



# Correctional Service Solomon Islands Monthly News Bulletin



To enhance the safety of the community by providing secure and humane containment through facilitating the rehabilitation and reintegration of Inmates



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**T**o the Head of State our Governor General Sir. David Vunagi, Head of our National Government, Prime Minister Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Speaker of the National Parliament Patteson Oti, Chief Justices of Solomon Islands Sir Albert Rocky Palmer, Hon. Ministers of the Crown, Hon. Members of the Opposition, Heads and Members of Diplomatic Missions, Regional and International Political, Social and Economic Development Partners, All Constitutional Post Holders, Members of our Provincial Assembly, Honiara City Council Members, SICA and

## Independence Message from the Commissioner



SIFGA Church Leaders, Non-Government Organizations, Media, Community Traditional Leaders, Women, Youth, Children, Farmers, Fisherman, Sick Patients in our Hospitals and rural Clinics, People Living With Disability, Correctional Service of Solomon Islands Senior Management and Executive Members, Commandants, Directors, Ranks and Files, Inmates in our Correctional Centres, Visiting Guests, National Citizens throughout our Country and Abroad.

As the Commissioner of Correctional Service of Solomon Islands, may I take this time to prominently thank God for our 44<sup>th</sup> independence celebration since 7<sup>th</sup> July 1978. Since becoming an independent nation from the British protectorate, we have journeyed through numerous political, social and economic challenges and difficulties. In the midst of what we went through, we have obtained peace, stability, hope, providence and guidance from our regional and international stakeholders through bilateral partnerships.

In addition to that, I would like to sincerely acknowledge and thank each of you for your prayers, consent and support to the Correctional Service over the years since the colonial period, through the independence and transitional care and support services to our inmates as citi-

zens of our beloved nation Solomon Islands.

In our national independence celebration may we be encouraged to reflect on the political, social and economic situation and more especially the recent global pandemic and social unrest within the last three years. As a Christian nation, we have gone through the Easter season of the death and resurrection of our one and only Saviour Jesus Christ and the Pentecost festival where God sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen us believers to triumph over challenges and difficulties we are faced with, through our trust in Him.

***‘Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people’***

Let us be reminded of the scripture Proverbs 14:34 and I quote, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people” end of quote. By the grace of God, may this independence anniversary be filled with joy, peace and progress as we make our way forward and especially when our inmates are given a second chance in life and make good citizens of our beloved nation in this globalized world.

May God bless our Solomon Islands from shore to shore.



## CSSI recognize its ERG officers



*ERG officers pose for a group photo with CSSI Commissioner and his Executive after the official presentations.*

**T**wenty-five ERG personnel's been honored for their professional conducts.

The Commissioner of Correctional Service Solomon Islands (CSSI) Gabriel Manelusi and his Executive staff award them with certificate of appreciation and recognition of service during the Commissioner's parade at the CSSI Headquarter on 6 July 2022

This certificate is awarded in appreciation and recognition of the training conducted by Peoples Republic of China (PRC) Police Liaison Team, RSIPF Police Response Team (PRT) and Australian Federal Police (AFP), where CSSI Emergency

Response Group (ERG) personnel's were very much part of.

Speaking during the parade, Commissioner Manelusi commended the ERG personnel for their tireless efforts rendered. Their commitment, dedication and courage resulted in them achieving an important objective of CSSI. This also raised CSSI to become a highly credible, accountable and trusted disciplinary organization.

Commissioner Manelusi thanked the Overall In charge of ERG and Team members for their professional conduct during the training. Their demonstrations with PRC, PRT & AFP helped to enhance the organization's training capacity and capability.

He then reiterated that the Government officials and CSSI Executive staff highly commended and valued their performance based on the skills and tactics displayed.

The Commissioner duly acknowledged the presence of Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, Commandant, Directors, Advisors, Sir Waena Recruits, Ranks and Files for their ongoing support and commitment to the organization.

This week's Commissioner's parade was indeed highlighted with the presentation of certificates to the ERG officers.



*CSSI Ranks and Files who witnesses the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation and Recognition of Service during the Commissioners parade at the Correctional Headquarter, Rove.*



## Command and Pictorials of CSSI ERG Demonstrations with RSIPF and CPLT

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) National Response Department (NRD) officers with the Emergency Response Group (ERG) of the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) together with the China Police liaison Team (CPLT) perform a successful demonstration at the Rove Police Headquarters on 01st July 2022.





