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This exhibition celebrates the collaboration between the University of Papua New Guinea and the Australian National University.

Academics, students and professional staff at both of these universities have worked together since the 1960s on a variety of projects. These include teaching and learning, staff development, research, outreach, exchange and fieldwork.

Some of the first teachers of the University of Papua New Guinea in the 1960s and 1970s were ANU graduates. One of the first Papua New Guineans to graduate with a PhD, Professor John Waiko, was a student at ANU.

Many academics at ANU and UPNG have taught and undertaken research together in the fields of economics, public policy management, archaeology, history, anthropology, geography and linguistics.

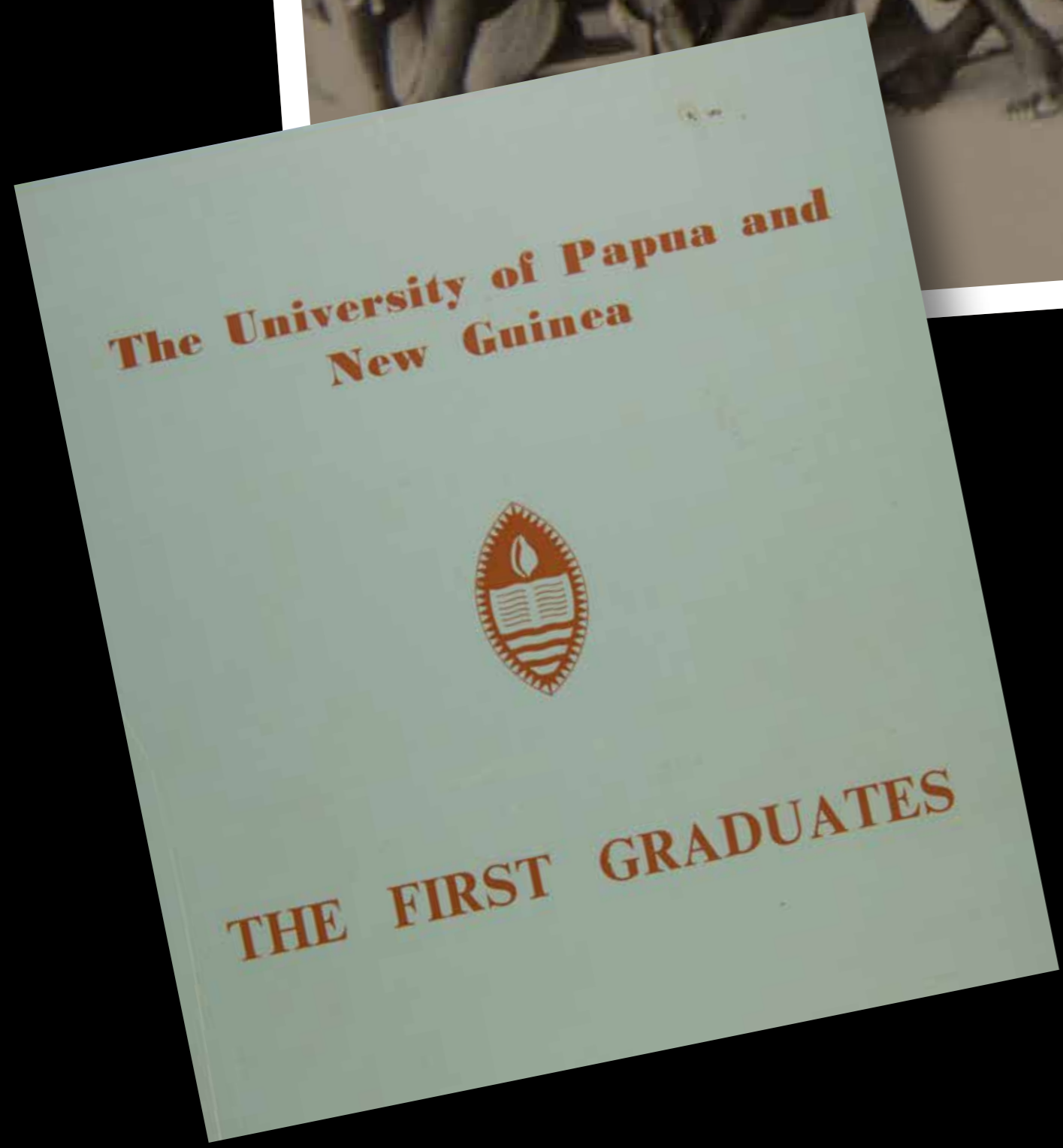
Other collaborations and strengthening projects have involved ANU library and archive staff exchanging ideas and ways of working on significant Pacific collections.

