



# Naoero Bulletin

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## Naoero Trust Fund reaches \$479M as its enters tenth year



*President Adeang addresses the Naoero community in Victoria, Australia of the value and purpose of the trust fund*

The Naoero Trust Fund (NTF) has reached a balance of AUD\$479 million, marking a significant milestone as the Fund enters its tenth full year of operation.

Chairing the Fund’s 40th Quarterly Committee Meeting in Melbourne on 2 June, His Excellency President David Adeang said the NTF had exceeded initial projections and continues to provide a strong foundation for Naoero’s long-term financial security.

Established in 2015, the NTF was designed to reduce Naoero’s reliance on donor funding and provide future generations with lasting financial stability. President Adeang, who was Minister for Finance when the Fund was created, said its unique governance structure—requiring unanimous agreement from all four contributing partners before any withdrawal or movement of funds—ensures the Fund remains protected for future dei-Naoero.

Prior to the committee meeting, President Adeang met with the dei-Naoero community in Victoria to discuss the Fund’s purpose and performance. While acknowledging global economic uncertainties, including impacts from the current Middle East crisis, he expressed confidence

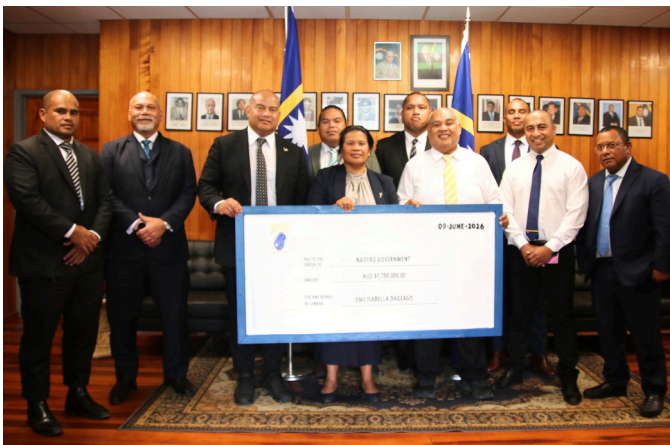
in the Fund’s long-term growth and said that even when withdrawals become available from 2035, the Fund should continue to grow unless there is a genuine need to access it.

The government thanks Australia and New Zealand for their continued contribution. The Government of Naoero is allocating 10 per cent of its annual budget to the NTF, reinforcing its commitment to securing the nation’s economic future. //



## Cenpac pays first dividend of \$1.75M for FY 2025-26

State-owned telecommunications provider, Cenpac Corporation, released its first dividend payment since establishment, to the government covering the current financial year, for \$1.75 million.



*Cenpac dividend payment Cenpac is committed to maintaining an annual distribution*

Deputy Minister for Cenpac Corporation, Isabella Dageago presented the cheque board to President David Adeang reflecting the entity's commitment to sound governance and prudent financial and operational management.

Cenpac Chair and CEO, Mrs Zikki Eoe, expects dividend payments to the government will become an annual distribution, subject to the company's financial performance and operational requirements each financial year.

"We are pleased to contribute back to the economy of Naoero and remain committed to supporting national development while continuing to invest in the infrastructure and services that benefit our people.

"It is our hope that Cenpac will continue to grow sustainably and remain well-positioned to provide annual returns to the Government while maintaining the long-term success of the Corporation."

CEO Eoe expressed appreciation to Cenpac Minister, Shadlog Bernicke for his continued support, guidance and commitment to the corporation.

"His confidence in Cenpac's vision has been instrumental in advancing our strategic initiatives and strengthening our role as a national asset."

She further extended gratitude to the government for its ongoing trust, support and backing of Cenpac's initiatives, enabling it to pursue growth opportunities and deliver meaningful outcomes for the people of Naoero, and looks forward to contributing to the sustainable development and prosperity of Naoero. //

## New phase of governance partnership launched

The Naoero Government launched Phase II of the Naoero Accountable and Inclusive Governance (NAIG-II) Project, 2 June at the Menen Hotel, reaffirming its commitment to building strong institutions that deliver better services, strengthen public trust, and create more opportunities for citizens to participate in national life.



*The launch marks the next chapter of a partnership that began in 2021 with support to Parliament and the electoral commission*

Implemented in partnership with the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and supported by the governments of Australia and New Zealand, the programme takes a whole-of government approach to governance, bringing together Parliament, the Naoero Electoral Commission (NEC), the justice sector, Births, Deaths and Marriages, and civil society organisations as part of a connected system working to serve the people of Naoero.

