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2016 at Laguna Hotel in Port Moresby.

were there to showcase their products and services, (story continues on page 3) Board Chairman Ian Tarutia provided key highlights of



- NASFUND Contribution Savings and Loans Society (NCSL) the 2017 financial year which included good asset held its 3rd Annual General Meeting on the 16th of May growth and membership growth of 18.1 Percent and indicated the Society's intention to maintain its drive for greater efficiency through technology to provide the After Welcoming members and service providers who desired service levels to meet member expectations.



General Man-ager's Message

Dear Members,

Pelcome to the April and May combined edition of NCSL Vibe.

In this Edition, we provide coverage on our Annual General Meeting (AGM) that was held at the Laguna Hotel here in Port Moresby on the 16th of May 2018.

Vari Lahui **General Manager**

We have seen an increase in new member registrations, as seen in articles about the staff of Paradise Hospital signing up to become members, as well as more parents

opening Kids savings account (KSA) for their children.

We also continue to promote the message on having a savings culture which is getting into the habit of saving regularly. We have an article on how saving regularly has helped members prepare for their children's education and some tips on how to encourage your children to save for themselves.

Most people do not save because they think they do not have enough money to save. Nothing is too small to start with. Start putting away K5.00 every pay day in your NCSL savings account and increase this amount as you discipline yourself in your spending and can afford to save a higher amount.

Saving is the doorway to wealth creation because the practice of saving also prompts you to think about investment. You may want to invest in a motor vehicle or a house to improve the standard of your living and build up your asset base.

We have an article in this edition on the wonderful work done at Trukai Industries to promote a savings culture, as well as other members promoting this savings culture in their workplace and communities.

Until next time, happy reading.



from infant to 18 years

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empowering NCSL members"

VISION STATEMENT

To become a one-stop-shop bank by 2020"

MISSION STATEMENT

'To improve the quality of our nembers' lives through security, eturns, services and product range we offer."

VALUE STATEMENT

- Customer service is our first priority.
- We rely on teamwork to achieve our goal
- We treat each other with trust, respect, consideration and
- We operate with honesty and integrity
- We never turn a blind eye to corruption of any kind.
- We encourage efficient use of time.
- We encourage and reward skill level, progress and contribution.
- We are responsible for our actions.
- We provide necessary training and equipment.
- We include the necessary people in decision making.
- We empower people to make and carry out decisions.
- We are a learning organization.
- We communicate NCSL activities and results.
- We support community activities without impacting on members' funds.
- We protect the reputation of NCSL by behaving ethically.

NCSL opens more KSA accounts

During the Divine University (DWU) Open Day in Madang, NASFUND Contributors Savings & Loan Society Limited (or NCSL) participated as a corporate organisation to give out information on the benefits of the product and service it offers.

The main purpose of the exercise was to educate students, staff of DWU and the general public on promoting a savings culture amongst young minds and the adults through membership with NCSL.

NCSL Client Service Officer in Madang, Geraldine Lokain, was kept busy in assisting parents to open NCSL Kids Savings Accounts for children their and

> Salome Ban (Left) and Miss Siria (top) receiving free merchandise after opening KSAs with a K25.00 deposit.

Below: DWU Employees Mr & Mrs Pamba filling in forms to register new KSA accounts for their daughters.



Word other savings accounts well.



Ways to teach your kids about saving money

1. START WITH A PIGGY BANK

A piggy bank can be a great way to teach your kids the importance of saving, while giving them an easy way to do it. Tell your kids that the goal is to fill up the piggy bank with coins and notes until there is no room. Illustrate that the piggy bank is for saving money for the future and that the more they save, the more their money will grow.

2. OPEN UP A BANK ACCOUNT

Once the piggy bank is full, take your child to the bank to open up a savings account for them. Have them count how much money is going to be deposited, so they can have a physical understanding of how much money they have. Show them the final number and reinforce the idea of interest.

3. USE SAVINGS JARS

When your kids really want a new toy or a game, let them know they will have to save up for it. Give them a jar for each of their desired purchases and offer them a small allowance each week in a denomination that encourages savings.

