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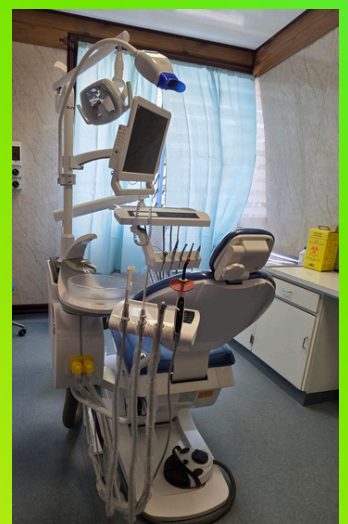
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# MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DESK MS JANE HOLDEN



*Acting CEO WHPHA Ms. Jane E. Holden*

Dear WHPHA Staff, Partners, and Stakeholders,

Welcome back to our first edition of the WHPHA Quarterly Newsletter for 2026. I write to you with both joy and a touch of poignancy. This message marks my final newsletter as Acting CEO of WHPHA, and with deep gratitude, I reflect on the journey we have shared. Over the past year, together we have achieved meaningful milestones, strengthened patient care, and advanced our mission to build a healthier future for the Western Highlands. These successes were not mine alone; they were the result of your tireless dedication, creativity, and teamwork. Each of you has contributed to weaving a brighter path for our communities, and I am profoundly thankful.

As I prepare to hand over leadership, I do so with confidence in the strength of this organization and the spirit of its people. WHPHA is more than a health service; it is a family bound by compassion, resilience, and a shared vision for better healthcare. I know that under your continued commitment, 2026 will be a year of progress, innovation, and hope.

May this year bring us peace, joy, and renewed strength. Though my role here comes to a close, my admiration and respect for each of you remain enduring. It has been an honor to serve alongside you. Thank you and happy reading!

With heartfelt appreciation,  
Jane Holden,  
Acting CEO, WHPHA

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### STORY CORNER

#### Radiology Diagnostic Suite Opens at Mt Hagen Hospital

Patients in the Western Highlands can now access CT scans and other vital imaging services right here at home. This milestone was made possible through a generous donation of over K5 million from Kumul Petroleum Holdings Limited (KPHL), which funded the purchase of modern equipment for the hospital's new Radiology Unit, consisting of a 128-slice CT Scan, Digital Radiography X-ray, Mammogram, and Ultrasound services. The suite was officially opened last Friday, 27 March 2026, by the Western Highlands Governor, Hon. Wai Rapa, and the Hospital Board Chairman, Mr. Sam Koim, OBE. The new Radiology Unit will bring faster, more reliable diagnoses and improved care for the community. WHPHA's Acting Chief Executive Officer Jane Holden said this represents a major step forward for patient care. "These amazing advanced machines DO NOT treat or cure but help to diagnose, allowing our clinicians to make informed decisions," she explained. She added that the opening was not only a milestone for the hospital but also a celebration of its 60th anniversary. She reflected on the hospital's long history of service and its role as a leader in innovation, pointing to the launch of PNG's first cervical cancer elimination program in 2022. Since then, over 33,000 women have been screened and treated, while 25,400 girls aged 9-14 have been vaccinated against HPV, making Western Highlands the only province in PNG and the Pacific to achieve this milestone. Holden also highlighted the PHA's recognition as the nation's top-performing Provincial Health Authority for two consecutive years, 2023 and 2024, and expressed confidence it would retain the group again in 2025. She praised Hagen Central District for ranking as the top-performing district among 92 districts in the country, describing all the achievements as the result of teamwork and WHPHA's culture of commitment to service. Holden further expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Eagle Foundation for their generous support in raising over K400,000 to procure three (x3) brand-new dental chairs and beds. She also acknowledged the Western Highlands Provincial Government for their invaluable contribution of three brand new vehicles: a 25-seater bus and a 10-seater Land Cruiser for the hospital's nursing staff, along with a 10-seater ambulance for Mitiku Health Centre in Dei District. The opening of the Radiology Diagnostic Suite marked a proud new chapter in healthcare delivery for the Highlands, reinforcing the hospital's proud legacy of service and its role as a leader in innovation and service to the nation. Ends//



