



Correctional Service Solomon Islands Monthly News Bulletin



Probationers received their recognitions

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Every Correctional officer recruited to the Service must serve a probation of two years and must display good conduct and satisfactory performance during that period before they can be permanently appointed.

17 Probationers out of the bunch of 40, received their Confirmation of Appointment as a Permanent Correctional Officer. Commissioner Manelusi acknowledged and thanked the Correctional Service Training Centre (CSTC) Director, staff and Commandant for supervising and assessing the report of these officers for their 2 years' probation as of October 2020.

The Commissioner expressed his gratitude and congratulate the con-

firmed officers for their high level of performance in their roles and responsibilities.

In his brief remarks Manelusi highlights three basic principles and legacy of Jesus to the confirmed officers, that is, 'Words, Action and Obey'.

"Words" is a powerful principle of Jesus, as He used "words" for healing, comfort and encouragement" Action" is the second practical principle of Jesus demonstrated by His life on earth and the final principle was simply to "obey" what he was mandated to do. Manelusi reiterates to officers that God is watching your action, listening to your words and follow your obedience to God and to fulfil your duties.

Thus the remaining out of 17 confirmed officers are in exceptional circumstances, that their probation period now extended up to six months. This is to provide an opportunity for them to reach a satisfactory standard of performance, otherwise you may leave your active service.

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CSSI Commissioner meets HCC Clerk and Works Manager



CSSI Commissioner Mr. Gabriel Manelusi pose for a photo shot with HCC Clerk Mr. Justus Denni (centre) and Works Manager Mr. Eddie Gaza (left) after their discussion

On 06 May 2022, the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi paid a courtesy call to the Honiara City Council (HCC) Clerk Justus Denni and Works Manager Eddie Gaza.

During this courtesy a signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between CSSI and HCC, have successfully conducted based on the engagement of inmate's in community work program.

This comes under the Yellow Ribbon Project programs to rehabilitate inmates to become an asset of this nation Solomon Islands

In the previous week Commissioner CSSI discussed this with the Permanent Secretary of MID, Mr. Stephen Maesiola, in which he

highly commended the MOA initiative.

HCC Clerk Justus Denni thanked Commissioner Manelusi for the great initiative to involve low profile inmates in community work program in Honiara city as part of their rehabilitation and reintegration process.

"Honiara City Council Executive will be part of this program after formalizing the Memorandum of Agreement" HCC Clerk Denni assured Commissioner Manelusi.

Works Manager Eddie Gaza said this is a very good initiative and HCC has a lot of small jobs available in the heart of Honiara city.

Commissioner Manelusi acknowledged and thanked the HCC Clerk, Works Manager and Executive for their support to the CSSI's initiative to implement the community work programs for the inmates by the third or fourth quarter of this year 2022.

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CSSI signs broadcasting deal with National Radio



Photo-(L-R): Superintendent Bernard Ramota, Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi, SIBC Sales Manager Moddy Nanau and Elizabeth Ratu after signing the broadcast deal.

A contract agreement on the radio educational awareness program for the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) was signed on Friday 6 May 2022 between Gabriel Manelusi Commissioner Correctional Service and Moddy Nanau SIBC Manager Sales and Marketing.

The signing of the document now officially endorses all discussion and arrangement towards the implementation of the radio educational awareness program which will go to air on the 18 May 2022.

Reasons is that Solomon Islands is a country with well over 80% of its citizen living in the rural areas. A vast majority of the population are illiterate and are deprived of their right to access relevant information

This radio educational awareness can be seen as a way forward in raising awareness on the role of CSSI and the responsibility of the communities in giving ex-offenders a “second chance in life” during this COVID 19 protocols.

This radio educational awareness strategy is designed to educate citizens and stakeholders on the transition from Solomon Islands Prison Services (SIPS) to CSSI, promote Rehabilitation, Regeneration, Reintegration Strategy 2022 and beyond, provide avenues for public support and collaboration with CSSI, promote of peacebuilding, prevention and rehabilitation of ex-offenders at all levels, educate citizens on legal obligations and mandates to reduce

and prevent crime and re-offenses and acknowledge the cooperation of former parolees through effective follow-up process

In his remarks during the signing, Commissioner Manelusi thanked and acknowledged SIBC Manager Sales and Marketing for the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and thank the UNDP Country Manager for funding this radio educational awareness program for CSSI, the duration of the MOA is 8 months, starting May up to December 2022.

