Long serving employees give their account of changes



Sr. Anna Bokel Unit Supervisor

Authority since 1983 graduated as a registered nurse and the Eye and Intermediate ward at the then Mt Hagen School of buildings as well as the construction Nursina

She started working here as a general nurse and after completing from my own observation, I have a bridging course a few years later seen many physical changes and she became a registered nurse in our staff get a lot of opportunities for

several other courses in supervision and CEO", she said. and a diploma course in nursing administration at the College of Allied Health Sciences in Port Moresby in 1999, she was eventually promoted to unit supervisor in the year 2000, a position she has held up to this

Her current position is unit supervisor for the Emergency Department, Adult Out-patients Department, Intermediate ward, ENT ward, Eye ward and mixed ward which includes medical surgical, ENT and TB.

It is now 31 years since Sr. Bokel took up duties at this hospital and 1978. she recalls seeing many changes taking place both physically and has a lot of praise for the Board. administratively and she gives credit to the Hospital Board for the taking place over the years as a decisions it has made that have result of good decisions it has made. seen positive results.

"As a result of good Board decisions, we have seen very big changes at the hospital, especially the construction of new buildings and renovation of old buildings.

"I can't remember when



and now the staff in its decision-making by renovated so they still look as new. the Western seeking their views through the Highlands senior management and this had Health as the renovation of the AOPD, when she COPD, Accidents & Emergency Unit of new buildings

"I will not speak for others but training and all this is because we Following the completion of have a good Board and Chairman

> Timini is another Community Health been

Henry Timini – CHW

working here since graduating from the Kudjip School of Nursing in

Like his other colleagues. Henry saying he has seen many changes

He said before the Board was established, the hospital was quite different but now there are big differences and many changes can be seen

Henry said since the Board was established, nearly all the buildings

Anna previously the buildings around been pulled down and replaced with Accounts, Human Resources and many physical changes take place

"The only old buildings that we we saw plenty of new buildings are still using now are the kitchen physiotherapy and intermediate Hospital Sr. Bokel said the Board involved wards but these have been

"These changes have come about because of good decisions Provincial resulted in positive changes such by the Board but I see that patient care is still a problem and staff must change their attitudes towards their iobs", he said.

Henry said staff are now getting over-time pay and allowances as well as free medical care for themselves and their immediate families, all because of good decisions by the Board and they should be proud that there is a Board in place to make good policy decisions for their benefit.

"Some people can criticize the Board and Management but I see that when we compare this hospital with others, we are quite well off so we must appreciate what they have done for us". he said

> **r**. Joanna nearly 30 years at Mt Hagen Hospital as a nursing officer and like Sr. Anna Bokel, she

> > seen

Clinical Supervisor has changes which she is proud of

because these changes have made her iob easy She says since the inception of

the Board in 1994, she has seen good things happening such as old buildings going down and new ones going up including the two-storey (appointment of the Board) but built during the colonial days had office complex now occupied by

others.

Sr. Olpel said through the Board's decision, she had seen old buildings such as the acute surgical wards 1 & 2 replaced by the new David Guinn Building and the old pediatrics ward 3 and recovery surgical ward 4 replaced by a new double-storey building which now houses the pediatrics and labour wards, nursery, ICU and X-ray as well as the medical ward

Sr. Olpel said besides this, the Board has made decisions to hire more staff including security personnel, kitchen and hygiene staff which has made work easier for nurses who have had to clean and mop floors of wards themselves previously

She said some of the decisions made had involved staff in one way or another such as in the area of staff development and training where the Board had made decisions in favour of staff at their request through the Management team

"We have seen plenty of changes ncluding new staff uniforms, staff houses, staff health plan for us and **O** Ipel our families and many others and has spent we are proud of the Board and its Chairman", Sr. Olpel said.

> Health Worker, the ten has spent nearly his entire working life in the operating

Jack Kome - CHW theatre of Mt Hagen

Hospital since graduating from the then Mt Hagen School of Nursing in did not seem to commit themselves 1979

Jack says in the 34 years that he has been working here, he has seen for the better

since the inception of the Hospital Board including the construction of new buildings and the renovation of old ones and the employment of more staff

He says one building he remembers that has been used by several different departments as a result of Board decisions is the current Well Women's Clinic. He says this building was first used as an adult out-patient department and later as the operating theatre and now the clinic.

