



Correctional Service of Solomon Island

Month of September – Nius

Five CSSI Officers Promoted

Five of the Correctional Service Solomon Islands (CSSI) have been promoted to the rank of sergeant and staff sergeants



Five new promoted correctional officer pose for a photo shot after the formal Announcement with Commissioner and Deputy Permanent Secretary of the MPNSCS

Commissioner Gabriel MANELUSI announced the promotions yesterday.

They are Bernard Kungka, Vincent Polycarp Melanoli, Dennis Bule, Joven Feao and Reuben Denimana,

Two were promoted to a rank of Sergeant while three are promoted to a rank of Staff Sergeant

Manelusi congratulate the five on their promotions stating they become immediate role models in their jobs.

“you must lead by example and be God fearing person” Manelusi reminds the five

“You are the first line of supervision for correctional officers and are an essential asset in the daily operation of a Correctional Centres and Commercial Enterprise.

You’ll provide staff with directions and resources to do their jobs and act as a source for offenders seeking additional guidance or redirection.

CSSI FAREWELL LATE STAFF SERGEANT GEORGE AMA.



Late Staff Sergeant George Ama casket been escorted to the Saint Barnabas Cathedral for his final tribute and funeral.

The Permanent Secretary Karen Galokale, Deputy Secretary Julia Twumasi and Staff of the Ministry of Police National Security Correctional Service, Retired Bishop and Paramount Chief of Isabel – Rt. Revd. Bishop James Mason, Vicar General of the Diocesan of Central Melanesian Rt. Revd. Bishop Alfred Hou, officers of the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands, family members, other relatives and friends from Isabel, Makira, Choiseul, Malaita and Guadalcanal Provinces farewell the late Staff Sergeant George Ama at Saint Barnabas Provincial Anglican Church on 8th September 2021.

Late Staff Sergeant George Ama was called to rest on Thursday 2 September 2021 at his residence



Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi delivering his farewell message to the family of late SSgt Ama

Speaking during the funeral service ceremony the Commissioner CSSI Gabriel Manelusi says I stand here on behalf of the Honourable Minister of Police National Security Correctional Service of Solomon Islands, my CSSI Executive, Commandants, and Directors all ranks and files of CSSI family throughout Solomon Islands, to acknowledge his life and service of our colleague the late Staff Sergeant George Ama.



Part of the Correctional officers pay respect to late SSgt George Ama on his arrival at Saint Barnabas Cathedral

“Today we come together to pay our last respect to late Staff Sergeant George Ama. We officer of the CSSI mourn the loss of our colleague, we cannot describe the sadness that all of us experienced over the past few days since the passing away of one of our own best supervisor”. Commissioner Manelusi told the congregation.

To the wife Ruth Ama, children and family members of the late George Ama, I extend my sincere and humble condolence for the sad and untimely loss of your beloved late Staff Sergeant George Ama

Late Staff Sergeant George Ama was enlisted into the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands as a Correctional recruit on 23 February 2009. He was posted to Rove Central Correctional Centre and served under various units such as general duty officer and has progress in his career promoted to Sergeant in 2016 and later promoted to Staff Sergeant in 2019, currently he was the supervisor for the blocks until his death.

“Late Staff Sergeant George Ama served the Government and people of Solomon Islands in the field of Correctional Services with distinction for almost 12 years”. Says Commissioner Manelusi.

During his career with the CSSI the late Staff Sergeant George Ama contributed significantly to enhance safety, rehabilitation, security and good governance in the maintenance of law and order and ensuring a peaceful Solomon Islands for all. It is my duty to bid him farewell with full correctional honour.

To the wife Ruth Ama, children and family members of the late George Ama on behalf of the National Government/CSSI Organisation. I acknowledge and recognize the values, love, caring, discipline, prayer life, and family support to late Staff Sergeant George Ama that rendered to the government and people of Solomon Islands in the field of Correctional Services supporting and allow late Staff Sergeant George Ama to join and work in the CSSI for the last twelve years.

I salute him for his service so long and farewell colleague, may he rest in eternal and blessed peace with the lord. The body of late Staff Sergeant George Ama was finally buried at Kola ridge grave on 8 September 2021.



CSSI Commissioner Mr. Gabriel Manelusi, Permanent Secretary (MPNS&CS) Karen Galokale, Counsellor, Australian High Commission Solomon Islands, Mr. Andrew Elborn. Mr. Frank Fono and others representatives during the Brief Meeting.

CSSI executives meet with key stake holders

A meeting was held on Thursday last week between commissioner of CSSI, Gabriel Manelusi and stake holders at the Australian High Commission Annex Conference Room above the BSP Bank in the Heritage Park Hotel Complex, Honiara

This initiative was undertaken by Commissioner Manelusi, in recognition of the priority needs and support required of the key stakeholders, one that involves close engagement, consultation and support if the project scoping is to be completed in a timely manner.

He informed that this is a major project which has a technical focus on review, assessment and where needed, report recommendations on the rehabilitation of the aging Sewage and Water Management System at RCCC.

The current status of the Sewage and Water Management System is a huge challenge for CSSI and the Commissioner appealed to all stakeholders to continue to render support in order to help mitigate and resolve this problem.

