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Naoero Trust Fund breaks historic \$500 million mark in tenth year



President Adeang with cabinet ministers, donor partners Australia and New Zealand, fund managers and advisors

The Naoero Intergenerational Trust Fund has reached a historic milestone surpassing \$500 million in the first decade, over and above its 2035 target.

The Government of Naoero hosted the 41 st gathering for the NTF which was a presentation of the funds progress in place of the usual quarterly meeting. The attendees at the event included public servants, community leaders, and secondary and primary school students.

His Excellency President David Adeang chaired the presentation said this is a defining moment in Naoero's journey towards economic security, national resilience and a better future for every dei- Naoero.

"When we began this journey 10 years ago, we had a vision, we wanted to break the cycle of short-term economic dependence and build something lasting. Something that would continue to protect our people long after we had completed our own service to the nation.

"We wanted to create a national legacy that would belong not only to the people of today, the dei- Naoero

today but also to our children, our grand-children and generations of dei-Naoero yet to be born."

Reaching \$500m within the first 10 years is no small feat. It demonstrates discipline, foresight, unity and courage which successive governments since 2015 have maintained.

The NTF was established in 2015 with the purpose of reducing Naoero's reliance on donor funding and provide future generations with lasting financial stability. President Adeang was Minister for Finance at the time of its creation. The Fund's unique governance structure requires agreement from all four contributing partners before any withdrawal or movement of funds. This ensures the Fund remains protected for future dei-Naoero.

The Government is thankful for the strong support of partners Australia and New Zealand who continue to contribution annually to the fund.

The Naoero Government allocates 10.1 per cent of its annual budget to the NTF, and has made 76 per cent in overall contributions to the fund. //

Naoero's economic progress: world best



Professor report highlights major economic improvements

As the region prepared for the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting in Palau, President David Adeang supported a call from New Zealand Foreign Affairs Minister Winston Peters for Pacific leaders to shift their focus from aid to strengthening their own economies.

Mr Peters told Pacific Mornings that stronger economies are vital if island countries are to have more control over their future.

He said, "I go to ASEAN, and it's all about the economy, the economy, economy, economy. I go to the Pacific, it's all about aid."

President Adeang said his Government had been pursuing that approach since he was elected in 2023 and its long-term economic strategy is delivering strong results.

He said the progress has been driven by bold thinking, innovation, close friendships with Australia, China, and ADB, and long-term planning to create a stronger future.

"From the outset we said that our future will not be defined by the UN's ranking of Naoero as the world's fifth most vulnerable nation to economic and climate shock."

Naoero's success has now been hailed in a recently published analysis by Australian National University's director of the Development Policy Centre, Professor Stephen Howes.

Professor Howes highlighted Naoero's economic transformation over the past decade, noting strong growth in national income, increased employment and the success of new sources of foreign income in supporting the nation's development.

He noted that Naoero experienced average annual growth in national income of 4.9 per cent per person between 2009 and 2024. With major advances coming in the years President Adeang served as finance minister, Naoero is once again soon to be classified as a high-income country by the OECD.

His report also highlighted major economic improvements between the 2011 and 2021 censuses, including a 36 per cent increase in jobs for men, a 74 per cent increase in jobs for women, and employment growth from 47 per cent to 64 per cent of the population.

In the report, Professor Howes noted the available economic indicators suggest Naoero's strong economic performance has continued beyond the 2021 Census.

"While the 2021 census data is now a bit old, there is no sign of Naoero's boom having ended," Professor Howes wrote.

"If any other boom worldwide has delivered similarly stunning results in such a short period, I am not aware of it."

Reflecting on Naoero's economic recovery journey, President Adeang has previously highlighted the importance of transparency, trust and working closely with communities.

He said dei-Naoero understood the importance of the Intergenerational Trust Fund which was securing the financial future for generations to come, and are embracing initiatives like advances in crypto, the citizenship program, new fishing initiatives and third-party resettlement arrangements with Australia.

"We are succeeding because we were transparent, because we spoke directly with our people, and because they trust that the sacrifices were for Naoero's future," he said.

President Adeang said those same values continue to guide the government's approach to leadership and nation building.

"Faith, family, and community remain our compass. Leadership means keeping community relationships close and never forgetting who we serve." //

Naoero (RPC) Corporation (Amendment) Act 2026

Passed by the Naoero Parliament, Thursday 20 August 2026

The Naoero (RPC) Corporation (Amendment) Bill 2026 serves to make provisions to offer medical services at the facility. When the Act was first enacted in 2017, the Corporation was not in a position to undertake such functions. Circumstances have since changed, and the Corporation can now responsibly assume this role and consider medical services within the scope of its services when undertaking tendering, processing and recommending processes.

Penalties for breach by corporations under the Act are also strengthened:

- Breach by a corporation is increased from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million;
- Breach by a director, manager, secretary, officer or partner of a company, firm, society or other body of persons is increased from \$50,000 to \$500,000;



- The imprisonment term has been increased from three years to five years.

The amendments reflect the seriousness of corporate misconduct and align the Act with contemporary standards of deterrence and accountability. //

Customs (Amendment) Act 2026

The Customs (Amendment) Bill 2026 was tabled with the aim to strengthen enforcement powers under the Customs Act 2014. While the Act establishes the framework for border control, detention, and investigation of goods and persons, the operational experience of the customs service has revealed gaps in the current timelines for questioning and investigation, as well as limited administrative sanctioning powers.



These gaps undermine effective enforcement, particularly in cases involving complex supply chains, crossborder transactions, and illicit trade.