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CSSI NPPRAB Zoom Forum held successfully

On Wednesday 11th May, the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) held a half day zoom forum for its National Peacebuilding, Prevention, Rehabilitation Advisory Board (NPPRAB) at the SIBC conference room.

This was the first of its kind with the theme, “Iumi Tugeda Waka Fo Bildim Peace, Stopem Crime, Stretem Life Fo United and Prosperous Solomon Islands”

The core sector members of NPPRAB evolves around CSSI, RSIPF Crime Prevention and the Ministry of Traditional Governance, Peace and Ecclesiastical Affairs (MTGPEA). Board membership comprises of, Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Permanent Secretaries, SICA, SIFGA, Development Services Exchange (local and national NGO’s), SI Red Cross, Donor and Diplomatic agencies.

MTGPEA Minister, Hon. Samuel Manetoali, was the key note speaker for the inaugural Board forum. This was followed by the Rehabilitation Director of Singapore Prison Service, and their presentation was mainly on the Yellow Ribbon Project that has significantly impacted ex-offenders and the nation as a whole.

MTGPEA presentation focused on peacebuilding, re-

view of relevant policies and challenges; RSIPF was more on crime prevention strategies, with emphasis on the five drivers of criminal activities; and CSSI highlighted the rehabilitation of ex-offenders, and the roles and functions of the NPPRAB structure and framework at the national, provincial, ward and village levels.

Hon. Minister expressed his gratitude to be rendered the opportunity to present the official opening remarks. He stated that the forum is closely related to the core fundamental aspect of our constitution, such as protection, peace and the rule of law. As reflected in the preamble of our constitution, sections “B” and “C” highlight the importance of equality, social justice, human dignity, communal solidarity, and human dignity that are the very basis of our peace loving and protected society.

Meanwhile CSSI Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi mentioned that the NPPRAB zoom forum is a historical event between the two Ministries (MTGPEA and MPNS&CS). Significantly, this joint forum is based on “sharing and working together” to develop a framework by mapping a way forward for our beloved country Solomon Islands.

The Commissioner said that the collaborative approach is where

we all shall share together to identify issues raised during the presentations and to tackle these issues in a more holistic and collaborative manner. This is highly achievable through proper structure, whether it’s governance or leadership issues within the people, program, or process.

In gesture, Commissioner Manelusi sincerely acknowledged and thanked the Permanent Secretaries, Ministerial representatives, Donor partners, key Stakeholders and Churches for accepting the invitation. More so, it is valuable and rewarding for the connectivity via zoom, despite the busy schedules. CSSI’s regional partner, the Singapore Prison Service was duly acknowledged, including their support on the rehabilitation process through the Yellow Ribbon Project.

The Commissioner thanked and gave credit to the Australian Government, DFAT through the Australia Solomon Islands Justice Program (ASIJP), for the financial support for the forum to eventuate at the SIBC Conference room and Heritage Park Hotel for members’ lunch buffet.

Together let us work to build peace, prevent crime and rehabilitate our fellow citizens, the ex-offenders.

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NPPRAB Zoom Forum Pictorials



Group photo with NPPRAB Zoom Host, Zoom Participants and Key Stakeholders after their lunch at Heritage Park.



NPPRAB Zoom Host Participants at the SIBC Conference Room



CSSI Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi



Hon Manetoali (centre) with CSSI Commissioner Manelusi (right) and Deputy Commissioner Nagu looks on during a zoom presentation



MTGPEA Minister Hon Samuel Manetoali



Ministry of Traditional Governance, Peace and Ecclesiastical Affairs staff whom form part of this National Peacebuilding, Prevention, Rehabilitation Advisory Board Committee during the virtual conferencing at SIBC.

Ministry of Police, National Security & Correctional Services

Rehabilitation and reintegration of former inmates requires a whole of society approach

Honiara, Solomon Islands (Wednesday 18 May 2022) -

The Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) has embarked on a revitalized campaign to promote and raise awareness on the importance of giving ex-offenders a 'second chance in life'

Offenders face significant challenges in their social reintegration, including stigmatization and ostracism, which can impede their ability to find jobs, housing or return to formal education. Unless they receive help to face these issues, offenders risk getting caught up in a vicious cycle of challenges of reintegration and recidivism.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is supporting CSSI with radio programs and with technical support in ensuring that inmates receive services in line with the Mandela Rules.

The CSSI is also working closely with national and provincial governments, civil society organizations, local communities which will see the establishment of National Board, Provincial Council and Ward Committees which will strengthen the reintegration of offenders at the community level, faith based organizations and additional stakeholders within the private and development sectors.