This project is long overdue and has been in a very poor state of repair for several years. In the past years on regular occasions, the current sewage and water system has caused great interruptions to the operations of this maximum-security centre, not to mention the obvious workplace Occupational Health & Safety concerns whenever sewage overflows. In addition to this, the ongoing major costs involved in managing the current situation has been extreme with very challenging impacts on the MPNS&CS and the Government's current limited budget capability.

Commissioner Manelusi said that a very in-depth procurement process had been undertaken successfully over the recent months, and in accordance with the process, the Ministerial Tender Board awarded the contract to LBS Engineers.

The brief meeting was attended by representatives of CSSI's important key stakeholders as follows;

1. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Police, National Security and Correctional Service (MPNS&CS) Ms. Karen Galokale.
2. Counsellor, Australian High Commission Solomon Islands Mr. Andrew Elborn.



Other representatives from other key Stakeholders Ian Gooden Chief Executive Officer, Solomon Water, Lemuel Siosi Managing Director LBS Engineers, Mr. Douglas Hiritarana of MID, Debra Keresaka of environment and Conservation and the CSSI Team during the meeting.

3. Manager Justice Program, Australian High Commission Solomon Islands, Mr. Frank Fono.
4. Chief Executive Officer, Solomon Islands Water Authority, Mr. Ian Gooden.
5. Managing Director, LBS Engineers, Mr. Lemuel Siosi.
6. Compliance Officer Solomon Islands Power Authority, Mr. Lawrence Aforosimae.
7. Planning and Building Division, Honiara City Council, Mr. Willie Nenea.
8. Architect & Building Management Services, Ministry of Infrastructure & Development, Mr. Douglas Hiritarana.
9. RSIPF, Deputy Director Police Infrastructure Department, Mr. Wilson Wakiohunu.
10. Chief Environment Officer, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology, Ms. Debra Keresaka.

The Commissioner in closing the successful meeting, thank the Australian Government through the Solomon Islands Office of the Australian High Commission, for the continued committed support to CSSI, in particular the funding of this particular project stage involving technical evaluations and reports for rehabilitation of the systems, and also the allocation on this occasion for the meeting venue with key stakeholders. He also thanked the stakeholders and agencies for attending the meeting and in advance, for the ongoing future commitment and support towards the major project goals.

He further stated there was a need for all to play their part in this vital project and important area of working to improving and maintaining humane conditions in RCCC, something that cannot be achieved successfully without commitment, sincerity, compassion, and ethical understanding.

Covid 19 Vax Commences at Rove Correctional

The covid-19 vaccination roll out is leaving no stone unturned, reaching inmates at the Rove prison

This exercise began on Wednesday last week

This comes about after some very thoughtful deliberation by his CSSI's management team, through its hard working representative within the National Emergency Response Team (NERT) in Honiara.



Vaccination site set for prison inmates at Rove Central Correctional Centre.

They see the importance of progressing ongoing activities of the Correctional Services as early as next year 2022.

And they have also anticipated a huge back log of incomplete and undone activities which if continues will be a huge setback for CSSI.

Therefore at the review of the CSSI's Covid -19 Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the National Lockdown Plan in early August 2021, the National Emergency Response Team (NERT) representative for CSSI, Inspector David Niui included in the reviewed document, prison inmates vaccination, as this will prepare them in advance if there is a possibility for a lift to certain restriction imposed due to the pandemic, so that Rehabilitation, Regeneration and Reintegration activities can continue once again.



Fellow inmates are given opportunity to ask questions and the medical workers clarifying there doubts before moving on to do other general medical Checks.

Inspector Niui said that the non-vaccination of prison inmates will create a gap that will certainly poses risk to everyone entering and leaving RCCC.

If this gap is not filled and RCCC resumes its normal operations, it will become a breeding ground for the Covid 19 virus.

Hence our request was deliberated on and was approved by the National Oversight Committee, led by its Technical Adviser Doctor Yogesh.

Thus a team lead by Dr. Lawrence Diua started vaccination on Wednesday at the Rove Correctional Facility.



Inmates receiving their first jab of the Covid – 19 Vaccine at RCCC

CSSI Women's Network workshop open



CSSI Women's Network pose for a photo shot with Lorraine Kershaw, Kerry, Commissioner Manelusi, CSSI Advisor Mr. George Samuel, Chaplain Inspt. Fr. Reginald and DCA Catherine Kere

The 13th Gender/Women Network workshop for Correctional Service of Solomon Islands are underway at Correctional Headquarter Honiara, a total of (17) participants both from Provincial Correctional Centres, Rove and HQ attended the workshop for two days

Speaking during the opening the Commissioner CSSI Gabriel Manelusi make some reflections of the achievement and challenges the CSSI women network have faced during this COVID 19 pandemic.

The theme Women's Network conference for this year is "Sharing Knowledge Making Connection in the field of corrections".



Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi delivered his remarks for the participants during the opening ceremony on 9th September.

Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi told CSSI Gender/Women network to reprioritise your work action plan activities for next year 2022 following this theme. He reminded his female officers to discuss issues as there is a lot more work to be done to achieve the vision and mission of the CSSI Gender/Women Network. Let us all work together among yourselves as women CSSI officers and with your male colleague officers

Commissioner Manelusi encourage and challenge the CSSI Women network and all participants that our mission for next year is Gods mission with New Eyes for today and beyond.

"Eyes that we have are very important tools to find and establish good tidings for life/ for salvation, with our eyes we find food, water, money, clothing, friendship, joy, peace and love. With these eyes we find the right way to walk, the right way to think, the right way to talk, and the right way to organise/manage life, with these same eyes again we use to keep away from danger.

"But eyes do not work alone to make things right. They must also go with the heart and mind, the eyes sometimes becomes the tool whereby turns the heart/mind to make map for true direction for our purpose in life.

They have to depend on each other to accomplish one mission called "Salvation for all". "Building a strong trust within the CSSI Organisation family" – What you as a CSSI Women officers like to see in the Organisation for the next 10 – 20 years". Says Manelusi

Commissioner Manelusi say that importantly is also eyes, heart and minds going along with time and change to make life meaningful, It means that the eyes, heart and minds of the past must change to the present to make sense of what is happening now and in the future? If you and I really like to move CSSI differently then my female officers, from now and to the future make a u turn in our character, behaviour, attitude, using your eye, heart and mind to project the future of our nation Solomon Islands

The responsibility will be on the CSSI Gender/Woman network for help our members, communities or inmates. Our achievements and successes need collaboration, cooperation and determination of all women in the CSSI to talk, work and act together. Our attitude towards work, our eye and mind of the past must change to the present towards each other, inmates, the community, our organization, only then will we be able to achieve our aims and objectives.

Finally Commissioner acknowledged the great support in terms of funding the workshop by ASIJP/DFAT.

Chairlady of CSSI Gender/Women Network Staff Sergeant Catherine Nalakia thank the Commissioner and CSSI Executive for the support and ASIJP/DFAT for funding the workshop.

Women can do what Men can do: SSgt Nalakia



CSSI Women's Coordinator Staff Sergeant Catherine Nalakia delivering her speech

The Correctional Service Solomon Islands (CSSI) is proud of its women working force doing the role of men in the institution

CSSI Women's Network Chairlady Staff Sergeant Catherine Nalakia said in regards to COVID-19 response, they are proud to see female correctional officers taking the step forward in providing National Security without no second thoughts in complying with orders and leaving loved ones and families because of their heart they have for the nation of Solomon Islands.

"Us women we can do what men can do" Nalakia told the women officers

Speaking during the opening ceremony SSgt Catherine Nalakia told participant there are challenges that affected women working in a Correctional environment and finding ways to work together in partnership with our male colleagues to move the organisation forward

"Our effort to hold the workshop has been affected by the COVID -19 Global pandemic with the impact it has had on financial resources as well as the new priorities it has brought up for CSSI" Mrs. Nalakia said

"This year workshop gives us opportunity to re-look into their Action Plan to identify areas needed to improve, update organisation policies and ensure that CSSI policies take account of the specific needs of women". She added

Chairlady Nalakia acknowledge the Australia's Solomon Islands Justice Program (SIJP), RSIPF, Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs and female officers represented the provincial correctional Centres for attending the women's' Network senior management conference

Mrs. SSgt Nalakia thanked the CSSI Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi and his leadership in approving and supporting the CSSI Women's Network

CSSI Farewell late CO Wendy Pechakibo



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The Permanent Secretary Karen Galokale of the Ministry of Police National Security and Correctional Service and staff, Commissioner of the Correctional Service Solomon Island (CSSI), SIJP, Executive staffs, Commandants, Directors, Ranks and files, family members paid tribute to correctional officer late Wendy Pechakibo who sadly passed away in her home residence in Honiara yesterday, 26 September 2021

Executives and staffs of CSSI salute CO Wendy Pechakibo for the efforts she achieved on behalf of the country's security, law and order after joining the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands in 2006, Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi said she is an outstanding female officer who ensures, tasks must be achieved on time.

“Pechakibo contribution to CSSI organisation, government and the people of Solomon Islands for the least of 15 years where your support makes late CO Pechakibo to be a leader in the CSSI organisation. She was posted to Rove Central Correctional Centre and served under programs unit as a senior administration officer, CSSI women's Network Committee and currently posted at the Correctional Head quarter as an assistant Registry officer till she was called to rest”. Manelusi said

Manelusi reminds the family of late CO Pechakibo at the funeral service held at Kukum SDA church that it's very hard moment for all of us, but we must accept and continue pray for her and continue pray for each other especially the family. She return to God the owner, her return is gain by God and a loss to us here on this earth

Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi acknowledge the Permanent Secretary and Staff in Ministry of Police National Security and Correctional Service, SIJP, the SDA Kukum church pastor, husband and children of late Pechakibo, Executive members, Commandants, Directors, Ranks and Files for attending, honoring and to pay last respect to late CO Wendy Pechakibo

The body of late Correctional Officer Wendy Pechakibo was finally transported by officers and family members to her home village at Aruligho on 29th September 2021 for her final rest.