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News from Bro. Jim

While I was on holidays, towards the end of last year, I took the decision to undergo back surgery as I have been having a bit of trouble for some time, but I was not prepared for it at that stage as there were quite a few things I wanted to do before taking a few months out. I made the appointment then for surgery in July and that gave me 7 months to get things in order. Had I said 7 years or 17 months, I still don't think that I would be ready, however I did manage to get a few of the things done before departing.

Well, now I am in Melbourne, impatiently trying to get better to return to PNG, but to tell you the news I should start this letter in a chronological order to keep you informed about what has been happening at St Gemma's

Awareness day

To try and drum up some support for the Senta, I decided to have an "awareness" day. Originally I thought of an open day but then I thought it better to target those that are in a position to help and so I invited Government officials, departmental heads and managers in private enterprise. The day was not really successful in so far as numbers are concerned but very successful for those that came.

There were only 3 from private business, 3 from the education department, 4 from the health department and the manager from the PNG Banking Corporation.

Those that came were simply amazed when they saw the setup and what the children are doing. They could not

*Thanks to the Hon Ted Diro
 for his generous donation
 and encouragement*

believe it when they saw kids with disabilities working on the computer. From that point of view it was a highly successful day as the whole idea was to let them see what is going on at the Senta Bilong Helpim, to make them aware. To me, the fact that so few turned up, it showed the total lack of interest for the disabled or what they are doing. I am sure that there is still a lot of the old attitude around and that is that any one with a disability is a burden on society and so why bother. Had they come they would have seen just what can be done for them and that they certainly have something to contribute to society. Maybe those that came will spread the news.

Another positive to come out of the day was the fact that we were given a donation from a politician. Unfortunately it was not one of the politicians from our area, but one from the Central Province, the Right Honorable Ted Diro, right down on the other side of the country. He had paid a visit a few days earlier when he was in Vanimo on business and he was very impressed with what is being done for the kids.

Prominent Visitor

Another prominent visitor was the Deputy, British High Commissioner. The High Commissioner was planning a visit in September and because I missed his last

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visit and would also miss this September visit, an earlier visit was planned before I left Vanimo. At this time the High Commissioner was not able to come and so his deputy, Mr. Chris Thompson, made the visit. I was particularly pleased that Chris was able to make the visit as he is the man that I have been in contact with and it was his only chance of him visiting before taking up another



posting. I would like to take the opportunity of thanking Chris for his interest and support during his short stay in the country and wish him well in his new assignment.

The visit, although a short one, went very well and Chris was really pleased with what he saw in the short time he was there. He spent the Monday morning at the Senta Bilong Helpim and saw all aspects of the work being done. I was also able to show him the starting of the house that the BHC has funded. The house is to be rented and will help with running costs of the Senta.

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One thing that I was really keen to get started was a chicken project. Thanks to the funding given by St. Vincent de Paul, mentioned in the July newsletter, I was able to get the project up and running before leaving. The plan is to get 50, day old chicks each fortnight and then sell them as meat birds. The profits of the project would then be divided

among our volunteers.

For some time now I have wanted to be able to give the volunteers some form of remuneration for the time and effort they put in. They have never asked for, or expected, any payment but, as they come to the Senta each day, they don't have time for gardening, which is an important part of their lives for day to day living. When people garden, they are also able to sell surplus produce at the market and so our volunteers are missing out on that source of income. So, rather than put pressure on their families to supply all their needs, I am hoping that they will get enough for their needs from our chicken project. That will take pressure off them and hopefully enable us to keep them working at the Senta for a longer time.

Marie comes to the rescue

Since the crash of our Senta vehicle, I had been doing the daily pick up of the children and then dropping them off in the afternoon. It was a bit of a worry how that was going to be organized during my absence. It was indeed a great relief when Marie Kofua volunteered for the job and I am indeed extremely grateful for Marie's help. From all accounts, Marie is thoroughly enjoying the job and finds it both a humbling and enjoyable experience. The kids also love having Marie as their driver.