ULTRASOUND SCAN



CT SCAN



MAMMOGRAM



DIGITAL X-RAY

#### Partnerships Driving Healthcare Progress

WHPHA acknowledges the Siemens team from Australia for their expertise and support in installing advanced radiology equipment. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Aesthetic PNG Ltd for constructing the facility to an outstanding standard and delivering the project on time. Together, these contributions mark a significant step forward in enhancing diagnostic capability and improving patient care across the Western Highlands.



WESTERN HIGHLANDS GOVERNOR HON. WAI RAPA, JOINED BY FELLOW LEADERS, TOURS THE NEWLY OPENED RADIOLOGY SUITE AS MS. HOLDEN HIGHLIGHTS THE ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT.

### FACES OF OUR TEAM

**Pictures taken during the opening of the Radiology Suite and celebrating Hagen Hausik's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, since 1966**



### PICTURES FROM INSIDE THE NEW RADIOLOGY SUITE



### STORY CORNER

#### Mt Hagen Masonic Lodge Donation Strengthens Rural Health Facilities in Western Highlands

The Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority (PHA) has successfully procured vital medical equipment worth K280,000 for rural health facilities across the province, following a generous donation made last year by the Mt Hagen Masonic Lodge.

In September 2025, the Mt Hagen Lodge No. 508 donated K250,000 to support healthcare delivery in the province. The WHPHA added K30,000 of its own funds, bringing the total to K280,000 to purchase essential medical equipment for three rural health facilities in Mul-Baiyer, Tambul-Nebilyer, and Dei districts.

The official handover was held recently, on 13th March 2026, at the Mt Hagen Hospital. The Mt Hagen Masonic Lodge was represented at the handover by Eddie Matane and Roselyn Andersen.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Jane Holden expressed heartfelt gratitude, stating: "This contribution will greatly alleviate the challenges faced by patients in our rural communities and enhance the quality of care throughout the province. Thousands of people from these district health facilities are going to benefit from this invaluable equipment."

She emphasized that the new equipment will replace worn-out and old tools, giving health workers proper instruments to use in their daily care for patients.

The donation includes:

- 50 Blood Pressure Machines
- 100 Self-Care Digital Thermometers
- 50 Adult Foot Scales
- 50 Stethoscopes
- 25 Foetal Dopplers
- 50 Fetoscopes
- 10 Delivery Beds
- 50 Suturing Trays
- 17 PV Trays
- 50 Delivery Tray Sets
- 15 Portable Steam Sterilizers (Non-Electrical)

Dr. Maddison Dat, Deputy Director for District Curative Health Services, also thanked the Mt Hagen Masonic Lodge for the timely donation and stressed the importance of the new steam sterilizers for rural health facilities.

"We deal with blood every day, so our equipment must always be cleaned before reuse. Thus, these steam sterilizers are ideal for rural settings because the instruments can be safely heated inside the sterilizer before being used on another patient. This ensures our patients are treated with clean and safe tools," he said.

He further added that facilities with higher delivery rates will be given extra foetal dopplers, while the new heavy-duty delivery beds are designed to provide strong support for pregnant mothers during childbirth.

The Western Highlands Province has 50 district health facilities at levels 2 and 3, and while some items are fewer than the total number of facilities, each will receive at least one piece of equipment to ensure equitable distribution.