However, this relationship has not just been about work! The ANU-UPNG rugby match of 1968 set the tone for a healthy and fun relationship that has lasted for more than 50 years.

The ANU and UPNG are proud universities. We look forward to continuing a close, collaborative and productive relationship.

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To end the academic year a grand buffet dinner was held in the Steamships Pavilion at the Showgro. Among the lots of good things that night was a keg of refreshing beer and chicken. A change from greasy sandwiches!

A total of 58 students commenced studies in the first Preliminary Year. One left at the end of the first term - of the remaining 57, 33 gained Matriculation four girls and 29 boys.

To conclude, the students of that first Preliminary Year were a much more free and friendlier lot than perhaps any other Preliminary year group to come. While they lacked many services and amenities and had to adapt themselves to their mosquito-infested environment with the assistance of pressure lamps, mosquito coils and spraying equipment, they nevertheless, survived and produced a fine student spirit unequalled in other local colleges of Port Moresby.

MARTIN BULUNA.

First Graduates of UPNG

A total of 58 students commenced studies in the first preliminary year of the University of Papua New Guinea in 1966. Many of these men and women went on to become important leaders in an independent Papua New Guinea.



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John Waiko was one of the first Papua New Guineans to be awarded a PhD

John Waiko was born in Tabara, Northern Province in 1944. Waiko received his PhD from the Pacific History Department of the Australian National University in 1982. In 1986 Waiko was the first Papua New Guinean to be appointed Professor and became head of the History Department at the University of Papua New Guinea. Professor Waiko sadly passed away in November 2024.

BE JIJIMO

The title of this thesis is taken from a legend, Rirowa or Revenge. A young man dies and his lover follows him to the place of the dead. In this village, the jiro, the brains of the dead people 'glow' in their skulls like a fire. As she is not dead he builds a small hut in which his wife lives. He warns her: 'Imo jitaudio, ni ao eiwa dowato akeimbeure ta, be mi jijimo eite isio, if you sleep too much, the fire beside your hut will go out; so be sure to keep a constant watch.'

One day she forgets the fire and it dies. Before her husband returns from the garden she rushes to fetch the jiro, thinking that the reddening of the brains is fire. And the spirits of the skulls moan and groan in pain. This is the disaster which her man has been warning her to avoid. It is not safe for her to remain; he has to take his wife back to the village of the living in order to save her life.

It is that those who have gone before have advice by those who follow. The Binandere believe that the precepts and codes of the old, and absorb the essence of generations. The Binandere bring their history to be their guide, and without it they will suffer.

