversation with him over a coffee at lunchtime and Eugene said..."it was a very proud moment for my family and me personally to complete my study in Bachelor of Science in Computer Science at the Papua New Guinea University of Technology graduating with a Bachelor's Degree. I am very thankful to the Management of iPi Transport and iPi Group of Companies as a whole for making this possible. They supported and sponsored my last semester (second semester of final year) as this was truly a privilege to work for a company which not only focuses on what an employee is capable of but, is also willing to develop an employee's skills and capabilities".

Eugene went on to say..."

Can I pass on a few points of acknowledgement and these to Rauka Ovia – for tabling my request to complete study – Rauka forwarded on to the Management and to Sylvia Aihi – for organizing the IT team to cover for me during my scheduled study periods and, the iPi Group's IT Team – this for all the support and teamwork they offered during my second semester of study".

Going further Eugene stated...

"I express my appreciation to the iPi Group of Companies and in doing so, I'll work to my utmost ability to serve wherever IT support is required and also work hand in hand with my other colleagues from the raft of different trade skills and expertise we have across the iPi Group...yes, I will carry the iPi Group of Companies' moto of: integrity... Proactive... innovative..."

Eugene, from all of us, congratulations on your new found qualification and thank you for the kind words expressed.



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