The theme of the campaign is, **"Iumi Tugeda Waka for Bildim Peace, Stopem Crime, Stretim Life, for United and Prosperous Solomon Islands"**

The Commissioner of CSSI



Mr. Gabriel Manelusi, expressed his appreciation for this timely support and is looking forward to the positive outcomes of what this campaign aims to achieve.

"The rehabilitation of inmates is an integral part of CSSI's mandate as this ensures that upon their release, they shall become effective partners, parents, contributing to the national workforce," said Commissioner Manelusi.

"The majority of inmates have a strong motivation to be successful citizens if given another chance following their incarceration. Therefore, families, communities, provinces and all other stakeholders have a major role to play in getting them attain their goal."

He added, "CSSI has always have a

fruitful partnership with UNDP, and we are grateful that they are supporting us again in this campaign as it will greatly boost our community outreach efforts. This also echoes one of our ethos which recognizes that social reintegration into communities is one of the basic objectives of a criminal justice system".

"We take ownership on how the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, the Nelson Mandela Rules are translated based on our country's reality," said Commissioner Manelusi.

UNDP Solomon Islands Country Manager/Deputy Resident Representative, Mr. Berdi Berdiyev, reassured the Commissioner of UNDP's on-going commitment to support the mandate of CSSI, considering its global expertise in supporting prison reforms.

"The Nelson Mandela Rules clearly establish that rehabilitation is crucial in achieving reduction in recidivism," said Berdiyev.

He added, "The prison system is an important component of a properly functioning criminal justice chain.

We value the work that CSSI has undertaken so far and UNDP's support to this campaign will help boost the efforts to sustain rule of law, along with the recognition that communities are central in driving this."

The CSSI operates six correctional centers around the country, and they are present in Honiara, Guadalcanal, Temotu, Makira, Malaita and Western Provinces



Giving a second chance education to inmates



Group photo (sitting L-R), Assistant Commissioner of Labour (NTTTC) Mr. John Tahiaapa and CSSI Commissioner Mr. Gabriel Manelusi pose for a group photo with Labour Division staff and CSSI staff after courtesy call.

The Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi and his delegation has paid a courtesy call to the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Labour and Immigration (MCILI) on Tuesday 24 May 2022, following their invitation.

The preliminary discussion was focused mainly on how to give a second chance education to inmates while they serve their sentence behind bars.

According to this discussions, both agencies has agreed for the National Trade Test Training and Certification (NTTTC) under the MCILI, Labour Division will be rolling out after the signing of Memorandum of

Agreement (MOA) between the Ministry of Commerce Industry, Labour and Immigration (MCILI) and Correctional Service Solomon Islands (CSSI).

Both agencies will be working in partnership and collaboration in ensuring this formalities and mechanisms builds a foundation that paves a way forward in rehabilitation, regeneration and reintegration of correctional inmates.

NTTTC staff will be working on the details to facilitate the trade test trainings & certifications to the inmates to upgrade and promote the general standards of tradesman ship through skills dissemination, certification and accreditation in the country, to assess every trade's personals according to the degree of proficiency achieved in their trade tests, to motivate and courage trade's personals develop their skills and knowledge through continuous training and to provide successful tradesman with Nationally/

Regionally recognized trade certificate.

This will create opportunities for inmates to learn a trade or skill and upgrade themselves through the approved levels of testing and certification and to establish and maintain a strong tripartite relationship between industries, training institutions and government.

Commissioner Manelusi acknowledge the Labour Division Assistant Commissioner and his Team for their invitation to discuss the high need in identifying a way forward to project the training for the re-offending inmates.

Assistant Commissioner Labour Mr. John Tahiaapa assured his colleague CSSI Commissioner Manelusi that the Ministry are happy to support and work together with CSSI to support inmates because when they release from jail they will help and contribute to addressing Solomon Islands human resources development needs.

CSSI welcomes Sir Nathaniel Rahumaea Waena Recruits

The Correctional Service Solomon Islands (CSSI) welcomes 42 new recruits in a low key opening ceremony at the Correctional Service Headquarters, Academy in Honiara, with a call to serve the government and people of our beloved country with integrity, professionalism and respect.

The 42 new recruit's hails from our nine provinces within our country and among the recruits are 15 females and 27 males.

Speaking during the official opening of CSSI New Recruits 04/2019, CSSI Commissioner Mr. Gabriel Manelusi feels very humble to acknowledge the Guest of Honour Sir Nathaniel Waena to witness the official opening despite his busy schedule.

