

Melanesian Week

25th Anniversary of the Melanesian Spearhead Group

Celebrating Melanesian Solidarity and Growth

8 - 10 May 2013

Government Building & Seafront



Vanuatu Gouvernement
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PROGRAMME

- 7.45 – 8.00am All invited guests and Public assemble at Anchor Inn
- 8.05 – 8.15am VMF Parade leads the VIPs and Public to the Government Building
[site where the Principles of Cooperation was signed on 14th March, 1988]
- 8:30am VIPs are seated
8.35am Official Welcome by the Director General for Foreign Affairs and External Trade,
Mr. Johnny KOANAPO
- 8.40am Opening Pray and Dedication for Melanesian Week by Vanuatu Christian Council
- 8.55am Choir Group
- 9.05am Opening Address by the Prime Minister, Honorable Moana Carcasses Kalosil (MP)
- 9.15am MSG Song, Sung by Elder Albea Nalisa [releasing of MSG balloons]
- 9.20am -----UNVEILING OF THE PLAGUE TO MARK THE HISTORIC SITE-----
- The Humble beginnings of the MSG*
- 9.30 - 10.50am Pioneers “storian”
- Traditional Dances
- Guest Speakers Statement
- Kava Ceremony
- 10.50 am VMF Parade Lead Public to Seafront
- [VIPs stay at the Government Building to join the Honorable Prime Minister
at the Marquee for Light refreshments]
- 11.00 - 8.00pm ***Industry, Tourism, Trade display of products and Local handicrafts***
[Industry Stalls and Food stalls will be open from Wednesday – Friday
- 3.00pm Traditional Carvers at work and Display till end of day
Display of Art and Crafts from Melanesia
- 4.00pm “Talks from MSG Secretariat, Department of External Trade, Department
of Labour, Department of Customs & Inland Revenue and Biosecurity
Vanuatu”
- Talk on the MSG Trade Agreement [MSG Sec, Dept. of External Trade];
 - Talk on facilitating trade under the MSG [Dept. of Customs
and Biosecurity Vanuatu];
 - Talk on Labour Mobility [MSG Sec, Dept. of Labour, Dept. of External Trade];
- 5.00pm MSG USP Students Cultural Performances
- 8.00pm End

9.00am

Vanuatu Cultural Centre – Activities
[Industry Stalls and Food stalls will be on all day]

Traditional dances from the Provinces that have adopted the Melanesian countries

Traditional dances group from MALAMPA;
Traditional dance group from PENAMA;
Traditional dance group from TORBA;
Traditional dance group from TAFEA;

Traditional Arts and Carvings displayed throughout the day

12.00pm

A series of Panel Discussions and Debate– Organized by the MSG Secretariat
The MSG has grown from strength to strength, the panel discussions will focus on 25 years of Melanesian Solidarity and Growth and the future of the MSG.

4.00pm

Greased Pig Catching Competition
Open to 3 Categories:

1. Mens 35+
2. Womens 35+
3. Youth 18+ (Mixed Boys and Girls)

5.00pm

Melanesian Fashion Show
An evening show casing the creativity of Melanesia, through their designs \ and clothings. From traditional to modern wear.

8.00pm

End

9.00am

Presentation of Essay Competition on the 25th Anniversary of the MSG Theme “Celebrating Melanesian Solidarity and Growth” [Industry Stalls and Food stalls will be on all day]

- Welcome Address to Schools taking part;
- Presentation to winners of Essay Competition;
- Winning Essay presentation;

NB: Primary School Yrs. 5-6
Secondary School Yrs. 9-10

12.00pm

***“Celebrating Melanesian Solidarity and Growth”
– the Work of the MSG Secretariat***

- Introduction to the MSG Secretariat;
- Activities and work programs of the MSG Secretariat;

The MSG Secretariat is hosted by Vanuatu, the Secretariat will explain the work and activities of the MSG Secretariat, and how their programs work.

2.00pm

Canoe Racing Competition
Canoes with colourful MSG colours will race from La Tentation to Market House;

4.00pm

Pétanque Competition at Pétanque aria

6.00pm

String band Competition (2 song)

1. Celebrating 25 years of Melanesian Solidarity & Growth
2. Any song (open)

8.00pm

Closing