

10th AUSTRALIA SOLOMON ISLANDS BUSINESS FORUM
BRISBANE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE (BCEC), AUSTRALIA
12 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2018

“FORTY YEARS OF AUSTRALIA SOLOMON ISLANDS BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP.”
Marking 40 years of Solomon Islands independence 1978-2018.

PROGRAM

Note some speakers are provisional and subject to confirmation.

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2018.

1430 BANK SOUTH PACIFIC Registration Desk Open
Afternoon tea available on arrival.

PACIFIC AIR EXPRESS SESSION 1:

1530 WELCOME TO DELEGATES:

Opening Remarks by Mr Gary Clifford, President Australia Pacific Islands Business Council and Mr Jay Bartlett, Chairman, Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

1600 KEYNOTE ADDRESSES:

Keynote address by Australian and Solomon Islands Government Representatives.
The Hon Rick Houenipwela, Prime Minister of Solomon Islands
A representative of the Government of Australia.

1645 SOLOMON ISLANDS ECONOMIC OVERVIEW.

Economic Overview of Solomon Islands – Dr Luke Forau, Advisor to Governor’s Office, Central Bank of Solomon Islands.

1710 A NEW PARADIGM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AND CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE.

Mr Ian Clarke OBE, Partner, Dentons.

1710 DENTONS COCKTAIL RECEPTION:

Cocktail reception with guest speaker.

1930 Ends.

THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2018.

0730 Registration Desk Continues.
Tea / coffee on arrival.

AXIOM MINING SESSION 2:

0830 RESOURCES FOR NATIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH.

What’s needed to get the resources industry moving for national economic growth.

The Hon Bradley Tovosia MP, Minister for Mines, Minerals and Rural Electrification.

Mr Ryan Mount, Managing Director, Axiom Mining Limited.

Mr Simon Slesarewich, Managing Director, Metallica Minerals.

Dr Fiona Martin, General Manager Community and Government Relations, Gold Ridge Mining Limited.

1000 WORKING FOR IMPROVED BUSINESS, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OUTCOMES.

The Hon Jeremiah Manele MP, Minister for Development Planning and Aid Co-ordination.

Mr Dennis Meone, Chief Executive Officer, Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Progress Report on Business and Government Working Together Building the Pathway to Sustainable Economic Growth

1040 PRONTO SOFTWARE MORNING TEA

STRONGIM BISNIS SESSION 3:

1110 DEVELOPING ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE: CORAL SEA UNDERSEA CABLE.

Mr Pablo Kang, Head, The Coral Sea Undersea Cable Task Force, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
Mr Hugh McGarry, Project Director, Solomon Island Submarine Cable Company Ltd.
Mr Arthur Yen, Chief Commercial Officer, Solomon Telekom.

1215 SUPPORTING YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS AND EMERGING LEADERS.

Mr Jay Bartlett, Managing Director, Hatanga.
Mr Jonathan Pryke, Director Pacific Program, The Lowy Institute.

1245 LUNCH

BRED BANK SESSION 4:

1330 PORTS, ROADS, AVIATION, LAND UTILISATION.

Mr Eranda Kotelawala, Chief Executive Officer, Solomon Islands Ports Authority.
Mr Naoki Katuta, Transport Analyst, World Bank Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project.
Mr Alan McNeil, and Ms Lizzie Tegu, Solomon Islands Ministry of Lands, Housing and Survey.
Mr Andrew Bulman, General Manager, Sol Bridge Limited. Innovation in waste – challenges and opportunities in Solomon Islands

1445 OPENING UP TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES IN WESTERN PROVINCE.

Opening up Western Province for tourism growth.

Mr Brett Gebers, General Manager, Solomon Airlines
Ms Belinda Botha, Director, Dive Munda.
Ms Milissa Day, International Finance Corporation.

1530 AFTERNOON TEA.

SESSION 5:

1600 SOLOMON ISLANDERS ACCESSING THE AUSTRALIAN LABOUR MARKET.

Mr Nicholas Murphy, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
Mr George Tuti, Director, Solomon Islands Department of Foreign Affairs and External Trade.
Ms Kerry McCarthy, Grace Kate Farms: An Employer Perspective.

1655 CLOSING REMARKS

Mr Frank Yourn, Executive Director, Australia Pacific Islands Business Council.

1700 CLOSING DRINKS.

1900 Ends.

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