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# DISCOVER WHAT MATTERS Vanuatu

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Authentic cultural and nature-based experiences propelled Vanuatu into Lonely Planet's top ten list of countries to visit in 2011. Vanuatu's strong living traditions, festivals, active volcanoes, thunderous waterfalls and remote villages were highlighted as part of Vanuatu's appeal by the Lonely Planet. On top of that, the happy smiles of the local Ni-Vanuatu people remind everyone how wonderful life can be, in all its simplicity.

Vanuatu is also regularly recognised as one of the world's happiest places, most recently in Lonely Planet's World's 10 Happiest Places in the 1000 Ultimate Experience publication. Vanuatu has also topped the New Economics Forum's Happy Planet Index.

With authentic cultural experiences part of the appeal, Vanuatu is rich in cultural festivals not seen anywhere else in the world. Witness some of the world's rarest cultural festivals and rituals, all happening on the islands of Vanuatu. Vanuatu boasts a range of festivals from the incredible Pentecost Land Dive (nagol), to the colourful and powerful Tanna Toka Dance which go on for days, the mystical Rom dance of Ambrym island of magic and fire, and Water Music custom festival performed by the women of Gaua Island.

At the end of each year, there is a colourful display and an array of custom performances and demonstrations that highlight the destination's cultural diversities in a National Arts Festival.

For more information and a full events listing, visit [www.vanuatu.travel](http://www.vanuatu.travel)

Discover what matters and so much more in Vanuatu.

Lukim yu (See you)

Sebastien Bador, Acting General Manager, Vanuatu Tourism Office



## A warm welcome to all visitors to Vanuatu

Hello and Welcome to the islands of the Republic of Vanuatu.

Vanuatu is an archipelago consisting of 83 beautiful islands, with the main islands being Efate, Espiritu Santo, Malekula and Tanna.

Vanuatu is a land of diversity and huge smiles, boasting coral seas, tropical islands, abundant marine life, volcanoes and rainforests.

Snorkelling, Scuba diving, game fishing and soft adventure are here to enjoy in a country with a colourful history, and rich, living culture.

Our natural environment provides the basis of un-spoilt living in the villages, where life is carefree and the friendliest people are waiting to greet you. This is why we describe Vanuatu as 'Another time, another pace'.

Vanuatu is a young developing nation with huge appreciation and respect for the natural and cultural environment.

We trust that your time in Vanuatu will be enjoyable and will bring long lasting memories. We invite you to return again and again to experience the various wonders that this archipelago of islands provides, from the World's most accessible active volcano on the island of Tanna, to diving on one of the world's most renowned wreck sites, the President Coolidge off the island of Espiritu Santo. There is so much to see and do on Vanuatu's numerous islands.

We thank you for choosing Vanuatu as your holiday destination and look forward to seeing you on our shores again.

Lukim Yu Bakegen

### EVENT & FESTIVALS CALENDER

#### APRIL

- 2 Australia Vs Vanuatu Beachvolley Tournament
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Land Diving Festival or Nagol - Pentecost
- 14 Ambrym Rom Dance & Magic Art - Ambrym
- Every Thursday till September**
- 22 Good Friday, Public Holiday
- 23, 24 Easter 6 kg Challenge fishing Tournament - Port Vila
- 25 Waiters Race

#### May

- Yam Magic Festival - Ambrym
- Tusker 3 Species Challenge Marlin Classic - Efate

#### June

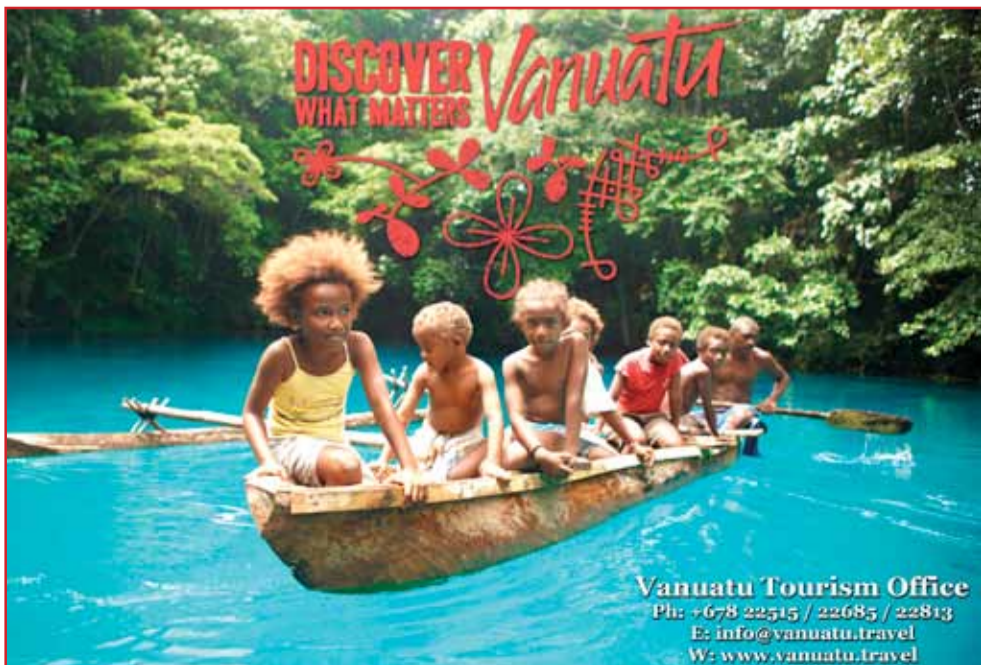
- 5 - 12 Vanuatu Marlin Classic - Port Vila
- Sand Drawing Festival - Malekula



## An exciting Waiters Race scheduled for April 25!

Au Peche Mignon, Alliance Française du Vanuatu and Waiters Race International [www.waitersrace.com](http://www.waitersrace.com) are working together to organize another great event this year scheduled for Easter Monday 25th April 2011. This will be the 3rd event after 2009's race.

This year's race will be in the form of a relay, with the first leg run by the senior category, then the professional waiters, then the junior category, and finally to anyone interested to join in. Interested persons and waiters need to register prior to racing. For further information and registrations, email Romuald on [aupechemignon@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:aupechemignon@vanuatu.com.vu)



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*Caption: Linlin Matuatu (right) and Miller Elwin during game against Australia*

**Congratulation to our  
Beachvolley Girls who  
won against Australia**

Vanuatu Beach Volleyball would like to congratulate the Digicel Vanuatu Womens Beach Volleyball Team who successfully defeated Australia Olympic Gold medalist, on Saturday 2nd April, at State Stadium. The team, comprising of Linlin Matuatu and Miller Elwin won the game in a very commanding two straight sets, 21:13, 21:18.

Thanks go to the fans that came out and supported the girls, who were lifted by the encouragement and enthusiasm of the crowd. The road to Olympic Qualification is about to begin with the team required to participate in a minimum of 12 events in Europe and Asia this year. Keep a lookout on the team’s website

[http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc\\_page.cgi?c=2-1257-0-0-0](http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=2-1257-0-0-0)

to follow their progress which will begin in Vanuatu with an Olympic Qualification sub zonal event in Vanuatu May, 19th- 21st.

**London 2012 Olympic  
games could be missed if  
the funds are not raised!**

There is a saying and it goes “to raise a child, you need a village”, but for the Digicel Vanuatu Women’s Beach Volleyball team to come of age at the 2012 London Olympics they will need more than a village, they will need the entire country behind them and a lot of funds. Four young mothers aged between 19 and 25 are not only hoping to make Olympic history for qualifying for the 2012 London Olympics, but just quietly they dream of Olympic medals as well. For those of you that don’t know since 2006 there has been a handful of Ni Vanuatu women training with international and local sporting coaches, fitness coaches and experts in the Beach Volleyball field to make this dream come true. The dedication is consistent, the training grueling and the demands great both on and off the field. But the biggest challenge for the girls is funding the dream and gaining on the ground support here in Vanuatu.

In one year alone the women have to attend numerous competitions internationally, to gain enough points to even been considered as serious sporting competitors. So far they have had success and a number of sponsors locally have come on board to assist. But like all things representing a country costs money and money can come and go. Starting in April the team has to attend a competition in China and then from there Shanghai, Beijing, Rome, Switzerland, Russia, Canada, Poland, Austria, Finland, Netherlands and Thailand.

**Olympics qualifications require the team to attend 12 international events throughout the year, totaling over 250 thousands US dollars in costs.** A large best part of the funds came from local sponsor last year, but circumstances have changed and the team could be left high and dry, missing out on their Olympic chance. The Government and VASANOC through Olympic Solidarity funding have committed to supporting the team, but the shortfall to make up the rest of the funds comes down to the players, their families and a small but dedicated team who work tirelessly to raise money voluntarily.

Last Saturday the beach volleyball fans pulled together to assist the Vanuatu teams Olympic Journey at the Splash fashion parade to promote and raise funds for their upcoming world tour starting in China this month. This is just one of many events that the volunteers and girls have to drive to raise funds towards their Olympic journey.

