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**Stay hydrated. Drink at LEAST 2 litres of water a day. More if you're working in a hot environment.**



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## Gus Project Manages Pronto

Gus McKenzie, has been very busy since changing roles from Project Manager – NCS Lihir to Project Manager NCS Databases and Pronto Implementation. He still spends plenty of time on Lihir but also visits other NCS operations helping them prepare for their own Pronto roll out.

Gus has been employed by NCS since 2006 but prior to this he contracted to the company. Relationships with many staff, including Lihir GM Felix Holi and Anitua ED (and former NCS GM) Colin Vale, go way back to 1995 when Gus was employed by DKFD, the company responsible for setting up the mine.

NCS Group HR Manager, Monica Benyk, reports that Gus is well known not only for his generosity in sharing his 30 years' worth of catering and camp management knowledge and skills with staff but also his exceptional computer skills. She makes special note of how he "independently built, developed, and enhanced ACCESS databases including



*It's not just computing that Gus has a natural affinity for but also fishing. Gus is pictured here with one of the many tuna he has caught over many years on Lihir.*

modules for Travel, Training, Leave, Rosters, Attendance, Demographic Details, and Performance Appraisals etc., ..... truly an amazing feat for a full time manager in a busy role with no formal qualifications in programming/IT." It's anticipated that NCS Lihir will be ready for Pronto to 'go live' by the end of the year.

## Gender Violence Counselling Training

Staff from NCS's Training, Safety, and HR departments participated in Gender Violence Counselling training on Lihir in August. Group Manager – Safety, Eke Kendi, who attended a specific module on Male Advocacy described the training as "powerful and extremely important to me as a husband, father and manager" and something that he can "definitely draw upon to make our

workplaces safer." Other staff who attended the training were Michael Yakili (Lae) and Cathy Solon, Rachael Obert, Michael Talar and Catherine Kamalap (all from Lihir).

In accord with NCS's 'Elimination of Violence Against Women' (EVAW) program, the staff will use their new ...

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... knowledge to assist in the development of in-house gender violence education and awareness programs for both men and women. Several of the trainees will also complete additional modules which will provide them with an accredited and certified counselling qualification, enabling them to counsel victims and perpetrators.



*NCS staff who attended the first week of Gender Violence Counselling training include (L > R) Rachael Obert, Catherine Kamalap, Michael Yakili and Cathy Solon. Subsequent weeks were also attended by Eke Kendi and Michael Talar.*

## anitua News: Minister Opens Lihir Poultry Project



The Lihir Poultry Project, part of the Lihir Agricultural Project was officially opened by Ben Micah, Minister for Public Enterprises and State Investments in August.

Stage One of the Poultry Project involves egg production which commenced in July this year. Stage Two of the project, involving the production of pork, will

commence once an abattoir has been built. The abattoir will also enable the farm to work toward Stage Three – meat birds.

Not only will the eggs, chicken and pork be consumed locally on Lihir – particularly via the NCS catering contract with Lihir Gold Ltd – inevitably surplus product will be exported off-shore to generate even further income for the people of Lihir. Thus the Agricultural Project will play an important part in the development of Lihir's post mine closure economy and hence its sustainability.

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## TAG Gets New Website

The Alliance Group (TAG), PNG's premier supplier of facilities management and catering services to the oil and gas industry has a new-look website: [www.alliancegroup.png](http://www.alliancegroup.png)



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