"The theatre is the heart of the hospital and the Board has made the right decision to put up a new building to accommodate the operating theatres and the surgical ward. We now have three major operating theatres and one minor with more space in the new building compared to two major and one minor in the old building", he said.

Jack said the Board had seen the need for the various departments to operate efficiently and effectively to provide good care for our patients and had made some good decisions over the years

The long serving officer said whilst a lot of good physical developments had taken place, the Board in his opinion, had not given much attention to the welfare of the staff in terms of personal benefits.

"This is now a referral hospital Jack Kome for the Highlands region and the workload is too much for the current workforce to handle. The Board needs to look at staff benefits and improve their pay grades and shift allowances and make them happy so that they can put in more effort", he said

Jack said the current employees had an attitude problem where they fully to their jobs but if they were rewarded well, things would change

Congratulatory message from the Chief Executive Officer to the Board of Management of Mt Hagen Hospital (now the Board of Governance for Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority) on the 20th Anniversary

then Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Paias Winati MP was perhaps one of the kev legislations in the health

sector that effected health service into the highlands regional specialist

Public Hospitals is also dependent and some of our Board members say that the Board of the Mt Hagen their performance. Often the term their life with us as Board members. the framing of the PHAA. Reform.

doing what is their respective job of members who have left us. arrangements with Board commitment and services to our initiating key health reforms of the all other work happening so that Chief Executive Officer

republic Committee system and policies people through the Board. L Hospitals were very clear with mission, vision Act (1997) in and objectives set out clearly for Authorities Act (2007) was initiated the term of the Mt Hagen Hospital. The Board has left the managing of the Mt Hagen Hospital Board did as a Hagen Hospital to the senior management through the Office of the Chief Executive Officer without at the National Health Conference having any major influence except in Mt Hagen in 2001 under then to provide the support as and when necessarv

The new Provincial Health with work that the previous Mt result of the major health sector review conducted and presented Secretary, Dr Puka Temu. The resolution to amalgamate health The Mt Hagen Hospital has grown services in the provinces was a have served under the Board for 10 Trape MP. Hon, William Duma MP resolution that got implemented delivery by bringing in Boards of hospital from the provincial hospital through a Memorandum of Officer for the new Provincial Health we will have developed a health Management from the different during the period of the Board. Agreement of 2003 between the Authority for three (3) years. It has service that will have fulfilled all the sectors. It allowed for active and Significant infrastructure work and Mt Hagen Hospital Board, the been an enjoyable period working aspirations and dreams of Vision meaningful community participation systems were put in place for this Provincial Government under then under a Board which has the heart 2050 and captured in the current and ownership. At the same time, it hospital and rightfully the Hospital Governor Rt. Hon Paias Wingti and for our people and to see health National Health Plan 2011 – 2020. heightened the accountability levels honoured the Board by naming the National Department of Health. services improved. This supplement of health services and opened the its new Operating Theatres as the Our experiences were used to frame celebrates all the achievements management team of WHPHA, all work to the Public like never before. David Guinn Operating Theatres. the Provincial Health Authorities Act of the Board and the Mt Hagen our staff and the public who seek The success of the Boards for the Twenty years is a long time (PHAA) of 2007 so we can rightfully Hospital. on those who are appointed and would have served one third of Hospital played a significant role in infrastructure developments taking (including those in Jiwaka Province)

used is that, "an organisation is as We salute David Guinn, the only The health sector is now Province. The new redevelopment Hagen Hospital Board under good as the people who work in this inaugural serving Board Chairman implementing the PHAA in most of of the Mt Hagen Hospital with Chairman. David Guinn which has organisation" is true for this Health of any Pubic Hospital, Fr Garry the provinces and it is felt that the funding of up to K500 million, the then been changed to the Western Roche and Bob Hargreaves who PHAA should be amended so that construction of district hospitals at Highlands Provincial Health The Mt Hagen Hospital was were appointed in 1994 when the it becomes a mandatory legislation Kotna for Dei District, Tambul for Authority on your 20th Anniversary. blessed with a team of Board Hospital Board started. David Yak and with the current review of the Tambul Nebilyer and Tinsley for Mul It has been an honour to serve under members under the Chairmanship came on as Deputy Chairman Organic Law on Provincial and BaiyerforK20 million each have been you for the good of our people. of David Guinn CSM OBE OAM of the Hospital later on and we Local Level Governments, this view dreams only but are now becoming who served without favour and acknowledge him and other Board may be captured in this review. a reality. The developments at CONGRATULATIONS!