This initiative marks a significant step forward in strengthening healthcare delivery and supporting frontline workers, particularly in rural areas. The Western Highlands PHA extends its deepest appreciation to Peter Andersen, who led the donation in the province but was unfortunately in New Zealand at the time of the handover, and further thanked the Mt Hagen Masonic Lodge for its commitment to patient well-being. **Ends//**



DELIVERY TRAY SET



ALLUMINUM FETOSCOPE



FOETAL DOPPLER



ADULT FOOT SCALE



**HANDOVER OF VITAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FROM THE MASONIC LODGE TO WHPHA – PICTURED (L-R): MUL-BAIYER DHSM MR. FRANCIS PENA, WHPHA ACTING CEO MS. JANE HOLDEN, LODGE REPRESENTATIVE ROSELYN ANDERSEN, EDDIE MATANE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES DR. MADISSON DAT, DEI DHSM MR. ALBERT DUU AND STORES MANAGER ANNE NORI**



**AHEAD OF THE FULL DELIVERY, WHPHA ACKNOWLEDGES THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE MASONIC LODGE IN STRENGTHENING HEALTH SERVICES. PICTURED (L-R): PETER ANDERSEN (MASONIC LODGE), MS. JANE HOLDEN, EDDIE MATANE (MASONIC LODGE), AND DR. MADISSON DAT.**

## **STORY CORNER**

### **Mul Baiyer DDA supports Health Services**

The Mul Baiyer MP Hon. Jacob Maki, through the District Development Authority (DDA), has demonstrated his commitment to improving rural health services with a donation of K40 000 each to Waknum and Kuruk Health Centres. The funding, allocated for maintenance of the facilities and staff housing, is expected to ensure the two health centers remain operational and continue delivering care to communities across the district.

The acting Chief Executive Officer of the Western Highlands PHA, Ms. Jane Holden, received the cheques and described the support as timely, noting that once the funds are cleared, maintenance work will commence immediately. She acknowledged Mr. Maki and the DDA for their commitment to strengthening health services.

This marks the first-ever health sector donation by the Mul Baiyer DDA under Maki's regime, to enhance the well-being of its people through investment in essential public service. **Ends//**



**A/CEO WHPHA MS. JANE HOLDEN (FIRST FROM LEFT) RECEIVES A CHEQUE FROM MUL-BAIYER DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CEO, MR. DANIEL DEKUME (SECOND FROM RIGHT)**

## STAFF FEATURE

### Changing Lives with Care-Joyce's Story

At Mt Hagen Hospital's Obstetrics and Gynecology Unit, Sr. Joyce Nandiye works as a specialist midwife and Unit Supervisor. With more than thirty years of nursing experience, she has guided and supported many young nurses, helping them build skills and confidence while ensuring women and mothers receive the care they deserve.

Her journey began in Ialibu, Southern Highlands Province. As a young girl finishing Grade 6, Joyce dreamed of becoming a teacher. Life, however, opened another path, a path of care and healing. Drawn to nursing, she embraced the calling with determination, laying the foundation for a career that would touch countless lives across the Highlands.

Graduating from Kudjip School of Nursing in the late 1980s, Joyce began her career at Kudjip Nazarene Hospital before serving at health centres in Ialibu, Kopiago, and Mambisanda. Eventually, she settled at Mt Hagen Hospital, now the Western Highlands Provincial Specialist Hospital, where she has worked ever since. Her story reflects resilience and service, a career devoted to the well-being of others.

Her commitment to learning carried her forward. Sr. Nandiye pursued Applied Health Teaching at the University of Goroka, equipping herself to guide the next generation of nurses. She rose into leadership roles, managing the Labour Ward, coordinating services, and even serving as District Health Matron for Tambul-Nebilyer. Today, she supervises the 53-bed O&G Unit.

For Sr. Nandiye, nursing is more than a profession; it is a discipline of both mind and heart. "Think critically and be diligent," she often reminds younger nurses. To her, every decision carries the weight of a life. Her words have inspired many health workers to keep learning and to give their very best in patient care.

As O&G Unit Supervisor, she is deeply aware of the challenges ahead, especially the ongoing shortage of staff that affects Mt Hagen Hospital and many other health facilities across the country. Yet she remains committed, guiding her team and ensuring that patient care remains paramount, even in difficult times.