Danny puts into practice what he learnt in Melbourne

During my absence, Dr Martijn and Danny Grea have been running a course on Basic Life Support at the Senta for our volunteers. Danny is a theatre nurse at the Vanimo Hospital and was in Melbourne recently for training at Monash Medical Centre. He has come back full of enthusiasm and is keen to help out at the Senta with Dr. Martijn, in any way he can. There is no doubt that we will miss Dr. Martijn enormously when his time in Vanimo comes to an end at the end of this year. The course has been greatly appreciated by the volunteers.

Delay in getting started on road to recovery

Surgery on my spine was to take place at 1.30 pm on the 1st of August. That morning I had a few tests, as there seemed to be something wrong with my pancreas. It was not until I was about to be wheeled into the operating theatre, that I got word that the operation had been called off as more tests needed to be done on my pancreas. It was a real blow as, apart from having the surgery cancelled, I also had the anxiety of further complications. Fortunately the following tests showed that everything was okay and so the spinal surgery could go ahead. The trouble then was to be able to slot me in as about 5 hours was needed for the job. The earliest possible date was the 17th August.

During the delay I enjoyed the hospitality of my sister Irene in her lovely new home at Chirnside Park. The house is in a lovely hilly area with beautiful views from 2 sides of the house.

Helping out with newsletter

I was also able to go to a family Mass at Templestowe and after the Mass,



Irene and I were picked up by Dr. Elizabeth Lewis and went to Geelong to visit with Pauline McKenzie. It was a great day and during the visit we were able to fold the July newsletter, a job normally done by Pauline and family. Originally the visit was to be a meeting for the SBH support group but Victoria Higgins was the only other member able to make it. It was a very enjoyable day and the highlight was for me to at last see Marion, Pauline's daughter, astride her famous horse, Daniel Boone. Marion's horse was used in the Para Olympics and was ridden by a girl from Finland. They managed to win a bronze medal. I am sure that it will not be long

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before Marion herself will be astride in a Paralympic event as she is doing really well in the local and national competitions.

Visitors

I had many welcome visitors during my stay but 2 of them were totally unexpected. The first was Denis Madigan who flew from Sydney, stayed an hour and then went back. It was indeed a real surprise to see Denis at the door and I really do appreciate his visit especially as he is not very mobile himself. He is still walking with the aid of a frame after suffering from golden staf, which he picked up during a recent stay in hospital. Denis has always been a great support to me since we were together as students in the late 50's.

The other surprise visitor was Bro. Stan Tyler who came over from Adelaide. He stayed at Templestowe for a break and also to take care of me for the first 10 days after my surgery. Stan has also been a great support to me over the years.

Surgery

Well the surgery is over. I went in on Friday the 17th August at 7 am and it actually took longer than they thought it would due to the difficulty of removing the original implant. It took just on 7 hours and so Friday the 17th is not a day I can remember much about. Unfortunately I cannot say the same for Saturday the 18th and I really was wondering if I would ever get over it. Surprisingly I did and from the Sunday, it was all down hill. I actually got out of bed on the Sunday and

managed 4 steps. Monday I was up for a bit longer and by Tuesday, I was able to walk on my own. The surgeon saw me on Tuesday evening and said that if I felt up to it, I could go home the next day. At 10 o'clock on Wednesday, I was discharged and taken by ambulance to the Passionists house at Templestowe. I chose Templestowe because of the walking conditions. I had to do a lot of walking and Templestowe is ideal where as at Irene's, the hills would have been a bit much for me.



The Templestowe community were tremendous and made me feel very welcome and did everything possible to make me comfortable. Bro. Jerome, who is part of the T'stowe community this year while doing some study, took control and made sure that I had a suitable bed, a proper chair, the right diet and anything else he could think of to make my stay comfortable. I am indeed extremely grateful to Jerry for all of his care and for all the running around that

he did for me, nothing was a trouble.

