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A. HIGHLIGHTS

- Tropical Cyclone Warning for Western Province was downgraded to Strong Wind Warning at 9:00 Am today.
- Tropical Cyclone Warning Number 25 issued by the Solomon Islands Meteorological Service (SIMS) as of 1:30 AM, Saturday 11th April 2026.
- Tropical Cyclone Maila (Category 1) is located approximately 167 kilometers southwest of Mono Island, Western Province.
- The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) remains on Full-On Activation to monitor the weather situation, receive impact reports, provide the public with safety messages and coordinate national and provincial initial response efforts.
- National Disaster Sectors initial response plan and associated budget have been developed to guide the implementation of priority interventions across affected areas.
- Provincial Emergency Operation Centers (PEOCs) in impacted areas remain on activation to receive impact reports and coordinate initial response efforts.
- A State of Disaster has been declared by the Chairman of the National Disaster Council on Friday 10th April 2026 for Western and Choiseul Provinces.
- The Cabinet has approved 10 million as commitment to meet emergency relief efforts.
- An aerial assessment has been conducted by the New Zealand Defence Force maritime patrol aircraft on 10th April 2026 in respond to the request made by the Solomon Islands Government (SIG).
- Western and Choiseul Provinces have been categorized as high priority areas by SIG.

B. SITUATION OVERVIEW

Brief Weather Update

The Solomon Islands Meteorological Service has issued Strong Wind Warning Number One for the waters of Western, Choiseul and Isabel Provinces as of 9:00 am on Saturday, 11 April 2026. Tropical Cyclone Maila (Category 1) was located about 156 km southwest of Mono Island early this morning and is expected to move slowly southwest toward southeastern Papua New Guinea. That means the Tropical Cyclone warning previously enforced for Wester Province has now downgraded to strong wind warning.

Elsewhere, conditions will be unsettled with moderate winds, rain, and thunderstorms. Communities are urged to stay alert, as flooding and landslides are possible, and to take precautions both at sea and on the roads.

C. IMPACTS REPORTED TO DATE

The NEOC continues to collect and collate information regarding impacts caused by Tropical Cyclone Maila.

Western Province

Reported impacts by Sectors are as follows

Infrastructure Sector

- Sambora, Simbo Island, 132 dwelling households reported destroyed.
- Nusa Simbo, 131 households reported destroyed.
- Narovo, approximately 90% of all dwelling houses destroyed, along with one clinic and one school.
- Kudu Village, 30 households reported destroyed.
- Falamai, Mono, 12 households reported destroyed, with widespread destruction of fruit trees.
- Korare, 3 houses reported damaged.

Livelihood Sector

- Lale Community: 12 copra sheds and two fuel depots destroyed; one community hall reported damaged.
- Barauli Village: 1 Outboard motor (OBM) reported damaged.

Education Sector

- Jones Adventist College, Lengana, Vancouver, Babanga, Kalaro, and Nusa, Significant impacts reported to school properties.
- Halisi, 1 classroom reported destroyed.

Health Sector

- Narovo, Clinic reported destroyed.
- Baniata and Vonunu, 2 solar panels blown off at health facilities.
- Tuha, 1 solar panel reported destroyed.
- Halisi, 1 water tank and one staff house reported destroyed.

Environmental and Access Impacts

- Gizo and Vella Lavella routes, Landslides reported in hilly sections, affecting access.

Choiseul Province

Reported impacts by sectors are as follows.

Infrastructure Shelter

- Susuka 1 dwelling house destroyed.
- Beavoru, Susuka, and Sasamunga: More than 60 dwelling houses reported damaged.
- Multiple locations, Traditional dwelling houses and household kitchens reported as impacted.

Education and Evacuation

- Voza and Sasamunga 4 School classrooms currently being used as evacuation centres.

Infrastructure (Wharves, Roads, and Seawalls)

- Saqigae Wharf reported to be destroyed.
- Terekukure Wharf reported damaged, associated seawall and road access ramp also reported destroyed.