Eg. if you give your child five kina a week, give it to them in one kina coins. They can save all their cash for one purchase, or they can contribute to different "jars" for various savings goals.

To encourage saving up for their short-term goals, put a picture of their desired toy or item on the jar, so they have a visual reminder of what they are working towards.

Hospital workers encouraged to join NCSL



Port Moresby: Mrs Sios speaking to the third batch of employees of Paradise Private Hospital on the importance of saving with NCSL.

All one hundred and forty staff of the Paradise Private employees to join NCSL before the next fortnight. Hospital in Port Moresby have received awareness on Almost half of this number have already opened the products and services that NCSL has to offer.

Mrs Janet Sios, who wants at least one hundred of her on 7th May 2018.

accounts with us and have received ID cards. The awareness was scheduled over three visits, with two This was done upon request from the hospital owner, done in the month of April and the third one conducted

More members advocating for NCSL



Qoreng Sonny, who is employed by Lutheran Health Service in the Morobe Province, is a member and an advocate who has encouraged her fellow workmates to join NCSL after enjoying its financial benefits.

"I joined NCSL in 2014 when I heard about it during an awareness presentation conducted by a NASFUND Officer."

"I started my contributions in April 2015 and this contribution helped and assisted me a lot. I am the highest contributor to NCSL within my organisation.

I have become a motivator and have influenced most health workers within Lutheran Health Service to join which they have."

"Most staff have returned and thanked me for letting them know of this service which they benefitted from, in their times of need. With that, I am also encouraging my colleagues to open Kids Savings Account and access NASCARE. Thank you so much for the services being provided by NCSL."

NCSL records a Net Profit of K2.1 Million

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the previous year.

The Society's General Manager, Vari Lahui then stated that in addition to the good membership growth achieved, which improved NCSL's base. This change has been ratified market share the of an average of 27 percent each year since 2013 and, as at 31/12/2017, the loan portfolio reached K61.4 Million which improved NCSL's servants as members". market share within the savings and loan industry to 17 percent.

Mr Lahui said NCSL recorded a Net development. Profit of K2.1 Million which is after

interim interest payment of just over In the meantime, NCSL continues to Both Mr Tarutia and Mr Lahui K4.0 Million and paid an interest enhance its electronic channels for thanked the members for their trust crediting rate of 4.3 percent which is service delivery which has now seen and confidence in NCSL which is an improvement on the level paid in the ongoing reduction in paper evident by the increasing applications over its counters in the membership base and the growing member savings. They also thanked 19 branches across the country. the Board members for their counsel the large loan provisioning charge NCSL hopes to achieve a paper-less and as well as the hardworking staff and write-downs in property operation within the next few years of NCSL for the ongoing success of

"This result was achieved despite valuations and share investments as it rolls out the online access the Society. and I have confidence in a much channels in all its branches over the improved performance in 2018 due next few weeks which will enable to the growing trend in revenue members to levels and expected lower operating applications online at the branches. expenses levels.



from outside the NASFUND member total by the regulator, Bank of PNG, and payroll code, **DNCSL**, which now enables NCSL to register public

> NCSL hopes to accelerate its membership growth with this new

> > their initiate

NCSL also revised its constitution at "We are hoping that over time, we the 2nd Annual General Meeting last will see no more paper year which now allows membership applications," said Mr Lahui.

He also mentioned they would like to see a cash-less society in the membership base to 41 percent, Mr Lahui announced that NCSL has years to come and NCSL is looking to NCSL has grown its loan portfolio by just been granted a government roll out the debit card offering before the end of this year to coincide with BPNG's establishment of the Retail Electronic Payment System (REPS).

> The meeting accepted the Society's audited financial statements for 2017 as presented.

Bottom Left to right: GM Vari Lahui and Member Services Manager Robert Thadeus talking to PNG Air representatives (Right) Members at the Digitec and Nesian Hair & Beauty Salon Stalls

Members are good advocates of NCSL

The Society has so many great stories and testimonies shared by members who continue to be good advocates of NCSL by sharing their success stories.