Public Hospitals system and later the Provincial Health Authorities. This has impact throughout the health services of this country. Our Board members have given their time and commitment to see these reforms become a success so that it influences health services delivery in Papua New Guinea

As the Chief Executive Officer for the Mt Hagen Hospital since 2001, I Wesley Nukundi MP, Hon, Koi years and then as Chief Executive and Hon. Benjamin Poponawa MP

place in the Western Highlands to congratulate the previous Mt The Board of Mt Hagen Hospital Togoba, Kagamugla, Lumusa, Gia, governing the Hospital. Governance We sincerely appreciate all the has played significant role in Bukapena, etc will compliment Dr James Kintwa AFCHSM

the model of care that the current National Health Plan 2011 – 2020 calls for would become a reality in Western Highlands Province

Under the WHPHA Board with support from National Health Department and other central agencies and key support from our Governor, Rt. Hon. Paias Wingti MP. Members of Parliament, Hon.

I stand on behalf of our senior our services at Mt Hagen Hospital I see major significant and all other facilities in the districts

Worker who has with this hospital for quite a long time. He has been





Celebrating achievements of the Board of MHGH and new Board of WHPHA

he Mt Hagen General Hospital and the Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority Boards have achieved much during their respective terms in the last 20

years.

The priorities of the WHPHA are maternal health (KRA 5), child health (KRA 4), health promotion/disease prevention (KRA 7) through increased levels of accountability and community participation. These are evident through the healthy village and healthy schools programs and our motto "No mother, no child should die during pregnancy, delivery and post partum period"

The senior management of the Hospital and the Provincial Health Authority has also worked hard by implementing these decisions to improve the hospital and rural infrastructure to deliver quality health services to our people.

While there is significant focus on the K500 million redevelopment of the Mt Hagen Provincial Hospital, the work being done in rural areas should not be overlooked.

Our partnership with other stakeholders and donor agencies such as DFAT (Australian Aid), Asian Development Bank, the Government of PNG, Honourable Members of Parliament from Western Highlands and private companies and individuals has resulted in more developments taking place.

Listed below are some of the major achievements of both Boards and the amount of money spent on each project at both the Mt Hagen General Hospital and the rural health facilities under the Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority.



WHPHA CEO, Dr. James Kintwa (left) shows Chairman of the PSTB, Mr Joseph Neng where to sign the contract for Kotna District Hospital as contractor, Mr Paul Berry awaits his turn to sign.

Mt Hagen Hospital Board

- Renovation of the old AOPD. COPD & A/E - K750,000
- Renovation and establishment Intermediate Ward of
- K100.000 Maintenance of physiotherapy section - K50,000
- Construction of the Overnight accommodation shift K1millior
- Procurement of medical equipment - K300,000
- Establishment of the Loo Pok

Cardiac Diagnostic Services - K500,000

- Renovation of old Operating theatres for the Well Womens Clinic – K200,000
- Establishment of the Visual Inspection by Acetic Acid and cryotherapy for cervical cancer - K250,000
- Establishment of the Family Support Centre – K100,000 Construction of the Hospital
- Chapel K450,000
- Construction of the Surgical ward, Operating theatres and
- mortuary K8 milion Installation of the Concept payroll system at Mt Hagen Hospital
- Procurement of vehicles and ambulances K600,000
- Renovation of the Intermediate Ward – K50,000