The launch marks the next chapter of a partnership that began in 2021 with support to Parliament and the NEC and has since evolved into a broader governance programme supporting five key institutions across the governance sector.

Speaking at the launch, Speaker of Parliament Hon. Marcus Stephen said the occasion was both a celebration of progress and a commitment to continue strengthening governance systems that serve the people of Nauru.

"Today is not only about launching a new phase, but also about celebrating what we have achieved together as partners for the NAIG Project.

"When I first signed off on the Parliament component of the NAIG Project in 2021, the focus was on just two key institutions — Parliament and the Electoral Commission. Today, I am proud to note that this has expanded to five institutions now supported under the NAIG programme.

"This growth reflects not only the ambition of the Government of Naoero, but also the strength of our partnership with UNDP, Australia, and New Zealand."

Among the achievements highlighted during the launch were support to the successful conduct of the 2022 and 2025 national elections, the first comprehensive review of Parliament's Standing Orders since 1968, the hosting of the Presiding Officer's and Clerk's

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Conference, strengthened access to legal information through the RONLAW platform, and the digitisation of civil registration records.

UNDP Pacific Resident Representative Munkhtuya Altangerel said strong institutions remain central to Nauru's long-term development aspirations.

“Strong governance institutions are the backbone of any country. They build public trust, uphold the rule of law, and ensure that services reach all citizens fairly and effectively. Ultimately, our collective governance work is about improving the everyday lives of the people of Nauru — ensuring services are accessible, institutions are responsive, and no one is left behind.”

One of the programme's most significant achievements has been support to the development of Naoero's first digital Births, Deaths and Marriages system. More than 16,000 civil records have been cleaned and validated, creating a stronger foundation for legal identity, service delivery, and future digital government systems.

As the country continues to modernise public services, Phase II will place greater emphasis on strengthening governance systems, expanding digital solutions, supporting justice sector priorities, consolidating gains made in electoral administration, and creating more opportunities for civil society participation in public dialogue and national development.

Australian High Commissioner to Naoero, Mathew Barclay, reaffirmed Australia's commitment to supporting Naoero's governance priorities.

“Australia remains a committed partner, working alongside Nauru to deliver lasting impacts, ensuring the Nauruans of today and the Nauruans of tomorrow are served by effective governance institutions.”

New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Unit Manager for Governance and Inclusion, Hannah Van Voorthuysen, highlighted the importance of continued collaboration and partnership in supporting Nauru's governance journey.

“Since 2021, New Zealand has worked alongside the Government of Nauru, Australia and UNDP to support Nauru-led efforts to strengthen democratic governance. We look forward to continuing this partnership and supporting resilient governance systems that deliver lasting outcomes for the people of Nauru.”

The launch reflects a shared commitment to ensuring that governance systems continue to evolve alongside the needs of the people they serve. By investing in institutions today, Naoero is helping build the foundations for a more resilient, inclusive, and prosperous future for generations to come. //

[Source: UNDP]

## Additional state house land acquired

The Government of Naoero acquired additional land for the development of State House, the official residence of the president, following the final signing of land lease documents, 25 May.



Landowners sign 77-year land lease for state house development

Landowners of land portions 104, 289 and 290 in Denigomodu District unanimously gave their consent in a 77-year land lease agreement.

Siblings Zaline and Detoba Detenamo, Bido Adumur, and the family of his late brother, Handsome Adumur, were content in contributing to national development through their land which sits adjacent to land already under government lease, in the pursuit of progress and development of State House.

His Excellency President David Adeang extended his personal thanks and that of the government for the families' understanding and support of this important work.

For various reasons, there has not been an official residence of the Head of State over two decades. Engineering work and ground plans are underway for the two-storey presidential residence that will feature a traditional 'domaneb' which will serve as a dedicated space for special events and occasions that showcase heritage and culture background. //



## Naoero conveys clear goals at island states ocean summit

Minister for Climate Change and National Resilience, Hon Delvin Thoma delivered a statement at this month's Island States Ocean Summit in Tokyo, Japan, emphasising that the ocean is Naoero's lifeline and remains front and centre to the economy.



*Thoma tells summit, marine resources provide income, jobs and food security.*

The summit's theme 'Sustainable Ocean Action for Resilient Islands', focuses on climate-resilient sustainable ocean planning and management.

Minister Thoma stressed that Naoero may be one of smallest countries in the world with just 21square kilometers, but "we are a large ocean state".

"The lives, livelihoods and culture of our people are inseparable from the Pacific Ocean. For us, the ocean is not a distant issue. It is our security, our economy, our identity."

