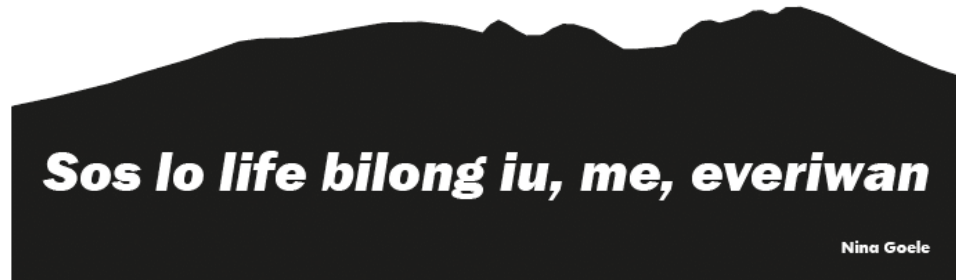




Kolombangara Biodiversity and Cultural Festival

13-17 June 2011, Ringgi

KOLOMBANGARA ISLAND



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OFFICIAL PROGRAM

FESTIVAL PROGRAM

MONDAY 13 JUNE to FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2011

MONDAY 13 JUNE

- 9am-6pm **Soccer Day 1** – Round Robin Games (*Soccer Fields 1 and 2*)
9am-6pm **Netball Day 1** – Round Robin Games (*Netball Court between Field 2 & Ring Rd*)
9am **High School speech competition** starts (*School Hall*)
12noon **Primary School drawing competition** entries close (*Festival HQ*)

TUESDAY 14 JUNE

- 8am-6pm **Soccer Day 2** – Round Robin Games (*Soccer Fields 1 and 2*)
8am-6pm **Netball Day 2** – Round Robin Games (*Netball Court between Field 2 & Ring Rd*)

WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE

- 10:30am **Traditional Welcome, Ringgi Marine Base**
1. Kolombangara Warriors Escorts VIP in War Canoes
 2. Kolombangara Welcome to VIP party
 3. Festival Welcome Song
 4. War Canoe demonstration exercises
- 11:30am **Official Dedication Ceremony, Ringgi**
1. March Past
 2. Dedication Ceremony, Launch of Conservation Area and Speeches
 3. Theme Song and Cultural Dances
- 4-5pm **Official Dinner** - invitation only

THURSDAY 16 JUNE

- 9am-1pm **Soccer Day 3** – Final 16 knockout – 3 rounds (*Soccer Fields 1 and 2*)
9am-1pm **Netball Day 3** – Final 8 knockout (*Netball Court between Field 2 & Ring Rd*)
12:30pm **Prime Minister Speech and Dedication** - Ringgi
4pm **Netball Grand Final** (*Netball Court between Field 2 & Ring Rd*)
5pm **Soccer Grand Final** (*Soccer Field 1*)
6pm **Singing and Music Competition** (*Soccer Field 1*)

FRIDAY 17 JUNE

- 6am to 7pm **Field Trip 1** – Imbu Rano Lodge to Kongu Rano (*meet truck at Ringgi Market*)
9am to 4pm **Field Trip 2** – Imbu Rano Lodge to Patu Kolo (*meet truck at Ringgi Market*)

Welcome!

Welcome to our week-long celebration of the dedication of the 20,000ha conservation area on Kolombangara Island, the largest in Solomon Islands. Join us in our efforts to protect the culture and forests on Kolombangara Island above 400 metres.

Donald Saepio
Chairman
KIBCA

OFFICIAL CEREMONY PROGRAM

Wednesday 15 June

Traditional Welcome, Ringgi Marine Base

10:30 START

5. VIP Party leaves Nusatuva
6. Kolombangara Warriors in War Canoes Escort VIPs to Ringgi Marine Base
7. Kolombangara Warriors at wharf run to challenge visitors
8. Kolombangara Island representative gives permission to VIP party to land
9. VIP party walks through welcoming party and receive flowers
10. Festival Welcome Song
11. Group photo of VIPs with warriors
12. War Canoe demonstration exercises
13. VIP party travels to Ringgi

Official Dedication Ceremony, Ringgi

11:30 PART 1

4. VIP party arrives at Ringgi
5. Kolombangara language welcome and opening prayer
6. Flag raising and national anthem
7. March past and VIP salute
8. Dedication Ceremony, Launch of Conservation Area and Speeches
9. Theme Song and Cultural Dances

12:00noon PART 2

1. Keynote Address – Donald Saepio, KIBCA Chairman
2. Dedication of conservation area – Solomon Islands Minister of Environment
3. Other speeches (5 mins each)
 - KICC Interim Chair
 - KFPL General Manager
 - Western Prov. Deputy Premier

1:00pm PART 3

1. Winners of speech competition present speech (junior/senior categories)
2. Festival theme song
3. Traditional dancing and music
4. Thank yous, closing and closing prayer

2:00pm VIPs view exhibits and make short tour to Imbu Rano

4:00pm OFFICIAL DINNER

1. Official Dinner, Nduke Club (invitation only)

5:00pm Guests leave for marine base or Ringgi accommodation

VIP PARTY

1. Gordon Darcy MP, Solomon Islands Minister for Finance and Member for Gizo/Kolombangara
2. Dr Mofat Fegui, Solomon Islands Minister of Environment,
3. Jointly Sisiolo, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology
4. Tia Marsol, Deputy Director, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology
5. Pie Robert, Deputy Premier, Western Province
6. Christian Mesepitu, Minister for Tourism, Sports and Culture, Western Province Government
7. Francis Dugan, Western Prov. Env Officer, Western Province Government
8. Donald Saepio, Chairman, KIBCA
9. Douglas Hiva, Interim Chair, KICC (Kolombangara Island Council of Chiefs)

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Donated prizes for the competitions:

Saltai, Noro (Naming Competition)

bemobile (Naming Competition)

JS Store, Ringgi (Speech and Drawing Comp)

Dive Munda, Gizo (Netball Comp)

Fatboys Resort (Soccer Comp)

Wing Sun, Gizo (Singing Contest)

DJ Graphics, Honiara (T-Shirt discount)



The KIBCA Logo. Behind 'KIBCA' is the outline of Kolombangara viewed from near Gizo. This outline reveals *Nina Goele*, the sleeping woman, that has deep cultural meanings to the Dughore people of Kolombangara.