



Bravery and Courage Winner Alwina Hannah Joku (Centre) receiving her award from Governor-General Grand Chief Sir Bob Dadae (left) and CPL Foundation chairman Sir Mahesh Patel. — Picture supplied

GBV can be suppressed: Sir Mahesh

By MICHAEL PHILIP

GENDER-BASED violence (GBV) can be suppressed depending on response and action, City Pharmacy Limited (CPL) chairman Sir Mahesh Patel says.

“The issues depict society and it may not be by choice or chance but it can be resolved with better solutions,” he added.

“CPL Foundation does this by empowering women who stand up voluntarily with no fear or favour to fight against GBV, saving struggling women and girls.

“One of the platforms of recognition given by CPL Foundation is the legacy of CPL Group, the Pride of PNG Awards,” he added.

Sir Mahesh said the awards had recognised more than 70 women who had gone out their way, working tirelessly to serve other women, girls and including men in their communities.

He said one of the categories of the awards aligning with GBV was the Bravery and courage award.

“We have Josephine Durua, a Pride PNG past winner, who is not an highly educated woman but from being a victim of GBV and the

experiences she went through has been her motivation to become an outstanding woman in her community,” he said.

“She is a village court magistrate in Port Moresby’s Morata settlement today.

“She runs a small Safe House catering victims of not only GBV but also Sorcery-Related Violence (SRV).

“We also have Alwina Hannah Joku, another GBV victim.

“Her story is like many other women who have suffered various forms of violence.

“However, she is taking a stand against her aggressor, and she hopes that her story can inspire the numerous women who have or are facing domestic violence to rise above their plight and reach out to end violence against women and girls in Papua New Guinea.”

Sir Mahesh said CPL’s nursing stations were currently running community awareness and outreach to women and girls nationwide.

“Women should rise and reach out for help when encountering violence in their home, work, school or community,” he added.

ENB school scored good grades in exam: Principal

THE 23 Sacred Heart International School Grade Eight students in East New Britain scored 71 per cent in the external national examination.

This was according to the principal Bellen O’Dela, this was a milestone record for the school.

“Despite going through hard times and very challenging year, our students performed very well

to the best of their abilities and for that I am congratulating you all,” she said.

O’Dela encouraged students to work hard and focused on their studies and urged them to look after themselves during this holiday.

She thanked parents for their continuous support in making the 2022 academic year a success.

DID YOU KNOW ... POISON ivy isn’t really poisonous. It contains a sticky, long-lasting oil called “urushiol” that causes an itchy, blistering rash after it touches your skin. Even slight contact, such as brushing up against the leaves, exposes your skin to the oil.



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The Papua New Guinea Business Advocacy Network (PNG BAN) represents over 60 businesswomen in policy dialogue to advance women’s economic empowerment. This past February, the PNG BAN released its first Women’s Business Agenda, a policy paper capturing recommendations for enhancing women’s business participation. In an interview with the PNG BAN Steering Committee, the network’s leadership body, we asked what women need to thrive in the local economy:



Q: What role do women-owned SMEs play in the PNG economy?

Luania Temu: Women in general contribute greatly to economic growth both as support figures to family members who run MSME’s and as business owners who create employment opportunities. Much of the income generated from these small businesses is invested in further education for their children. Many of these businesses use supply chains that can be traced back into rural villages and communities; this has significantly led to the increase of social enterprises over the last five years.

Q: In which sectors are women entrepreneurs seeing the most growth/opportunity?

Priscilla Kevin: Agriculture; tourism; and emerging sectors such as STEM/STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Arts (Creative Industries) and Mathematics) are sectors where women participate in creating innovative enterprises that solve a societal need.

Q: What do women-owned businesses in PNG need to succeed?

Akae Beach: Women need financing, mentorship, a safe environment, and a reduction in supply chain costs.

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Jacqueline Boga-Garou: Recommendations in the Women’s Business Agenda fall into four key pillars: women’s political participation; access to finance; entry of women into the formal economy; and access to inclusive services for health, social welfare, justice, and education.

Q: How can others in the private sector support your goals?

Luania Temu: Mentoring from those nearing retirement is much needed and there are many potential great leaders who fall under the radar but could create change at board and steering committee levels. In the corporate sector, we call for one on one programs that help to build capacity to apply for and win major tenders from large enterprises in order to stay competitive and improve business operations.



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