Thank you to the above supporters, London could be missed if the funds are not raised and grassroots support from communities and individuals is very important to the team success. There are challenges ahead for the team some personal, some financial and some which they have yet to discover. But if the determination of the girls and the team that supports them is anything to go by London 2012 is possible and when they step into the Olympic arena, the financial hardship, the personal sacrifice and will be worth it, as they raise the flag and represent Vanuatu.



## TUSKER BIA blo yumi (our beer) ...

If you are visiting the island and haven't tried Tusker, Vanuatu's locally brewed beer, you better make your way to the nearest shop and get one to try...

It is a very good beer appreciated by both men and women whether they like beer or not. It is a lager beer but far less bitter than the other lager beers. You can find Tusker in every shops, supermarkets in Vanuatu and also in all the nakamals (kava bars). It is very common for ni-vanuatu to have a tusker after they have kava, they like to "kale" with a Tusker when they finish drinking their kava.

The beer has been named after the tusk of the pigs in opposition to the Kenyan beer also called Tusker but named after the tusk of the elephants. Pigs are the totem animal of Vanuatu and their tusks are very valuable in the country. At first the logo was a gold Tusk with the name Tusker written on it but last year as the beer was celebrating its twentieth birthday, the brewery redesigned the logo and added a fresh splashing liquid look to it.



In Vanuatu growing a tusk on a pig is an art that only a few master. There is a way to get the tusks to grow and form a full circle which enables people to wear the tusk like a piece of jewelry. It takes years to get a full circle tusk and the pigs that have been chosen to grow these tusks are particularly nurtured with special attentions and a different diet. For the tusk to do a full circle, a couple of the pigs teeth have to be removed and at one point they cannot masticate or eat hard food so they have special soft food prepared for them. They would prepare pureed food like for a baby and hand feed them.

The most popular tusk there is the one that has been offered to the queen Elisabeth II. It earned its popularity because it is very rare as it goes around for two circles. The more circles the tusks have the more valuable they are...The tusk can be admired at the national museum of Vanuatu.

The Tusker beer has been produced for more than twenty years now and recently the brewery has been producing a stronger version called Tusker OP. It has more alcohol to it with 7% compare to the normal tusker that only contains 5%. All the Tusker bottles are under consignment and recycled, anyone can bring their empty Tusker bottles to the brewery and they get 10vt per bottles. It is an incentive from the brewery to protect the environment by minimising broken glasses in public places like parks, beaches and stadiums.



Kiwanis horse race



The brewery holds a very important place in the country. Not only does it create a lot of employment but it also sponsors a lot of major events. For instance, it is the major sponsor of the Tusker Open golf competition every year. This event is known throughout the pacific, it is held in August and attracts professional golf players from Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia...

Tusker is the major sponsor of the annual Marlin classic fishing competition with the GRAND hotel and proudly sponsors the annual charity event the Kiwanis horse race. Besides those it is also sponsoring all the Car Rallies and Motocross competition and it is present in more cultural fields by co-sponsoring events like "la fete de la musique", a yearly French musical event that goes on for a week in early June where you can enjoy for free talented musicians who play on different stages that are built all around the town of Port-Vila.



Also, Tusker has been supporting the biggest music festival in the Pacific the Fest Napuan which is held every year around October and brings to Vanuatu talented musicians from all around the Pacific Region. Supported by ABC Australia the Fest Napuan invites the musicians, through the radio and the television, to send their demo and enter the selection to play at the festival. The comity then chooses an artist from each island, PNG, Solomon island, New Caledonia etc... and invites them to the festival. The people of Vanuatu are always excited by the Fest Napuan as it allows them to enjoy a rare live music event but mostly discover talents from the whole region. That's how they discovered the now famous in Vanuatu Justin Wellington from Australia, the Black Seeds from New Zealand and many many other more. These rich events couldn't have existed without sponsors, and thankfully the Tusker brewery is there to make these events exist.



As the popularity of the Tusker beer grew, the demand for T.Shirts and Hats with the tusker logo on them also grew. You can find them in town in the two shops own by the Tusker brewery, one of them is located across the Waterfront bar&restaurant and the other one in front of the Anchor Inn bar. There you can find T-shirts, hats, bottle openers, coolers as well as a wide range of duty free Tusker and other alcohol to bring back home.

Enjoy your beer!!

**In April and May one of the worlds most spectacular and dangerous ritual customs takes place on the tiny island of Pentecost about one hours flying time from Port Vila.**

**The annual Nangol or Pentecost land dive has made headlines all over the world since the local tribal elders and government allowed outsiders in to see the spectacle of men wearing only traditional 'nambas' or penis sheaths leaping off a 30 metre high tower constructed from tree trunks and creeper vines and free falling to what seems like certain death with their arms held across their chest in a trance and relying on just two vines tied around their ankles and tethered to the top of the platform to save them from at the very least, serious injury.**

**The platform collapses when the vines snap taut only a few feet from the ground and the diver's head clears the ground by just a few centimetres, hurling him backwards to land triumphantly on his feet to wild applause and dancing from the village.**

**The Pentecost dive originated hundreds, perhaps thousands of years ago, nobody really knows and was originally performed only every five years, closed to all outsiders.**

**Legend has it that a woman was repeatedly abused and mis-treated by her husband called Tamalie. She ran away only to be caught time and time again and to be punished and given more of the same treatment. She finally climbed up one of the tallest banyan trees to escape from her husbands abuse with Tamalie climbing up after her threatening her once again. When she reached to top she dared him to follow her, mocking his cowardice and jumped out of the tree having been smart enough to tie vines to her ankles beforehand. Tamalie, taunted by his wife's hurtful accusations of cowardice and not noticing the vines around her ankles was astonished to see her land on her feet and threw himself after her to his death.**

**As Vanuatu is a male dominated society and this event was considered one of the few occasions that a woman had totally outsmarted a man, the event was reconstructed annually at first by the village women. Somewhere along the line the men took over the event in order to re-address their shame and to prove their courage to the women and eventually the jump became the premiere annual custom coinciding with the yam harvest on Pentecost island.**



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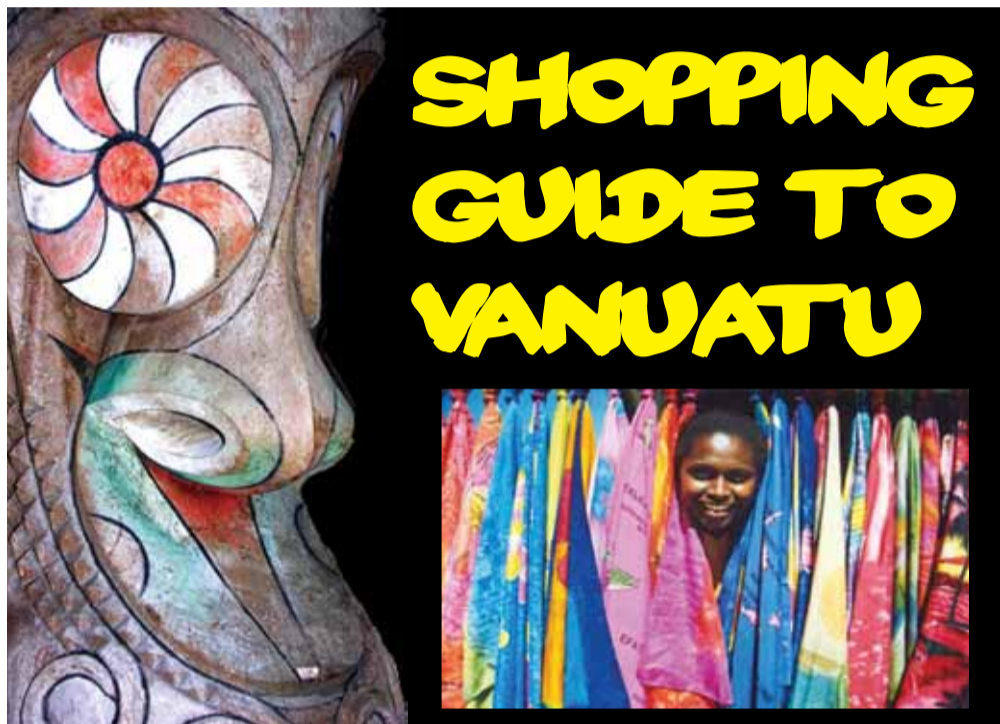


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While Port Vila may not have a shopping mall, shop-aholics will find a multitude of reasons to spend.

For local crafts, head to the Port Vila market and along the seawall where traditional hair braiding is a specialty. But remember everything you buy, apart from cloth, will need to be declared at customs when you get home. Steer clear of items containing seeds and shells, and forget leaf products. Wooden artifacts are generally OK, they will just be checked for insects. If you have the time and want to take wooden artefacts home you can call into the quarantine Department on the road to the airport and get your artifacts sprayed and signed for officially which will allow you to take them in through customs back home.

Souvenir T-shirts and pareos are everywhere but your best bet for local designed T Shirts of quality is the long established Vila Handprints located in the centre of town

and at Nambatu opposite Au Bon Marche supermarket.

As the only duty-free port in the region, stores along the main street – Lini Hwy – stock luxuries such as French fragrances at bargain prices. You can also get cheap knock-off copy watches and designer labels. Many tourists purchase pirated DVD's, computer software and games from a large number of Chinese stores but quality is hit and miss and you will never know until you play it for the first time. Mega Mall prices on these pirated discs are slightly more expensive but they are pretty good quality. They also have TV series on DVD.