Livelihood and Community Assets

- Sasamunga, Tasure, Panarui, and Voza, Boat sheds and copra dryers reported destroyed or damaged.
- Panarui, Boe, and Voza 33 coconut trees reportedly washed out, and ten copra dryers destroyed.
- Sasamunga, Panarui, and Ngarione 10 business houses damaged (six in Sasamunga, three in Panarui, and one in Ngarione).
- Sasamunga 7 market houses damaged by strong winds and storm surges.
- Panarui: 7 fishery houses reported damaged.

Health Facilities

- Papara Clinic, Building Infrastructure reported damaged.

Isabel Province

Infrastructure and Shelter

- Kia, Susubona, and Suva, Dwelling houses and household kitchens reported damaged.

Livelihoods Food and Security

- Furona Island, Jejevo, Moloferu, Dedeu, Samasodu, Suagela, Hovi, Raja, Horara, Beakesa, and Vara, Food gardens reported damaged or destroyed by Tropical Cyclone Maila.

Education

- Guguha, School staff houses reported damaged by strong winds.

Guadalcanal Province

Reported Impacts by Sector

Infrastructure

- Peochakuri, Household kitchens reported damaged.
- Other locations (unconfirmed), Some dwelling houses reportedly damaged by storm surge.

Health

- Visale, Fox Bay, clinic buildings reported damaged.

Education

- Visale, Fox Bay: One Early Childhood Education (ECE) classroom reported damaged.

Livelihood

- Reports indicate that food gardens were destroyed due to storm surge impacts.

D. CURRENT RESPONSES TO DATE

National Responses

- The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) remains at Full Activation to coordinate the national response, monitor the evolving situation, and receive impact reports from provinces and the public.
- Daily coordination briefings continue between the NEOC, Provincial Disaster Committees (PDCs), and Provincial Disaster Operations Centres (P-DOCs), with focused engagement with Western and Choiseul Provinces.
- A NEOC-led press conference is scheduled for 11 April 2026 at 10:00 am to update the public through media platforms on the Government's response actions to Tropical Cyclone Maila.
- An aerial assessment was conducted on 10 April 2026 by the New Zealand Defence Force to assess the initial scope and scale of impacts from Tropical Cyclone Maila in Western and Choiseul Provinces. This assessment was undertaken at the request of the Solomon Islands Government (SIG), using the P-8A Poseidon surveillance aircraft. Information and data collected will inform the Initial Situation Overview (ISO), which will be finalized once all warnings are lifted.
- A State of Disaster was formally declared on 10 April 2026 for Western and Choiseul Provinces by the Minister responsible for Disaster Management, upon advice from the National Disaster Council, under Section 12(1) of the National Disaster Council Act 1989. This declaration enables the mobilization of national resources and support mechanisms, with response coordination guided by the National Disaster Management Plan 2018.
- The Cabinet has approved SBD 10 million to support initial response efforts. This funding will support emergency relief operations led by N-DOC and P-DOC Sector Committees, particularly for food relief distribution across Western, Choiseul, Isabel, Guadalcanal, and Central Islands Provinces

National Disaster Operations Sector Committees (N-DOC)

- N-DOC continues to convene daily meeting at the NEOC to deliberation on the current TC Mailia response planning.

Livelihood Sector Committee:

- Committee consolidated response plan for livelihood relief across all affected areas.
- Coordinated interventions to support recovery of income-generating activities

Infrastructure Sector Committee:

- Continue to liaise with the NEOC with their response plans and budgets for response

Protection Sector Committee:

- Committee convened emergency meeting to coordinate with Sector members at the national and provincial level.
- Gender Based Violence in Emergency (GBViE) service providers are on standby to respond to GBV cases with key messages on GBViE to be issued to the public.
- Child Protection in Emergency (CPiE) service providers are on standby to respond to CPiE cases.
- Committee on standby to support Multi Sector Assessment and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) efforts.
- Committee continues to strengthen coordination with P-DOC Protection Sector Committee in the provinces impacted.

Education Sector Committee:

- Committee continues to liaise with P-DOC Education Sector Committees in provinces to get situation updates.
- Impact information from provincial schools and Education Authorities have been provided to the Committee and provided to the NEOC for situation reporting.

