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Aingimea embarks on school visits, first by president

His Excellency President Lionel Aingimea commenced weekly school visits this term to see firsthand the operations and activities in the classrooms, to engage with students and teachers and take questions from students.

President Aingimea who is also minister for education, sees the initiative as a tool to motivate and encourage students to see education as a valuable asset in life.

President Aingimea visited first Nauru Secondary School on 21 July and was met on arrival by head prefects Bayben Harris and Chanique Deiye who expressed the students' appreciation for the visit and hoped that His Excellency sees that "NSS is a hard working school."

Similar sentiments were echoed a week later, 28 July, by head girl of the Catholic schools Kayser College and Kayser Infant School Italy Tannang.

"It is with great pleasure that I have been given the opportunity to welcome you, Excellency. We are delighted to have you here in our beloved school. We hope that you will enjoy your stay here in our school," Italy said.



President Lionel Aingimea toured Nauru Secondary School in the first of a series of school visits this academic year

A week later on 4 August the president was welcomed at Nauru College by the acting principal Miriam Deidenang and head prefects Narsha Eoe and Igor Gadoengin.

"For us students of Nauru College, your (Excellency's) visit consolidates the importance of education. To secure the future of Nauru, we the people of Nauru need to step up our ingenuity. Our generation today needs to work harder at school to be constructive and productive citizens in the future," head girl Narsha said.

This week, 11 August, the first of the primary schools commenced with Nauru Primary School. Principal Sylvanna Vorbach and head prefects Keleejaye Bingham and Daru Poll Ika greeted His Excellency and government representatives with garlands and leis.

Across the four school visits, President Aingimea addressed students at assembly reiterating the value of education that the future of Nauru is in the hands of the students and the teachers who have the responsibility of educating and nurturing them.

The president repeated at every school visit that students "always do your best" and to pursue to learn, "conquer and beat the subject".

"The discipline you learn from your teachers and at home is absolutely essential for your success.

"The whole purpose of school is when you go through school and you come out is to enable the person, not the student but the person to be able to contribute successfully to themselves first, to their family, and then to the country," President Aingimea said.

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Public servants take oath

The first official public service oath-taking ceremony was held at the Office of the Chief Secretary, Friday, 7 August.

In the presence of Acting Chief Secretary Sasikumar Paravanoor, Deputy Solicitor General Bhavna Narayan and Secretary for Corporate Services Peta Gadabu, 25 public servants from the Office of Chief Secretary, the Cabinet Secretariat and Ministerial staff each swore on the Bible to uphold the Oath of Appointment and Secrecy.

The Oath is administered under the Public Service Act 2016 and the Official Information Act of 1976.

In the oath, public servants swear to: render true and faithful service as an officer of the public service; never unlawfully communicate official information and; not use official information unlawfully for personal or others' gain.

The signed and dated oath, a usual formality during government employee induction, will continue to be administered across the public service in the weeks to come •



All public servants are required to take the Oath of Appointment and Secrecy as part of their induction

Aingimea embarks on school visits

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Secretary for Education Darrina Kun says there have been school visits in the past by ministers for education but not by the leader of the country.

Ms Kun says the fact that His Excellency has initiated these school visits in his capacity as the president is a “big deal” to the department, its teachers and students and “that’s how we treat it.”

She added that the staff appreciates the president taking the time to visit the schools which is indication of the value placed on education and its students.

Deputy Minister for Education Richard-Hyde Menke used the three points of a triangle to demonstrate the partnership between teachers, students and parents which enables the school system to function effectively, and as students to learn new things like manners, respect, listening and behaviour.

On arrival at each school President Aingimea is taken on a guided tour of the school and interacted with students in each classroom, addressed the school assembly, took questions from students at the assemblies and concluded each visit with a discussion session with the school principal and teachers.

These discussions provide the opportunity for teachers to raise any issues or concerns as well as take questions from President Aingimea and the ministers on issues such as addressing bullying among students.

At assembly, some of the questions raised by students include what could be done to improve schools; how to address truancy, student-teacher ratio as well as expat-locals teacher ratio; choice of curriculum whether using the Australian education system is better than a local curriculum; and how beneficial and successful is the Nauru Education Assistance Trust scheme (NEATS).

President Aingimea emphasised that foreign teachers have been recruited but the lockdown and travel restrictions imposed by coronavirus has halted their travel to Nauru, however in the interim the ministry has recalled retired teachers to assist with the teacher shortage.