Western Highlands Provincial **Health Authority Board**

Approval of K500 million for Mt Hagen Hospital redevelopment

- Construction of physiotherapy and disabled toilets - K80.000
- Construction of female toilets in medical ward - K78,528
- Ventilation Improved Tininga Clinic – K30.000
- Improved ventilation and renovation of A&E - K60,000 Internal Perimeter fencing -
- K900.000
- Renovation of staff houses and nurses quarters – K2.5 million
- Construction of Mental Health Unit, New Eye Clinic with its own operating theatre, specialist Surgical wards and Central Sterilizing Services (CSSD) – Second Stage for K10 million
- Installation of PGAS system Equipping and recruiting for outreach services (vehicle x 2 and staff)
- Construction, equipping and staffing of five Community Health Posts (CHPs) at Waknam, Nengil, Kwinga, Pae and Muka Peng – K2million
- Successful application of ADB funding support to construct three CHPS each in Tambul Nebilyer and Mul Baiyer
- Installation of Local Area Network at the Hospital and the PHA premises -- K338,000 Supply of IT network hardware
- and software -- K974,000 Contract signing for Kotna District Hospital – K10 million Planned Tambul District
- Hospital for K10 million Tinsley Planned District
- Hospital for K10 million Agreement of funding of K17
- million with AusAID with matched funding of K17 million to bring total to K34 million.



Celebrating 20 years of Achievements



Statement by Mr. David Guinn CSM OBE OAM, **Chairman, Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority Board**

The Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority (WHPHA) Board, during its humble beginning as the Mt Hagen General Hospital (MHGH) Board in 1994 had inherited what was arguably one of the worst hospitals in the public system at that time. In fact, it was so bad, that when the Board assumed responsibility for the Hospital it was decided to allocate portfolios to each of the directors to "manage"

Whilst it was understood that this was not the role of a Board, which should have been focusing on policy, governance and monitoring, it was also recognised that management at the time did not have the capacity to undertake the task.

From the beginning, the Board of MHGH had to be a "change agent" in order to bring about a positive redirection for the Hospital. This involved dealing with a number of difficult issues and, sometimes, even resulted in strikes and threats. However, it was the only way forward to make needed and sustainable improvements at Mt Hagen General Hospital.

There has been a lot of water under the bridge since those early days. Today, I am pleased to say that, in conjunction with our sound Management Team and hard-working Staff, MHGH has become one of the best hospitals in PNG public system. I am proud to have been involved with this transformation.

POSITIVE CHANGE

There have been many positive achievements over the past 16 years at MHGH. Some of the more notable inclusions are

1. Hospital Standards and Patient Care

The Board has placed an emphasis on patient care at MHGH. At the end of the day, the reason for the existence of the Hospital is to provide a service for those in need;

In 2004 MHGH was the first hospital in the public system to be awarded a five star rating through the Hospital Standards Survey process; Our Tininga Clinic is recognised as a premier

facility for the treatment of, and counselling in, the area of HIV/AIDS and other STI's; MHGH was also the first hospital in the public system to recognise and introduce the position of Infection Control Officer, a position

development;

- Annual funding has also been allocated for the medical library and internet access; and
- MHGH pioneered the concept of the twinning programme in the public system, originally joining forces with health services in South Australia. This has provided invaluable support, not only in medical fields, but also in allied services.
- 3. Infrastructural Developments

Some of the larger projects include:

Establishment of Tininga Clinic to attend to STI and HIV/AIDS patients;

Establishment of the staff

Physiotherapy unit: Establishment of the only

- Cardiac Diagnostic Unit in the public system outside of Port Moresby; and Establishment of the Well
- Women's Clinic.

4. Policy Developments

In 2003, MHGH entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Western Highlands Provincial Government and the National Department of Health for the Hospital Board to manage Provincial Health Services. This concept was legislatively acknowledged as Government policy through the enactment of the Provincial Health Authorities Act in 2007. As we know, the agreement to formalise this

that every hospital now "No mother or child should die during pregnancy, child birth or the post

partum period" recognises as an integral part of managing crossinfection and standards of

cleanliness in general; and As part of the periodic appraisal process for hospital personnel, MHGH some years ago introduced the concept of self-appraisal into the formal procedures to assist staff in contemplating their respective performance and identifying areas for improvement/training.