The changing ocean and rising seas erode the narrow coastal strip where much of the population and infrastructure sit. While warming waters are affecting marine stock for food and income; decades of phosphate mining has left little usable land for agriculture and development.

The government is working to manage the risks, including working with regional and international partners to build climate resilience.

"The goal is clear, keep our people safe and safeguard our way of life," Minister Thoma said.

"The ocean will remain central to our economy. Marine resources provide income, jobs and food security.

"Regional cooperation has helped us secure greater benefits from our ocean resources, but climate change is putting that progress at risk.

"Shifts in ocean temperature and productivity directly affect fish stocks, government revenue and community livelihoods. That is why better ocean science and forecasting are not optional for small island states, they are essential."

The minister points out three priorities for Naoero – the need for integrated ocean management; its commitment to keeping ocean resources productive, sustainable and protected from illegal fishing with the help of regional cooperation; and investing in local personnel with ocean-specific training.

Minister Thoma underscored that Naoero has a legitimate interest in considering future economic opportunities linked to the ocean, highlighting that small island states should have the space to weigh their development options honestly, while protecting the ocean their future depends on.

"Our call is simple: protect that lifeline, support island resilience, and give small island states a fair chance to build a secure future. The decisions made here must lead to real change for those who are on the front line."

On the margins of the summit, Minister Thoma had the opportunity for a bilateral meeting with Mr Yōhei Sasakawa, Chairman of the Island States Ocean Summit and son of Ryoichu Sasakawa, the founder of the Nippon Foundation. The discussions focused on strengthening bilateral collaboration to address Naoero's critical vulnerabilities regarding climate impacts on its land, coastlines, and marine ecosystems.

Moving forward, Japan, the Nippon Foundation, and Naoero will work side by side to implement targeted solutions that protects Naoero's coastal land and oceanic coastal fisheries from erosion, sea- level rise and to alleviate its unique environmental and geographical constraints. //



## VP receives India's peacekeeper award

The Vice President Hon Lionel Aingimea attended the Billionaires for Peace Conclave, India, 21 May, during which was presented the Peacekeeper Champion for Justice and Peace Award in recognition of his leadership and commitment to advancing peace, justice, and international cooperation.



*India's billionaires to peace award recognises advancements in peace*

The award acknowledges the Vice President's contribution towards promoting dialogue, mutual understanding, and stronger partnerships between nations, particularly in advocating for the interests and resilience of Small Island Developing States.

Vice President Aingimea expressed his appreciation for the recognition and reaffirmed Naoero's commitment to working closely with the international community to promote peace, sustainable development, and shared prosperity for all.

The Billionaires for Peace Conclave, hosted at the Grand Hyatt Mumbai, India, is an international platform that brings together global leaders, business executives, philanthropists, diplomats, Nobel Peace Prize laureates and peace advocates to promote dialogue, humanitarian cooperation, and international understanding.

The initiative is led by Indian philanthropist and businessman Dr. Huzaiifa Khorakiwala, founder and chairman of Billionaires for Peace and the I Am Peacekeeper Movement. //

## State proposed community land development

Proposed land development for new public space in Nibok District on land portion 178 for community interaction, recreation and cultural exchange was formalised with the final signing of land lease documents by President David Adeang, 25 May.



*The five-year land lease earmarked for community space*

*[Note: The photo provided is an architectural rendering of the square and does not represent the final completed project.]*

The site is earmarked for the China-Naoero Friendship Square – a project assisted and funded by the Municipal Government of Guangzhou, China.

The project further reflects the friendship between the peoples of China and Naoero and is designed around the concept of cornerstone which express historical and cultural significance, and structural function.

The proposed twelve fair-faced concrete structures symbolise the 12 tribes of Naoero, embodying national unity and solid foundation.

Covering approximately 3,200 square metres with a building area of about 1,200 square metres, the area centres on a standard basketball court, supported by multipurpose steps, commercial and service facilities - it integrates sports, culture and leisure.

Opening towards the sea and preserving local memories, it will serve as a cultural landmark witnessing the friendship between China and Naoero. //



## Melanesian Ocean Summit 2026

Special Envoy to the President, Deputy Minister Ranin Akua attended the Melanesian Ocean Summit 2026 in Port Moresby, 11-14 May, which brought together regional leaders, experts and stakeholders to advance cooperation on ocean governance, climate resilience and sustainable marine resource management.