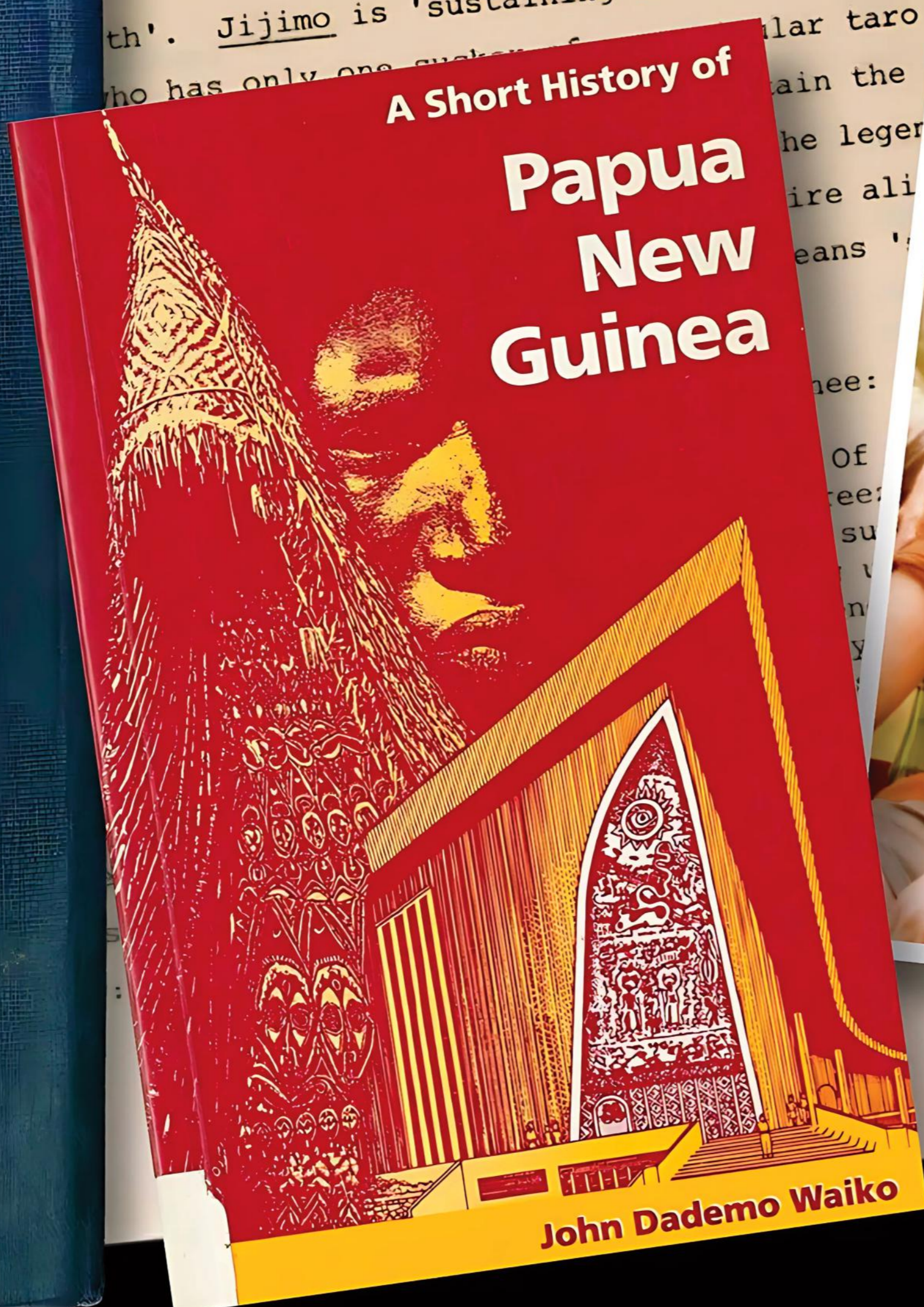
It is their guide, and without it they will suffer. Jijimo is 'sustaining continuity'. Jijimo who has only one custom.

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 defect.
 I recommend Nivaquine
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 same time each week.
 Regards
 Graham Cowley.



UPNG v ANU (1968)

In 1968 students from the ANU visited Waigani to play a friendly match with students of the University of Papua and New Guinea at University oval. A great deal of fundraising and organizing went into this first intervarsity game between the two universities. UPNG celebrated victory over the tourists with a win of 11-8.

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PRELIMINARY YEAR 1966 - SOME ASPECTS

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The first of the 58 students who had enrolled with the University oddly enough were billeted at the Administrative College, 6 mile Annexe, for some weeks amongst hordes of patrol officers, local court magistrates and diploma students. Meals and indeed all activities of academic nature notably student orientation, were provided and run under the auspices of that institution. Upon the completion of the June Valley labour quarters a migration of the University student community was brought into effect almost immediately - and along with the migrants went considerable quantities of mosquito nets and insecticide, to combat myriads of mosquitoes. Moving to a new locality necessitated changes in mess and lecture arrangements as well as adjustments to the "bush" surroundings. In those days the establishment of mess and lecture halls were a feature of everyday discussion but materially they were non-existent and for the University authorities to cope with every possible domestic demand would have been an impossible task. Centralization of all preliminary year activities at June Valley was out of the question and it would have been an absurd move, unless barbeques and open-air lectures were to be the order of the day. Consequently June Valley came to be known as the "dormitory" area - purely for sleeping purposes. The June Valley Show-ground with its numerous sheds, exhibit rooms and stable were almost overnight converted into a complex of lecture halls, after minor repairs and cleaning had been carried out.