I am also grateful to Bro. Stan who stayed on until he was sure that I could manage on my own.

Even though I have been in PNG for 39 years and have not seen much of the Passionists in Australia, the support and concern from all over the province was overwhelming and so I take this opportunity to thank all of my confreres.

Another one hovering in the background and checking to make sure that everything was going okay was Dr. Elizabeth Lewis. Elizabeth is indeed a wonderful ally and it was great knowing that she was there. Mind you, while Elizabeth is hovering around, I am not game to put a foot wrong.

While I was at Templestowe, I had the pleasure of a visit from Jane Burton. Jane is a physiotherapist who is helping out at the Senta for 3 months. I am sure that Claire will have more about Jane in her news, but I want to thank Jane for giving so much of her time, at her own expense, to work at the Senta. Having met Jane, I had no doubt what so ever that her visit will be successful and beneficial to the patients and the volunteers.

I still have a month to go before I see my doctor, I revisit him on the 15th October. I feel very confident that he will give me the green light and allow me to go back to PNG sometime in November, that is perhaps a little sooner than I expected, my hope was to get back in time for Christmas, but never the less, still a long way off.

I am hoping to be mobile enough to get to our annual dinner on October 26th and so I look forward to meeting up with many of you there.

God Bless and thanks for all your prayers and support,

Bro. Jim

Harry Soni, who has been the backbone of the Senta from the beginning is to come to Australia next February for 3 months.

He will undergo training in business management, computer skills (although seeing his report on page 10 of this newsletter shows he could teach some of us a thing or two) and other medical administration courses.

He will be staying with Pauline and Hugh McKenzie at Wallington.

Harry would love to meet as many of you as possible

- *If you are planning sightseeing weekends and would like to include Harry,*
- *please ring Pauline on Ph. 0352561076*



A message from Claire

I think I must say this every newsletter, but lots of exciting and positive things are happening at Senta Bilong Helpim!

Jane Burnton, a physiotherapist from Melbourne, arrived in early September for a stay of 3 months. Jane is an immensely valuable addition to our team here, and I'm particularly pleased with the training being delivered by Jane, Cath, and I, to the volunteers. The local volunteers at the Senta are so important, as they will be here working with the kids for much longer than Jane, Cath, and I will be, and it is their own community to which these kids belong.

Since Jim's temporary departure, **Marie Kafoa** has also been a welcome addition around the Senta, providing transport to and from the Senta for the kids from the East coast of Vanimo.

Recently we have also had a visit from an **Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist medical team**, from Melbourne. In addition to a brief visit to the Senta, several Senta children

attended a clinic at the haus-sik, to have their ears checked by the team. Each day at the Senta runs along



smoothly, with our mix of physiotherapy, classroom time (maths, literacy, health, art, and "bible stories"), music and dance, and hydrotherapy. During our Christmas / New Year break Cath will provide some computer training to the Senta volunteers. This will enable the volunteers to work more effectively with the children using our maths and spelling computer games.

Currently the Senta is on a week of school holidays. I was fortunate enough to spend some time in Wewak, and attended a paediatric

physiotherapy session at the Wewak Haus-sik, and also look through Callan Services, which offers rehabilitation support to people in the East Sepik Province. It was wonderful to see their programs (particularly the deaf unit classroom, and staff training course) to reinforce and encourage the work we are doing here at Senta Bilong Helpim for the West Sepik region of PNG.

On Friday of this holiday week, all Senta volunteers will be attending a retreat day, to reflect on their role and value as a volunteer at SBH. This will be followed on Saturday by Mass and a thankyou lunch.

This holiday week (a holiday for the children only, really!) also provided me with some much needed time to plan Senta activities (such as art sessions, health lessons, maths and literacy, etc.) through to the end of the year. I know the remainder of this year will zoom by..... as the saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun"!