While Australian dollars are accepted at many shops, supermarkets and restaurants, the exchange rate isn't great so be sure to swap your Aussie dollars at one of the money exchange outlets in town like Goodies, Global Exchange through Western Union or at the Seven Eleven Sore. Their rates are usually

better than the banks. Exchange rates at resorts will be higher than the banks or money exchange operators. ANZ, Westpac, BRED Bank and National Bank are all open generally from 8am to 3pm, Monday to Friday.

Duty Free Shopping in Vanuatu is good and Vanuatu is the only Duty Free port in the region. You can get genuine cheap deals on French perfumes, watches and gifts from one of the official Duty Free outlets such as Sound Centre, Fung Kuei, Prouds, and Paris Shopping.

Fung Kuei is the longest established duty free store in Port Vila having a large selection of hand bags, digital cameras, jewellery, electronics and watches. As well as alcohol and tobacco at the cheapest prices.

Sound Centre are agents for Sony, Apple, Sanyo and a wide range of international perfumes. They also have black South Sea pearls, designer jewelry, and a wide range of watches, MP3 players, digital cameras and more.

Prouds and Paris Shopping offer a broad range of internationally acclaimed brand names from around the globe. And specialize in perfumes, gifts, crystal, liqueurs, jewellery and more.

For local food products, packaged goods are fine to take home, but again declare, just go to the two main supermarkets for these, Au Bon Marche and SPA. Vanilla is top grade in Vanuatu and worth getting some to take home. Local black pepper and chili is of a high quality.

Vanuatu organic beef is some of the best quality in the world and is exported to Japan. Vanuatu beef won quarantine clearance for import into Australia so take some delicious prime beef that melts in your mouth back home with you by contacting the abattoir or one of the butchers but they need time to prepare it. Call the abattoir on 22961.

You can also take some kava to Australia and

NZ. It is 2 kg per person, over the age of 18. There is an array of local arts and crafts and local produces that can work as perfect gifts and souvenirs. Weaved leaf and burao stalk baskets, wood carvings .You can find real bargains in wood works, real jewels that abroad are quite expensive), stone and coral carvings, volcanic sand items, shell necklaces, masks and headresses are some of the crafts that you can buy as souvenirs. Located on Main Street, some of the stores in town to stop by for crafts are: Handikraf Blong Vanuatu, L'Atelier, Center Point Markets, Vanuatu Bijouterie, Vila Handprints, and Golden Butterfly.

A couple of shops outside the Duty Free umbrella worth checking out are Deco Vila opposite BRED Bank which has a beautiful collection of furniture and home ornaments from Bali and Michoutochkine's store at Pilioko House which has Russian born designer and artists Nicoli Michoutochkines and Pilioko's unique range of fashion designs. Luganville is the most popular town to buy local crafts. You can always buy souvenirs at the island's resorts and hotels.

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## Legends from Vanuatu - custom story

# The Legend of Kava (Maewo)

*This is a story from Nabanga, a book of superb custom stories put together by Paul Gardisaat. The book is available for sale at the Cultural Museum.*

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At one time on Maewo, there was a strange man who fed on human flesh. His name was Aso. He reigned in terror over the whole island. When his appetite pushed him to lurk near villages, men, women, and children would all run in fear screaming, "Be careful! The horrible man-eater is coming!" The inhabitants of the island could never live in peace. They were always worried.

Aso had a wife who was very ugly. She was a witch who prepared his cannibalistic meals. Often, it was she who hunted their prey. While Aso liked fat bodies, well-fed on wild pigs, she preferred young children who were more tender and less fatty. This was no doubt because Tagaro had never allowed this terrible woman to have a child of her own.

In one of the villages where Aso often went to hunt his food, a man had just married a beautiful woman. They were both very happy. However, wars were frequent and one day, the young husband had to go off to fight. Alas, he never returned because he was killed by the first arrow that was shot. The woman cried a lot, soaking herself with the tears of love. Her only consolation was to see her stomach move. Indeed, she was pregnant by her handsome husband, her courageous warrior.

A little while later, she gave birth to magnificent twins on the island of Maewo. These children grew. They ate taro, yams, fish and pigs. As every man from Maewo needs to know how to fight, their mother taught them.

"I will teach you the work of a man," she said. "One day, you must know how to kill your enemies without them killing you first. That is the law of our island. Here is a bow. Take it and be careful when the string rebounds. Here is your father's nalnal. It is heavy so hold it well. In a little while, you will know how to use these weapons. Go and practice. But beware, my children. Aso is dangerous. His wife is a cunning ogress. They live in that direction, so you should never go there. They will eat you like they have eaten others. You don't have a father anymore, and I don't have a husband. I only have you."

The twins listened to their mother closely, but she had only peaked their curiosity. They told themselves that they had become men and that they had the necessary weapons to defend themselves. Thus, they dared approach Aso's house. It was the horrible woman that welcomed them.

"I am so sorry. Aso is not here, but he won't be long. Go and wait



for him in the nakamal and I will call you when he comes," she told them.

The two children went into the nakamal to wait. The evil woman then called her husband by singing,

Aso Aso Ruru netunku Aso Ruru netunku Aso Gandaru tamate mo toga lo gamali Gamu letuagi ganku letuagi Aso, Aso, Aso

Aso, in his garden, heard the song. "There must be something happening," he said to himself. "Maybe my wife has found some fresh meat!" and he greedily rubbed his hands together.

As his wife continued to sing, he yelled, "I'm coming, I'm coming, evil creature that I love!"

Aso arrive in the nasara and said, "So, my ugly one, what have you prepared for me? At least a meal fit for Tagaro, I hope!"

The woman laughed, "My friend, there are two boys who have come to see you. They are waiting in the nakamal."

She laughed louder and louder. Aso went to see the children. They were amusing themselves by making sand drawings. Aso tried to be very likeable.

"I am charmed by your visit and

very pleased that you want to get to know me. But first," he suggested, "let's go eat in my house."

The children responded, "Thank you, Aso, we are so very hungry."

Aso sat them down in his house and went to get some laplap. However, the twins had understood his plan.

One of them said to the other, "He wants to kill us while we're busy eating. We should eat one after another, so that one of us is always on guard and ready to fight."

They organised themselves so well so that Aso was unable to attack them during the meal. So he came up with another trick.

"Now," he said to them, "you will kill the lice that is making my head itch."

"Good idea," said the children. "We will kill them and eat them. Lay down over there."

Aso laid down on the ground, and the children caressed him so gently that he was soon asleep. The twins smiled when they heard him snore. They then attached his braids, one by one, to a beam in his house. When Aso finally woke

up, he couldn't move. The more he moved, the more it hurt him.

One of the children told him, "We know that you eat men." Aso groaned, "No, that's not true. Have pity and let me go."

The twins did not take pity on him, and killed him with a sharp blow of the nalnal and then set fire to his house. They then went to Aso's wife and said, "Horrible woman, spread your legs. We want to see what you have there."

The woman laughed and refused to obey. The children insisted. They had heated a black stone used to cook laplap and were holding it between wooden pincers called "gaibala" in the language of Maewo. The old woman finally spread her legs. Then, one of the twins shoved the burning stone inside of her and the ogress screamed in pain.

"Here is your payment," said one of the children. "We have killed Aso and now it's your turn to die."

They killed the woman with a blow of the nalnal and they set her house on fire. They left behind the stone with which they had burnt the witch's sex. The twins announced the death of Aso and his wife, and

everyone from all the neighbouring villages came to see.

"Oh," one of the twins cried, "look at the plant that is growing from the place where we left the stone."

Another man asked, "Do you think that it is good?"

They saw a rat eating a branch from the young bush. Its behaviour became bizarre; it started to dance and sway its head from side to side. When the drunken rat left, it had problems getting back into its hole. Thus, the men grated the root of the plant and drank its juice. It tasted like earth but each man said, "I feel very good."

The men of Ambae came to buy some pigs on Maewo. They tried this new drink and took it back to their island. Kava made men happy: they love it like they love their women because kava was born of a woman.

*This legend was given in Bislama to Peter Crowe by Albert Tovotu of Fingalato, sa little vil-lage in the heights of Ambae.*

Adapted by Paul Gardissat.  
Nabanga n°89 (07/10/78)



## A SPORTS LOVING NATION

Did you know that Vanuatu has been voted the happiest country in the world twice by the lonely planet? I am so proud of us, of being Ni-Vanuatu. I have received tons of many happy return emails from friends all over the world and a page has already been put-up on Facebook (a giant social network) about it, you can find the page by going to the following address:

[www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=9952444797](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=9952444797) .

Now they wonder why Vanuatu keeps receiving that recognition, and all statistics aside, it came to me that it might be because sports has always been a big part of our culture, sports hold a very big space in our everyday lives and they are as diverse as our nation is.

In addition, the government has maintained our public servants healthy by introducing the Wednesday afternoon sports day. Now I think that's another reason why our people are always happy and have a constant smile on their face. Can you think of any other country in the world where all government offices are closed on Wednesday afternoons to play sports? That is uniquely Vanuatu.