On the choice of curriculum, the president views the Australian curriculum in many ways as the better option and advantageous but importantly it provides the graduating student with a school leaving certificate equivalent to Australia and New Zealand.

“You can walk into any school [at tertiary], anywhere around the world because of our curriculum.”

On the question of the success and benefits of the government’s NEAT scheme, the president explained was only one element of pushing students and their parents to come to school.

The NEAT Act 2016 establishes the trust fund in which the government pays \$5 for each student’s daily school attendance into the trust. The lump sum of which is awarded to the student at the successful completion of year 12. The first distribution of this fund was paid out in 2016. On average the annual accumulation for one student in \$1000.

One of the questions by Nauru College students was the possibility for a shaded communal area in the centre of the school. In response President Aingimea pledged 25 picnic tables with umbrellas and 25 boxes of bottled water will be donated by the five ministers who accompany the President.

Over the four school visits, President Aingimea was accompanied by Deputy Minister for Education Richard Menke and Ministers Isabella Dageago, Maverick Eoe, Rennie Gadabu, Reagan Aliklik and Speaker Marcus Stephen.



(Top-bottom) Presidential delegation at Kayser Infant and College, Nauru College and Nauru Primary School



This caused a ripple effect with the president also pledging a week later another 25 picnic tables with umbrellas to Nauru Primary School, to be donated by the five ministers, while the President himself will donate picnic tables to Kayser College.

The president offered his gratitude and thanks to the expat teachers for giving up their “time to come here to have an input into the future of Nauru.”

“In your hands are precious gems. It is your job to assist parents, to assist this country in cutting it, in showing those faces and those facets of the gem that reflects the beauty that is in them now.

“Consider yourselves people who had an input into how this country will shine. This is the future of Nauru.

“It is in their [students] hands how the world will see Nauru, and it is incumbent upon you [as teachers] to assist in moulding them,” President Aingimea said.

Nauru employs 109 teachers, 42 per cent are expats who are placed at primary and secondary schools.

The school visits were planned to commence at the start of the academic year but due to concerns around coronavirus, the visits were postponed until term three •

COVID-19 update

The Nauru Government and the National Coronavirus Taskforce continue to closely monitor the global situation but remain vigilant in keeping Nauru safe from COVID-19.

Nauru's travel advisory was recently amended to remove Papua New Guinea from the 'safe countries' list. The decision to do so is in light of recent news of uncontrolled transmission and spike in coronavirus cases in PNG.

The concern is the potential threat of COVID transmission to Nauru with people likely to travel from PNG to Australia and then on to Nauru, given the direct travel routes between the three countries.

Nauru's travel advisory lists 17 countries of the Pacific including New Zealand, Taiwan and Australia (excluding Victoria), to be quarantine stops prior to entry into Nauru.

These 'safe countries' will further assist Nauru mitigate the possibility of COVID transmission.

Nauru Health is currently putting together teams to go out into communities to educate the public about the coronavirus global situation and health measures being taken by the government. The awareness program will start with staff of Nauru Port.

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases globally is close to 20 million and over 700,000 deaths and the trend is not slowing down.

For this reason, the government and taskforce is looking at reviewing its testing regime that will involve an added layer of testing for all incoming passengers. The nature and landscape of the virus is evolving and similar measures are being practiced by other countries which Nauru monitors closely and takes advice from medical experts.

Since the start of Nauru's COVID-19 response in mid-March to end of June, there have been 13 passenger flights and 51 freight flights with a total number of 576 passengers. In the same period, 596 coronavirus tests were carried out; 50 of them tested in Australia.

Digicel launches 4G

The much awaited launch of the LTE 4G+ network in Nauru was presented to His Excellency President Lionel Aingimea and Deputy Minister for Telecommunications Pyon Deiye, by Digicel CEO Christopher Manaog, 31 July.

The presentation, at the government office was witnessed by the 14 communities around the island who took part in the launch virtually through video link.

Mr Manaog presented President Aingimea with a token made of polished Nauru phosphate rock, symbolising the milestone achievement and DM Deiye received the symbolic cheque of \$100,000 worth of free data to 100 randomly selected people with disabilities.

Commencing 1 August, each recipient receives 10GB of free data on their mobile phones for the next 12 months.

President Aingimea thanks Digicel for this unique experience and advancement in communications for Nauru and said to the communities connected virtually, "it is the aim of this government to keep continuing to improve our telecommunications services."