As soon as it was practicable lectures commenced in earnest at the Showground under galvanized roofs and paper walls. Individual students improvised little shelters to escape the sun's heat and a place for the



In temporary accommodation - students at the new University of Papua New Guinea

The new University of Papua New Guinea has completed a preliminary year in temporary accommodation at the Port Moresby Showground. This year it achieves full status, offering courses towards degrees in the sciences and humanities. During the preliminary year, the students, drawn from widely varying educational backgrounds, were given intensive introductory tuition to bring them to entrance level and determine their capabilities.

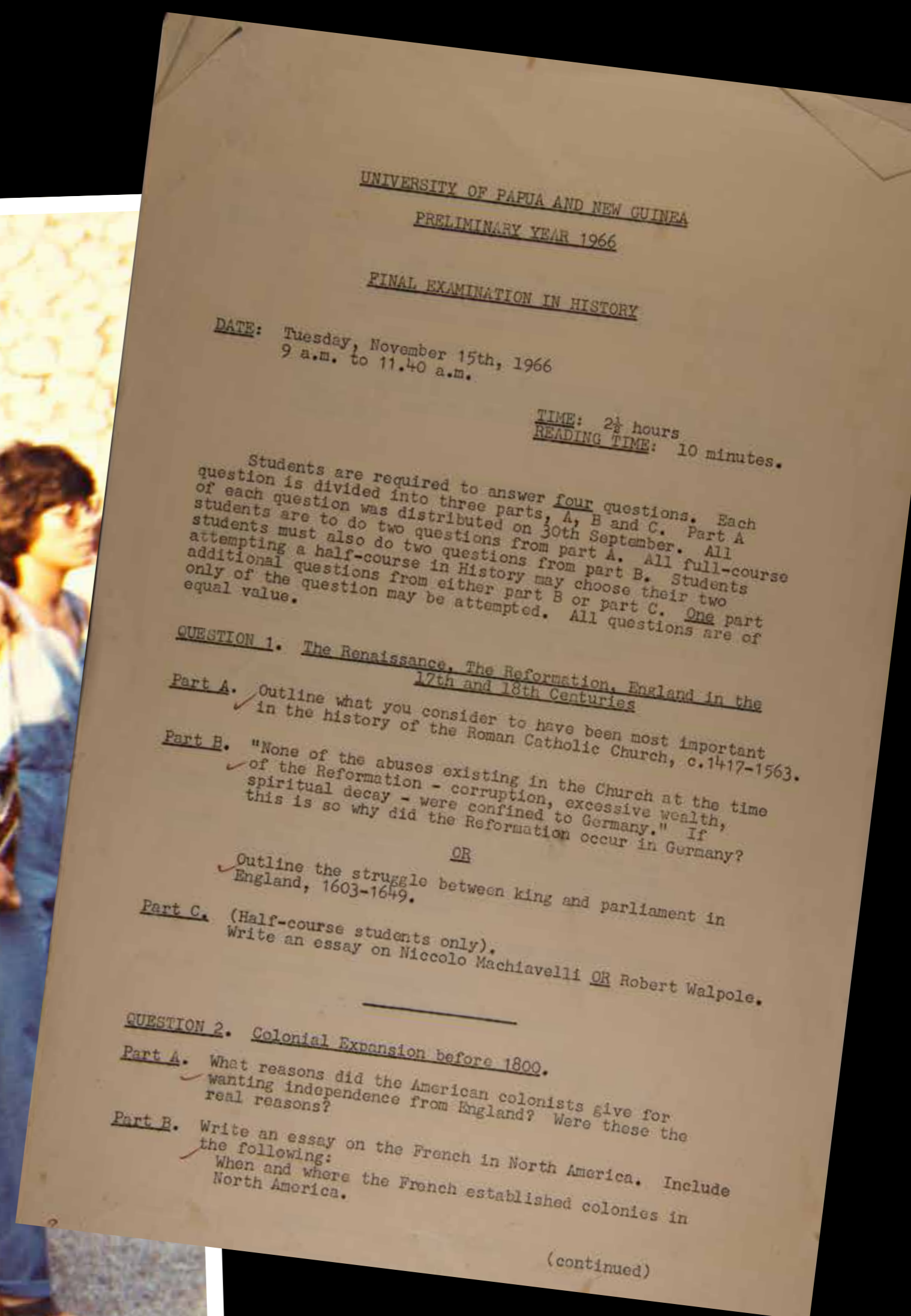


UPNG campus 1966

The physical appearance of UPNG has changed greatly over the decades. Early images and descriptions reveal humble beginnings. Initial problems included overcoming mosquitoes and providing student accommodation. Early lectures were held in converted sheds and stables at the June Valley Showground. At the ANU, the opening of the new university campus at Waigani was covered by the student newspaper, Woroni.