The key amendments include:

- Extending maximum detention of a person by a customs officer for questioning, from four hours to six hours. This addresses practical challenges such as multi-agency coordination and staffing constraints;
- Increase the default investigative period for seized goods from seven days to 28 days – to enable adequate investigations which may involve complex supply chains, crossborder documentation, and potential links to money laundering or illicit trade. Extending the baseline period to 28 days provides a realistic timeframe for thorough investigation;
- Updated references to ensure consistency with the new 28-day investigative period;
- Empowers the chief collector of customs to impose administrative penalties, prescribed by Regulation, on persons who fail to declare goods as required. //

Public Debt (Amendment) Act 2026

The Public Debt (Amendment) Bill 2026 inserts a new subsection that despite the requirement under Section 13(4) and 6(2) to obtain Parliament's approval for a loan, the minister for finance may without such approval approve a short-term liquidity advance, but subject to the following restrictions:

- the advance must be for the government or a public enterprise;
- the amount to be advanced must not exceed AUD500,000;
- the advance must be fully repaid within 90 days from

the date of the drawdown; and

- the treatment of the advance must strictly comply with requirements set out in the Financial Instruction: Liabilities.

The government anticipates future instances where it may be called upon urgently to assist public enterprises experiencing severe, unforeseen cash flow misalignments. In these emergencies, the government or public enterprises may need to step in to provide immediate liquidity without the operational delay of seeking prior Parliamentary approval. //

Domestic Violence and Family Protection (Amendment) Bill 2026

The Domestic Violence and Family Protection (Amendment) Bill 2026 aims to strengthen police duties in investigating and prosecuting domestic violence related offences.



The principal Act of 2017 established the statutory framework for preventing and prosecuting domestic violence, however, operational experience has shown that victims are often pressured to withdraw complaints, leading to under-prosecution and repeat offending.

The amendments address those gaps and empower police to continue investigations based on independent evidence.

The key amendments are made to section 31:

- To ensure police may investigate and pursue domestic violence related offences based on available evidence, and cannot withdraw charges simply because a victim or complainant wishes to withdraw the complaint;
- Introduces a new subsection (4) requiring police to continue investigations where sufficient evidence exists, even if the victim or complainant withdraws;
- Clarifies that any person, not only the victim, may report an incident of domestic violence, thereby allowing police to act on reports made by witnesses, family members, or other concerned individuals.

Domestic violence is a public wrong. It is not a private matter dependent on victim consent.

The bill strengthens police powers to act on evidence and protect victims from coercion. The bill is a necessary and practical step to reinforce the commitment to protecting families, upholding justice, and ensuring that domestic violence is treated with the seriousness it deserves. //

Bail (Amendment) Act 2026

The Bail (Amendment) Bill 2026 proposes to strengthen bail restrictions in cases involving domestic violence and offences against police officers. Operational experience has highlighted gaps in the law in relation to these offences.

Victims of domestic violence are often subject to intimidation or coercion, while police officers face heightened risks in the execution of their duties. Current bail provisions do not adequately address these vulnerabilities.

The amendments address the following:

- a person charged with domestic violence related offences are generally not to be granted bail. However, if they are to be granted bail, it must be under 'exceptional circumstances' and bail may only be granted if the accused person has been remanded in custody for a period of two weeks. This amendment aims to strengthen victim protection and recognising the heightened risks of intimidation, coercion, or repeat offending in such cases;



- bail is no longer available to persons charged with the offences of 'causing harm to a police officer' or 'intimidating or threatening a police officer in the execution of the police officer's duties', even in exceptional circumstances. Police officers are frontline enforcers of the law. This amendment ensures strong deterrence against attacks on police officers and protects the administration of justice. //

Copies of Acts and subsidiary legislation may be accessed at [RONLAW](#) – IF you have trouble accessing the link, please copy/paste the link into your web browser.

Naoero Police Force (Amendment) Act 2026

The Naoero Police Force (Amendment) Bill 2026 inserts a new subsection 3 under Section 45 establishing an automatic consequence for unexplained absence from duty by a police officer.



If an officer is absent from work for five days within one month, and is not authorised to be absent and does not give the required notice under the Act or regulations, the officer is deemed to have resigned from his or her position. The position immediately becomes vacant without further administrative or disciplinary proceedings.

This provision safeguards discipline, reliability, and operational continuity within the Police Force. By deeming an officer to have resigned after five days of unauthorised absence without notice, the provision ensures that the Force is not left uncertain about staffing. It reflects the high standard of accountability expected of police officers, whose absence directly impacts public safety and service delivery.

The immediate vacancy mechanism allows management to promptly reallocate resources or recruit replacements, thereby maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of policing operations. //

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Development Fund Report 2023-24, 2024-25

As Minister for Finance, President David Adeang tabled the Development Fund annual reports for financial years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

For fiscal year 2023-24, Naoero received a total of \$4.9 million from development partners. Over 41 per cent of spending went toward the social sectors, while 33 per cent for infrastructure, 16 per cent for the economic sector, and 10 per cent on cross-cutting sectors.

Fiscal year 2024-25 received a total of \$5 million from development partners, \$3.3m more than projected. The social sector again received the most funding, followed by infrastructure, economic and cross-cutting sectors.

President Adeang thanked everyone involved in the process, encouraged those on the sidelines to be involved, and expressed gratitude to donors and development partners for their support in Naoero's goals and vision. //

Naoero Rehabilitation Corporation

The Naoero Rehabilitation Corporation (NRC) temporarily paused production of rock aggregates during August owing to wet weather conditions preventing proper grading of the product.

Minister for NRC Reagan Aliklik told parliament, 20 August, that the disruption in production owing to the rainy conditions, also affects the five-to-dust product used in concrete mixing. He assures the public that production will resume once the weather clears. //



NES

Minister for Naoero National Emergency Service (NES) updated parliament on the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Australia, 14 August, followed by the official handover of two Rosenbauer Panther fire trucks.



Replacement fire trucks restore aviation security and safety

Minister for National Emergency Services (NES) Jesse Jeremiah and Australian High Commissioner Lisa White signed the MOU, formally handing over the assets.

Minister Jeremiah says the initiative clearly reflects the Australia-Naoero Treaty commitment, with safety and security as paramount priorities.

Both trucks were flown in separately on 13 and 14 August on Royal Australian Air Force C-17 Globe master aircraft.