Claire

Martijn Pannekoek, a VSO Medical Practitioner from Holland has made valuable contributions to this newsletter in the past. Here are two extracts from a report of his recent patrol in the Sepik area. We will miss Martijn's articles and on behalf of the Senta Bilong Helpim Support (Aust) Inc we wish the Pannekoek Family health and happiness for the future

"One of the patients we saw in one of these villages was Lazarus. He is about three years old and is born with microcephalus, (small brain). Because of a lack of brain he suffers mental retardation. At the moment he acts as a child of six months old and likes to put everything in his mouth. He is also deaf, so you can understand that it was very hard to get my camera back from him. Very nice kid and happily for him he lives on the Sepik River and not in the western world where they put him in an institute. The local people make some jokes about him, but in the meanwhile he goes around and plays with everyone.

The Community Health Worker told me that there are two other patients with the same problem in a village not far away. These are classic examples of inbreeding, a warning for all the royal families!"



"During the days that we were on the Sepik River we visited Aukwam (100 villagers), Wagu (300 villagers), Sanur (200 villagers), Bemap (100 villagers) and Bifro (450 villagers). The condition of all the people I saw was in general good. Not of the good health care, but because of the survival of the fittest. If you are sick in this area than you are in big trouble. But they have survived already for generations, even without medication before.....

.....I saw a lot of patients. Most of them with chronic problems like arthritis, skin diseases, asthma and cataract of the eyes. Most of them don't need medication, but good health talks about a balanced diet, to avoid smoky areas and stop smoking when you are in shortness of breath. Simple things, but no one told it them before. Of course we had some real problems like a child with hydrocephalus. Her head was so heavy that if she wants to shake "yes", she cannot get her head up anymore.... Luckily a flight was available and I was able to fly out an almost blind young man and the child with hydrocephalus. "

Jane's Jottings

I'd been warned prior to arriving at the Senta that this was a very special place!! I'd seen photos of the Senta, the beach, and the people who worked here whilst I was still in Melbourne – I'd taken my mother to one such sitting where she asked veterans of PNG important questions like “will coral grow out of my daughter's ears?”!

Meeting Brother Jim in Melbourne was very good, too – he has such a passion for the Senta and was obviously missing it terribly.

Anyway, I arrived here to have Claire, Cath, and Father Tony all come to pick me up, and Claire proceeded to talk for the next half hour on the wonders of Vanimo, how much she loved the Senta, and the best supermarket to buy chocolate....

I've now been here over 3 weeks. I have been busy organising weekly inservices for the volunteers who graciously give of their time at the Senta. I've also been doing individual physio assessments of all the children and adults who attend.

Slowly but surely, each person who attend the Senta is getting a central file with family and medical information, goals, and charts with their own exercises drawn. We're training the volunteers to be able to update the files and exercises effectively. Splints have been modified and we'll start casting some children in the next few weeks. Hydrotherapy and gross motor ideas are being expanded.

Thanks to Claire and the volunteers my Pidgin is slowly getting to the stage where I can communicate and

understand most of what I want to say. However, I'm not sure that last weeks efforts in explaining God's rainbow to the class in Bible Stories was understood at all by the children!



Jane Burnton, a physiotherapist from Melbourne, paid her own fare and is volunteering her services for 3 months to work at the Senta

From what we hear on the “grape vine” Jane is a dynamo....

The children who attend the Senta Bilong Helpim

At the moment are probably receiving more intensive and holist care than many disabled children in Australia.

The year of the Volunteer is really being celebrated in Waromo

So far, my highlights;

- discovering so much equipment!
- trying to explain home modification to a dubious land owner in order to get a wheelchair used safely in a settlement! The new steps work fine, to his amazement!
- working with Claire, Cath, and Harry, and seeing the volunteers put so much in to the Senta – it's totally inspiring
- the warm ocean water
- of course, the children's smiles!