2. Training

The Board has always placed importance in the area of staff training. For this reason, a substantial part of the annual trust account budget has been directed towards staff training facility; Completion of the new wing, which includes surgical wards, operating theatres and the morgue;

Commencement of the Stage 2 development, which will house medical wards, psychiatric ward and central steriliser unit. (This has proven to be a challenge and is referred to further below.); The earlier renovation of the

- Adults Outpatient Department and Accident and Emergency ward Establishment of a Hospital
- Chapel; Accommodation buildings for
- shift staff and for doctors:

Upgrading of

arrangement for Western Province Highlands

was signed by the Minister for Health and the Governor of Western Highlands Province in September 2009 and was to have commenced in early 2010.

However, preparation for the establishment of the Provincial Health Authority (PHA) in Western Highlands Province had moved at almost glacial pace, despite the tenacity of our CEO and encouragement from the Board to move the process along. NEC finally approved the PHA Board on 3rd November 2010 and a new Board was sworn-in to oversee the operations of the WHPHA which was established in March 2011

The new Board had worked tirelessly with the Senior Executive Mr. David Guinn CSM OBE OAM, Management team over the last the three years and with assistance

from Government, our National Members of Parliament, donor agencies such as DFAT and ADB, churches, NGOs and FBOs, much had been achieved in the areas of infrastructure development and service delivery.

I cannot finish without also expressing a tremendous vote of thanks to my fellow Board members, both past and present, without whose support many of the changes that have taken place at the hospital and within the WHPHA would not have transpired. From the Board, I would particularly single out the long-term efforts of Bob Hargreaves and Fr. Garry Roche, who have put up with me from the beginning in 1994.

must also acknowledge our CEO, Dr Kintwa. Much of the positive changes that have occurred at at the WHPHA over the past several years can be attributed to his tireless efforts and enthusiasm, and he is to be commended for this achievement. Finally, I must acknowledge the efforts of our dedicated Staff, who attend to the medical requirements of those in need every day of the year. I know that sometimes it may seem that there is little appreciation for their hard work, but rest assured, this is not the case. The Board fully understands the often difficult conditions under which they work and greatly appreciates their efforts and commitment to helping people in need.

To the support staff, you do a great job in helping our clinicians provide good patient care and from the Board, I thank each and every one of you for your efforts. Let us all celebrate our achievements in the past 20 years!

Chairman

Fr. Garry Roche

Fr. Garry Roche, an Irish Catholic priest, is a community representative on the Board. He has been on the Mt Hagen General Hospital Board since its inception in 1994 to March 2011 when it was abolished and replaced by the current Board of the Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority (WHPHA).

The Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority was formed in March 2011 following the amalgamation of Mt Hagen Hospital and the Provincial Division of Public Health Services to have health services in the province delivered under one umbrella

Fr. Garry who arrived in Mt

Hagen in 1970 as a young priest there had been an increase in and who can speak the local Melpa dialect quite fluently is one of three current Members who have been on the hospital board since its inception and the current WHPHA Board. The other two are experience of being on the Board the Chairman, Mr. David Guinn and the Health Authority has been and business representative, Mr. a very positive experience and I Bob Hargreaves.

moved across to Divine Word commitment of staff. University in Madang as the in the hospital and the province.

patient care, perhaps the most problems", Fr. Garry said. important development has been province.

there were many others that their contributions. were always committed and had province, adding that he believed with you all".

overall commitment.

"Before coming on the Hospital Board my experience had been limited to Church organization and Church workers. Since then my have been seriously impressed Fr. Garry who only this year by the hard work and the sincere

"The morale of the staff in the institution's Human Resources WHPHA has always impressed Director recalls those past years as me and I believe it can continue. I having seen great developments am aware of the various problems that all hospitals (not only in PNG He says whilst there has but abroad also) can experience been notable development in but I believe that in the past twenty infrastructure and equipment for years we have avoided major

He has thanked the hardworking the commitment of the health staff staff for their commitment and working in the hospital and the dedication to their jobs and has also thanked past and present Fr. Garry says whilst some Members of the Hospital Board staff may not have committed and the Provincial Health Authority themselves fully to their jobs, and the various consultants for

"It has been a pleasure and an contributed much to a healthy informative experience to work



Bob Hargreaves

Mr. Bob Hargreaves is another pioneer member of the Board. He has been on it since the establishment of the Hospital Board in 1994 and continues up to this day as a business representative on the current Provincial Health Authority Board.

from Australia is a businessman so many years, involving himself mainly in the coffee industry.