Beyond her supervisory duties, she also serves as President of the Nurses Christian Fellowship in the Highlands Region. In this role, she encourages nurses to strengthen their service by offering spiritual care alongside clinical care, reminding them that healing is not only physical but also spiritual. This balance uplifts both patients and caregivers, keeping the profession strong.

She concludes by praising outgoing Acting CEO Ms. Jane Holden for raising nursing standards and Director of Nursing Services Sr. Janet Yamu, whose efforts to motivate nurses inspire her confidence that the profession will continue to thrive.

Sr Nandiye's journey shows that education, hard work, and compassion can change one life and many. From her village beginnings to leading as a midwife, she has brought hope to countless mothers and children who pass through Mt Hagen Hospital's door. Thank you, Sr. Nandiye for your service to Mt Hagen Hospital. **Ends//**



SR. NANDIYE AT WORK AT THE O&G UNIT



SR. NANDIYE, A CARE GIVER IN ACTION



WITH A JOYFUL SMILE, SHE PREPARES TO START HER USUAL DUTIES.

## HOSPITAL STORIES

### WHPHA launches innovative TB Screening program in the province

The Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority has launched a new initiative to strengthen the fight against tuberculosis (TB) in the province.

The Systematic Screening for TB Program (SSI4TB), was officially launched earlier this month (11th March, 2026) at the Pope's Oval in Mt Hagen town by the Director of Public Health, Mr. Dannex Kupamu.

The program is part of the broader Provincial and National TB strategies aimed at increasing case detection and ensuring timely treatment, following a rise in TB cases in the Western Highlands. Screening teams will move into high-risk communities to identify individuals who may have tuberculosis and link them to Mt Hagen Provincial Hospital for further medical review.

Screening will target all individuals aged 15 years and above in hotspot areas, including those who do not show symptoms.

The SSI screening will make use of an ultraportable mobile x-ray unit, known as CAD4TB, which uses artificial intelligence to quickly analyze images taken with a low-dose x-ray. This technology allows health workers to carry out screenings anywhere in the community and rapidly identify individuals who may have tuberculosis.

Following its launch, the SSI4TB team has begun rolling out screenings in identified hotspot areas across Mt Hagen town and will extend to communities outside the township in the coming weeks. The first round of community screenings started in Warakum, marking the start of a wider effort to reach high-risk populations.

Speaking at the launch, Mr. Kupamu said TB remains a serious public health challenge, and the new program will bring screening directly to the people to ensure no one is left behind in accessing care.

The initiative is funded by the Global Fund, with World Vision PNG serving as the principal recipient in Papua New Guinea. WHPHA has also acknowledged the support of the World Health Organization Office in PNG and the Burnet Institute's SWEEP TB project in helping implement this innovative program.

The SSI4TB program is expected to play a vital role in strengthening TB control efforts in the Western Highlands, combining community outreach with modern technology to protect lives and promote healthier futures. **Ends//**



FIRST X-RAY TAKEN FOR A VOLUNTEER DURING THE LAUNCH AT POPE'S OVAL



SSI TEAM PREPARING FLOAT IN MT HAGEN BEFORE LAUNCH



COMMUNITY MEMBERS ATTENDING TB SCREENING AT WARAKUM, MT HAGEN



LAUNCH OF SSI PROGRAM AT POPE'S OVAL, LED BY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MR. DANNEX KUPAMU (IN WHITE SHIRT), WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS AND PUBLIC PRESENT AT POPE'S OVAL

## STORY LINKS

### 1- Mt Hagen Hospital Records Positive Maternal and Newborn Health Trends Since 2022

The Mt. Hagen Provincial Hospital has continued to demonstrate positive and improving trends in maternal and newborn health outcomes since 2022, despite increasing service demand and its role as the province's main referral facility. Click on this link to read more: <https://www.whhs.gov.pg/2026/01/mt-hagen-hospital-records-positive-maternal-and-newborn-health-trends-since-2022/>