Port-Vila is rich with all the ball sports from tennis, rugby, petanque, football, basketball, volleyball, netball...to cricket, golf and table tennis. If you like water, the diversity of the water-sports is also great, there is surfing, diving, wake boarding, kite surfing, paddle boarding, rowing, kayaking, sailing... For the martial arts lovers they can take classes of karate, taekwondo, tai-chi, LTK. Then there is yoga, dance classes, boxing, archery and horse riding, that anybody can enjoy too. So far the count is at 27, this diversity of sports in a nation of approximately only 200,000 people shows me how much we love sport.

When you travel out of Efate to outer Islands of Vanuatu, the diversity of sports is not as obvious as in Port-Vila. The most popular sports are Volleyball, Basketball and Football. In some Islands like Tanna and Malekula, archery is a very fine skill that only a few have mastered but it is a rare spectacle to assist to a circumcision ceremony. I was kindly invited to one of them in Lamap, Malekula. Beside the medical side of the custom ceremony, the young boys that have been isolated from their families for some years in a Batu (Art School) where they are taught different skills, now have to come out of their isolation and show their families and community the arts and skills they've learnt and one of them is Archery. Towards the end of the day, after the dance shows, the gift exchanges and the visit of the workshops where all the masks, carvings and costumes are displayed, right before the sun goes down, one after the other the young men shoot a target that is usually hanging of a tree branch and have to hit it. It's the grand finale of the ceremony; after that the young boys that have now reached the rank of young men go back and to their families and feast. It's a unique experience and the atmosphere is vibrant with painted faces, masks and dancers performing to the beats of tam-tams.

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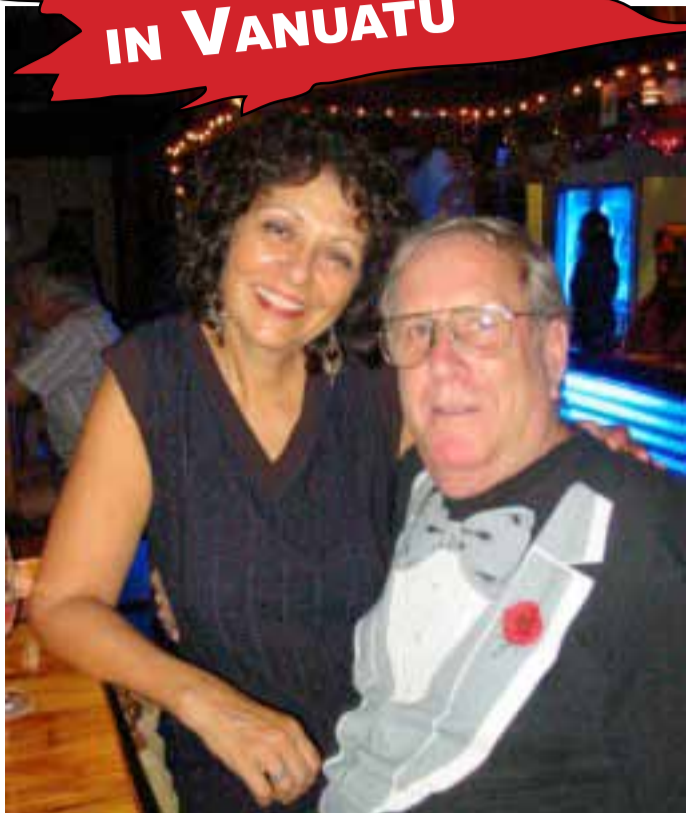
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**WHERE TO GO  
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Donna and Don

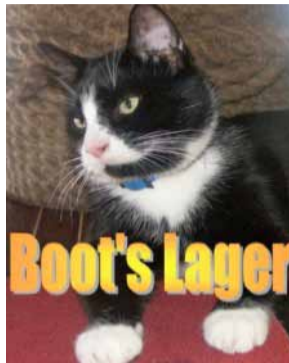
**War Horse Saloon Bar**

Port Vila's first Micro Brewery and country western themed saloon first opened its doors in 2004. The owners of the Seven Seas Brewery and War Horse Saloon, Don and Donna MacQuoid hale from California and Colorado respectively and wanted a little bit of home away from home. The concept started when Don decided to make a few liters of beer (homebrew) for the business at the time – The Waterfront Bar & Grill. They say that big things grow from small ideas and this is the perfect example. The brewery now boasts a 1200 liter brew tank, three fermenters and six conditioning tanks. The goal is to have "Boot's Beer" available in bottles all over Port Vila.

The War Horse Saloon is the invention of ex Colorado residents Don & Donna MacQuoid who came to Vanuatu on their sailboat Solitaire 13 years ago and stayed. They bought the Waterfront Bar & Grill and operated that for 12 years before building and opening the Warhorse

Saloon. Don's Dad was the art director for Disneyland and that will help to explain the collection of animated characters and memorabilia that fills the place. It is truly a must see on your vacation and make sure to bring a lot of film with you.

As the microbrewery grew so did the idea to have a place not only to taste the beer but to have some simple American style food to go with it. The War Horse Saloon offers BBQ – especially ribs, Tex-Mex Mexican, burgers and pizzas served in an eclectic collection of western memorabilia. Everywhere you look there is something to grab the attention – talking and singing deer heads, the Blues Brothers, a singing Elvis, license plates from every state in America, covered wagons, and lots of stuffed animals.



This is also the home of the famous cat Boot's—the bell ringing cat who has been entertaining customers for six years with his trick of ringing a bell for a piece of fish or drinking through a straw. Boot's has been featured on many Australian, New Zealand and American TV shows, as well as being featured on a Vanuatu Postage stamp. The issue features Boots on the 100 vatu stamp who is without doubt Vanuatu's most famous cat. Boots was born in February 2003 in Port Vila to a Mother who was a bit of a floozie. Looking for a better life Boots ventured out on his own and found a pet friendly home with two large dogs and two territorial cats.

To avoid confrontations Boots was given a job as a rat cat. He soon discovered that he loved fresh fish but hated rats. He then applied for a position of entertainer. After trying different acts he proved his prowess in sucking a drink through a straw and ringing a ships bell as shown on the stamp. When asked he would hop on the bar, stroll to the bell and wait for instructions. He can differentiate any number up to five and ring the bell that many times and is then rewarded with fresh tuna.

The War Horse Saloon also offers Wii video games, pool tables, children's play area, big screen TV's for the whole family, and a casual relaxed atmosphere that compliments the beauty of Vanuatu.

The food is fantastic and a real bargain... without a doubt the best value in the Islands if stretching your budget is important to you. The restaurant décor is great for the whole family, and is also a very kid friendly place featuring charcoal and mesquite flavored steaks and ribs, a full authentic Mexican menu, and for the little cowpokes there are great burgers and pizzas available. Don will also be more than happy to give you a tour of the brewery and to offer you a sample of the beers.

The Saloon is located about 10 minutes from Port Vila on the road towards Mele Transport back to town is easily arranged by the friendly staff after your visit.

**How did that get here????**

*It was a real shock to our senses on a recent trip to Vanuatu when we came upon a large western style Saloon on a quiet road about 15 minutes out of Port Vila...*

*We knew it was to be something special from the start when we saw a giant horse mounted on a 6 meter post in front of the building. We cautiously entered thought the traditional western swinging doors and were greeted with western music and movies and a décor you would only expect to see in the wild west or very old western movies.*

*Do yourself a big favor and put this place on your early agenda as you will want to visit several times...Also, Don is a fantastic magician and if requested I am sure he will be more than happy to perform for you at your table. I highly recommend it....*

*says Tom and Lori Silchia on July 2010.*

**The War Horse is open every day except Monday. Call for reservations and more info on 678 26670.**

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# About Vanuatu

## A-Z Information for Visitors

### AIRLINES

Reconfirmation of your flights is necessary. Air Vanuatu's office - Tel: 23878 is in town between Club Vanuatu and the Police Station and handles reconfirmation of flights for themselves, Qantas and Solomon Airlines. Pacific Blue, Virgin are on Tel: 22836. Air Caledonie - Tel: 22895 in the Rossi Ocean Walk represents AOM and Air France. South Pacific Travel - Tel: 22836 next to the Waterfront Bar & Grill handles Air Niugini and Air Pacific. Surata Tamaso Travel Tel: 22666 next to Sharper Image on Lini Highway handles Air New Zealand, Ansett, British Airways, Cathay Pacific and Thai Airways.

For internal flights to 30 destinations please contact Air Vanuatu Domestic - Tel: 23848 or Unity Airlines - Tel: 24475.

### ALCOHOL

There are two local beers in Vanuatu. The oldest is Tusker from Vanuatu Brewing. There is also Nambawan Beer produced by Seven Seas Brewery.

Local beer is cheapest when purchased from one of the big supermarkets. It is far more expensive in resorts. Imported beer and wine can be expensive, particularly in resorts.

There are five outlets in the town area where you can purchase 'Duty Free' at cheaper rates to take home. At **Dockside Wines & Spirits**, Vanuatu Wines and Spirits, **Vila Bottleshop**, Fung Kuei, Paris Shopping, and The Sound Centre. Drinking in public places is banned. Alcohol cannot be purchased after 11.00am Saturdays through to Monday except in black market bottle shops.