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ANU staff involvement at UPNG

ANU staff have taught at the University of Papua New Guinea since 1966. They have set exams, mentored students, delivered lectures and attended graduation ceremonies. Many visits have been made by UPNG staff and students to the ANU. Life-long friendships have developed as staff and students at the ANU and UPNG have worked together and enjoyed each other's company.

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The Hugh Stevenson Collection at the Michael Somare Library of UPNG

The Hugh Stevenson Collection of contemporary PNG art was bequeathed to UPNG in February 1984. It includes over 250 paintings, sculpture, drawing, images, books and documents. Since 2008, staff from the Australian National University and the National Museum of Australia have collaborated with staff from the Michael Somare Library UPNG to document and conserve the collection. July and November 2014 was a difficult time as two key members of the project, the late Mrs Josepha Kapa and Mr Raymond Sirae passed on, one after the other. This poster is dedicated to their memory and is a testament to their outstanding achievement on the Hugh Stevenson Collection.



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Dear Mr. Temu,

Acknowledgement and Appreciation of Your Contribution towards the Implementation of the Hugh Stevenson Collection in the Michael Somare Library

On behalf of the University of Papua New Guinea I take this opportunity to thank you and the Australian National University Library for the enormous contribution towards the success of implementing the final phase of the Hugh Stevenson Collection in the Michael Somare Library. After years of conducting initial activities phase 3 in training staffs who will oversee the management and development of the collection brings the parties to the final stage in partnership. It is also very much appreciated that you have to fund your travel and lodgings without extra cost to the University of Papua New Guinea.

Although phase 3 of the project may seem to be the final implementation of the Hugh Stevenson Collection we would, however, greatly appreciate if your organisation and sponsors could continue to follow up and allow monitoring of developing the collection into a stage where access to the collection can be maximized. This can be done through digitalisation and online access. In partnership, the development of this project may stimulate the processes of developing the PNG Collection of the University Library into digital format where Academics, Researchers and interested individuals can easily access.

In principal, all parties can consider long term partnership where we may address the deep root of effective management and development of the whole PNG Collection of the University of Papua New Guinea Library.

Once again, I thank you and your organisation for your continuous support throughout the years to ensure the project is implemented.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Albert Mellam
Vice Chancellor



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Archaeology and Natural History collaborations

The ANU and UPNG have had a long-standing relationship with archaeology and natural history research in Papua New Guinea. Recent projects have focused on the archaeology and environmental change on the Owen Stanley Range (Kosipe and Kokoda), Kutubu and Tari (Oilsearch project), Wahgi Valley (Kuk Swamp), the Saruwaged Range and Gulf Province. Research reports have been published and deposited with the National Museum of Papua New Guinea and the National Research Institute. Future projects include staff teaching exchanges, training in technical specialist equipment at the ANU and student exchanges.