## CSSI celebrate 44<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary



**Minister of MPNSCS Hon. Anthony Veke delivering his keynote address**

**T**he Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) celebrated the country 44<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary at the RSIPF Club on 07 July 2022

A day commemoration comprised of staff and their family members from the Ministry of Police National Security and Correctional Services (MPNS&CS), Correctional Services of Solomon Islands (CSSI) and the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF).

The national theme for this year's 44<sup>th</sup> Independence Celebrations is ***"Umi Tugeda for a Stronger and Peaceful Solomon Islands"***. The theme really resonates on why we are here as a Ministry.

Minister of MPNS&CS Hon. Anthony Veke in his keynote address during the celebration echoed that, we as a team, are working together to build our peaceful and beloved Solomon Islands. Our working together is our beginning, staying together is our working progress and our efforts to work together is our collective success.

Hon. Veke highlighted the fact that we are custodian of law, order and peace in our country. These mandatory tasks are very demanding, and we have an important role to play in the country's growth and development.

Meanwhile Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi conveyed his congratulatory message to the Correctional officers. This entails men and women officers working tirelessly throughout the Correctional centres. This has been reflected in the last 44 years of success and maintenance of safety, security and good governance of Correctional services in the country.



Manelusi reinforced that Correctional Service of Solomon Islands strives within its mandated legislative and ad-

ministrative corporate businesses as a key component in the criminal justice process in the country.

Along with Hon. Minister Anthony Veke, Commissioner Manelusi thanked all CSSI family members for giving their time and supporting their family members while working in CSSI and RSIPF. It's certainly not an easy task, working in odd hours and facing dangerous situations. However, your commitment, support and trust help strengthen your task effectively and efficiently.

The celebration ended with a lot of fun and entertainment. Along with the official ceremony, sporting activities, cultural dances, lemon & spoon race for children, water balloon toss and race, volleyball competitions, tug-of-war and sack race for both men and women were also organized.

It has been an enjoyable commemoration.



**SIAPF Officers whom form part of the day celebration**



## Commands and Pictorials of 44<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary Celebration at Rove play ground





## RCCC Inmates celebrates; 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary behind barricades



*RCCC Rehabilitation Team pose for a group photo with inmates and the local artist*

**15 July 2022**, Rove Central Correctional Centre (RCCC) inmates permissibly commemorated the country's 44<sup>th</sup> Independence anniversary behind barricades, organized by the CSSI Rehabilitation, Regeneration and Reintegration Unit.

The program begins with a prayer prior to the welcome speech and singing of the national anthem. This was well presented by one of the inmates and local artists featuring Stegabay putting up special items

Speaking during the event, the Centre's Chief Security Superintendent Derick Tenai echoed the significance of a better society and communities where people live in harmony, peace, freedom from violence and oth-

er unlawful activities.

He mentioned that inmates reflecting and learning their old life are able to embrace their personal happiness and joy. He added that this will surely be reflected on their behavior when they are released from the jail and starting a new trend in their life.

The RCCC Chief Security conveyed his gratitude to Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi and his Executives for their permission to host the program.

He also thanked Director RRR, Rehabilitation team and RCCC Management for positively promoting valuable initiatives which are of great significance to the inmates.

He also congratulated local artists supporting inmates to perform live band entertainment during the independence celebration of our beloved Solomon Islands.

Furthermore, the Superintendent Tenai highly requested the RCCC Rehabilitation unit to pursue new initiatives that would enhance high profit and a hopeful future for the inmates.

RCCC Chaplain Inspector Fr. Reginald Tohutohuniu also addressed the inmates. In their reflection, he called on them to bring about a change of heart and work hard in life's and struggles encountered.

The program ended with lots fun, entertainments and refreshments.





## Inmates, 44th Independence Anniversary Celebration Pictorials





## 34 CSSI Officers promoted



*Newly promoted staff pose for a group photo with the Commissioner and his Executives*

**A** total of 34 Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) officers have been promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Senior Sergeant, Inspector, Superintendent and Upper Segment on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

CSSI Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi formally announced the promotions of his officers during the Commissioner's parade at the Correctional Service Headquarters, Rove in Honiara.

Ten Officers were promoted to the rank of Sergeant, seven officers to the rank of Senior Sergeant, five officers to the rank of Inspector, four officers to the rank of Superintendent and eight officers received their Upper Segment.