### ART/ARTIFACTS

Artefacts can be bought from Handikraf blong Vanuatu opposite of General Store in town (Tel: 23228), Goodie's South Pacific Artifacts & Money Exchange (Tel: 23445) and L'Atelier, There are also artefacts for sale in the museum shop. You can view good collections of artefacts at the Catholic Church museum centre in No2 next to Motor Traders, also at Michoutochkines and Pilioko House on the Pango Road which has a large collection of Pacific artefacts. **Diana Tam** has a popular art gallery next to her home off the Pango Rd. (Tel: 23038)

### BANKS/MONEY

You can change your travellers cheques in the airport at the National Bank office, which is open for all International flights, or at any of the banks in town, open Monday to Friday, from 8:30am to 3:30pm. ANZ Bank, Banque ANZ Pacifique Ltd

& Westpac Bank are in the Main Street, BRED Bank next to Fung Kuei and The National Bank of Vanuatu next to Air Vanuatu. All four banks are represented in Santo and are open the same hours. Travellers cheques and foreign currency can usually be exchanged at your hotel and in some stores when purchasing goods but the exchange rate is usually lower. Goodie's & Seven Eleven Money Exchange also have competitive exchange rates and now have a money transfer facility.

ANZ and BRED Bank have ATM machines in a large number of locations. Ask at your hotel where the nearest one is located.

### BEAUTY CENTRES

Heath and beauty treatment available at the Healing Centre Spa on Pango road by appointment Tel: 7771684. Oasis Spa at Le Lagon Tel: 22313 ext 260. Natacha Beauty Tel: 25751, Erakor Day Spa Tel: 50983, Spa Frangipani Tel: 23254, Lotus Health & Beauty Tel: 2811. Beauty & Island Spa at the Melanesian Hotel Tel: 25035. **Fringe Hair & Beauty** at Chantillys Tel: 25486, Beauty Starfish Tel: 24143. There is a French beauty salon on Picardie Rd, Paris Beauté Tel: 25486.

### CAR HIRE

Driving around the island is easy with the new bitumen around island road completed. There are a number of car rental outlets. Make sure you check on insurance as some of the cheaper less established rentals don't offer insurance and if you have an accident, it is horribly expensive. World Car Rental next to Daily Post Tel: 26515, AVIS at Asco Motors Tel: 25457. **Budget** Tel: 23170 is located in Nambatu, opposite Parliament House. Discount Rentals Tel: 23242 is beside Motor Traders. There are others who offer cheaper rates.

### CHEMIST

There are four main chemists in town. The two popular English pharmacies are the **Drug Store**, near the Post Office, opposite Westpac - opens Monday to Friday 7.30am - 6pm, Saturdays 7.30am - 12pm and on Sundays and public holidays 8.30am - 12pm. **Healthwise Pharmacy** is located opposite Olympic Takeaway and is also popular for its prices. There are French pharmacies opposite BRED Bank and **Pharmacie Du Vila** is located next to the stairs up to Immigration department. (Tel: 22446)

### CHURCHES

**Anglican Church**, Tagabe Tel: 22683 Sunday service 7.30am. **Assembly of God**, Tebakor Tel: 22603 Daily service 7.30pm.

**Catholic Church**, Paray Tel: 24440 English service Saturday 6.00pm. Sacred Heart Cathedral Tel: 22618 French service Saturdays 6.00am and 8.30 am Sunday. **Family Worship Centre** Tel: 23092 English service Sunday 10am. **Mormon Church** Tel: 25307 Bislama service Sunday 8.00am. **Presbyterian Church** Tel: 22722 English service Sunday 10.00 am. **Seventh Day Adventist Mission** Tel: 22157

### CLIMATE

Vanuatu's climate is hot and sunny all year round (day/night average temperature is Jan 24/30; July 20/27) with higher rainfall and humidity from December to April and consequently more mosquitoes and cooler temperatures in the winter months from June to October when a light jumper may be required. Cyclone season in Vanuatu is from December to April.

### CREDIT CARDS

Most hotels, restaurants, shops and car rental firms accept AMEX, VISA, Diners Club, JCB and Mastercard but check first. Some outlets charge higher rates for using certain credit cards. Outer islands prefer cash - small notes please!

### CURRENCY

The local currency is the Vatu. The exchange rate is set against a basket of currencies. Check rates at any of the banks. Most shops, restaurants & bars will accept Australian, New Zealand and US Dollars as well as Fijian & Solomon currency - but change is given in Vatu.

### DENTISTS

Three dentists in town. South Pacific Smiles located on the Pango Rd Tel: 24995 or the emergency no 7744726. Hervé Collard Tel: 22306 Ken Hutton Tel: 22604.

### ELECTRICITY

Common voltage 220 - 240 volt, 50 cycles (2 or 3 prongs plugs). Standard adaptors are available at many outlets in town.

### EMBASSIES AND HIGH COMMISSIONS

**Australian High Commission** Tel: 22777, located near Central School. **French Embassy** Tel: 22353, opposite La Terrace. **New Zealand High Commission** Tel: 22933, is located above Surata Tamaso Tours opposite Moorings. The NZ High Comm also looks after British passport holders who have problems. **Embassy of the People's Republic of China** Tel: 23598, in Nambatu. **European Union Office** located in the Surata Tamaso building Tel: 22501.

There are a number of Honorary Consuls in Vila. **Papua New Guinea Consul**, Eileen Nganga Tel: 22439, **Swedish Consul** K. Waldebäck Tel: 22944. Remember! they are all closed between 11.30am - 1.30pm & some are closed on Wednesday afternoons, so ring & check.

### EXPORT PERMITS

If you are purchasing shells (normally coral and clam shells cannot be imported into your country) or tree fern carvings in Vanuatu to take home you may need an export permit. Check with the Department of Environment Tel: 25302. Customs in your own country may require a fumigation certificate on items such as mats, grass skirts & wooden carvings otherwise they may confiscate these goods. Contact Quarantine at the Department of Agriculture for information Tel: 23130.

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire - Vila Tel: 22333, Santo Tel: 36333, Police - Vila Tel: 22222, Santo Tel: 36222, Pro Medical Ambulance -25556, Hospital ambulance Vila Tel: 22100 and Santo Tel: 36345

### FILM PROCESSING

Top Shots, and Fung Kuei in town, are their main two companies for any processing or film requirements. One hour processing, enlargements, slides, visa photos and laminating is available. DIY digital processing is also now available at Top Shots & The Drugstore.

### FITNESS CENTRES

Vanuatu Muscle & Fitness Gym, at the Tennis Club, Stade area has aerobics (Monday to Saturday) & weightlifting facilities Tel: 22437. Classes of Hatha and Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga are run by Françoise, an I.Y.T.A. qualified teacher, Monday to Saturday, Rue de Bretagne Tel: 22 952.

### GAMBLING

**Jupiters Casino** Tel: 27344 located at the Grand Hotel, **Club 21** at The Melanesian Hotel Tel: 25703 and **Palms Casino** at Le Meridien Tel: 24308, are the three main casinos in town all have slots, poker, roulette, baccarat and Blackjack. Club Vanuatu behind the Post Office have machines.

### HEALTH REGULATIONS

Vaccinations are not required to visit Vanuatu but antimalarial precautions are recommended for visits to outer islands. Malaria is endemic and visitors should take precautions. Dengue fever is also prevalent so take insect repellent everywhere. There are no dangerous animals in Vanuatu

### INTERNET

You can get free wireless internet at a few restaurants and cafes in town if you purchase food and drink. Try La Tentation, Nambawan Cafe behind Healthwise on the Seafront, Chantillys, all are wireless hotspots. There are a few internet cafes in town. Naviti Internet, opposite the Market. Connect Cafe, next to the Waterfront.

### MARKET DAYS

The main market opens on Monday midday through till Saturday at 1pm and are closed on Sundays. There are also market vendors at Centre Market which opens on Monday mornings to Saturday 1.00pm. Some may open on Sunday if there is a cruise ship. There is also an Arts & Crafts market at the other end of the seafront behind Healthwise which sells local goods and handicrafts.

### MEDICAL SERVICES

Try one of the pharmacies for advice on minor ailments. For more serious problems or accidents, we recommend contacting a private doctor who will help to get things done quickly at the hospital. Keep insect repellent handy at all times, particularly during the wet season. Be sure to treat coral cuts promptly to avoid an infection which could spoil your holiday!

*Port Vila Medical Centre*

Tel: 22826, *Dr Bador* Home Tel: 22925, *Dr Spooner* Home Tel: 22350 and *Dr Tulimanu* Home Tel: 25860.

*Vila Bay Health Centre* Tel: 27777 and Emergency 7744777.

### MUSEUM-CULTURAL CENTRES

Discover the wonders of Vanuatu's diverse cultures and customs in the **Museum Cultural Centre** opposite Parliament House Tel: 22129, has an excellent collection of historical data and artefacts, black and white photos and mementos. Open Mon - Fri from 9 am to 4.30pm; Sat from 9 am to 12:00 noon and on "cruise ship" Sundays - ring and check if you are not sure. Entry fee 500 vt. **The Secret Gardens** and Cultural Centre at Mele Tel: 26222 is an informative tour. Information on Vanuatu history, custom and culture plus gift shop and snack bar. Open 7 days until 5pm. Entry V800 for adults, Vt400 for children.