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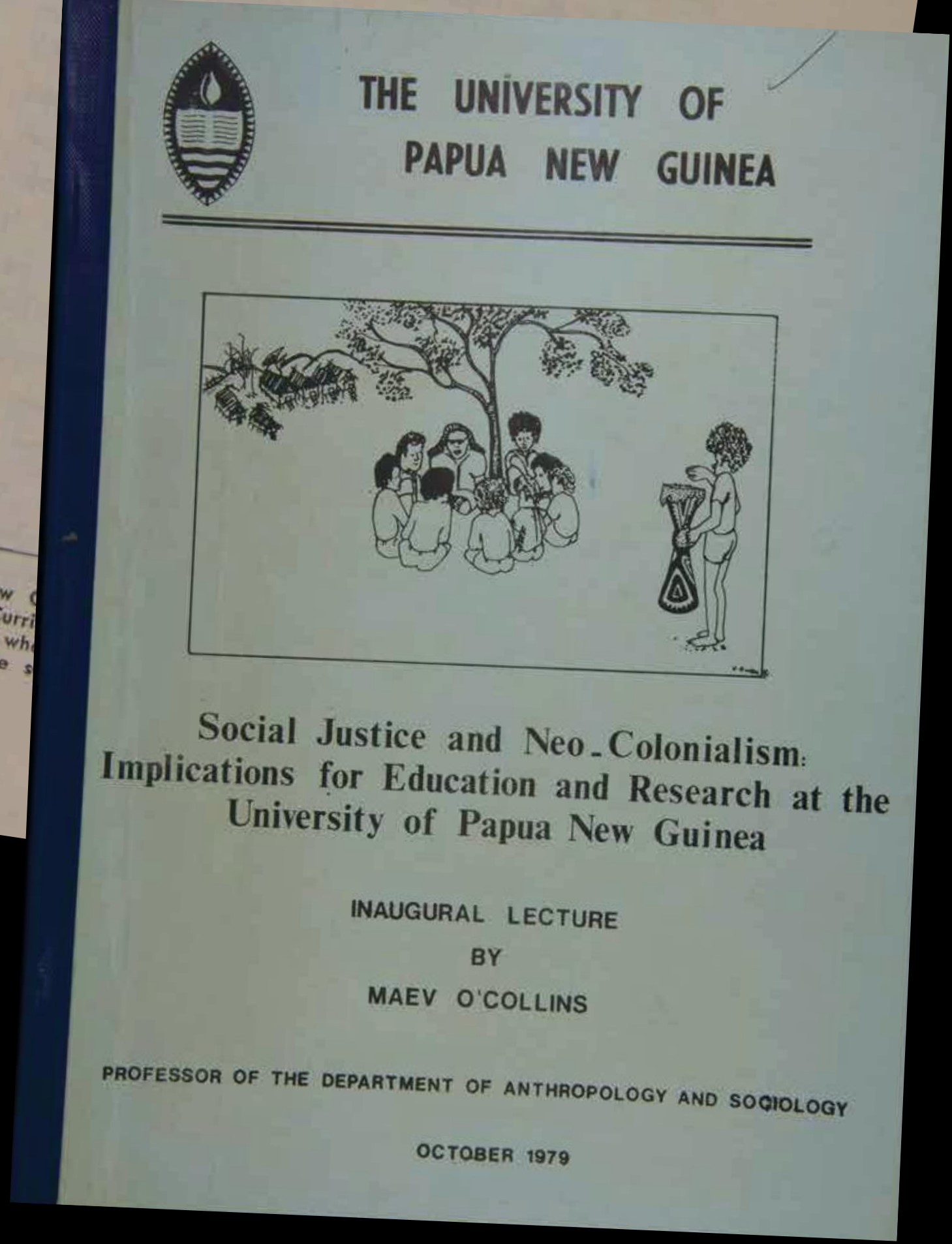
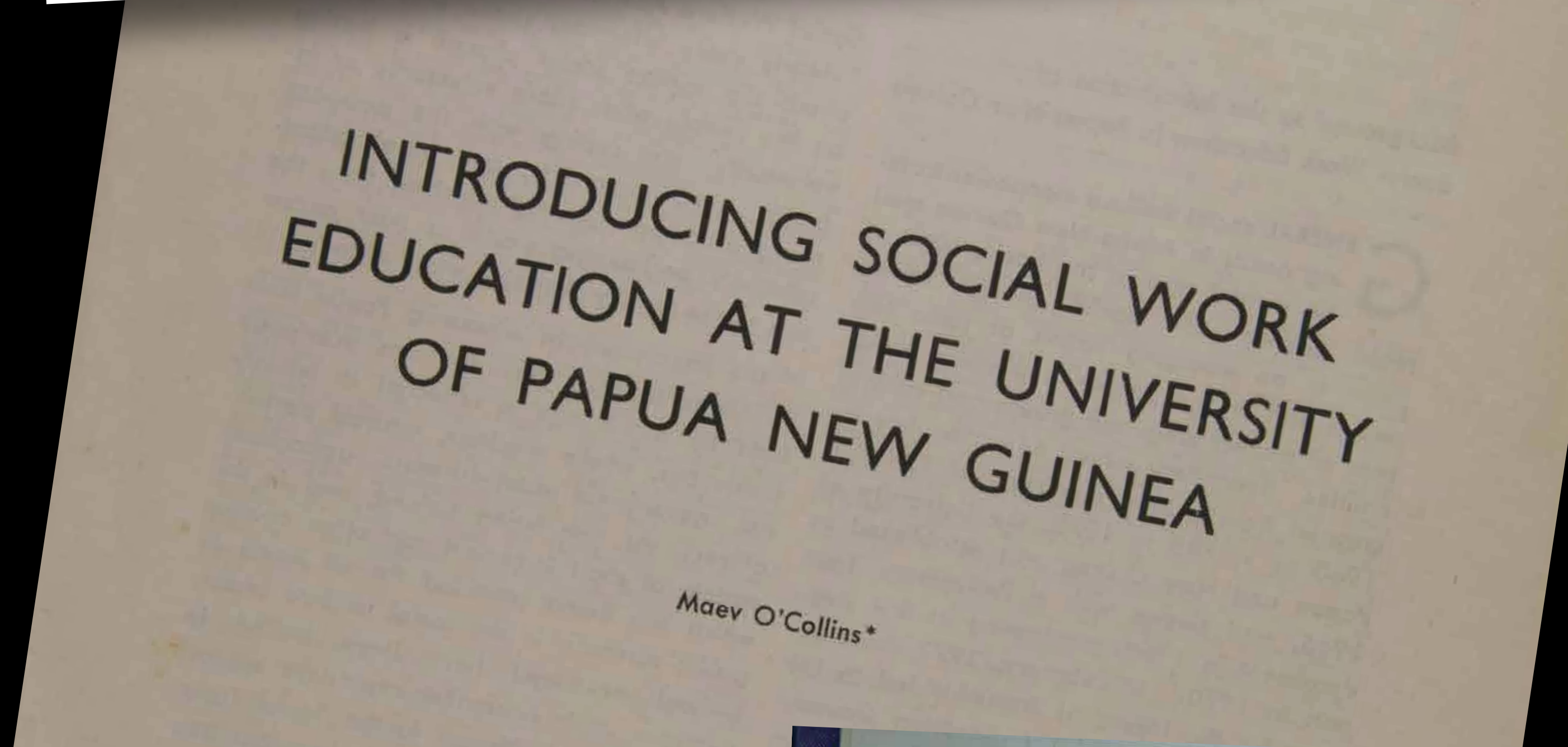
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Professor Maev O'Collins worked at UPNG for 20 years