Nauru Coronavirus (COVID-19) Travel Advisory #7 (amended 7 August)

ALL PERSONS travelling into Nauru must have spent a minimum of 14 days in any one or more of the following countries or territories immediately prior to travelling to Nauru:

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| (a) Australia* | (j) Niue |
| (b) Cook Islands | (k) Palau |
| (c) Fiji | (l) Samoa |
| (d) French Polynesia | (m) Solomon Islands |
| (e) Kiribati | (n) Taiwan |
| (f) Marshall Islands | (o) Tonga |
| (g) Micronesia (Federated States) | (p) Tuvalu |
| (h) New Caledonia | (q) Vanuatu |
| (i) New Zealand | |

*(*NOT including the State of Victoria in Australia until further notice. Victoria is a geographically localised area with community transmission of COVID-19)*

The set-up of the hospital's oxygen plant is in the final stages of completion with the addition of the oxygen compressor completing the process and the hospital able to produce oxygen on island, which effectively relieves a financial burden and eliminates the lengthy process of sending empty oxygen cylinders to Australia to refill then send back to Nauru.

The negative pressure ward that is being fashioned from the former acute block is expected to be completed around October, with 17 beds and fully outfitted with ventilators.

Although Nauru is coronavirus-free, the Nauruan public is reminded to take some simple precautions that include, regularly and thoroughly cleaning hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water; follow good respiratory hygiene which means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze; and avoiding close contact with anyone that has a fever and cough •



President Aingimea communicating virtually with community members at the launching of Digicel's 4G network

Mr Manaog said the network upgrade would support the 'new normal' imposed by the coronavirus pandemic such as working from home, online learning and information, telemedicine, online banking, online shopping, home internet entertainment and virtual family gatherings •

High demand for financial literacy in Nauru

Nauru's financial inclusion project, the Asia Development Bank (ADB) Strengthening Financial Inclusion and Financial Sector Development Project, this month now has 20 nominated coaches, due for training in the next month to deliver financial literacy to an initial group of around 100 members of the community.

In late July, Nauru financial literacy education partners Australian NGO Good Return and ADB held an outcomes workshop to present findings and recommendations based on the results of surveys undertaken this year to determine a tailored approach to improving financial inclusion for Nauruans.

The first survey performed early in the year was a Demand Side Survey (DSS).

Its objective was to identify and recommend areas of opportunity for strengthening current demand, availability and suitability of financial products and services in Nauru.

In addition, the DSS adopted a human-centred design approach to identify the socio-economic characteristics of customers across Nauru, their financial challenges, preferences and needs, including access, usage and experience of quality across the range of informal and formal financial products and services currently available.

A group of 20 trained enumerators visited 215 households across all districts, representing over 10 per cent of the Nauru population of 11, 550 with a 53:47 female:male gender balance.

In 2011, G20 leaders agreed to the Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPII). According to the partnership, “the realisation that financial inclusion is a key enabling element, both in the fight against poverty and in reaching the goal of inclusive economic development, is leading to an increasing focus on financial inclusion policies and initiatives.” From the partnership, the G20 Basic Set of financial inclusion indicators were designed and include 24 categories across three dimensions: access, usage and quality.

Under ‘access’, the survey established that: the Nauru Agency of Bendigo Bank is the only formal financial institution in Nauru; account maintenance fees are perceived to be expensive; communication about products and services needs to be strengthened, especially for those with disabilities, and consumers are not fully aware of their rights and responsibilities, and those of the Agency.

Usage of available financial options found that 70 per cent of respondents have everyday transaction accounts; as at January 2020, there are more than 11,000 over-the-counter bank transactions per month and; the Agency has over 11,700 accounts but only 34 per cent of respondents also have a savings account, with the average balance at just AU\$1,500 in 2019.

Interestingly, while queues at the bank can be long, and customers have extended waiting periods at peak times, 61 per cent and 46 per cent of customers preferred face-to-face banking and using ATMs respectively, with only a third using internet banking for their financial transactions.

Quality of financial services affects inclusion. The survey found that financial products and services from formal financial providers are limited to deposits, withdrawals, every day transactions and money transfers; Nauruans depend on informal



Financial literacy training will improve Nauruans' money management and enable them to better prepare for financial shocks

finance service providers and a commonly workplace-based rotating savings group known as *kiwiwud* to meet their credit needs; Nauruans have a need for credit (as credit from informal financial service providers is expensive), and insurance products and; low income and high expenses make it difficult for most Nauruans to save.