### NEWSAGENTS

A wide range of paperbacks, overseas newspapers & magazines are available at Stop Press, and second hand books for sale at Jills Cafe to raise funds for Pro Med ambulance. The main local newspaper is the

Vanuatu Daily Post published in English, six times a week. Week days s VT100 Saturday is VT150.

### NIGHTLIFE

Vila has a number of night clubs & bars. that close late. **Rumours** along from Chantillys, The Voodoo Bar next to El Gecko Restaurant, **The Port** opposite the Grand Hotel, The Office Pub, **The Anchor Inn**, **The Waterfront**, Club Vanuatu and Electroroque.

### POST OFFICE

Open Mon - Fri from 7.30am - 4.30pm, Sat 7.30am - 11.30am. Luganville Post Office opens Mon - Fri 7.30am - 11.30am and 1.15pm - 4.30pm, and Sat 7.30am - 11.30am. On cruise ship days on weekends they extend the opening hours. For stamps, parcels, postcards, packaging, Express mail service, facsimiles and phone cards.

### TELEPHONE

There are two telephone companies in town where you can purchase sim cards, and get your phone connected. **Telecom Vanuatu** and Digicel. Look out for refill cards sold all over town.

Most hotels have direct dial facilities but surcharge up to 50%. The Post Office in town is cheaper. Payment by cash in vatu after every call. Credit cards not accepted.

### TIPPING

As a general rule tipping is not a Melanesian custom and not encouraged. Some cafes and restaurants have jars to put money in for staff.

### TOURIST INFORMATION

The helpful staff at Vanuatu Visitor's Bureau Tel: 22685 / 22515 in the VTO office, Ground floor Pilioko Building, will be happy to answer your questions and provide an array of brochures & maps.

### VISITORS ENTRY PERMITS

You can extend permits up to a maximum of four months. Contact the Department of Immigration Inext to Sound Centre. Enquiries on Tel: 22354. For stays not exceeding 30 days, nationals of the following countries do not require a visa: Nationals of commonwealth countries, EU countries, Fiji, Japan, Norway, Philippines, South Korea, Switzerland & USA.

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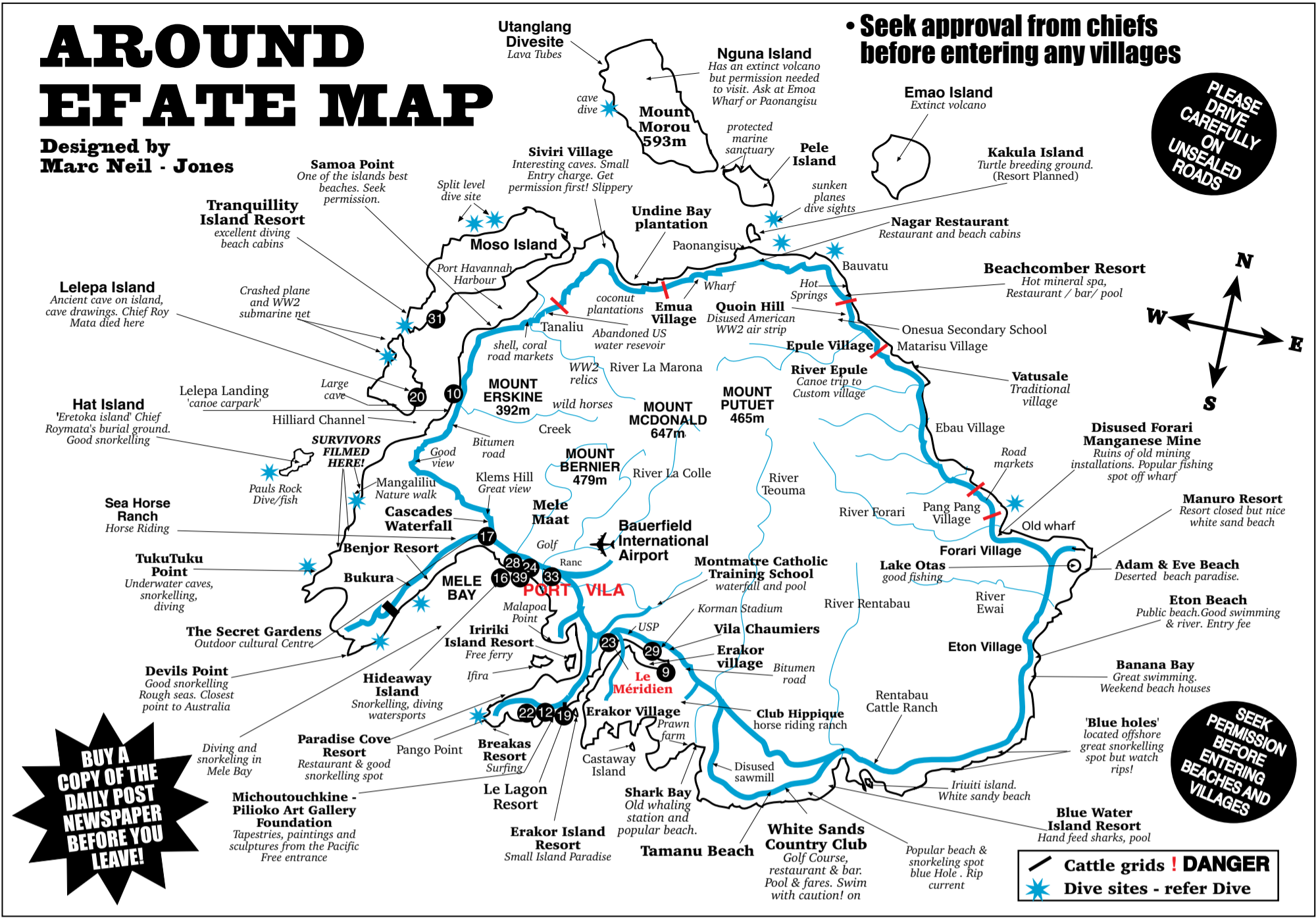
The tap water in Vila is regularly tested and its purification is guaranteed by UNELCO. Local and imported bottled mineral water is available at the shops.

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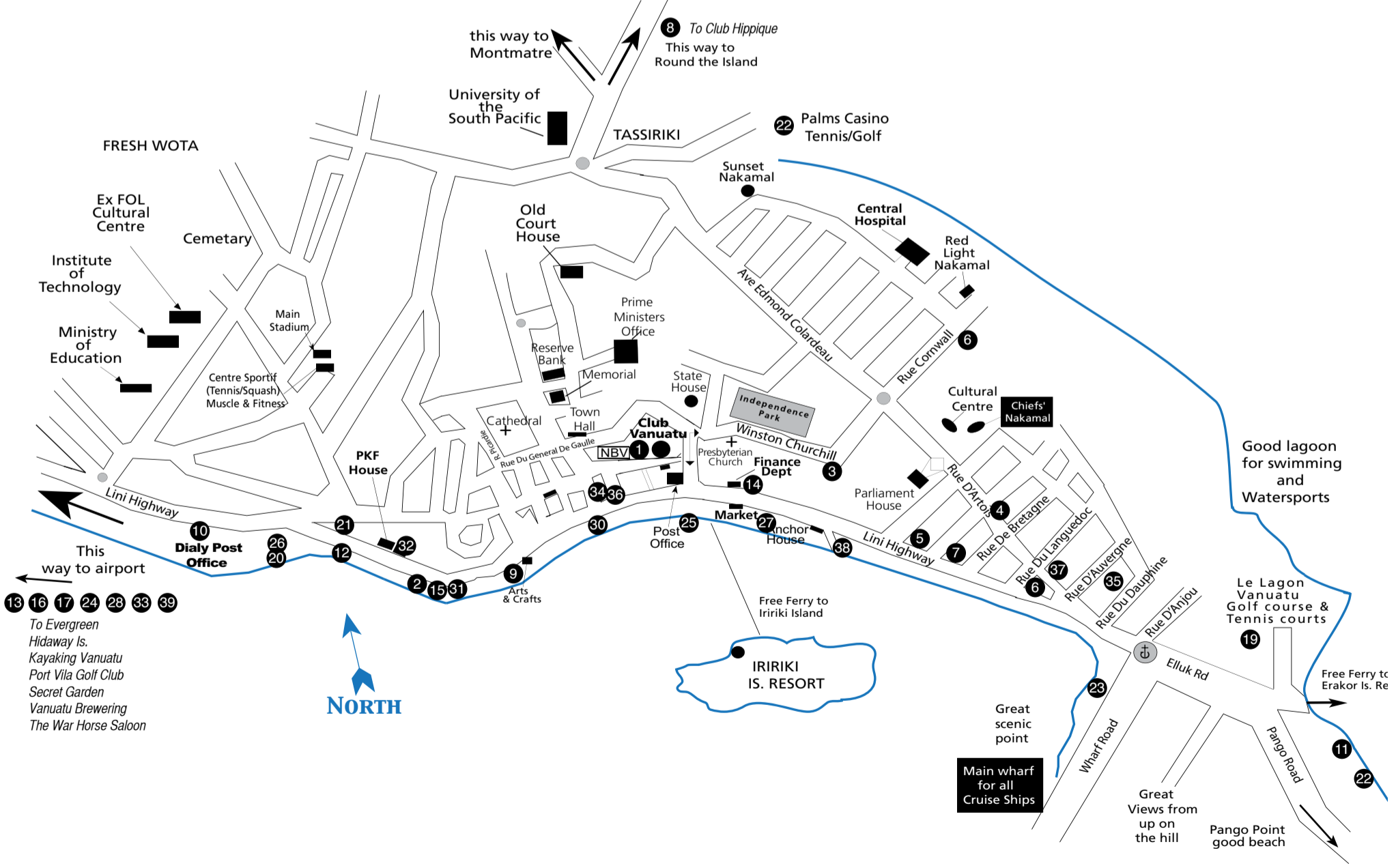
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Terry Roberts