“Safety and security have remained the highest priority for the Government of Naoero. The government also remains committed to restoring normal aviation operations as quickly as possible, while ensuring that every decision continues to place public safety first,” Minister Jeremiah said.

Training was also conducted for the Fire Rescue Service (NFS) to operate the trucks, with the support of an independent consultant, an ADF expert on the truck, and a Rosenbauer specialist technician.

“These two fire trucks will also enable Naoero to meet ICAO requirements for the airport category 6-7, strengthening our readiness and emergency response capabilities.

“This partnership reflects a deeper truth. ‘Ata amin bwini, we are family.’ Naoero and Australia have worked closely for many years and this handover is further evidence of our shared responsibilities.”

The Minister thanked the Government of Australia and acknowledged the support of the Australian Defence Force, the Naoero-Australia Treaty Office and all stakeholders who contributed to the initiative, including Nauru Airlines and Naoero Airport Civil Aviation. //

NFMRA

The Naoero Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA) successfully closed the financial year exceeding revenue projections by \$9 million.



NFMRA recognises critical capacity building and staff development

Fisheries minister Reagan Aliklik updated Parliament, 20 August, that by the end of the 2025-26 fiscal year the authority had reached \$60 million in revenue through access fees of Naoero’s Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

During this period NFMRA sold more than 300 fishing days in excess of its 2026 quota, but noted a gradual slowdown in operations from mid-May.

Two dei-Naoero fisheries officers were on secondment with the Australia Fisheries Management Authority in July for monitoring control and surveillance (MCS) activities, exposing them to advanced monitoring technologies and enhanced their knowledge in the field of MCS.

The NFMRA recognises this critical capacity building opportunity and remains committed to maintaining and strengthening the partnership with AFMA to further develop staff expertise.

The Authority notes the reduction in MCS cases from 500 to approximately 200 files. Recognising the potential risks to Naoero’s integrity as a flag state within the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) region, the NFMRA prioritises capacity building and systematic case management to address compliance standards.

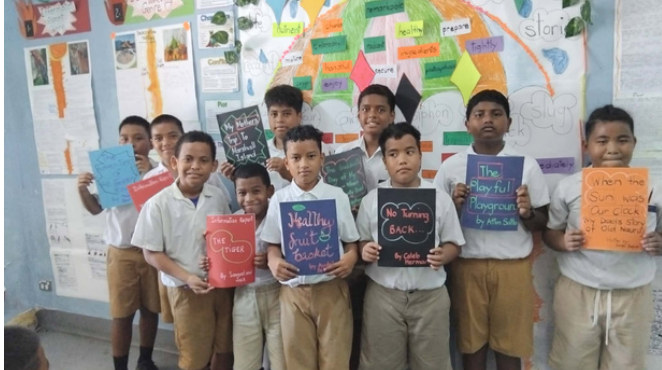
In regional meetings, (full article NB#13-2026) the Forum Fisheries Committee Ministerial 25 meeting held in Wellington, New Zealand, in July, Pacific fisheries leaders reviewed achievements under the FFAs 2020-25 Strategic Plan and set priorities for the next five years.

The Naoero delegation, led by Minister Aliklik, supported the new strategic plan highlighting its focus on economic transformation, institutional capacity, and accountability through a strengthened monitoring, evaluation, and learning framework.

Naoero also acknowledged the East New Britain Initiative (ENBi) as a pathway to future port and service-related development opportunities. //

Education

Minister for Education and Training, Asterio Appi presented an update to Parliament, 20 August, on latest developments of the department, notably the substantial improvements in literacy and numeracy from semester one 2023 until semester one this year, with the primary years as the most impressive.



Department commends learning improvements across school levels

The data sets for this period show numeracy gain as being especially strong, with Year 1 students rising from 46 per cent to 91 per cent, while Year 3 at 78 per cent from 42, and Year 6 from 30 to 77 per cent, while Years 2 and 7 maintained solid progress.

Similar improvements in literacy are also recorded with Year 3 increasing from 43 to 64 per cent, Year 6 from 25 to 62 per cent, and Year 8 from 33 to 52 per cent.

Minister Appi credits the improvements to recent numeracy and literacy programmes being rolled out system-wide, strengthening foundational skills and teaching strategies.

The departments work in aligning tertiary scholarships, teacher training, and workforce planning supports clear national education priorities. These including recruitment of qualified local and expat teachers, and expansion of professional development and formal training opportunities through the University of the South Pacific and other partners.

The re-engagement program which provides a pathway back into education for young people who have disengaged from formal schooling recommenced this current school term.

The department is also exploring the responsible use of digital and emerging technologies to support teaching and learning at secondary level, and improving the accuracy and availability of information on enrolment, attendance, staffing, student progression and more importantly student learning outcomes.

Minister Appi congratulated the successful completion of tertiary studies of 12 dei-Naoero students in Brisbane, Australia.

Deputy Minister for Education, Isabella Dageago attended the graduation on 13 August.

The minister says the graduates represent an important return on the government's investment in education, as well as contribute to the growing pool of qualified dei-Naoero able to support the future development of the country.

The graduating students: Honey Duburiya (Dip Criminology and Criminal Justice), J-One Kepae (Dip of Business), Tamie Moses (Dip Criminology and Criminal Justice), Misako Detenamo (Dip of Science), Taesha Aliklik (Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice), Nathan Menke (Dip of Business), Aroy Deidenang (Dip of Business), John Dube (Dip of Business), Unique-Iye Detabene (Bachelor of Health Science), Hilma Doweiya (Dip in Business), Gideon Bagaga (Dip in Business), and Oak Moses (Dip of Health Science).

The graduates studied at Griffith College and Griffith University. //



Commonwealth Games

Minister for Sports and Chairman of the Micronesian Games Steering Committee Jesse Jeremiah delivered his ministerial statement, 20 August regarding ongoing national sports infrastructure projects and Naoero's participation in the 26th Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland.