Provincial Responses

- All PDCs and P-DOCs for provinces that are impacted remain on activation.
- Western and Choiseul Provinces have stepped up response efforts to respond to the disaster impacts.

E. OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

1. Financial and Resource Gaps:

- **Budget Delays:** Provincial response plans and budgets have been submitted to the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) but are still awaiting Cabinet approval, delaying implementation.
- **Funding Shortages:** The Livelihood Sector Committee urgently requires immediate funding to respond effectively during the current cyclone stage.
- **Resource Deficiencies:** Critical coordination hubs, such as the Western Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC), lack essential supplies (e.g., stationery), limiting operational efficiency.
- **Inaccessible Grants:** Health services are constrained due to the unavailability of the SIG Health Grant for Western Province, affecting ongoing response efforts.

2. Communication and Information Challenges:

- **Network Limitations:** Poor network coverage in affected communities and schools is restricting the timely flow of impact information.

- **Reporting Delays:** Slow information sharing from some Education Provider Offices is affecting situational awareness and decision-making.
- **Data Gaps:** Continuous Tropical Cyclone warnings have delayed Initial Damage Assessments (IDAs), making it difficult to determine the scale of impact and priority needs.
- **Coordination Issues:** There is a need for more consistent and timely situation updates from provincial sector committees to the central PEOC to strengthen coordination.

3. Logistical and Operational Barriers:

- **Transportation Constraints:** Limited logistics and transport availability are delaying the distribution of food assistance, especially to vulnerable groups (women, children, elderly).
- **Access Restrictions:** Safety risks and poor environmental conditions are restricting movement, preventing families from accessing food and essential resources.
- **Service Disruptions:** Access to critical services, including Gender-Based Violence (GBV) support, is limited, while many clinics and schools remain closed or damaged.
- **Gaps in Immediate Aid:** Some communities have reported unmet urgent needs, including lack of basic food supplies such as rice, with limited response from provincial disaster offices.

F. PRIORITY NEEDS

1. Immediate Food and Livelihood Support

- **Emergency Rations:** Communities across affected provinces have reported food shortages due to damaged gardens and an inability to travel for supplies. There is a critical need for basic food rations, such as rice, to be distributed immediately.
- **Agriculture Intervention:** In Choiseul, immediate intervention is required to restore livelihoods, including providing basic farming tools, planting materials, and seeds to recover destroyed root crops and backyard farms.
- **Funding for Livelihoods:** The Livelihood Sector Committee requires urgent funding to address needs that can be managed post-disaster.

2. Shelter and Camp Management

- **Evacuation Centres:** There is an urgent need to set up and organize evacuation centres for families whose homes were destroyed or who remain at high risk.
- **Essential Supplies:** Essential supplies are required to support operations within these camp sectors.
- **Targeted Protection:** Immediate resources are needed to support vulnerable groups, including stranded women vendors and children in Western and Choiseul Provinces.

3. Financial and Administrative Needs

- **Budget Approval:** A critical priority is the approval of disaster relief budgets by the Cabinet to allow for resource mobilization and the activation of multi-sectoral response plans.
- **Health Grants:** The availability of the SIG Health grant for Western Province is necessary to support ongoing health sector efforts.
- **Operations Equipment:** Coordination centres like the Western PEOC require basic equipment, such as computers and laptops, to coordinate and communicate the response effectively.

4. Health and Education

- **Medical Response:** Maintaining the standby status of medical personnel and ensuring hospital transport is available for patient evacuation remains a priority.

- **School Recovery:** Addressing school infrastructure damage, such as blocked ablution facilities due to disrupted water sources and damaged classrooms, is essential for the resumption of services.

G. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Public are encouraged to call the following toll-free lines 933 for weather updates and information, and 955 for reporting impacts.
- All the Provincial PEOCs to continually monitor this bad weather situation and provide situational updates to the NEOC to inform national situational reporting and response planning.
- Disaster Management Stakeholders and Partners are to report to NEOC and to their N-DOC Sector Committees on their available supports in country for better coordination on responses.

H. NEXT UPDATE

Next update will be issued upon availability of new information.