# The Great ANZ Vanuatu Duck Race

## 5000 DUCKS, DUCKING AND WEAVING TO SHORE!

The Great ANZ Vanuatu Duck Race was on again last Saturday at the Mele Beach Bar and provided lots of fun for all the family with jumping castles, BBQ and local foods provided by the Mele ladies and the Beach Bar staff.

"It was a beautiful day and The Beach Bar at Mele was a fantastic venue" organiser Helen Politis said. "Over 4.4million vatu was raised which was a great effort by everyone."

The children were on "duck duty" again this year rounding up any wayward ducks and sending them back to the fold to funnel their way down to the finish line where the first ducks through won prizes.



Over 240 prizes were won including 4 million vatu in cash, jewellery, holidays, restaurant meals, watches, Air Vanuatu tickets, fashion clothes, Au Bon Marche vouchers, ANZ bank accounts, Hertz Car Rental and many more!

There were lots of very happy and excited faces outside ANZ bank this week as they arrived to collect their prizes - all grinning from beak to beak! There was a 1 in 25 chance of winning a prize per ticket - far better odds of winning than any other lottery.

The celebrity duck race is a popular event with local luminaries riding on large inflatable plastic ducks. It's not easy to stay on those wily ducks and there were many casualties along the way as ducks went belly up with their riders hanging on valiantly.

The Australian High Commissioner Jeff Roach and New Zealand's High Commissioner Bill Dobbie put in valiant efforts again this year paddling on their ducks like there is no tomorrow!

However the winners were Terry Roberts of Kayaking Vanuatu and Minister Ralph Regenvanu for the Vanuatu Government who romped it in with their superlative duck riding skills. They won the coveted yellow duck trophy and are invited back next race to defend their title.



PM Ralph Regenvanu



"This fundraiser is key to raising awareness of cervical cancer in Vanuatu and getting the message out to all women about the need to have cervical screening regularly every few years to help prevent cervical cancer. Next year Ministry of Health in association with Australians Helping Abroad will start the roll out of the cervical cancer vaccine that will help prevent cervical cancer in the next generation of young women in Vanuatu." Director of public Health Len Tarivonda said.

"One in 100 women in Vanuatu are diagnosed with cervical cancer (100 times higher than in countries who have had screening for many years) and another 5 of every 100 women have high grade abnormal cells on their way to becoming cancer but these can be prevented from doing so by a simple treatment done by the VCH gynaecologist Dr Yakep Angue" Dr McAdam said.

Dr McAdam is director of Australians Helping Abroad, an Australian charity that focuses on women's health needs in Vanuatu and a sponsor of the duckrace. Funds raised from the fundraiser will go to the newly formed Hope for Health Vanuatu Charity set up to manage funds and provide a coordinated effort for women health needs in Vanuatu. [www.HopeforHealthVanuatu.com](http://www.HopeforHealthVanuatu.com)

"I particularly wanted to thank Helen Politis, Tracey Martin and Ineke Jacobsen for organising the event and selling the tickets outside ANZ bank. Special thanks to our major sponsor ANZ who are great supporters of women's health initiatives in Vanuatu along with Len Tarivonda and the Ministry of Health and Vila Central Hospital nursing team who make it all happen at the coalface."

"Special mention must also go to our Corporate Sponsors Carnival Cruises, The Dounis Group and Waihi Hospital 2001 Limited New Zealand who all gave generously."



"Women are alive today because of theirs and this community's efforts in supporting this duck race to reduce cervical cancer in Vanuatu."



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# Melanesian Magic on the Beach

By Steven's Window

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The unfavourable weather denied us the opportunity to go ashore on Tanna Island in Vanuatu. We stayed on board the Oceanic Discoverer. I just watched in disappointment as the inclement weather kept us at bay. That night I felt seasick for the second night. This was part of the job, I assured myself rather than complain.

By the time we arrived at Ambrym I was up and ready for the day. I felt much better. It was the first time on this journey that I was very comfortable. I had had a good night's rest. In the morning I woke up to the calm waters off Ambrym. As we journeyed into the bay I realized that since we are in Vanuatu waters I felt much more at home.

Ambrym Island is an interesting island. Ambrym is a volcanic island. The Explorer took us ashore to Ranon Beach. Ranon has a black sandy beach. Volcanic eruptions deposited their volcanic elements around it.

A welcome ceremony was performed on our arrival. As part of the official party I was given a present of a wooden garamut carving. I was very surprised with this gesture. We then walked to the dance area where we sat down around the big dance area.



At the dancing area the mask dancers and the main chorus of the dance performed a couple of numbers. The villagers performed the famous Rom dances. It was one of the most striking ceremony and the costumes were extraordinary. The Rom dances seemed too familiar. I thought the dancers resembled some of the dances of the West New Britain area of Papua New Guinea. The masked men were covered from head to the toe with grass skirts made of dried banana leaves, a mask carved out of wood, and some palm leaves on top of their masks. The main core of the dancers, who were inside

the circle created by the masked dancers, wore small tapas that covered most their hips and genitals, similar to the shell kambang dancers of Telefomin area in Papua New Guinea.

Following the dance an exhibition of sand drawing took place. Sand drawing is also very intricate and Ranon is the home of sand drawing. This area of Ambrym is famous for its fern carvings and tamtams (slit gongs). There were three acts featuring two Ambrym magic performances and a sand drawing. The finale of the performance was a solo bamboo flute player.

With the show over we left the dancing ground and walked back down to the beach. On the roadside near the beach front the villagers had built small stalls in which they sold artefacts such as carvings, animal miniatures, bamboo flutes. The woodcarvings were spectacular. The tourists bought some of these as souvenirs.

The village youth band strummed out a few local numbers sung in Bislama, in the local Ambrym vernacular, and in English. The band was truly a popular village band. Their strumming seemed to resemble some of the string bands of Papua New Guinea. Guitars, ukuleles, a base cello made of an empty wooden box with strings tightly stretched to a short pole. The vocals went from base to very high-pitched voice. Not so different to some of the coastal villages style of entertainment in Papua New Guinea.



Ambrym is considered Vanuatu's sorcery centre. Sorcerers are treated with great respect. Many islanders have seen too many unexplained happenings associated with sorcery. I immediately put up my guard by taking extra precaution as I would when I visit a place where sorcery is known to exist. I don't think the European tourists were scared of sorcery, but I was. It does not matter whether I am in PNG or in Vanuatu, sorcery is sorcery. I had to be careful in my negotiations.

I decided to walk with some of the crew to the Ambrym lower secondary school. The school was built next to the

shore on a raised hill. From land this must be the best view, but the view from the Oceanic Discoverer is similar to the view of St. Johns Seminary on Kairiru Island in Papua New Guinea.

Our walk was distracted by two men busy making their Kava drink. One of the men pounded the Kava roots in a specially made container made out of an arm length PVC pipe stuck in the ground. The pounding instrument was a long iron bar that fitted the pipe. The other man squeezed the pounded Kava into a dish. They kept on doing whatever they were doing on our arrival.

Ambrym has the twin volcanoes of Mt. Marum and Mt. Benbow. They are usually shrouded in smoke and cloud for the best part of the year. The sky above the infernos glowed in red in the night as if to scare strangers.