Team Nauru CG medals maintain national record

The Naoero Team at the Commonwealth Games consisted of 11 officials and 14 athletes across weightlifting, boxing, judo and athletics.

Notable achievements were delivered by Ezekiel Moses and Family Notte, both winning bronze medals in weightlifting.

"Although not all of you returned with medals, your participation on such a prestigious stage is commendable," the minister said.

The minister praised the athletes for their discipline and sacrifice, noting their participation as a source of national pride. He highlighted that their success inspires future preparations for the 2028 Micronesian Games and the Los Angeles Olympics 2028.

In other sports update, is the completion in July of phase 1 of the sports stadium with the laying of steel pipes and concrete foundations by CHEC, while phase 2 being the construction of the main stadium structure scheduled to be completed by January 2027.

Minister Jesse expressed sincere gratitude to the government and people of the People's Republic of China for their generous support in the construction of the national stadium.

The Minister also highlighted the continuous and valuable support of the Australian government through the Australian High Commission in Naoero, where sporting equipment valued at \$100,000 were donated to the sports department.

Meantime, the Department of Sports and Micronesian Games Steering Committee are collaborating with the Australian High Commission on upgrades to the national sports complex in Yaren.

Australia has also provided funding for the construction of the tennis court in Aiwo District which will feature four ITF-standard courts and supporting infrastructure. This will support preparations for the 2028 Micronesian Games and long-term sporting opportunities. //

Sports

Minister for Sports Jesse Jeremiah updated the House during the last parliament sitting, 20 August, on his recent official trip to Guangzhou, China, following an invitation from Eigigu Procurement Limited.

The Minister and his delegation, including the Secretary for Sports, Chairman of Eigigu Procurement and the company's consultant, visited a number of companies, including the Shelter Company - a reputable firm known for supplying infrastructure for the Beijing Olympics, Formula One racing facilities, and other major international events.

Minister Jeremiah said that Naoero also finalised its design for Naoero's High Performance Unit (HPU) with the help of the company's designers and engineers.

The HPU will be constructed in Denig district on the site of the former Teashop in addition to the Sports Stadium currently under construction in Meneñ district which the minister says "will provide dedicated training infrastructure for our elite athletes including weightlifters, powerlifters, boxers, wrestlers and judokas".

The HPU will be manufactured within 50 days and assembled within 40 days, making it a high priority with the structural design that can last up to 75 years, "ensuring long-term value for our sporting community and our people".

The final design will include office space, sauna facilities and injury management offices to support athlete welfare and performance.

"This facility will serve not only our elite athletes but will also play an important role in addressing non-communicable disease (NCDs) within the broader community. With both the new Sports Stadium and the High-Performance Unit, our people will have access to modern, purpose-built sporting infrastructure, reducing the need to seek training facilities elsewhere," Minister Jeremiah said.

The minister thanked the Government of Naoero and the landowners who allowed the government to build the facility on their land. //

WASDA

The Department of Women and Social Development Affairs (WASDA) remains committed to protecting the children of Naoero, strengthen national response to domestic and family violence, advancing women and gender equality.



WASDA office steadfast in women and children protection

Minister for WASDA, Charmaine Scotty told parliament, 20 August, the department is actively engaging in regional discussions on women, children and families in the Pacific, as well as implementing various policies and programs under the WASDA Master Implementation Framework 2026-27.

“Through the Child Protection Division, we continue the implementation of the Child Protection and Welfare Act 2016, supported by the strengthening and updating of our national Child Protection Policy.”

WASDA's approach is focused on law and policy, supported by clear operational pathways to ensure child concerns are raised and officers understand what must be done throughout the process.

One of WASDA's priorities for this financial year is to bring policies and programs together under a more coordinated WASDA Master Implementation Framework for 2026-2027, enabling the government to measure whether policies are actually being implemented.

Partnering with the Department of Education through the back-to-school reintegration programme is another important part of the work, recognising that a child who disengages from education requires more than punishment or criticism.

“We must understand the circumstances affecting that child, work with parents and caregivers and create pathways that support the child to return to education and remain engaged,” Minister Scotty said.

Part of the continual work is early childhood development - parenting support and the Zero to Three initiative recognising the investment in early years of a child's life, strengthen families and reduce social vulnerabilities later.

The minister also reiterated the work on strengthening the response to domestic and gender-based violence and whether the law is working effectively. Reviewing

the Domestic Violence and Family Protection Act 2017 remains an important priority, and the amendments serve the people it was designed to protect.

Minister Scotty explained that legislative work, the Safe House, and frontline services provide practical support to those who require protection.

The work of the Safe House often goes unnoticed for reasons of confidentiality and dignity, with cases that cannot be publicly discussed, including women, children and families who are experiencing some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

“Our responsibility is to ensure they are treated with dignity, that their immediate needs are addressed and that they have pathways towards safety and recovery”.

In Advancing women and gender equality, Naoero commemorated International Women's Day in March under the theme: ‘Rights, Justice, and Action for all women and girls.’

“That theme reminds us that equality is not achieved simply by celebrating women once a year,” Minister Scotty said.

The National Women's Policy and Gender Mainstreaming Policy, with other broader gender equality frameworks, provide the government with a stronger foundation for addressing women's leadership, economic empowerment, protection from violence and participation in national development.

Th policy ensures that gender equality responsibilities do not belong to WASDA but to the whole of government to better strengthen policies, gender-responsive planning and budgeting.

Naoero also participated in the Micronesian Ministers for Women Conference in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), in early August. “Our participation was important because Micronesia must have a strong voice in the broader Pacific conversation,” Minister Scotty said.

“We reminded our regional partners that regionalism must work every part of the Pacific, including the North Pacific and that geographic isolation, transport connectivity and access to service remain real development challenges for our communities”.

Naoero's proposal to the MMWC to host the Miss Micronesia Pageant Secretariat was accepted.

While the pageant garners representation from the Micronesian family, Naoero's proposal seeks to build on the platform by recognising the Miss Micronesia title holder as an ambassador for the Micronesian Ministers for Women Conference.