My lowlights;

- discovering much of the equipment has been partially eaten by rats
- no phone and no Cadbury's!!

Overall, I'm really enjoying my stay here. I'm impressed with how Claire runs the Senta and I have absolutely no doubts of the Senta's importance to the community as a whole. I've enjoyed working with the haus-sik (hospital) and other health providers in the area to maximise our efficiency here at the Senta with equipment, knowledge, and transportation of clients.

The volunteers amaze me, the children warm me, and the lifestyle relaxes me.

I thank God he has given me this opportunity.

Acknowledgement

The staff and children of St. Gemma's Senta Bilong Helpim, would like to thank Ela Motors and their regional manager, Mr. Don Fox, for their ongoing support of the Senta.

Ela Motors donated the vehicle for the Senta and unfortunately the vehicle was written off in an accident. Don is in the process of finding another suitable vehicle

Farewell to the Pannekoek Family



Dr. Martyn Pannekoek - A Tribute

I cannot let the opportunity of this newsletter go by without thanking Dr. Martijn Pannekoek for his dedication and work, not only for the Vanimo Hospital but also for our Senta Bilong Helpim.

Martijn's term as a volunteer finishes in October although he will stay a little longer to enable his wife, Inez, to finish the school year.

Martijn showed his true colors right from day one. He was only very new in the hospital when all of the senior

medical staff and the CEO of the hospital, all, for various reasons, left the hospital for long periods, leaving everything in the hands of Martijn. He was operating without an anesthetist or senior theatre nurse. He was on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He never neglected doing his routine consultancy work as well as ward rounds. It was not a one off occasion when the staff left Martijn to it and I am sure they took advantage of his dedication.

His concern for people came very much to the fore when Martijn discovered that there were many sick people in the settlements that could not afford to go to the hospital and so he started going into the settlements one afternoon a week to treat these unfortunate people. It was during these clinics that he also found dozens of patients that needed to be seen by specialists and so he took it upon himself to co-ordinate and organize patient lists for the various specialists who visit Vanimo each year. Martijn chased after as well as wrote to each and every one of these patients when the time came for them to come to the hospital.

Even with more than enough work at the

hospital, it did not stop Martijn from becoming very interested and active in the work at the Senta. This work was not just on the medical side, but Martijn became very active in fund raising for the Senta as well as being a very constructive member of the board of governors.

If any visitors came to Vanimo that Martijn thought would be able to help the Senta in any way, he would make time and bring them out for a visit. Because of this, we have many supporters that we would not otherwise have had.

He also gave of his own time to conduct seminars for public health, many of these were on HIV and AIDS but others were for mothers impressing on them the need for hygiene. Others were for measures that could be taken to help prevent malaria and the spread of TB.

Nothing was too much trouble for him and everything was done without any fuss or bother. We are indeed blessed to have such a man in our midst and there is no doubt we are going to miss him very much even though I have no doubt that no matter where Martijn is, he will be a life long supporter of the Senta.

In all that I have said, I have not mentioned Martijn's wife, Inez. I have no doubt that Inez has been a tower of strength for Martijn and so we also must thank her for the comfort and support she gave Martijn through some very difficult times as well as the good times. Inez also gave her all whilst in Vanimo as she took up duties as English teacher at Don Bosco Technical School. I am sure that she will be sadly missed.

Thank you Martijn and Inez for your friendship, love and dedication, may God Bless you both.

Jim.

Australian Volunteers International

Once again Vanimo is blessed with a volunteer from AVI (formally Australian Volunteers Abroad). Catherine Fitzgerald, a speech pathologist, has accompanied her husband Dominic a medical practitioner to work at Vanimo. Dominic has taken Dr Martyn's place at the Vanimo Hospital and Catherine is using her talents to help the children at the Senta.

Catherine follows in the path of numerous Australian Volunteers Abroad who have wonderful memories of their time spent at Vanimo.

Due to problems with email we are unable to print a story from Catherine but look forward to her contribution to the next newsletter.

