

# Minister of Health wants nurse in first Nev House clinic

By Anita Roberts

**ONCE THE MEDICAL CLINIC BUILT** by the Australian Nev House team at the remote village of Enkatalei on Tanna is finished, a nurse will be recruited immediately.

The Minister of Health, Toara Daniel, has announced following his visit inside the house with the Director General, George Taleo, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trades, Commerce, Tourism and Industry, Joe Natuman, Minister of Infrastructure Jotham Napat, Minister of Internal Affairs Alfred Moah and other government dignities. The tour was led by members of the Nev House. Minister Daniel said he will negotiate with Dr Robert Vocor and the management of



(l-r) Dr Robert Vocor, Minister Daniel and health officer, Simon inside the medical clinic built by the Nev House Team

Lenakel Hospital to make sure a nurse is recruited.

The nurse will stay at the

clinic and will serve patients from Enkatalei and nearby communities so that they

would spend less on transport travelling longer distance to receive care from the main

hospital. The medical clinic is still under construction but near completion. It

includes bays for doctors, an optometrist and dentist. Each house is solar powered by units tailored to the Nev House design by Queensland-based Green NCC Co.

The Founder and Chairman of the Nev House Board, Nev Hyman, said they will install air conditioning and a refrigerator for the clinic.

Apart from the clinic, the Nev House Team also built classrooms and community halls across four villages on east Tanna.

The structures are rated to withstand category 5 cyclones and are fire resistant. Nev House are modular, pre-fabricated structures that can be constructed in less than five days and are made from recycled plastic and other materials.

## Gender and social inclusion through basket weaving

By Anita Roberts

**SIXTEEN YOUNG WOMEN; SIX** living with various forms of disabilities that include intellectual, communication, hearing and psychosocial impairments have been trained on the making of traditional baskets.

These women are from the small island of Maskelyne in south Malekula.

The Malampa Provincial Council of Women in partnership with the Australian Government funded Malampa TVET Centre delivered the workshop at their community to train them on the basic art of weaving and decorating a pandanus basket.

In all villages in Vanuatu, women have been weaving since they were girls.

Women weave every day

using different materials for different purposes as food gathering and storage, furnishing, garments and ceremonial uses.

Teaching girls to weave gives them a way to earn their living, said the Provincial Training Coordinator of the Malampa TVET Centre, Dorah Willie.

"Through the workshop, participants have gained techniques and skills of weaving which can be used to generate income or become active earners to support themselves and their families," she said.

The TVET Program has provided a caregiver and interpreter to assist participants with disabilities increase their learning in the exclusive training environment. Six of the person with disabilities

expressed appreciation for not only obtaining new skills and knowledge but also for building confidence.

Community leaders applauded the Malampa TVET Centre for recognising people with disabilities and engaging them in income generating activities.

These participants will be continually coached and mentored by the Maskelyne Women's Resource Centre and will be able to sell their products to the centre, to local tourist bungalows and the Malampa Handicraft Centre.

As part of the workshop, 20 pandanus baskets of various decorative designs were produced and ready to sell.

The Malampa TVET Centre aims to forge partnerships with provincial stakeholders



Trainer Malau (standing right) assisting participants with intellectual impairment (centre) with care-giver

and communities to raise awareness on disability inclusion and make

participation in skills-training accessible and meaningful.

## PM Supports FOI Bill

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Once the bill is passed, media will be able to make better and accurate reporting, promote transparency and fight corruption, so the government will be held accountable for its actions, as media will be able to perform its roles better and people will be better informed on government decisions.

In his speech, PM Salwai affirmed that the government's decision on this matter has proven that the government respects the Convention which provides to media and public the right to access information from public office or even government offices.

"In this way, we must all join hands and work together to promote democracy, sustainable development and good governance."

The FOI Bill is expected to be debated in Parliament in June this year.

### Provincial Weather Forecast

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	SUNRISE	SUNSET	SUNRISE	SUNSET
	0601	1726	0601	1725
PORT VILA	TIME	HEIGHT (m)	TIME	HEIGHT (m)
	0326	1.44	0406	1.50
	0949	0.43	1037	0.32
	1549	1.31	1645	1.37
	2150	0.40	2238	0.41
LUGANVILLE	0238	1.63	0317	1.73
	0858	0.38	0944	0.25
	1457	1.54	1547	1.58
	2106	0.30	2150	0.29