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WASDA

Minister Scotty explains the title would be more than a celebration of beauty, culture and identity.

An ambassadorial acknowledgment would provide a structured regional platform promoting issues affecting women and girls, cultural preservation, tourism, community development, youth engagement and the priorities agreed to by Micronesian ministers for women.

She explained that for Naoero, this is also about ensuring that our own Pacific and Micronesian institutions are used creatively to advance the priorities

of our people. We should not always have to create new mechanisms when we already have respected regional platforms that can be strengthened and given greater purpose.

The proposal foresees a formal relationship between the Miss Micronesia pageant and the Micronesian Ministers for Women Conference, supported by a memorandum of understanding and terms of reference setting out the ambassador's responsibilities, governance arrangements and areas of advocacy. //

Transport

Minister for Transport Reagan Aliklik provided an update to Parliament of recent events that saw the resumption of full air transport services with the support of the Australian government.



Australia donation of fire-fighting foam in cylinders (background)

During July, air services were heavily limited due to the drop in airport category level owing to defects identified in the existing fire-fighting trucks. The finding was triggered by a technical assessment carried out by Rosenbauer, the world leading manufacturer of fire-fighting equipment.

The findings resulted in the reduction of the airport's safety category level, affecting the level of air services that could safely operate.

As an immediate measure, dry chemical powder was airfreighted in enabling the airport to restore category 5 fire-fighting capability and progressively resume additional air services.

Two Rosenbauer airport fire trucks were subsequently delivered by Australian Defence Force C-17 aircraft along with fire-fighting foam and spare parts.

Since this announcement in Parliament, the airport was restored to category 6 on Saturday 22 August, then to category 7 on Monday 24 August, and a return to full flight operations. To maintain category 6 and 7 levels, the airport must have two fire-fighting trucks and meet the required levels of water, foam, and dry chemical powder. Backup power at the airport has also been upgraded with the new 250-kilowatt backup generator and automatic transfer switch, with the joint efforts of Downer and Naoero Utilities Corporation.

Minister Aliklik says the new system which passed both the load test and automatic changeover test, has sufficient capacity to support the airport's present electricity requirements and will strengthen the continuity and resilience of essential airport operations during interruptions to the main power supply.

The government is also progressing logistical and operational preparations for the purchase of 14 new electric buses for land transport operations.

The procurement is done through Eigigu Procurement Ltd., and includes charging infrastructure, bus shelters, spare parts, technical commissioning and staff training, while the Denig facility is being readied to receive the new assets.

The minister estimates up to 70 days to complete the order before the products are shipped to Naoero. He highlights these developments demonstrate the government's continuing commitment to aviation safety, and the modernisation of public transport. //

China-Naoero Friendship Square ground breaking



Guangzhou company to lead friendship square construction

The Naoero Government and the Government of the People's Republic of China held a ground-breaking ceremony in Nibok district, 15 September, inaugurating the China-Naoero Friendship Square funded by Guangzhou City.

The event was also marked by the MOU signing between Deputy Minister Ranin Akua and the Vice Chair of the Standing Committee of the Guangzhou Municipal People's Congress, Mr Chen Xiongqiao.

The Square will embody the symbols of the 12 tribes of Naoero on its pillars, and will cover approximately

3,200 square metres. It will feature a basketball court, walking steps, and commercial and service space for the public with an open view of the beach and ocean.

Supported by the Naoero Government, construction will be led by Guangzhou Municipal Construction Group who are ranked 12th among global engineering and construction companies.

Following the resumption of diplomatic ties in early 2024, Naoero and China are quickly building a strong, friendly partnership based on mutual trust. The ceremony is a testament to the enduring bond between Naoero and China. //

Guangzhou delegation visit Naoero parliament

The Naoero Parliament welcomed a delegation from the Guangzhou Municipal Government, China, who are on island to finalise initial community development and partnership agreements, 15 September.



Delegation visit strengthens cooperation between the two legislatures

Deputy Speaker Isabella Dageago greeted the six-person delegation led by Vice Chair of the Standing Committee of the Guangzhou Municipal People's Congress Mr Chen Xiongqiao, and accompanied by Ambassador Lyu Jin.

Mr Chen noted the successful first visit of a Guangzhou delegation last year resulting in the productive collaboration between Guangzhou People's Congress and the Naoero Parliament, and anticipates further strengthening of the cooperation and communications between the two legislative bodies.

The delegation presented the Naoero Parliament with a framed image of a Guangzhou landscape before continuing on to the groundbreaking ceremony of the China-Naoero Friendship Square in Nibok.

Chairman Chen underscored that the bilateral relations between Naoero and China have deepened under the leadership of President Adeang and President Xi, highlighting the mutual trust, and practical cooperation in areas of health care, and promoting people to people exchanges. //

Traditional medicine team makes second visit



Deputy Minister for Public Health Gadabu with the Guangzhou traditional medicine team

The Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the Chinese Embassy in Naoero, coordinated the second visit of the traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) experts from Xi'an Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine, 9 September, further deepening the nation's shift toward preventative healthcare.

The team brought in various field experts, including endocrinology, acupuncture, cupping, ear care, and

point-pressing, to treat neck, shoulder, and lower back pain, insomnia, headache, and metabolic disease, as well as joint disorders and cervical and lumbar spine conditions.

On behalf of His Excellency President David Adeang, Deputy Minister Rennie Gadabu attended the event and expressed his gratitude to those who contributed, including Ambassador Lyu Jin and the TMC team. //

President Adeang meets dignitaries in Melbourne

On Friday, 21 August, His Excellency President David Adeang and Speaker of Parliament Hon. Marcus Stephen met with the Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives, Hon. Milton Dick MP, at Brisbane International Airport. Speaker Dick congratulated Naoero on its decision to join the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and reaffirmed Australia's commitment to working together to strengthen democratic governance. He also invited Naoero to attend the 153rd IPU Assembly in Arusha, Tanzania, from 5–9 October 2026.



