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MEDIA RELEASE

### **Chamber hosts first 2016 Biggest Morning Tea campaign**

**Port Moresby:** The 2016 Biggest Morning Tea (BMT) Campaign aimed at increasing awareness on cancer prevention kicked off with the PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum hosting the first awareness session.

The Chamber's hosting of the campaign on May 5 was aimed at educating staff about cancer prevention.

The 2016 BMT Campaign was launched at the Pari Village in the Central Province on April 27 and is an annual event organised by the PNG Cancer Foundation.

The awareness was conducted by the University of PNG final-year medical student Lois Booker, who is also an educator with the PNG Cancer Foundation. She was accompanied by Marketing and Fundraising Manager Hayley Chown who spoke about the significance of the campaign.

The staff were educated on how they could prevent themselves and their families from breast and cervical cancer and why it was important for them to detect these two forms of cancer at an early stage.

PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum Executive Director Mr Greg Anderson said the Chamber recognises the importance of cancer prevention and one way of making sure more people are informed about cancer is through greater awareness.

"Involving and encouraging our employees to take part in such awareness will help them to understand and be more aware of cancer prevention. It also opens up a new challenge for them to make sure that they educate their spouses, other family members and friends about cancer," he said.

Ms Chown said the BMT campaign is a fun and easy way for communities, business houses, friends and family to come together over a cup of tea and start the conversation about cancer.

"The campaign provides the people of PNG access to education and information on cancer awareness and prevention during the entire month of May, sponsored by Lipton," she said.

To host your own Biggest Morning Tea or for more information please call 180 2009 or email [events@cancerfoundation.org.pg](mailto:events@cancerfoundation.org.pg).

**Picture Captions:**



**Chamber staff together with Ms Booker (left) and Ms Chown (second from left) after the awareness.**



**Staff listening attentively to Ms Booker during the awareness.**

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### **About Us:**

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