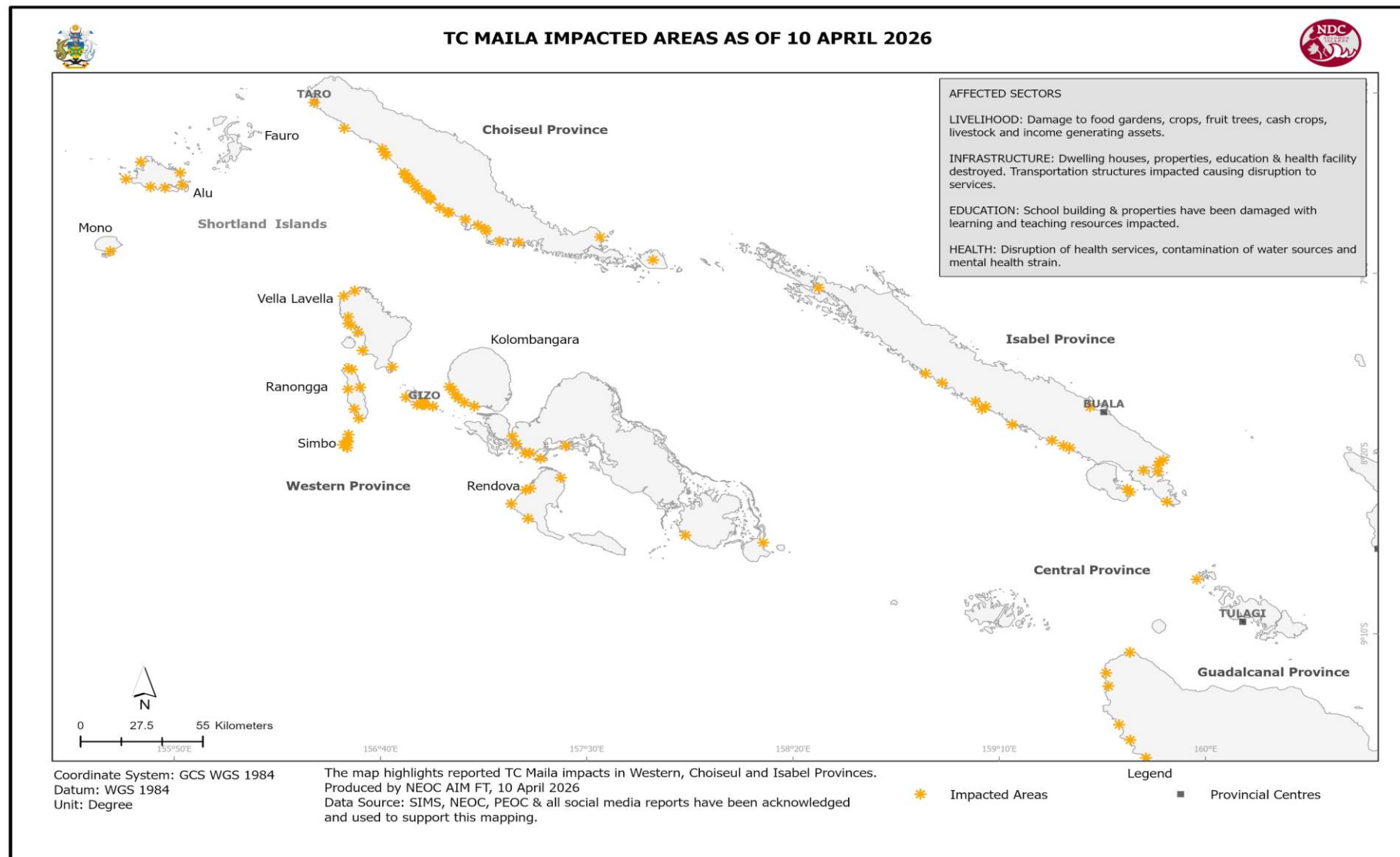
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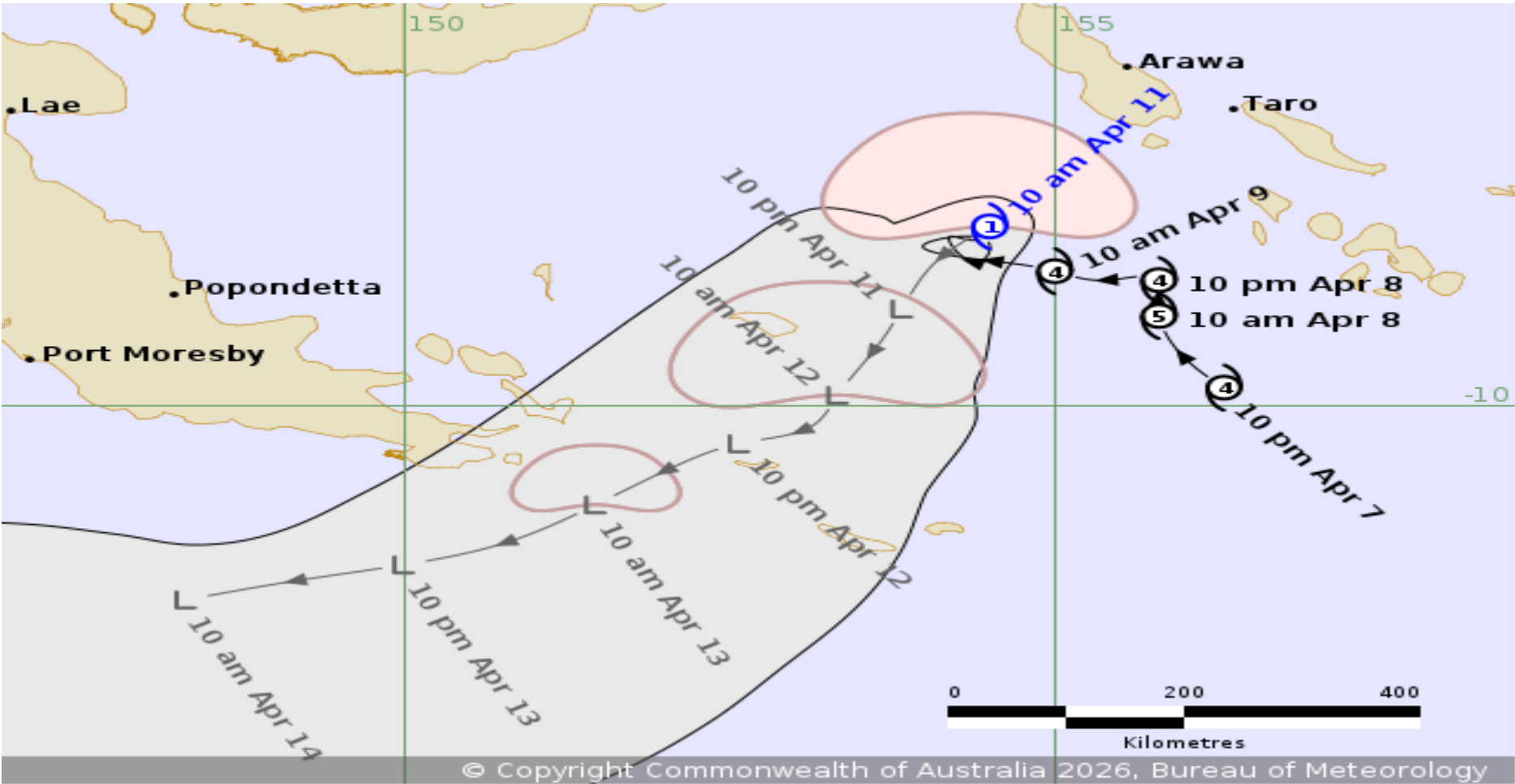
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I. Annexes

Impact Map



ii. TC Maila Forecast Track Map –Issued at 10:32 am EST on Saturday 11 April 2026 (BoM)





Tumbi Clinic, Simbo, Photo source: Clifford Koito



Sasamunga ECE School flooded, Choiseul PEOC



Dwelling house damaged, photo source: Ileen Zama



Food garden & banana destroyed, Photo source: Ode



Kitchen damaged by storm surge, Photo Source: Derrick Rooney



Impact Photo, Photo source: the Island Sun, Facebook.