Waghi Valley of Jiwaka Province where his wife comes from and is known among the Jiwakans as Waghi Bob. His vast knowledge Jiwaka Provinces and the cultures and traditions of their people has

contributed much to many of the decisions of the Board. He recalls how Mt Hagen

Hospital was like when the Board first took over responsibility and says there was too much anarchy and the Board had to make some tough decisions to stabilize it and allow services to grow with it over the years.

Mr. Hargreaves says the Board had different portfolios or subcommittees such as the building sub-committee of which he was chairman and tough financial decisions had to be made to renovate many of the buildings which were too old.

On the new health reform, Mr. Hargreaves says the Government's decision to create provincial health authorities is Mr. Hargreaves who is originally a good move as it allows for improved health service delivery and has lived in the country for and makes people accountable for everything they do.

"You deal with human beings He lives and operates in the and you are responsible and accountable for your actions. The responsibility you take on as a doctor or nurse is a very important calling, it's not just a job, it's a of the Western Highlands and calling so give your best towards patient care", he said.

Our Board has very good vision and has made some good decisions for funds to be committed for the renovation of most of our rural health facilities and for stocking them with basic in December 2012 and created drugs and equipment to facilitate the delivery of core services to our

people

However, this Board has been current Board comprises of eight members including Chairman, Mr. David Guinn and two others, Fr. Garry Roche and Bob Hargreaves who have been on the WHPHA Board since its inception in June

1994. The others are community is Deputy Chairman, community leader and businessman, Mr. David Yak who is a business representative, Rev. James Koi representing Church Health Services, Mr. Douglas Lingawa representing district services under the Western Highlands Provincial Administration and Mrs. Cecilia Kuman representing women in the province.

David Yak are strong leaders in Nolik, Regina Graham, Terry their respective communities in Korowa, Joe Philla, Tony Kua, Mt Hagen and are well respected Kelly Kewa, Dr. Paul Aia and Dr. by their tribesmen as well as the George Jacob. They were either people of Western Highlands and Jiwaka Provinces.

Mr. Pundia is serving his first on the Board at different times three-year term on the WHPHA from 1994 to 2009. Board while Mr. Yak is serving his third term, the first two on the only one term (three years) while previous Hospital Board.

senior and experienced public various different groups. A staff servant and is currently District representative was also appointed Administrator for Tambul/Nebilyer. to the Hospital Board from 1994 to He comes with a wealth of 2009. This position was abolished experience in managing people when the new Provincial Health and together with Rev. James Koi Authority reform was introduced and Mrs. Cecilia Kuman who have in 2010. also managed people in their respective fields, the Board has a Members, your deliberations group of very senior people who at the Board level and the can make the right decisions for subsequent decisions that you effective health service delivery in have made had in one way or the province.

Provincial Health Authority is Hospital and in the rural facilities fortunate to have such people who today and we congratulate you can make good policy decisions all on this, your 20th anniversary. to take the organization forward. Congratulations!

Celebrating 20 years of Achievements

Partnership with key stakeholders Highlands with our health partners, especially result of congenital or acquired Governor, Hon Paias Wingti has

The Western services to the people of the

And its Chief Executive Officer, Dr James Kintwa fully supports this when he says that "we have set out on a course to improve to commit ourselves to doing this". Our core business is patient care and as such we must help our people whenever they need us in terms of treatment.

Provincial Health Authority international donors and visiting Board is adamant that the core specialists such as eye specialists business of the Authority Is the and specialist surgeons who provision of effective health come in from Australia each year to provide free specialist medical services.

The following is an account of some of the benefits of the visits by the specialists.

A team of two eye doctors, health service delivery to our rural an anaesthetist and a theatre population this year and I'd like us nurse joined by one of PNG's own national eye doctors, Dr. David Pahau were able to screen more than 200 patients in April 2013.

The team conducted a total of 191 successful surgeries of which 170 were for the removal of cataracts

 A team of interplast medical specialists from Australia and New Zealand visited Mt Hagen miracles for plenty of patients.

The team repaired bodies and rebuilt the lives of many The Board has worked closely people who were disabled as a

medical conditions.