"My Executive do value your presence and highly acknowledge for accepting the CSSI in providing your family name in this recruit class, as 'Sir Nathaniel Rahumaea Waena Recruits'", says Manelusi.

"You are the first Recruits to undergo a new comprehen-



Sir Nathaniel Rahumaea Waena

sive training syllabus within the CSSI Academy after it is reviewed and recently endorsed for implementation".

"As your Commissioner, I would like to reinforce to you that the Solomon Islands Government and the Communities are expecting the CSSI staff to perform your duties with integrity, high discipline, professionalism and without favour", says Manelusi.

Meanwhile, the Guest of Honour, Sir Nathaniel Waena in his keynote address thank the CSSI Commissioner for the kind invitation, to enable him to attend this morning's official opening, to address the Sir Nathaniel Waena Recruits.

"I am indeed, most honored to have been granted the privilege, of having this recruitment course

name after 'Waena'. May I humbly wish each of you who are members of this course, God's manifold blessing and success, in the duration of the course".

Sir Waena adds, Correctional Service are at times rather challenging and a dynamic environment to work in, this is why your training and achievement of your Certificate III, will provide you the confidence, to carry out your duties, to a high standard, cohesive team work, discipline, the ability to follow instructions and respect for authority, will also help you deliver high standards of service.

Sir Waena appeal to the New Recruit, in this course that you must impress upon the inmates, the importance of their relationship with God, our creator and the training given to you in this course, will equip you to do your work well, by turning the obedience of the inmates, to the repentance of their earthly life, to be saved from their weaknesses in life and gain spiritual salvation, for their heavenly life purpose.

The new recruits will commence its intensive training as of today 30 May 2022, for the duration of four (04) months.



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CSSI Code of Conduct

- ◆ ***Loyalty***
- ◆ ***Honesty and Integrity***
- ◆ ***Respect***
- ◆ ***Discipline***
- ◆ ***Use of Office***
- ◆ ***Fairness***
- ◆ ***Accountability***
- ◆ ***Acceptance***

Our vision

***An effective, ethical,
committed and profes-
sional organization and
to be a leader in correc-
tional management in
the region***

Our mission

***To enhance the safety
of the community by
providing secure and
humane containment
through facilitating the
rehabilitation and rein-
tegration of prisoners***

The Correctional Services Act 2007 and Regulations Part II, 7, determines occupancy capacities for each Correctional Centre in the Solomon Islands as follows;

Rove Central Correctional Centre is located in Honiara City (High Security) with a capacity of 396 inmates

Auki Correctional Centre is located in Malaita Province (Medium/Low Security) with a capacity of 60 inmates

Gizo Correctional Centre is located in Western Province (Medium/Low Security) with a capacity of 50 inmates

Kirakira Correctional Centre is located in Makira Province (Medium/Low Security) with a capacity of 28 inmates

Lata Correctional Centre is located in Temotu Province (Medium/Low Security) with a capacity of 25 inmates

Tetere Correctional Centre is located in Guadalcanal Province (Low Security) with a capacity of 80 inmates

The total holding capacity of CSSI across the country is 639 inmates and by looking at this figure in comparison to crime rates in the country, the capacity is not enough we need more Correctional Centres...



Brief History of Correctional Services of Solomon Island

In 1897 British Solomon Islands Protectorate had its first Resident Commissioner, Mr. Charles M. Woodford. He took up residence on Tulagi.

That year he brought prisoners back from Guadalcanal and had them chained to house posts.

There was no proper prison built.

In 1898 Mr. Woodford built Tulagi and the main facilities then were; The Court house, Police headquarters & Prison, Post Office and the Government Hospital.

The Prison and the small Police headquarters were a useful advance for Mr. Woodford.

The murder of government tax

collector Mr. Bell in 1927 by Basiana and his associates of the Kwaio ethnic group on Malaita saw Mr. Basiana arrested, found guilty and hanged, with *his young sons being forced to witness the execution.*

In 1966 the Prison system was introduced by the Colonial office and was administered by the RSIPF.

In 1975 the country was formally renamed "Solomon Islands"

And on July 7, 1978, the Solomon Islands attained independence

The year 1982 saw the separation of the Solomon Islands

Prison Service from RSIPF.

Solomon Islands Prison Service was based on the colonial punitive model which focused mainly on "securing" and "containing" nothing more

Between 2005 to 2006 the Solomon Islands Prison Service reviewed the *Acts and Regulations*.

In 2007 & 2008 the Acts and Regulations were passed and enacted by the Solomon Islands Parliament;

Solomon Island Prison Service then changed to Correctional Service of Solomon Islands.