(L-R) Speaker Marcus Stephen and President David Adeang with Speaker of Australian House of Representatives Milton Dick

The Parliament of Naoero passed a motion on Thursday, 20 August 2026, supporting Naoero's membership of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the global organisation of national parliaments committed to promoting dialogue, cooperation and democratic governance.

The meeting was also attended by Australian High Commissioner Lisa White, Special Envoy Ewen McDonald, Deputy Secretary and Head of the Pacific Elizabeth Peak, and Naoero's Director-General Christiana Detenamo.

The following day, President Adeang met with the newly appointed Indian High Commissioner to Naoero, His Excellency Nagesh Singh.

The High Commissioner was accompanied by the Consul General of India in Melbourne, Mr Anish Rajan, and President Adeang was joined by the Deputy Minister Rennie Gadabu, High Commissioner Camilla Solomon and Ronphos Chairman Newman Rykers.

The meeting reaffirmed the longstanding friendship and partnership between Naoero and India. Discussions focused on further strengthening bilateral cooperation, particularly in mining, technology, health and education. //

Inaugural Pacific Bridge Trade and Freight Summit



Summit was opportunity to meet directly with buyers and strengthen business and the economy

The inaugural Pacific Bridge Trade & Freight Summit concluded in Nadi, bringing together exporters and buyer delegations from Fiji, Naoero, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Together with freight and airline partners, the summit lays the foundations for a stronger and more reliable Pacific trade route.

Presented by Naoero Airlines, the summit combined market briefings, direct buyer-exporter matchmaking, and a logistics workshop covering freight consolidation, documentation and customs requirements culminating in a series of expressions of interest and between exporters and buyers across the four island markets.

Naoero Airlines extends its sincere thanks to the dignitaries, exporters and importers who gave their time to attend, and to everyone who contributed thoughtfully to the discussions throughout the day.

The openness and energy brought into every session from the market briefings to the matchmaking meetings was, in the airline's view, exactly what will make this route succeed.

"On behalf of Naoero Airlines, I want to sincerely thank every dignitary, exporter and importer who joined us in Nadi and gave so generously of their time and insight. What was built was more than an agenda it was the start of a real partnership.

We look forward to working alongside all of you to build the Pacific Bridge further, and to helping strengthen the economies of Naoero, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia in the process," Naoero Airlines Chairman, Charleston Deiye, said.

"This summit gave us something we haven't had before the chance to sit down directly with buyers from Naoero, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands and the FSM, and actually understand what they need.

We're leaving Nadi with real conversations turned into real next steps, and we're excited about what this route means for our business going forward," Pacific Island Development Forum Secretary General, Arpana Pratap said.

The summit also included a gala dinner, hosted with the support of the event's sponsor, Frigate Procurement Logistics Services, bringing together all four stakeholder groups exporters, importers, freight partners and dignitaries in a celebration of Pacific hospitality and partnership.

Naoero Airlines now looks forward to following through on the commitments made in Nadi, supporting exporters and importers as they move from expressions of interest to confirmed shipments, and building toward the next Pacific Bridge and Freight Summit. //

Groundbreaking for Anabar ponds hotel

State-owned enterprise Eigu Holdings Corporation (EHC) held a ground-breaking ceremony, 29 August marking the start of construction on a new five-story hotel in Anabar district.



President Adeang pours first cement marking start of hotel construction

The hotel will feature 212 rooms, a conference facility, a presidential suite and two international-grade restaurants.

The landmark project is made possible through the support of Asia Medical Care, a subsidiary of the Sakurajui Group from Japan.

Marking the starting phase of construction was the first cement pour by President David Adeang and Sakurajui representative and chief secretary in the Naoero Honorary Consul office in Tokyo, Tatsuya Haga, followed by Minister for EHC, Maverick Eoe, Minister Shadlog Bernicke, Deputy Minister Timothy Ika, CEO of

EHC, David Aingimea and Chief Secretary Leona Waidabu.

"This development will strengthen our infrastructure, create jobs and stimulate tourism, while showcasing Naoero's commitment to sustainable and resilient construction," President Adeang said.

"It is a milestone that reflects our collective ambition to build with excellence and integrity."

The construction will span approximately 35 acres of land, utilising land portions 87 and 107, and will feature a 230-metre stretch of beachfront.

The building will be constructed using mineral composite fibre-reinforced materials, a blend of recycled glass fibers, PET resin, limestone and bonding resin, which produce strong, lightweight, fire- and water-resistant materials as well as withstand category 5 hurricanes and 8.5 quakes.

President Adeang says that at five storeys high and with an accessible rooftop view, the hotel will be the first building made of interlocking building blocks, also known as Renco, in the Southern Hemisphere.

"It will certainly be the tallest building in Naoero." He explained that the current name, Anabar Pond Hotel, is only temporary and the Cabinet has yet to decide on a permanent name.

President Adeang expressed his gratitude to everyone who has contributed, particularly the Minister for EHC, including the Chairman, board, management team, engineers, consultants, suppliers and partners. //

PAYA opens branch in Naoero

The Pacific Australia Youth Association (PAYA) has achieved a new milestone by officially launching its branch in Naoero, 19 August.



Minister Scotty and Naoero youth celebrate PAYA branch opening

PAYA is a volunteer-led, non-profit organisation established in early 2020 with its primary mission focused on youth-led regional transformation through connecting, empowering, and equipping young people across the Pacific through leadership development, cultural exchange and capacity building, strengthening community, and inspiring service-oriented actions.

Minister for Community and Youth Affairs Charmaine Scotty acknowledged PAYA and the Naoero National Youth Council's efforts and hard work to achieve their shared goal of uplifting and empowering the youth of Naoero, as they are the future of Naoero.

President of PAYA Dominic de Moura McCarthy says a local committee puts in place ownership and authority to deliver more activities to support the youth.