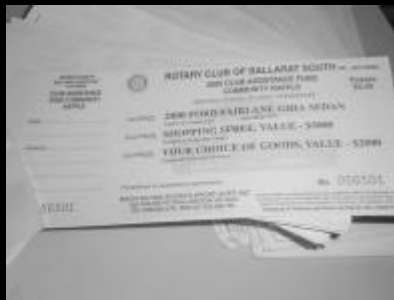
Pictures speak louder than words!



Chris (from British High Com) and Claire



Don't talk to me, I'm busy



Can you help by selling some of these? See Page 8



Dr Elizabeth Lewis operating with Dr Warangi at vanimo hospital



Remember this? Now it is all being used!



we will miss harry when he goes to Australia



Like to win a Ford Fairlane Ghia sedan? Or go on a shopping Spree

**Fund-raising !
What a word!**

It fills us with dread and a heavy heart

With that in mind the committee are delighted that once again they have been invited to partake of the

*Rotary Club of Ballarat South 2001 Club
Assistance Fund Community Raffle.*

What a mouthful! But what an opportunity!

This is how it works



The Rotary Club of Ballarat South provides three major prizes and a distribution of 150,000 tickets to various charities. These charities sell the tickets and keep all but 15% of the proceeds of the sale of the tickets.

The committee of the Senta Bilong Helpim Support (Aust) Inc. have been allocated 750 tickets (\$2) to be sold before the first of December 2000. If we are able to sell these tickets quickly we may be eligible for more!

For every \$2 ticket sold the Senta makes \$1.70

Please send me tickets for the car raffle for me to sell. I will return money, butts and unsold tickets by the 19th November 2001

I would like to make a direct purchase of car raffle tickets @ \$2.00 each (please list names for tickets)

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Senta Bilong Helpim Support (Aust) Inc.



Come and join us at our annual fundraising dinner and hear about what is happening at the Senta Bilong Helpim. Bro. Jim will show a short video and explain the progress made in the past 12 months thanks to the generosity of the many supporters.

Another Evening with Bro. Jim

Friday 26th October 2001 at
6.30pm



William Angliss Restaurant
550 Little Lonsdale St Melbourne
Tickets \$50 per person for 3 course meal including drinks



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News From Harry

This is my second newsletter giving an in-sight on the Senta. My first newsletter was a very lengthy one which covered a wide area of the Senta. In this newsletter I will briefly make a mention about:

1. Senta Staff
2. Income Generated Projects
 - 2.1 Trade Store
 - 2.2 Bakery
 - 2.3 Videos and CD shows
 - 2.4 Poultry Project.
3. Status of training of the disabled children
4. Status of the Senta facilities
5. Senta students (Disabled Children)



The Senta itself is now nearing two years old. Construction work of the Senta started in 1999 and was completed and officially opened in the year 2000. The Senta founder, Br. James of the Passionist order of the Catholic mission of Vanimo diocese is presently in Melbourne, Australia, on medical/health reasons. The Senta is now being taken care of by me, Harry Sony, a local person and Clare a volunteer also from Australia.

1. Senta Staff

The Senta is very privileged to have the wife of the Vanimo general hospital based doctor, Cathleen, to assist in the training of the children. Further-more in the next three weeks the Senta is also very fortunate to have Jane a physiotherapist. Jane is also a volunteer from Australia and is now assisting the trainers and the helpers during training sessions/days. A very big thank you and appreciations to Cathleen and Jane. The Senta hopes that Cathleen will continue to assist while Jane returns to Australia in three weeks time.

2. Income Generating Projects:

2.1 Trade Store.

Due to the ongoing running costs of the Senta, the Senta has no choice but to come up with the ideas of internally raising revenue to assist with the high running costs. So far with the help of Br. James a small trade store has been set up. The trade store is progressing very profitably. The trade store is managed by me and I am assisted by my immediate family and the older Senta children.