From 1972 – 1989 Professor Maev O'Collins helped to establish and taught in the social work program at UPNG. She was appointed Professor of the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at UPNG in 1979 and received an MBE in 1987 for her services and dedication to education. Her research focused on social planning and policy, youth, law and order and political issues in PNG. When Maev left PNG, she moved to Canberra, where she was an honorary visiting fellow in the Department of Political and Social Change at the Australian National University until her passing in 2021.



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A revitalised relationship

The partnership between ANU and UPNG was recently revitalised by the visit of ANU Vice Chancellor Brian Schmidt to UPNG in 2023 to sign a new MOU between the two universities. Visits by academic leaders of both institutions, and the annual flagship ANU-UPNG PNG Update, ensure that the relationship today is as dynamic and vibrant as it has ever been.

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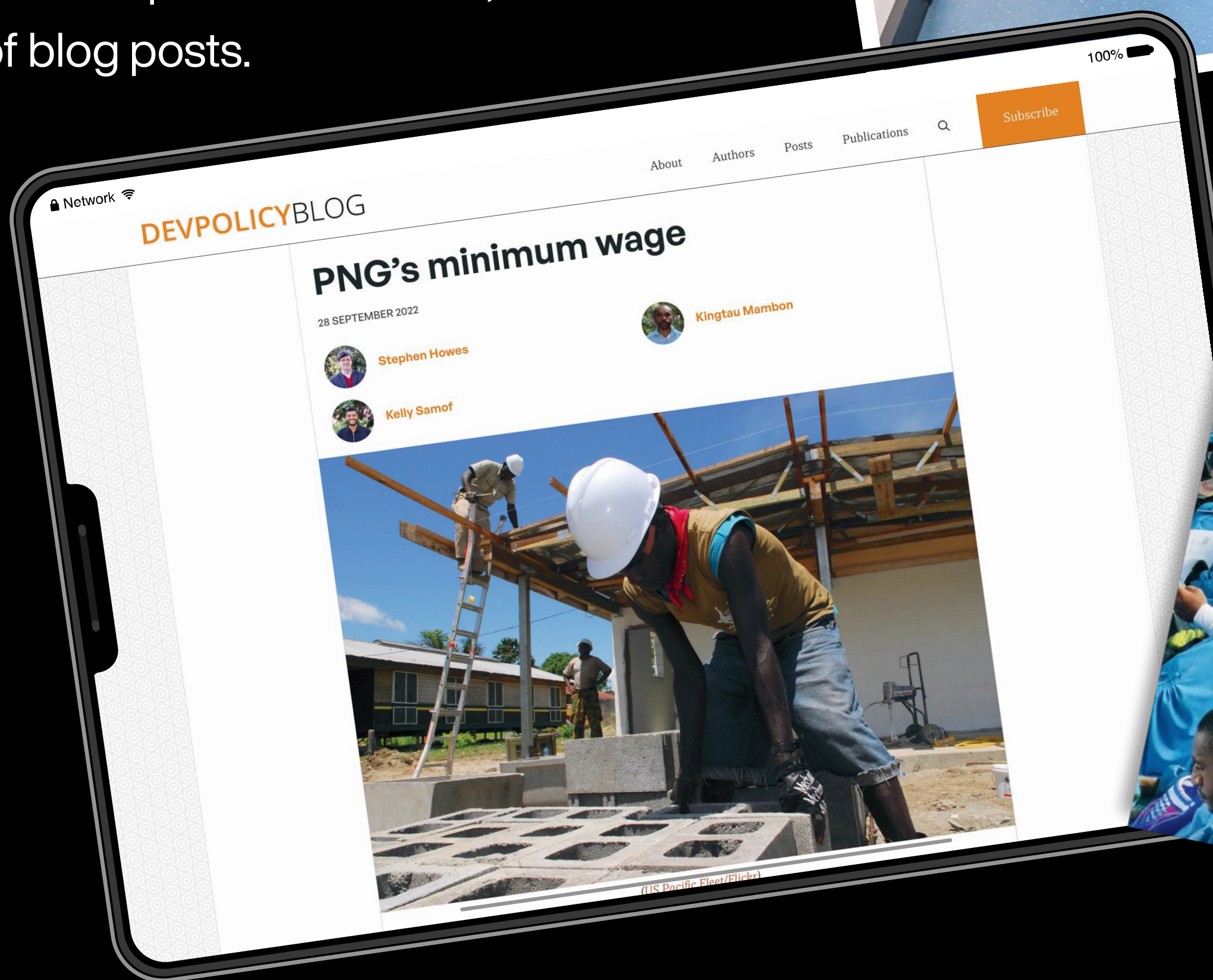
Strengthening public policy and economics research and education

The partnership between the UPNG School of Business and Public Policy and ANU Crawford School of Public Policy has gone from strength to strength over the last decade.

With Australian Government funding, the partnership has strengthened undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and research at UPNG by placing Australian and International lecturers in-country, while offering scholarships for the top economics students in Papua New Guinea to earn their Masters degrees at ANU and return home to become lecturers.

The partnership has also developed a home-grown postgraduate program, the UPNG Masters in Economic and Public Policy (MEPP), which commenced in 2017.

Lecturers in the two schools have collaborated on a range of research on key economic, social and development issues, and have published books, reports and hundreds of blog posts.



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Summer schools, exchanges and life-long friendships

Annual ANU-UPNG Summer Schools commenced in 2018, offering the top ten undergraduate students at the UPNG School of Business and Public Policy the opportunity to spend a month of their summer break in Canberra. The students spend the summer mixing academic coursework at ANU Crawford School of Public Policy with the chance to learn more about Australia and to meet with key institutions and individuals that support the Australia-PNG relationship.



Students in the Summer School are exposed to a new way of learning and have the opportunity to network with students from around the globe, building life-long friendships.



Academic exchanges between UPNG and ANU have also been growing over the past decade, expanding career opportunities for Papua New Guinean researchers, and engaging more ANU academics in research on social, economic and policy issues in PNG. By working together on shared challenges and opportunities, these researchers hope to support PNG's development.



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