According to the report, “50 per cent of respondents indicated having used informal financial services in the last 12 months to borrow money because informal sources are quick and easy to access, require less documentation... [sourced from] money lenders, savings clubs, *kiwiwud*, family and friends.”

In 1998, formal banking with the Bank of Nauru ceased with the collapse of the institution. Nauruans did not gain access to formal banking on island again for almost two decades, when in June 2015, the Nauru Agency of Bendigo Bank was established.

However, an entire generation grew up without a banking system meaning many Nauruans have limited familiarity with banking services and low financial literacy more broadly, and many perhaps older Nauruans, understandably, still have some distrust of banks after the Bank of Nauru's collapse.

The survey found that the Nauruan experience, coupled with a limited suite of available financial products, means bank customers are using their accounts primarily for receiving payments rather than for conducting transactions, managing personal finances, or accumulating savings.

The report said that, “most customers appear to use their accounts to receive salary, wage payments and rent, but immediately withdraw the majority of their funds upon receipt.”

With half of all respondents with more than seven people in their household, and half of all households surveyed bringing in a fortnightly income of \$300 to \$500, and a third, between \$500 and \$1,000 per fortnight, saving money is a real challenge, given average fortnightly household expenses for more than two-thirds of respondents were up to \$500, with a fifth up to \$800.

Food and power make up 96 and 94 per cent respectively as the major expense heads, followed by water (31 per cent), transportation (25 per cent) and mobile data (21 per cent).

It is hoped that in combating low financial literacy on Nauru through the ADB Strengthening Financial Inclusion and Financial Sector Development Project, Nauruans will be able to engage in a greater uptake and more sophisticated use of available financial services in the not too distant future •

President tours NUC

His Excellency President Lionel Aingimea and cabinet Ministers visited Nauru Utilities Corporation operations at Denig for the presentation of NUCs Strategic Plan 2014-2020, 31 July.

The visit began with a presentation of the Strategic Plan in three parts: current state commencing 2014, the journey, and finally, the desired state: 2020, led by NUCs Acting CEO Mohammed Rafiqshan Ali.

A tour of the facility followed, taking in the control centre, power station floor and later, water operations and the reverse-osmosis treatment plant.

President Aingimea then addressed NUC staff, commending them on their efforts and congratulating their government minister, Hon. Wawani Dowiyogo, for NUCs successful operating outcomes.

Mr Ali outlined NUCs mission, vision and values, which include customer focus, safety, honesty, environment and teamwork.

NUC has come a long way since 2014, when current management was installed with the responsibility to transform the organisation. Back then, NUC was reliant on government subsidies, and now, in 2020, the organisation is “almost self-sustainable”, according to Mr Ali.

“This was a most difficult task; to change the corporate culture, the work culture, peoples’ attitudes, workers’ attitudes, so that they feel the ownership of the company, and the ownership of the national interest. That’s why we drove our vision statement as *Makur Dogin Naoero* or ‘work for Nauru’,” Mr Ali said.

In six short years, the new management team has transformed a highly unreliable and poorly maintained power supply with insufficient electricity generating capacity being operated by staff with low skills, knowledge and morale, to the NUC we see today – a proactive organisation, delivering an upgraded, efficient, reliable and safe power network with minimal outages with a significantly upskilled and professional staff base.

In addition, NUC has ensured Nauru’s power and water security at N minus two (N-2) production levels.



President Aingimea and government ministers tour the power plant, guided by NUC Acting CEO Mohammad Ali, 31 July.

“At any point, if we remove two of the largest generators from the grid, for planned maintenance... we should still be able to safely supply the grid without any power interruptions,” Mr Ali explained.

President Aingimea congratulated workers at the close of the tour.

“From 2014, you started basically with nothing. You set for yourselves a strategic plan for six years, and you not only achieved the key indicators, you also went beyond.

“I take my hat off to your minister for doing such a great job taking the helm of this corporation and continuing and improving on the work that has been done previously.

“Please realise how important and crucial you are, not just for the basic necessities of Nauru, but for the future of bringing investment into Nauru. One of the key factors will be how efficient and how good is the supply of utilities [to investors],” the President said.

Nauru’s utilities supplier was corporatised in 2011 under the Nauru Utilities Corporation Act. Prior to that, it was known as the Nauru Utilities Authority (NUA).

In January 2016, Parliament passed the Nauru Utilities Corporation (Amendment) Act 2016, establishing a full board for the NUC.

Learn more at the Nauru Utilities Corporation website at <https://www.nuc.com.nr/> •

Public service day 2020

The Government of Nauru will celebrate Public Service Day 2020 on 23-24 September, as announced at the first meeting of the planning committee, Tues, 4 Aug.