The support includes financial literacy, digital literacy, sports, health, entrepreneurial upskilling, leadership skills and tools to step into the workforce with confidence and build the future of Naoero. //

Pacific audit institutions talk sustainable islands at Naoero congress



Congress theme speaks to sustainability of the islands as a development priority, survival and resilience

Member states of the Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) met in Naoero for the 27th annual congress with a focus on sustainable islands and the significant work of institutions charged with ensuring responsible governments and management of public resources.

The meeting was held at the Civic Centre Conference Hall, 24-27 August and attended by delegates from the 30-member countries of the Pacific including Australia and New Zealand.

The congress theme: Sustainable Audits for Sustainable Islands: Climate, Capacity, Community – Empowered by Artificial Intelligence, speaks to sustainability of the islands not only as a development priority but as a matter of survival and resilience to the realities of climate change. It also addresses investment in capacity for people and institutions to embrace innovation, development and technological advancements including artificial intelligence.

On behalf of His Excellency President David Adeang, the congress was officially opened by Minister for Women and Social Development Affairs, Charmaine Scotty. In her welcome address the minister said communities experience the effects of climate change every day.

“We must therefore continue strengthening our institutions, improving public decision-making and ensuring that public resources are used effectively for the benefit of our people.

“Strong and independent audit institutions are essential partners in this work. They promote the responsible management of public resources, reinforce public

confidence and help governments deliver better outcomes for their communities,” Minister Scotty said.

She underscores that while the islands are small in size, the collective voice and determination are strong, and encouraged knowledge sharing, experience and practical solutions to build stronger institutions and more resilient communities.

Deputy Speaker of Parliament Isabella Dageago also addressed the congress noting the critical, independent and objective role of audit institutions and the shared common commitment to accountability and good governance of parliament and supreme audit institutions.

“While parliament exercises oversight on behalf of the people, Supreme Audit Institutions provide the independent assurance that enables informed scrutiny of public expenditure and government performance. Together, these institutions form essential pillars of democratic governance.”

Both officials noted the valuable input artificial intelligence brings, but underscore government and oversight institutions to remain vigilant amid the rapid advancement of AI.

The PASAI is the official association of supreme audit institutions (government audit offices and similar organisations, known as SAIs) in the Pacific region. Naoero is one of 30-member states in the Pacific including Australia and New Zealand. PASAI promotes transparent, accountable, effective and efficient use of public sector resources in the Pacific, and contribute to that goal by helping member SAIs improve the quality of public sector auditing in the Pacific to uniformly high standards. //

International flights resume full schedule after fire truck arrival



Emergency services personnel receive specialist ADF training for Rosenbauer fire trucks

Australia completed the delivery of two specialist aircraft rescue and firefighting vehicles in August, ensuring the resumption of regular international flight operations and keeping with civil aviation standards and safety protocols for passenger, freight and emergency services for Naoero.

His Excellency President David Adeang and Cabinet ministers witnessed the arrivals on board Royal Australian Air Force C-17A Globemaster on 13 and 14 August.

President Adeang says Naoero is extremely grateful to the Government and people of Australia, underscoring that Naoero's isolation contributes to the UN's ranking of Naoero as the most vulnerable in the Pacific and fifth most vulnerable globally. Connectivity to the outside world is therefore vital.

Minister for National Emergency Services (NES) Jesse Jeremiah and Australian High Commissioner Lisa White signed the MOU formally handing over the assets. The MOU highlights Australia's commitment to, and understanding of Naoero's needs.

This cooperation is facilitated through the Naoero-Australia Treaty which supports security and resilience needs for Naoero, and importantly, ensures compliance with the Australian Civil Aviation Safety Authority CASA.

The ADF also offered training to NEC, which has since been completed, on the operation and maintenance of the vehicles.

The airport has since restored its category 6 level on Saturday 22 August, then to category 7 on Monday 24 August, and a return to full flight operations.

Secretary for NES Barassi Botelanga says, as the regulator of aviation safety standards, the airport is responsible in checking and ensuring fire fighting equipment are up to standard. To maintain category 6 and 7 levels, the airport must have two firefighting trucks and meet the required levels of water, foam, and dry chemical powder. //



Government announces teacher incentive during USP ceremony



Government values teaching profession, introduces bonus incentive

The USP Naoero campus celebrated the achievements of over 20 students in a certificate-presentation ceremony and welcomed the news of a new bonus scheme encouraging teacher retention, 14 August.

The ceremony was attended by President David Adeang, the Acting USP Campus Director, Felicity Canon, Secretary for Education, Darrina Kun, and families and friends.

Ms Canon delivered the opening remarks, followed by a congratulatory message from President Adeang, commending the graduates from different sectors and professions for their commitment and perseverance in achieving their academic goals.

“Your success reflects both your individual potential and the strength and promise of dei-Naoero.”

President Adeang encouraged those in the teaching profession to enter the classroom with patience, compassion, and enthusiasm.

“Inspire our children to enjoy learning, believe in themselves and recognise that education opens doors to a better future.

“Naoero needs qualified, dedicated and passionate teachers. To support this vital profession, the government has introduced a bonus incentive scheme for teachers who continue serving in our schools for two years.

“This recognises their commitment and encourages trained teachers to remain where their knowledge and skills can make a lasting difference,” President Adeang said.

He adds that the Government of Naoero remains committed to improving school facilities, developing our teachers and increasing student attendance and engagement.

“We want every child in Naoero to have access to quality education and every opportunity to thrive”. Graduates were officially presented with their certificates, marking the important milestone before the program concluded with a group photo. //

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Naoero attends Micronesian Islands Forum

Special Envoy and Chief Secretary Leona Waidabu delivered a statement on behalf of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Naoero at the 28th Micronesian Islands Forum, held in Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia, 17-21 August.



Chief Secretary Waidabu says Naoero stands ready to work with members on shared commitments

The statement reaffirmed Naoero's commitment to practical regional cooperation, particularly through stronger aviation and shipping links, healthier communities, and greater cultural and sporting exchanges.