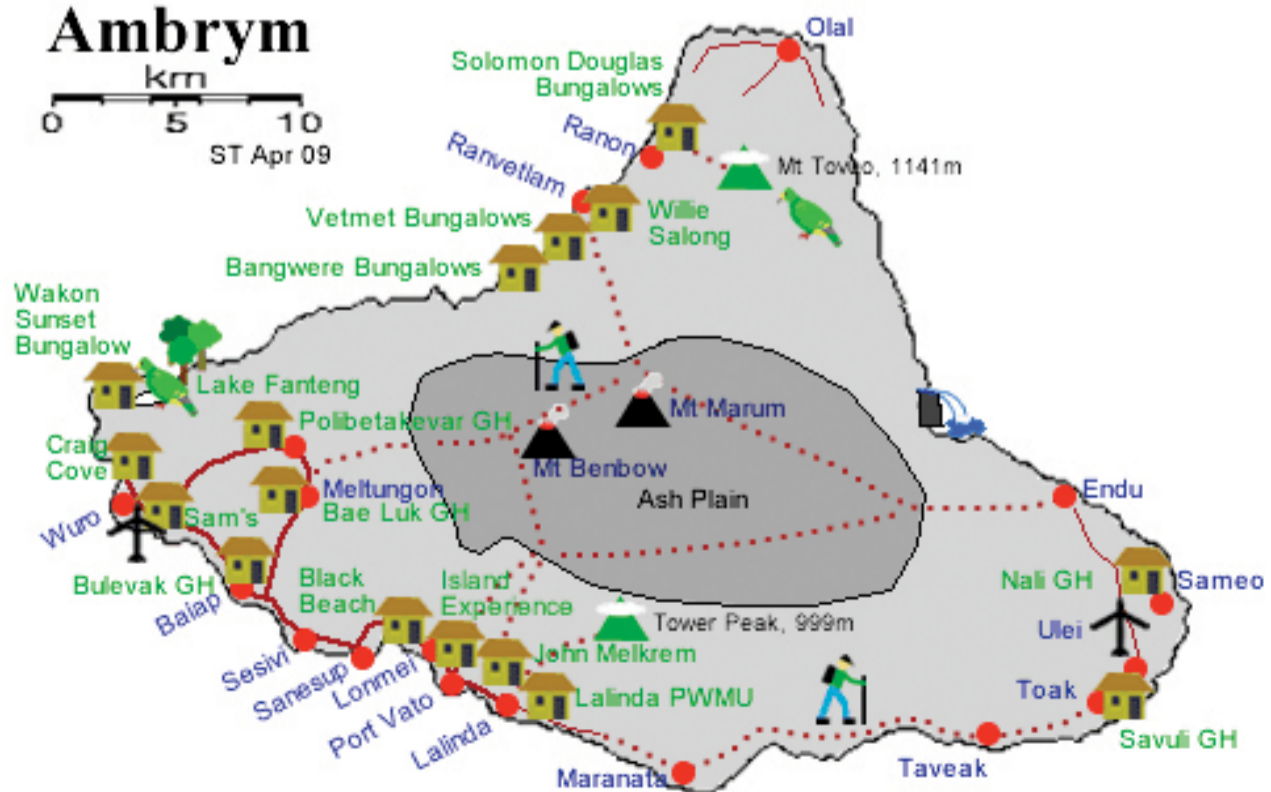
We sailed onward to Champaign Bay on Espirito Santo Island the next day. This was the island where the PNGDF campaign flushed out Jimmy Stevens, the infamous rebel leader. I had little enthusiasm about this history as I was more interested in talking to owner of Champaign Bay, a well kept and managed beach without the support of the government.

The owner was approached many times by multi-millionaires to sell off the Bay, but he refused the offer. If he sold Champaign Bay then the villagers, who depend on the income generated from tourist visiting the Bay free-of-charge, would no longer benefit from it. It means the villagers have to pay to participate in the tourist industry. As long as Champaign Bay remains with the traditional landowner the villagers will continue to earn income to meet their basic social and economic necessities.

I can see the reasoning behind this position as it supports an indigenous Melanesian economic perspective. As long as traditional land remains with the traditional owners everyone in the community will derive their sustainability from it. Once it is sold, traded, or that the transfer of ownership is negotiated, a whole community can lose out on gaining any economic benefits.

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## Vanuatu Kid wins 2<sup>nd</sup> Super UBO middle-weight title

Raymond Nasse

Caption: Vanuatu Kid made Vanuatu proud

Over 3000 boxing fans witnessed the performance of Vanuatu Kid Kali Jacobus against world class Brazilian Boxer Rocky Junior at the 11 Round of Boxing at the EX FOL April 9, 2011.

Kali proved himself to be one of the world's class athlete when he send Rocky down the blue corner on the 11th round a strong right hand and body work that puts Rocky down and would not stand up and at that same moment force Reginald Leca (referee) to stop the fight.

Daily Sport was present last Saturday at EX FOL to witness the first 5 Rounds where Rocky send a clear statement to the corner to the Vanuatu Kid when he refuse to sit down after the end of the first 5 Rounds.

The Vanuatu Kid also send an early warning to Rocky when he send him down during the 2nd round while signalling a clear message to his supporters on what is yet to come.

In the 7th round Vanuatu kid made a left right combination at the neutral corner of the ring which sends Rocky over the ring and landed where the Judges' tables were. When Leca (referee) asked wether the fight should continue or not Kali gave a green light that the fight should continue.

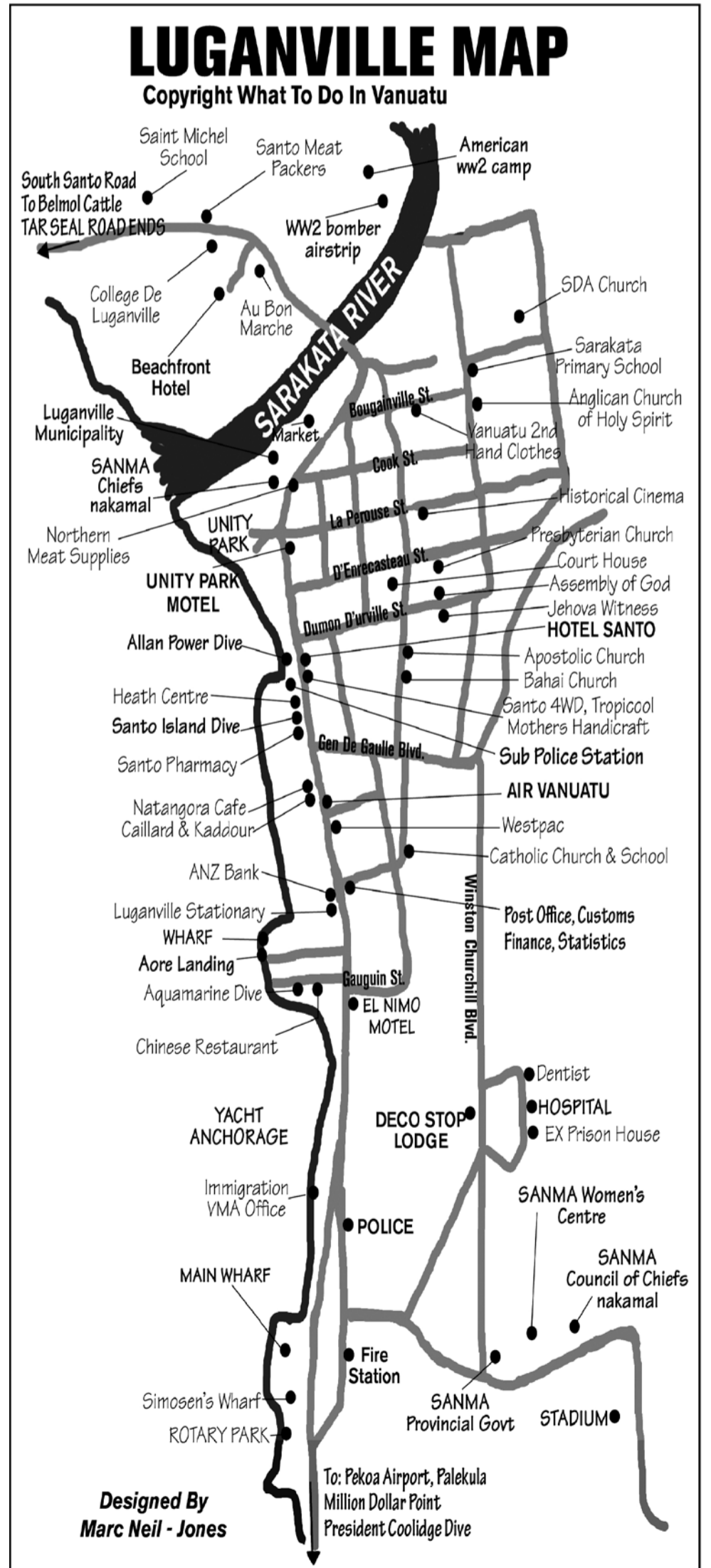
After that the Vanuatu kid dominated the bouts until the 11 round when he send the crowd wild, with a strong right hand knocking Rocky down and writing a new chapter inside the history of Vanuatu Boxing as the first indigenous ni Van to win a South American Boxer (Brazil).

The Vanuatu kid was leading up the score when the referee had to stop the fight according to the three scorecards of the four presiding judges.

This is the second defence fight Title of the Universal Boxing Organisation Super Middle Weight which Vanuatu Kid Jacobus holds.

Other fights during the night saw Eric Wassab drawing with Temo Klitapa of Fiji and two Amateur boxers from Sanma winning their fights out of the three Amateur fights that weekend.

Overall promising young boxer Lyonel Warawara also made his 25th win, meaning so far he has not lost any of his fights.



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Oursasoule  
SHEER CLIFFFACE No road access  
Mt. Tabwermasana Highest peak in Santo is 1879m 6165 ft high  
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SHEER CLIFF FACE No road access  
Santo Pass 1704 m - 5590 ft  
Port Remarkable  
Toramaori  
Kereambu  
Kerevinumeu  
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