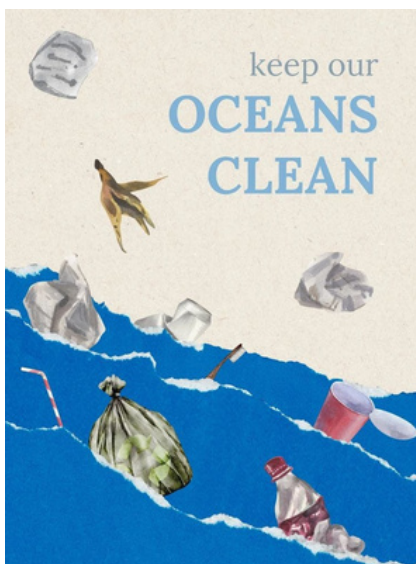


*(Left second) DM Akua at the Melanesian ocean summit*

Naoero's delegation which included National Security Advisor to the President Shonadeen Adeang, Deputy CEO Naoero Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority Monte Depaune, and DFAT official Amos Cook, engaged in discussions on strengthening maritime boundary frameworks, sustainable ocean policies and enhancing regional partnerships to safeguard the Pacific Ocean for future generations.

The summit featured high-level plenary discussions covering marine protected areas, ocean finance, blue economy initiatives, maritime boundaries, ocean science and fisheries management. The discussions also highlight the importance of indigenous stewardship and regional collaboration through the Melanesian Ocean Corridor of Reserves (MOCOR).

The signing of the MOCOR Declaration and Framework was one of the major outcomes of the summit. It is a regional plan aimed at strengthening ocean protection and supporting coastal communities across Melanesia. //



## 79th World Health Assembly

Deputy Minister for Naoero Public Health Hon Rennier Gadabu delivered his national address at the 79th World Health Assembly in Geneva, 18-23 May, underscoring that health and vulnerability are not separate issues for Naoero, and according to the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI), Naoero's remoteness, size, and inability to diversify overnight "are the reasons our health system strains to deliver essential services and absorb shocks".



*DM Gadabu articulates key health issues for Naoero*

Underpinned by the theme - Reshaping Global Health: A Shared Responsibility, DM Gadabu says this is not merely an aspiration for small islands states like Naoero, but a necessity.

He stressed that the country's graduation to high-income status does not mean resilience, that the reality of Naoero's health tells a different story, one trapped in the web of non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

Global health cooperation is measured by practical support, and for Naoero its health priorities are clear – stronger primary care, universal health coverage, a resilient workforce, affordable essential medicines, emergency preparedness, and sustained action on NCDs, nutrition, and mental health.

Commitments must translate into implementable solutions that are realistic from microstates, the deputy minister said and should remain focused on strengthening collective health outcomes and avoid actions that may divert attention from the urgent health challenges facing our people. //



## More families move into new government-funded homes



*Aubiab family move in to new home*

The Department of Infrastructure again handed over newly built houses as part of the government-funded housing projects to five families, 28 May.

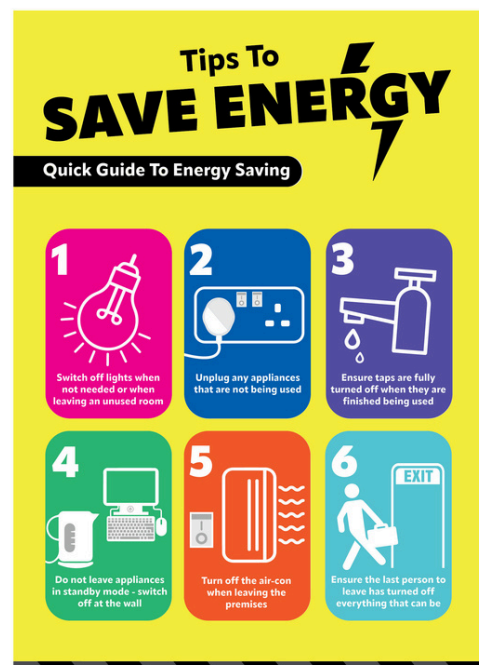
His Excellency, President David Adeang, presented all five keys to the new homeowners after the ribbon-cutting, marking another significant progress for the community.

The new homeowners are Abby Caleb (Meneñ), Ginetta Gideon (Boe), Tuwein Deidenang (Buada), Doris Hubert (Denig), and Mimo Aubiab (Baitsi).

Secretary for Infrastructure Annalina Solomon said that with the five new additional homes built under the Government Housing and the Smart House program. Construction of other houses is underway, including those part of the Redzone project.

Also in attendance were Parliament Speaker Marcus Stephen, Deputy Speaker Isabella Dageago, Minister Shadlog Bernicke and Jesse Jeremiah, Deputy Minister Wanganeen Emiu and members of the infrastructure department.

These initiatives reflect the government's vision of providing safe and affordable housing to improve the well-being of families and strengthen communities. //



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