

5th Australia Vanuatu Business Forum

Tuesday 28 February 2017, 8:30am – 5:30pm

Holiday Inn Resort Vanuatu, Port Vila, Vanuatu.

MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY.

- 1800 CARNIVAL AUSTRALIA Opening Cocktails &
1930 BANK SOUTH PACIFIC Opening dinner, The Holiday Inn Resort Vanuatu.

TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY.

- 0745 ANZ BANKING GROUP Registration Desk Open &
HOLDING REDLICH breakfast on arrival
- 0830 PACIFIC AIR EXPRESS PLENARY SESSION ONE
- 0830 **WELCOME TO DELEGATES:**
Mr Gary Clifford, President, Australia Pacific Islands Business Council.
- 0845 **KEYNOTE ADDRESSES:**
Vanuatu: The Hon Joe Natuman, Deputy Prime Minister.
Australia: Ms Jenny Da Rin, High Commissioner to Vanuatu.
- 0935 **THE VANUATU ECONOMY:**
Mr Simeon Athy, Governor, Reserve Bank of Vanuatu.
- 1000 **BUILDING INVESTMENT IN VANUATU:**
Mr Lionel Kaluat, Chairman, Vanuatu Investment Promotion Authority.
- 1025 **INVESTMENT CASE STUDIES:**
Tourism: Mr Richard Barnes, Director, The Point Marina.
Agriculture: Ms Cornelia Wyllie, Chief Executive Officer, Vanuatu Direct Ltd.
- 11:15 LUNCHEON REFRESHMENTS
- 1215 AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSION PLENARY SESSION TWO
- 1215 **TAKING VANUATU'S TOURISM INDUSTRY TO THE NEXT LEVEL:**
Ms Milissa Day, Senior Operations Officer, FCS IDA, International Finance Corporation
Mr Jeremy Goodman, Director Supply Chain, Carnival Australia
Mr Dixon Seeto, President, Fiji Hotels and Tourism Association.
- 1325 **LAND REFORM: THE KEY TO INVESTMENT IN VANUATU:**
The Hon Ralph Regenvanu MP, Vanuatu Minister for Lands, Geology and Mines,
Energy and Water Resources.
Mr John Mulally, Principal, John Mulally and Associates.
- 1415 **PANEL SESSION: MANAGING BANKING, FINANCE AND TAX ISSUES:**
Mr Martin St Hilaire, AJC Accounting; Governor Simeon Athy, Reserve Bank of Vanuatu;
Mr Stuart Beren, Bank South Pacific; Mr James Hudson, Bred Bank;
Mr Geoff Toone, National Bank of Vanuatu; Mr Rufus Pinto, ANZ Banking Group.
Ms Gayle Stapleton, Stapleton Pacific (Facilitator)
- 1515 BRED BANK AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS
- 1615 ORIGIN ENERGY PLENARY SESSION THREE
- 1615 **PACER PLUS:**
Dr Edwini Kessie, Chief Trade Advisor.
- 1640 **ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK – FUTURE WORK PROGRAM IN VANUATU:**
Ms Nancy Wells, Senior Country Coordination Officer, Extended Mission-Vanuatu,
Asian Development Bank.
- 1705 **AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE WORKING TO SUPPORT BUSINESS
AND ECONOMIC GROWTH:**
Ms Susan Ryle, Deputy High Commissioner and Development Counsellor, Australian High
Commission, Port Vila.
- 17:30 **END OF PLENARY SESSIONS.**
- 17:35 **CLOSING DRINKS.**
- 18:35 **END CLOSING DRINKS**
- 19:00 **CLOSING DINNER, HOSTED BY VANUATU MINISTER OF FINANCE, THE HON. GAETAN PIKIOUNE**