

PNGASL collaborates with Miss PNG Air Services Ltd 2019 to support MIBP.

PNG Air Services Ltd together with the 2019 Miss PNG Air Services Ltd contestant, Miss Helen Ipauki pledged funding support towards the Manam Islanders Book Project (MIBP).

This was done during a small but significant visit to PNG Air Services Ltd head office in Port Moresby on the 20th of August 2019 as the pageant ambassador to strengthen her relationship with the company as her sponsor as well as meet and greet staff and management.

A total of K10, 000 was donated to MIBP with Miss PNGASL's pledging K1, 000 topped with K9, 000 from PNGASL's Managing Director and CEO, Capt. Ted Pakii as part of the company's Community Service Obligation.

President of MIBP, Ms. Shalanta Boli expressed appreciation towards PNGASL and Miss PNGASL for the funding support and said, "Thank you for recognizing the need of the plight of Manam Islanders and for investing into the lives of our children by supporting MIBP".

Miss PNGASL in her address to the Senior Executive Management and staff of the Company articulated the rationale for supporting this project and in her words thoughtfully said, "I believe we are familiar with the plight of the people of Manam. These are people who have suffered natural disasters, displacement from their own lands and deprivations of vital services such as health and education. This gap in education is reflected in their young adults today who were 10-14 years of age in 2004."

"The MIBP was established to empower the young children and youth of Manam through education. It aims to supply books to the existing six Primary Schools and twelve Elementary schools on the island, with reading books, resource material and other educational tools to enhance learning in the Elementary to Primary age groups."

She further expressed that, "In 2017, only one student from Bieng Primary school on Manam Island passed into high school. That only student was a female. MIBP would like to see more Manam Island young girls pass into high school."

She was accompanied by the Chairperson of Miss Pacific Islands Pageant (MPIP) PNG, Mrs. Molly O'Rourke and representatives from the MPIP PNG Committee.

The Chairperson of MPIP, Mrs. O'Rourke announced that this was the first time a sponsor has done this and commended PNGASL for collaborating with its contestant to make this joint sponsorship to MIBP.

The MPIP Crowning in August saw Miss PNGASL crowned as the first runner-up and the winner of the following categories;

- Miss Photogenic Category.
- Miss Best Topic



MD/CEO Capt. Ted Pakii (Third from left), Miss PNG Air Services Limited, MPIB President Shalanta Boli (Fifth from right) along with PNGASL Executive Management.