### 2- WHPHA Staff Dedicate 2026 to Reset, Recommit, and Serve with Integrity

The Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority (WHPHA) officially held its 2026 operational year yesterday 21 January 2026, with a Public Service Dedication Service held at the Chapel. The ceremony brought together healthcare workers, departmental heads and support staff, who were encouraged by directors and representatives from across the organization. The event was guided by this year's theme "Reset, Recommit, Dedicate for a New Beginning in the Public Service. Click on this link to read more: <https://www.whhs.gov.pg/2026/01/whpha-staff-dedicate-2026-to-reset-recommit-and-serve-with-integrity/>

### 3- WHPHA Celebrates achievements

The Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority (WHPHA) enters the New Year with appreciation, having been recognized as the nation's top-performing health authority for two consecutive years (2023 and 2024). Click on this link to read more: <https://www.whhs.gov.pg/2026/01/western-highlands-pha-celebrates-achievements/>

### 4- Relief for Mt Hagen Provincial Hospital as 11 new emergency staff join

The Mt Hagen Provincial Hospital has received a much-needed boost with the arrival of 11 short-term emergency healthcare workers, employed for eight weeks to ease mounting pressure from rising patient numbers largely due to flu. Click on this link to read more: <https://www.whhs.gov.pg/2026/01/relief-for-mt-hagen-provincial-hospital-as-11-new-short-term-emergency-staff-join/>

### 5- Mt Hagen Provincial Hospital trains Milne Bay PHA on Cervical Cancer Screening and Treatment

Four clinical staff from the Milne Bay Provincial Health Authority (MBPHA) have completed two weeks of intensive training recently on cervical cancer screening and treatment, equipping themselves with vital skills to protect women across their province. Click on this link to read more: <https://www.whhs.gov.pg/2026/01/mt-hagen-provincial-hospital-trains-milne-bay-pha-in-cervical-cancer-screening-and-treatment/>

### 6- WHPHA marks cervical cancer awareness month with community outreach

The WHPHA as strengthened its continuous efforts to fight cervical cancer, commemorating Cervical Cancer Awareness Month (January) with province-wide awareness campaigns on prevention, screening and vaccination against the human papillomavirus (HPV)—the leading cause of cervical cancer. Click on this link to read more: <https://www.whhs.gov.pg/2026/02/whpha-marks-cervical-cancer-awareness-month-with-community-outreach/>

### 7- Cervical cancer screening reaches Mukapeng

Cervical cancer screening for women is becoming increasingly active in the Western Highlands Province. Recently, the fight against cervical cancer reached Mukapang in the Dei District, where a mobile outreach team from Mt Hagen Provincial Hospital arrived with a crucial mission: to screen, treat, and save lives. Click on this link to read more: <https://www.whhs.gov.pg/2026/02/cervical-cancer-screening-reaches-mukapang-life-saving-care-at-the-doorstep/>

### 8- Nutrition training strengthens the fight against malnutrition in Western Highlands.

A two-week nutrition training program was recently held at the Tinsley Conference Room in Baiyer, equipping 21 Village Health Assistants (VHAs) and 18 Healthcare Workers from Baptistrun health facilities across the Mul Baiyer District with vital skills to tackle malnutrition. Click on this link to read more: <https://www.whhs.gov.pg/2026/02/nutrition-training-strengthens-the-fight-against-malnutrition-in-whp/>

### 9- Sir Brian Bell Foundation donates to Children's Ward

On Friday, February 20th, the Sir Brian Bell Foundation extended a helping hand to the Mt Hagen Provincial Hospital's Paediatric Ward with a donation of K25,000, bringing much-needed relief to one of the busiest hospitals in the Highlands region. Click on the link below to read more: <https://www.whhs.gov.pg/2026/02/brian-bell-foundation-donates-k25000-to-the-childrens-ward/>

### 10- A milestone in healthcare- Governor Rapa commends new Radiology Suite

The Honourable Governor for Western Highlands Province, Wai Rapa, this afternoon, 02 March 2026, visited the Mt Hagen Provincial Hospital to witness the installation of the state-of-the-art medical equipment in the newly constructed Radiology Department, which is now nearing completion.