Nominated to office was Secretary for Corporate Services Peta Gadabu as committee chair, with BDM Registrar Francis Deireragea as vice-chair and Ruth Dagiario as secretary.

Representatives from NPF, multicultural affairs, audit, land transport, sports, finance, presidency, chief sec and ministerial were in attendance.

As this is the first public service day to be held under President Aingimea’s administration, it is an opportunity to add new ideas and fresh insights into the program.

Some innovative ideas include expanding the target audience on the days to bridge 2020 Year 12 school leavers to career opportunities with government, improving departmental

advertising and marketing, include the use of social media platforms and video to present departmental organisational goals and achievements, plus changes in the criteria for Department of the Year and Employee of the Year awards.

There are 26 government departments and each is required to submit at least one nominee for Employee of the Year, using a template to be provided closer to the date.

It was also decided that the Department of Chief Secretary, as host of Public Service Day 2020, will not participate in the Department of the Year award.

The committee meets again on 18 August to discuss the draft program for PSD2020.

UN Public Service Day adopted via resolution 57/277 in 2002, celebrates the value and virtue of public service to the community; highlights the contribution of public service in the development process; recognises the work of public servants, and encourages young people to pursue careers in the public sector •

Infrastructure plan launched

The national infrastructure plan was launched virtually by the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility (PRIF) team, connected from Sydney, Australia, at the Civic Centre complex, 7 August.

The Nauru Integrated Infrastructure Strategic Plan (NIISP) was endorsed and adopted by Cabinet on 27 November 2019 as a guide to public infrastructure investment planning and budgeting.

The investment plan lists 53 priority projects as well as an overview of the proposed investment plan for all projects listed in the infrastructure pipeline, including those already under implementation until the year 2030.

The government is responsible for the oversight and management of a range of important infrastructure assets such as roads, airports and seaports, buildings, and plant and equipment.

Minister for Infrastructure Development Rennie Gadabu says the document is important to ensure Nauru has a strategic plan in place to safeguard the use of Nauru's infrastructure and well manage its public assets and to set an enabling environment before taking action and moving forward.

“And to me the enabling environments are strategies, policies and laws,” and in this case the NIISP.

In 2017, the government approved an infrastructure asset management policy to develop an integrated infrastructure strategic plan aimed at achieving objectives including ensuring that the performance of infrastructure assets is aligned with the goals and objectives of the National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS).

Secretary for Infrastructure Gabrissa Hartman says the department is mandated to carry out roadworks, seawall development, and housing.

“The launch is important and the document is important. It sets out the government's priorities in terms of infrastructure asset maintenance for the next five to 10 years.

“Moving forward from here, we need to form a committee who will be responsible for implementing the document. They will be the line departments,” Ms Hartman said.

The government faces mounting financial challenges in sustaining public services at desired levels due to aging and deteriorating infrastructure, to meet public demand and services.

These challenges place pressure on the government to improve the effectiveness of infrastructure asset management.



(Standing) Infrastructure minister Rennie Gadabu and secretary Gabrissa Hartman virtually launch the NIISP document with PRIF team led by Sean O'Sullivan, linking in from Sydney, Australia

Joining the launch via video link from Sydney, Australia, PRIF team leader Sean O'Sullivan says PRIF has undertaken these strategies with nine Pacific countries – Nauru is the latest. Adding that PRIF has worked with Nauru in 2011 successfully, noting that 60 per cent of the projects had been implemented and the plans are “well-considered in terms of the national strategies and the needs of the country, a prioritised list of projects that can be selected by the government and also by the partners.”

“In the case of Nauru, it's much more than just an infrastructure plan, I think the whole taking stock of all the infrastructure assets and their condition in Nauru was also a very important part of this so that's something that can be used by the government to look at the maintenance requirements and other things on an ongoing basis and the plan is what comes out of the work as well because we have to replace assets, rehabilitate them and also to have other things as well.

“It's a holistic plan from the asset stock and then the new infrastructure in the future,” Mr O'Sullivan said.

The NIISP was prepared by the Government of Nauru with technical assistance from the PRIF in close coordination with national stakeholders and development partners. Nauru joined as a formal PRIF member in 2013, and this is the second national infrastructure investment plan process supported by PRIF.

