



**AUSTRALIAN  
BUSINESS VOLUNTEERS**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **PNG Small businesses graduate after intensive training by Aussie business experts**

A web developer, ICT management consultant and a virtual desktop education technology provider are among graduates of the month-long Australian Business Volunteers (ABV) flagship mentoring program, “Your Enterprise Scheme” (YES).

Facilitated by two Australian business experts, the program is designed to raise the skills of business owners of micro, small and medium enterprises through management workshops and one-on-one mentoring.

“ABV is delighted to rollout the YES Workshop to support IT business owners and managers in Port Moresby as part of its program to strengthen business in communities to alleviate poverty,” CEO ABV, Sarah O’Connor said.

“YES is unique in that it combines both intensive management training with one-on-one mentoring by Australian business experts.

“The course consists of five one day workshops conducted over a four week period with one-on-one mentoring sessions conducted between workshops to provide guidance to participants on goal setting and strategies to consider before they return to the next workshop.

“Plans are well underway to conduct further workshops in the New Year,” Ms O’Connor said.

#### **Australian Business Volunteers**

Australian Business Volunteers (ABV) is a not-for-profit international development organisation that achieves its mission through its volunteers. ABV has over 30 years’ experience in international development and has completed more than 5,000 projects across 34 countries in Asia and the Pacific.

With more than 800 business experts registered to volunteer, ABV programs have evolved and adapted to include entrepreneurial, business and governance training through customised programs with larger corporations and governments.

#### **PNG ICT Cluster**

The PNG ICT Cluster was an initiative funded by BizClim, the European Union Instrument for support to private sector. The project began in March this year and has gained incredible momentum in a very short space of time.

The PNG ICT Cluster is now driven by group of loyal professional ICT Personnel on a volunteer basis. This project is unique, as never before has Cluster Development been used as a tool for economic growth in Pacific Island Countries.

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