Click on the link below to read more: <https://www.whhs.gov.pg/2026/03/a-milestone-in-healthcare-governor-rapa-commends-new-radiology-equipment-installation-and-dental-facilities-at-mt-hagen-hospital/>

11- Radiology Diagnostic Suite opens at Myt Hagen Hospital Patients in the Western Highlands can now access CT scans and other vital imaging services right here at home. This milestone was made possible through a generous donation of over K5 million from Kumul Petroleum Holdings Limited (KPHL), which funded the purchase of modern equipment for the hospital's new Radiology Unit, consisting of a 128-slice CT Scan, Digital Radiography X-ray, Mammogram, and Ultra scan services.

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# STORY CORNER

## WHPHA's Capital Works Project

The Western Highlands PHA has successfully delivered a strategically focused capital investment programme between 2023 and 2025, comprising 23 project activities across Mt Hagen, Tambul, and Kotna. The initiative, which included 21 standalone capital projects and 2 Radiology sub-projects, has strengthened clinical capacity, enhanced diagnostic capability, and modernized essential infrastructure.

Importantly, the programme aligns with WHPHA's strategic priorities to improve patient care environments, enhance diagnostic and treatment capability, support workforce stability through accommodation, strengthen operational infrastructure, and ensure safe, compliant, and resilient facilities.

According to WHPHA's Senior Capital Project Manager, Mr. Abhishek Dhar, the projects were delivered with strong financial discipline and transparent governance. Most were completed within budget, with several recording zero cost variation. Where adjustments were necessary, the Project Management Unit (PMU) ensured they were justified, controlled, and aligned with WHPHA's governance standards.

Moreover, timeliness of delivery remained strong, as the majority of projects were COMPLETED ON TIME or near schedule despite challenges such as heavy rainfall, access constraints in active clinical areas, and contractor performance issues. PMU supervision, phased scheduling, and proactive risk management were key contributors to maintaining delivery momentum.

In addition, WHPHA achieved a significant value through:

- **Owner-supplied procurement** (cables, radiology shielding, ICT equipment)
- **In-house design and PMU coordination**, reducing consultancy fees
- **Competitive RFQs** for clinical refurbishments
- **Direct procurement** for high-mast units and materials and
- **Strict variation control**, preventing unnecessary cost escalation. Together, these strategies contributed to a highly efficient capital programme.

Some of the major achievements include:

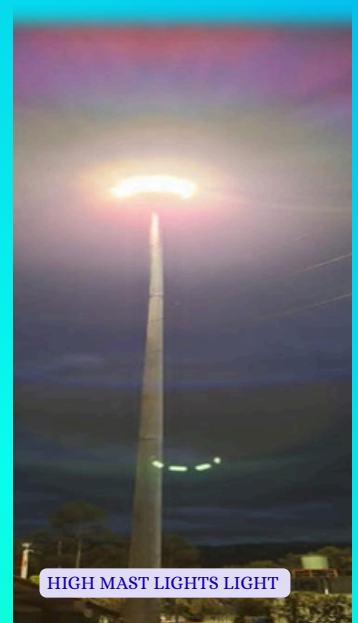
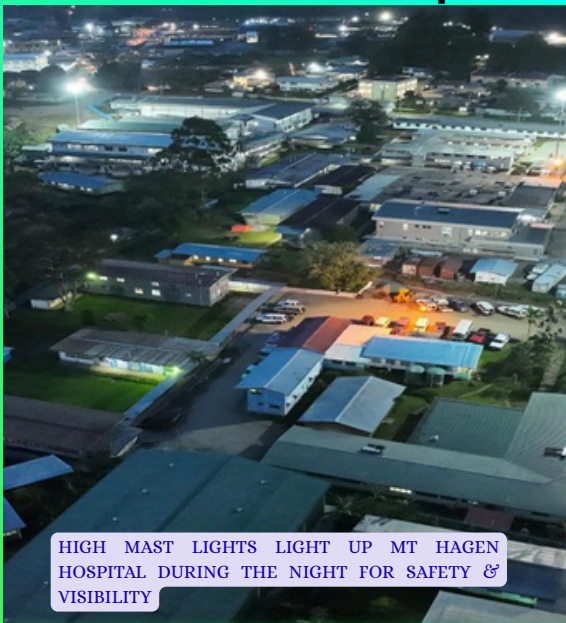
1. **Completion of the Radiology Building** with design certification and shielding integration.
2. **Refurbishment of multiple clinical facilities**, including Labour Ward, A&E & COPD, Cancer Clinic, Dental Clinic, and Eye Ward.
3. **Construction of staff accommodation in Tambul and completion of Medical School housing.**
4. **Installation of high-mast lighting** across in Mt Hagen, Tambul, and Kotna (Dei District).
5. **Rehabilitation of drainage infrastructure** to improve safety and resilience.
6. **Delivery of design packages** enabling future redevelopment phases.
7. **Implementation of digital display and signage systems** to improve communication and patient information.