 The Australian Government \$A66 committed million (K147 million) to pay for 1400 scholarships for Papua New Guinean midwives and nurses.

 Former Australian Foreign Affairs Minister, Senator Bob Carr announced the assistance during a visit to the Mt Hagen Provincial Hospital on 4th December 2012.

 He said PNG-based medical and nursing schools would be the main beneficiaries of this funding, which would enable them to graduate 450 community health workers, 450 nurses and 500 midwives by 2015.

 Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority has signed Health Service Agreement (HSA) with AusAID for the latter to provide much needed financial and technical support in terms of staff up-skilling and the development of vital infrastructure. Western

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WHPHA Board

David Guinn CSM OBE OAM

Chairman

Michael Pundia

June 1994 - June 2014

also motivated Open Members claims the lives of many women from the province to the point in the country is another area where those members have that the Board and Management pledged DSIP funds for the have addressed with assistance improvement of health facilities and service delivery

 A team of super specialist recently visited Mt Hagen problems.

 The specialists in cardiology. orthopaedics and neurology were over K200,000. in Mt Hagen at the invitation of the PNG Government through the National Department of Health to provide specialist medical services to our people at an affordable price.

 Another initiative which Highlands bearing age.

Membership of the respective Boards

June 1994 - June 2014

 Cervical cancer which from private business people like Pat and Margie of Best Buy . In March 2012 the WHPHA through medical doctors from India the Western Highlands Provincial Government and private Provincial Hospital and screened businesses had trained several and examined patients with limb, staff in Thailand and in Mt Hagen heart, brain, spine and neck and had also purchased a cervical cancer cryotherapy equipment from Thailand at a total cost of

 The cooperation between overseas specialists, business and the WHPHA provides a model of service design, funding and implementation which is sustainable and will be replicated to address service involved working with overseas gaps particularly in our main focus specialists with a strong focus on areas as reflected by our motto training was the introduction of that "no mother or child should die a VIA service for women of child in pregnancy, child birth or during post – partum'

MHGH Board

Kagul Koroka

Community

Representative

Anthony Kua

Staff Representative

2004 - June 2008

Naomi Nolik

Business Rep.

lune 1994 - 2003

Womens Rep.

2005 - June 2009

Paulus Dowa

une 1994 - June 2009

Business Rep.

Terry Korowa

Health

Representative

2004 - June 2009

Nuki Puri

Comunity Re.

2004 - 2008

2003 - June 2009

Composition of the MHGH and WHPHA Boards

Western just over three years old.

Highlands The Chairman in particular is a Provincial Health Authority very experienced and successful Board which was established businessman and manager following the creation of the under whose stewardship the Authority in March 2011 is now organization has seen many changes.

Mr. Guinn who owns accounting in existence since 1994 when it firm, Guinn PKF Accountants & was established as the Mt Hagen Business Advisers first set himself General Hospital Board. The up in Mt Hagen and spent a few vears here before moving to Port Moresby where he is currently based

He has a heart for Mt Hagen and the people of Western Highlands and has shown this very clearly by continuing to be on the Hospital Board as Chairman leader, Mr. Michael Pundia who to ensure efficient and effective health services are provided for the people through policy and governance systems.

There have also been other prominent people on the Board that have made contributions in one way or another towards the achievements over the past 20 years. These people include former WHP Premier, Kagul Koroka, Paulus Dowa, Peter Mr. Michael Pundia and Mr. Kopunye, Nuki Puri, Naomi community, business, women's or staff representatives and served

Some of them had served others had served either two or Mr. Douglas Lingawa is a more terms and had represented

To all you past and present another contributed to the many The Western Highlands changes that we see at Mt Hagen











Fr. Garry Roche Community Representative ne 1994 - June 2014

Services

Bob Hargreaves Business Representative *Ine 1994 - June 2014*



Douglas Lingawa Provincial Administration for Districts March 2011 - 2014



Peter Kopunye Business Representative March 2009 - June 2009 Joe Philla Staff Representative



Staff Representative June 1994 - 1996



Kelly Kewa Health Representative 1994 - 2003





March 2009 - June 2009 Dr. George Jacob



Dr. Paul Aia Staff Representative 1996 - 2003