2.2 Bakery.

Mrs. Harry Sony (my wife) has volunteered to bake buns and scones to sell to assist in the revenue generating. She is assisted by my extended family members. This has also been carried out very effectively and profitably.

2.3 Video and CD shows.

Videos and CD's are also screened in the nights to assist in the revenue raising. This is organised by myself and is operated and supervised by the Senta older boys. This in itself has built up the idea of having the disabled older boys and girls to take up responsibilities. So far these duties have been very well carried out. These shows also provide social entertainment to the young people in the community, which indirectly occupies them. It is hoped that by doing so will decrease the bad habits of some youths in the community.

2.4 Poultry Project.

Very lately with the help of my extended family, we've started a poultry project. Again this is to try and raise money to assist the running of the Senta. The first lot of meat birds has been sold and the second batch is yet to be sold. Market is good and encouraging at Christmas, New Year or during special organised national or Provincial events. Requests have been sent to business houses and government departments to assist the Senta by purchasing these birds for their mess consumption or re-selling.

3. Training.

The training of the disabled children still runs normal. Now with an added volunteer staff the children are well catered for. The additional volunteer is a physiotherapist by profession and the Senta is very lucky to have a person like Jane. Thank you to Jane for her assistance and time.

4. Senta Facilities.

The Senta facilities are well looked after. The facilities are comprised of buildings, grounds, machines, vehicles, furniture, tools and training equipment. These facilities are well catered for by the community and the Senta staff.

5. Senta Students (Disabled Children).

The children are very lively, excited and very eager to learn. Exhaustedly they are involved in physical training exercises and the use of training equipment. The attendance is very encouraging and their guardians are also very assistable to the Senta staff and their training assistants. As mentioned briefly above, a few older disabled children are now being given simple responsibilities to carry out. These responsibilities are in the areas of assistance to the Senta staff such as operating and looking after videos and CD's machines, caring for vehicles and chickens and involve in the general cleaning up and beautification of the Senta grounds and buildings.

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Members of SBHSAI meet three or four times per year to discuss needs of the Senta. Everyone is welcome to these meetings

For more information about SBHSAI please ring the President, Anthony Cheevers -1263
or Secretary, Pauline McKenzie on 52561076 mobile 0438561076

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\$10 membership for period March '01 to March '02 (please tick)

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OR

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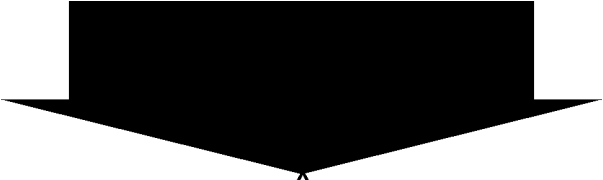
The Senta Bilong Helpim Support (Aust) Inc. receives A\$505 in monthly donations and \$1,260 in annual donations as at 1st March 2001. This means we are over the half way mark to cover administrative expenses at St Gemma's.

Bro. Jim estimates that he needs PGK \$1500 (approx A\$950) per month to run the Senta.

Can you, or your organization donate A\$20 per month? If we are able to get regular contributions Bro. Jim will not have to worry about administrative costs. Eventually we hope the Senta will be self supporting, but in the meantime if you can help

Please do!

The merchant banking facility is an easy way to make a donation. If you would like to assist the running costs of the Senta, please contact us



**Our mailing list is extensive!
If you do not wish to receive this
newsletter please let us know!
On the other hand if you wish others
to be included, please send us their
names and addresses**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

URGENT! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT...

The Gala Dinner at the William Angliss restaurant is fast approaching. We are delighted that a few interstate visitors are planning to join us.

We need supporters to make up tables of 10 people each

Please ring around friends and family to see if they will support this event and wish Bro. Jim farewell as he returns to PNG in early November.

Car raffle tickets and tickets for the beautiful quit donated by Mrs Carberry will be available on the night.