Mr Dhar noted that despite challenges such as shipment delays and scope changes, WHPHA continued to demonstrate a strong commitment to capital development.

"These investments directly support improved service delivery, patient safety, and organizational resilience," he remarked.

Through disciplined procurement, contract management, and reporting, the PMU kept every project transparent, efficient, and audit-ready, a clear reflection of WHPHA's commitment to responsible capital investment, strong governance, and continual improvement in infrastructure delivery. **Ends//**

## Snapshots of some of the projects



COPD/AOPD WAITING AREA. REFURBISHMENT AND EXTENSION OF WAITING AREA

### HOSPITAL UPDATES IN PICTURE

We are delighted to share that the road from the hospital's front gate to the executive car park has been newly sealed, thanks to the strong support of the Western Highlands Provincial Government.

This upgrade gives our hospital a welcoming new face and ensures that the General Public can now enjoy clean air, free from dust. It's a great improvement that reflects our commitment to a healthier, more pleasant environment for all who visit and work at WHPHA.



New sealed roads

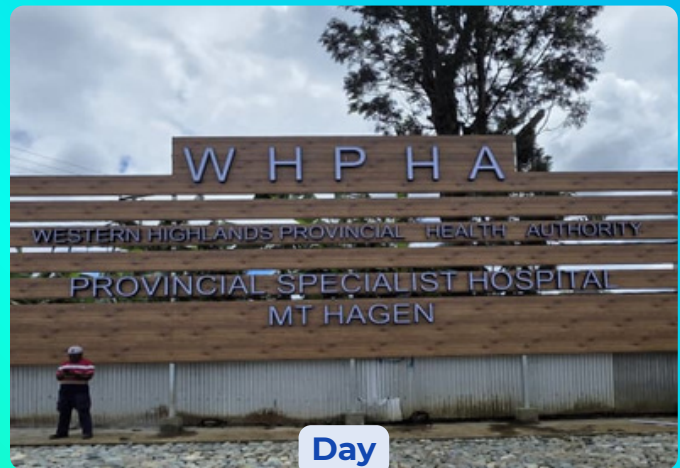
Our hospital's front gate has been transformed! With the newly sealed road and the addition of a lighted hospital sign, WHPHA now shines with a fresh, modern face.

This bright and welcoming feature makes it easy for people from other provinces to know they've arrived at Western Highlands Provincial Specialist Hospital. It sends a clear message: you are welcome here, and our health services are open to you.

The sign reflects our commitment to being visible, accessible, and inviting to all who seek care. With the support of the Western Highlands Provincial Government, WHPHA continues to grow stronger and more welcoming for the community and beyond.



