

## Surgeons sharing a light moment



**PROFESSOR** Patrick "Paddy" Dewan (left) is a senior pediatric urologist and a general surgeon from Melbourne, who has been visiting PNG since 1993. He is instrumental in developing pediatric surgery in PNG, which before 1993, has been done by general surgeons. Since then he has trained

our very own Dr Mathew McLee (left) from the Angau Memorial Hospital. His 20th visit, the professor is assisting Dr Mathew McLee in the Islands Petroleum "Katim Na Halivim Pikinini" project, currently under way in St Mary Hospital, Vunapope, East New Britain. Pictured are the two sharing a light

moment before surgeries commenced on Monday. Professor Paddy got his "famous" Goroka wool cap during the visit in 1993 in Lae and ever since had worn it in 104 surgical visits in 22 different countries in the world. This is his 20th visit wearing it in another PNG hospital.

## the drum



### THAT DATE

IT is not easy being a newspaper editor as our boss found out yesterday. By 7am he was getting text messages and phone calls from loyal readers around the country on the embarrassing mix-up in the publishing date with yesterday's edition labelled Thursday instead of Wednesday, June 12, 2013! It seems the long weekend confused a number of people including our night crew but that's not an excuse in our drive for perfection.

### SEPIK MOTU

A FORMER newsroom colleague flew into Wewak the other night. It was getting dark and his host had yet to get to the airport. Then a Sepik waiting for his wantok pounced on his arriving relative and shouted in Motu: "Wee mero, oi mai ita lao!" The instantaneous greeting caught the news hound off guard as he thought the plane may have landed in Popondetta!

### TWO BIRDS

BLAST from the past. A Drum item from the Thursday, September 5, 1974 edition of the *Post-Courier*. The Chief Minister was reminded at a news conference the other day that National Day fell on the same day the Bougainville copper renegotiation talks were to resume. "Okay," he said, "they can talk while we celebrate".

### MY SPACE

A RIGO woman sat under her umbrella tent with her bananas at a city market. Among the first to arrive that morning, she looked tired as two women near her forced her to move away so a wantok would lay out his bananas. Ironically, there was plenty of space in other parts of the market but the latecomer chose to move the poor woman because he and his wantoks