Commissioner Manelusi mentioned that the promotion surely means that the organization not only recognizes their achievements, but also their continuing dedication, hard work and commitment to serve the

country and the people of Solomon Islands. He insisted that they must lead by example and be a God-fearing person.

"As your Commissioner, I would like to say that the success of Correctional Services depends on qualities enhancing strong and sound leadership you provide", said Manelusi.

He reiterated that strong leaders drive the performance and effectiveness of others. They also help to create an environment where every senior and subordinate officers can and should perform to their potential responsibilities, within the organization mission, vision, goals and values.

"As you move up the hierarchy or taking up responsibilities, may you not forget to look back and guide your subordinate and colleague officers to encourage them to continue outshining in their responsible units".

He also reminded the promoted officers to perform their roles diligently, with loyalty and hard work to the best of their ability. Consequently, the work at every level of the

organization is important, as far as mandated duties and responsibilities are concerned.

Newly promoted Superintendent Needy Topue on behalf of the promoted officers acknowledged the Office of the Commissioner for their leadership in driving the agency forward. It was through supporting the human resources development strategy with the emphasis on the individual performances, recognitions and rewards.

"Thank you for the ongoing support, encouragement, advise, contributions and also believing in us that we are ready to take on the new role and more responsibility mandated to us", says Topue.

***"strong leaders drive the performance and effectiveness of others"***



## Officers Promotion Pictorials



*Superintendent Needy Topue receive her appointment from Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi while two Deputy Commissioners looks on*



*Senior Sergeant Timothy Kivelu receive his promotion*



*Supervising Director RRR Cecil Nokia receive his upper Segment promotion from Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi*



*Sergeant Mathew Rafa receive his promotion from Commissioner*



*Inspector Dorothy Manase receive her upper segment from CSSI Commissioner*



*Inspector Bobby Ramoau receive his promotion from commissioner*



## CSSI officers undergo Basic Investigation Course



*CSSI officers who undergone Basic Investigation courses pose for a group photo with Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi and Facilitator Mr. Jack Balaga after the official opening of the course.*

Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) Investigation and Compliance Officers are currently undergoing a four days training on basic investigation course, as of 25<sup>th</sup> July at the CSSI Headquarter, Rove.

Speaking during the opening, Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi welcomed the trainer and facilitator Mr. Jack Balaga from JADI General Professional Services and more so, the participants themselves for being part of the course.

Commissioner Manelusi reiterated to participants, that they are going to be trained as critical investigative officers and will engaged in such situations. Ultimately understanding the entirety of investigative process through

criminal investigations is important.

This basic course provides participants with an effective investigation tool that are more crucial. They are effectively prompting them from investigation, to enhanced force investigation, evidence based method and cognitive interview process.

The Office of the Commissioner developed this comprehensive course; outlining concepts and theories in investigation and report analysis. This enables officers with the relevant skills and knowledge to develop investigative strategies, and to effectively and objectively collect legitimate information within the organizational struc-

tures to fully meet set goals.

On behalf of the CSSI Executive, Commissioner Manelusi thanked the Director of Professional Standard Unit, Correctional Service Academy Staff, and especially the Managing Director of JADI General Professional Services, Mr. Jack Balaga for his continuous support and partnership within the national disciplinary force, he is a former retired Senior Police Detective Officer.

Official participants in this basic investigation course are from Tetere Correctional Centre, Rove Central Correctional Centre and the CSSI Headquarter.





### ***Our vision***

*An effective, ethical, committed and professional organization and to be a leader in correctional management in the region*

### ***Our mission***

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

### **CSSI Code of Conduct**

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

### **Our Values**

- ◆ *Commitment to the Constitution and Legislative Frameworks of Solomon Islands*
- ◆ *Justice & Fairness*
- ◆ *Accountability & Transparency*
- ◆ *Respect & Ethical Responsibility*
- ◆ *Diversity*
- ◆ *Professionalism & Integrity*
- ◆ *Collaborative Partnership and Engagement*

### **Our Goals**

- ◆ *Safe, secure and humane environments with improved opportunities for prisoner rehabilitation and reintegration*
- ◆ *Capability development through a professional, skilled and valued workforce that embraces gender equality*
- ◆ *Accountable and sustainable cost effective services and deliveries*
- ◆ *Improved professional standards and corporate governance*
- ◆ *Developed infrastructure strategies and planning that provide “value for money” outcomes and use of resources*

**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...



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