Andrew Topo is a member and an advocate of NCSL and is employed by Trukai Industries Ltd as their Human Resources Manager. Trukai Industries Ltd has more then 900 employees and Andrew continually encourages his employees to save with NCSL for their short term needs.

"As a member of NCSL and an officer with an employer of over 900 employees, I strongly believe that NCSL has relieved a lot of burden from members including wider communities on short term financial needs," says Andrew Topo.

"In PNG, we don't have a savings culture. Therefore all working class individuals are on the borrowing/loan culture as we know it. As an employer of one of the biggest industries in PNG, I usually encourage my employees to get into the habit of saving and have that savings culture instilled in them so that they can assist themselves during their time of need without the need to borrowing."

"....I usually encourage my *employees to create the* continue to drive. habit of saving and have that savings culture instilled in them so that they can assist themselves...."

Topo said this was the message that he and his HR Team at Trukai

"As I always say to my employees and also to the management of Trukai, NASFUND savings is for the long

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term which we can only utilise when we retire, when we are unemployed, we can only access these funds during such times. NCSL is for short to medium term savings for any working Papua New Guinean who want to save and borrow from their own savings to assist them financially."

"And as a HR Manager in such a big industry, I have to make sure that my staff, especially those who are members of NCSL are kept well informed of any latest changes happening within updates, the superannuation and the savings & loan industry so they have maximum benefits to the services provided by these financial institutions nationwide for the members' benefit."

"Having said this, NCSL is coming up with creative innovations to ensure that members are enjoying their short term savings and most importantly they reward members with interest paid back to the member on a monthly basis, which is excellent. Not only that but the lowest loan interest rate at 1% per month which you will



Lae, Morobe Province: Andrew Topo with mic-piece on speaking to Trukai staff in Lae Head Office during the Trukai Business Update in March 2017. Seen next to him is the Chief Financial Officer.

not see that in any other banks and money lenders outside the savings and loan industry.

As far as I'm concerned, when it comes to savings and loan industry in PNG and the Pacific, NCSL leads the way to educate members financially and this is evident in its consistent membership growth.

Education savings is beneficial

Having savings is beneficial and NCSL members can supplier for education related purpose alone." benefit from their savings to meet personal obligations such as paying for education expenses.

Thadeus said the Education Savings Account will serve its financial obligations as well. purpose to meet education expenses only if supporting documents are provided with the application.





Neles Nere shared with NCSL that his education savings has assisted him to pay school fees, & purchase stationeries for his children. Neles says he finds saving with NCSL the best option to take. (insert: Neles Nere)

"Most parents and guardians lodging applications for Education Savings Withdrawal do not attach supporting documents like school fee invoice, deposit slips, confirmation letter from school accepting child or invoice/quote from stationery supplier," Thadeus said.

"This results in applications being put on hold or declined due to the absence of supporting documents since the withdrawals under the Education Savings Account are paid directly to the school or stationery

Raymond Winaulin both a parent and member has benefited from his education savings and says he found Member Services & Branch Support Manager Mr Robert the service reliable and beneficial to assist with his other

"I had to withdraw from my education savings to assist with my daughter's school fees which was due and this put a lot of pressure on me on top of my other family responsibilities especially during beginning of the year," said Winaulin.

He added that utilising his education savings to meet his daughter's school fees was the option he took and that relieved him of some financial pressure.

"It was my first time to enquire about this service and the assistance provided by NCSL officer in Lihir was very helpful. I successfully lodged my education withdrawal application online and had it paid to the directly to the school within the service turnaround time with the confirmation letter being received for verification," Winaulin said.

He further reiterated that NCSL online portal was convenient and recommended this service to his family and friends.

Mr Thadeus urged members lodging educational withdrawal applications to provide all supporting documents from school/institution or stationery/ uniform supplier to enable timely processing by NCSL staff.



Dr Graham Low, NCSL member since 2017 assists children who are unfortunate and gives back something to the community especially in areas where his job takes him.

Dr. Low used his NCSL savings to assist two children go to school (insert: Dr Graham Low)