Naoero called on Micronesian governments to work together on a regional aviation framework, noting that Nauru Airlines expects to commence services to the Federated States of Micronesia by November 2026. Naoero also expressed interest in joining the Micronesian Shipping Commission and exploring how its vessels could support regional services.

"Naoero stands ready to work with every member to turn our shared commitments into tangible improvements in the lives of our people," Chief Secretary Waidabu said on behalf of the President.

Naoero reaffirms its friendship and solidarity with the Micronesian family and its vision for a healthier, better-connected and more prosperous region.

The Micronesian Islands Forum is the premier annual gathering of leaders from across the Micronesian region, bringing together representatives from the national governments of the Federated States of Micronesia and its states of Yap, Chuuk and Kosrae, alongside the Marshall Islands, Naoero, Palau, the U.S. Territory of Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Established in 1994, the MIF serves as a platform for member countries to cooperate and collaborate on critical issues that are important to the Micronesian region; it is also a space for regional and international organisations to engage.

Naoero accepted the invitation to join the MIF in February 2023, recognising the need to further strengthen partnership, unity and enhance the quality of life for the people of Micronesia amid the complex challenges in the region. Naoero's first official participation in MIF was in 2024. //

New data portal supports modern dissemination of official stats

The Naoero Bureau of Statistics (NBS), in partnership with the Pacific Community (SPC) Statistics for Development Division (SDD), officially launched the Naoero Data Portal, 17 August, that will support the modern dissemination and accessibility of Naoero's official statistics.

Department of Finance, Deputy Secretary for Planning and Aid Division (PAD) Samuel Grundler performed the ribbon cutting marking the launch of the portal.

The first major dataset to populate the portal is the 2021 Population and Housing Census. New additions will continue including the upcoming mini census in October 2026.

Following the launch, the NBS held user workshops on 18 and 20 August, combining technical capacity building with strategic planning for the future development of the portal. The workshops brought together government stakeholders, development partners, data users, researchers, and other key stakeholders to promote the use, management, and future development of the portal.

Participants were introduced to the portal's functionalities through demonstrations and hands-on exercises, enabling them to effectively access, analyse, visualise, and download statistical data. The workshop also provided an opportunity to gather user feedback and identify potential improvements.

Additional data sets will progressively be integrated into the portal including GDP, trade equations, household surveys, and other official statistics.

View the portal: <https://stats-nr.pacificdata.org/>



Data portal making it easier and accessible for public use

NBS Officer in Charge, Ramrakha Detenamo said it's taken 12 months to load the content of the portal but is a key step in future data collection and a valuable tool for users to access reliable statistics.

He adds the integration and other dissemination channels including the NBS website, downloadable publications and data files can now be considered part of the modernised process.

Legal Practitioners Act 2019

The Legal Practitioners Act 2019 establishes a process for members of the public to raise concerns about the professional conduct of legal practitioners in Naoero. Complaints must relate to matters within the Tribunal's jurisdiction, specifically the professional conduct or misconduct of legal practitioners and law practices.



Making a Complaint:

When making a complaint, you must provide information that is:

- Relevant to the Tribunal's jurisdiction
- Truthful and accurate
- As complete as possible, including supporting details or documents

This should include:

- Your full name and contact details
- Name of the legal practitioner or law practice
- Clear description of what happened
- Copies of relevant letters, emails, receipts, messages or other documents
- Any other information that may assist in considering your complaint

Scope of Complaints:

Complaints may be made regarding:

- The manner in which legal services have been provided
- A failure to meet professional standards
- Professional competence or diligence
- Conduct that may amount to professional misconduct

A complaint outside the scope of the Tribunal's jurisdiction will not be considered.

Definition of Professional Misconduct:

For clarity, Section 4 of the Legal Practitioners Act 2019 provides that professional misconduct includes:

- (a) substantial or consistent failure to maintain reasonable competence and diligence;
- (b) conduct showing a practitioner is not fit and proper to engage in legal practice;
- (c) conduct showing a law practice is not fit to operate;
- (d) any misconduct regarded by competent practitioners as disgraceful or dishonourable.

Further, Rule 4 of the Legal Practitioners (Professional Conduct) Rules 2019 provides that professional misconduct is conduct tending to bring disrepute to the profession, including:

- (a) breaching or attempting to breach the Act, the Rules, or any other written law;
- (b) knowingly assisting or inducing another practitioner to breach the law;
- (c) misappropriating or dishonestly dealing with client or third party monies or property;
- (d) engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice;
- (e) stating or implying an ability to improperly influence a government agency or official.

Important Note:

Making a complaint does not mean that a legal practitioner has committed professional misconduct. All complaints are subject to proper investigation and determination in accordance with the law. Procedural fairness applies to all parties.

The public is urged not to make, publish or circulate false, misleading or unsubstantiated allegations against legal practitioners.

Respect for the disciplinary process protects both members of the public and legal practitioners and supports confidence in the administration of justice.

Complaint Process:

Complaint Forms are available from the Court Registry. There is no fee for lodging a complaint. Depending on the nature of the matter, it may be investigated, referred, or considered by the Tribunal under the Act.

For more information, or to obtain a Complaint Form, contact: Secretary Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal secretary.lpdt@gmail.com

Deiboe secures Miss Aroeni crown



Jewel Tebouwa greets the crowd as the newly crowned Miss Aroeni

Miss Deiboe, Jewel Tebouwa, was officially crowned Miss Aroeni 2026 during Naoero's Ibūmin Earōeni Day (Tribe Day) celebrations 19 August, succeeding former teen queen Illy-J Waqa. The teenage cultural pageant concluded with Miss Eamwit Emonisa Nasila Fritz and Miss Emea Tiger-lily Agir securing the first and second runner-up placements, respectively.

The Iruwa and Eamwitmwit tribes were also represented by Miss Ebeidabu Sharmika Denuga and Miss Manaia Eidibobon Bill, respectively. //



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