Night



Day



LED Screen commissioning done by our ICT Team . This screen helps us share important health information and services with the people of Mt Hagen and the wider Western Highlands. It's a bright, easy way to keep our community informed



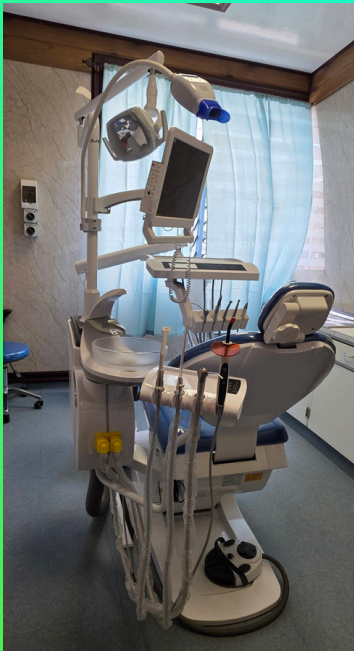
## A DAY IN THE LIFE



**Stanley Bui**

Meet the famous face of Mt Hagen Hospital, Mr. Stanley Bui, WHPHA's Security Officer. Always geared up and dressed sharp, Stanley takes pride in showing everyone he's on duty, ready to protect. He loves his job, and his uniform speaks for itself: a guard you can trust, standing watch with pride.

## x 3 NEW DENTAL CHAIRS



Three (x3) brand-new dental chairs have been funded by the Eagle Foundation during last year's, 2025 Governor's Ball at Mara Haus.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Eagle Foundation, an independent charity dedicated to improving access to healthcare and education services for the communities of Western Highlands Province.

This generous support will go a long way in ensuring better oral health outcomes for our people.

## Service Updates

- Our new Radiology Suite is NOW open to the public and has these imaging services available, i.e., CT Scan, Digital X-ray, Mammogram, and Ultrascan services.
- We have also rolled out a new Systematic TB Screening Program. This initiative strengthens provincial and national TB strategies, aiming to boost case detection and ensure timely treatment amid rising TB cases in the province.
- We also have new sealed roads starting from the main hospital entrance, to our Emergency and down to our Executive Car Park — dust-free, smooth, and welcoming for everyone.
- For the safety and well-being of all patients, staff, and visitors, the following are strictly prohibited on hospital premises: betelnut chewing, smoking, alcohol consumption, and carrying weapons.

## Upcoming Events (April 2026)

1. World Immunization Week (24-30 April)
2. World Malaria Day (25<sup>th</sup> April)
3. World day for safety and health at work (28<sup>th</sup> April)
4. School girls' vaccination programs and more

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms Jane Holden, our outgoing Acting CEO, for her strong leadership and guidance. She has served with dedication and commitment, leaving a lasting impact on WHPHA, the people of Western Highlands, and Papua New Guinea. We farewell you with deep appreciation for your time and service.

At the same time, we warmly welcome Dr Jonah Kurubi as our new CEO. Having served as Director for Medical Services, he now steps into this important role with experience and vision. We look forward to working with him and giving our full support this year and beyond. Congratulations, Dr Kurubi.

To our healthcare workers across Mt Hagen and the four district facilities, your tireless service continues to inspire us. To our support staff, whose efforts keep the hospital moving forward, we thank you sincerely. To our hygiene staff, who ensure our hospital remains clean and conducive, and to our security team, who protect our facilities, we deeply appreciate your dedication. And to our surrounding communities, your trust and cooperation remain the foundation of our success.

Together, we honor the past, embrace the present, and look forward to building a healthier future.



**That's a wrap for our First Quarter Newsletter 2026! We're excited to bring you more updates in the next edition as we continue showcasing the progress and impact of healthcare across the Western Highlands Province.**

**Got a staff member, colleague, boss, or mentor whose story deserves to be told? Let us know, we'd love to feature them in our next bulletin.**

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**Your story matters. Let's keep highlighting the people, progress, and passion driving healthcare in the Western Highlands Province**

### Contact us