PRIF partners include the Asian Development Bank, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, European Investment Bank, European Union, Japan International Cooperation Agency, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, US State Department and the World Bank Group •

Nine nurse-aides graduate

Nine local nurses graduated with a Certificate I nurse aide qualification from the RoN hospital-based Nauru Health Professional Training Institute, Friday 31 July.

Health Minister Isabella Dageago presented each of the graduates of the six-month course with their certificate.

Two additional outstanding and clinical awards were also presented to two of the graduates.

Director of Nursing Moralene Capelle addressed graduates, along with Practical training office Vania Scotty, who explained how building a staff base of locally qualified health professionals is one of the aims of Nauru's Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS) goals.

Forty-two students have now graduated from the Nauru Health Professional Training Institute •

Cadets teaches discipline

Nauru Police Force visited Nauru Secondary School students to introduce a military-style Cadets training program, 3 August.

Commissioner Iven Notte, Deputy Commissioner Kalinda Blake and senior officers each introduced themselves in turn, offering explanations of the program and their own personal experiences of cadets and police training, and the benefits they have received.

The entire school cohort gathered in the school hall for the recruitment.

Cadets training will be held three times a week, Tuesdays to Thursdays for two hour sessions for the remainder of term two, and is open to 14-18 year olds in grades nine to 12. At the end of the term, cadets will perform what they have learned in a formal parade setting.

Rather than move forward with a show of hands to sign on recruits, police, led by Inspector and NPF brass band master, Sakiusati Kotani, offered a practical demonstration, organising all students into formation and using student leaders to act as commanders, instructing them through a basic drill sequence. The assumption is that all NSS students are now recruits, in the spirit of 'leave no one behind'.

NPF hopes to later expand the cadets program to students aged from 12 years.



NSS students with Cadets instructor Inspector Sakiusati Kotani, 3 August

Cadets teaches self-discipline, trust and respect, listening and observational skills, technical foot and arms marching drills, self-care, presentation and teamwork. In addition, it teaches courage, especially moral courage and integrity, loyalty and respect for the law.

NPF's introduction of Cadets into schools is another first for Nauru, in line with the new Nauru Police Force and its strategic plan for improvement and community engagement •

June CPI up 0.1%

The latest June CPI figures for Nauru show an increase of 0.1 per cent, with the furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance group prices the greatest contributor, increasing by 23.7 per cent.

According to the Bureau of Statistics, no CPI survey was conducted in the March quarter "during the awareness of National State of Emergency for maintaining social distancing from COVID19 risks".

As a result, June quarter figures are analysed against December 2019 figures.

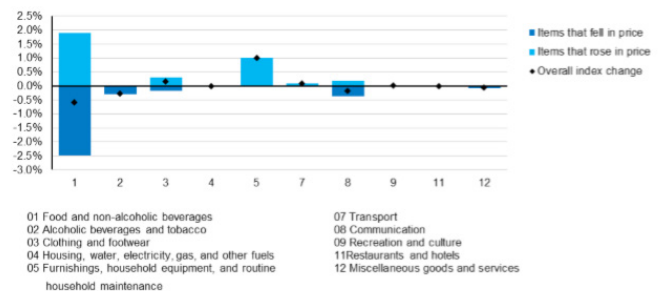
The alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics group prices reported the highest decrease of 3.2 percent, contributing a negative 0.3 per cent to the CPI. Clothing and footwear were up 2.5 per cent and transport up 0.5 per cent, each contributing 0.1 percent to the CPI.

In the food and non-alcoholic beverages group a decrease of 1.4 per cent was recorded, attributed to a halving in the price of fresh bonito, with pork sausages and frankfurts down 11.5 per cent and chocolate bars down 7.8 percent.

However, upward pressure came from the cost of onions and potatoes, up 179.5 per cent and 134.2 per cent respectively, as well as drinks mix, up 26 per cent, and cup noodles up by nearly a fifth.

The cost of tyres increased by 17.4 per cent, adding half a point to

Percentage points contribution to consumer price index by group
June 2020 quarter



Source: Nauru Bureau of Statistics

A drop in food and non-alcoholic beverages prices was offset to bring the June 2020 CPI up 0.1 per cent

the June CPI via the transport group.

The 23.7 per cent rise in the furnishing, household equipment and routine household group is largely a result of a 57.4 per cent hike in the price of laundry soaps.

The consumer price index (CPI) measures the changing price of a fixed basket of goods and services purchased by households. The selection and relative importance of the goods and services in the CPI basket represents the overall expenditure pattern of households in Nauru.

The CPI of Nauru is published quarterly •

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