

# WOMEN AT FONEHAUS



Ticket no: 0089 – PNG Namba Wan Trophy Ltd

**Breakfast with a DAME**

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Dame Jean Kekedo  
**PANELISTS:** Dame Meg Taylor | Valentina Kias Kaman | Lewa LK James  
**Topic:** "How has education facilitated voice & representation of women in high office?"  
Friday August 25th, 2023 7am-9am | Hilton Hotel

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Last week, Eve Magazine hosted a vibrant and empowering event - 'Breakfast with a Dame' at the Hilton Hotel, Port Moresby. Our team members were privileged to be a part of this enlightening gathering designed to inspire women and facilitate conversations about thriving in a patriarchal society.

The keynote speaker was Dame Jean Kekedo, an esteemed educationist and a staunch advocate for women's rights. Having served as the former High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Dame Jean brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table. She spoke eloquently about the role of education in facilitating the voice and representation of women in high office.

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The event was graced by a distinguished panel comprising Dame Meg Taylor, Ms Valentina Kaman, and Ms Lewa Kanah, providing a range of perspectives on the issues at hand. Around the NWTL table were Yolande Saesaria, Amy Tomlinson, Pam Kenyon, Rhoda Mojica, Rosemary Botong, Ancie Saesaria, Maryanne Mai, Hidoh Daniel and Tina Hurrell, all contributing to the vibrant discourse.







Among the attendees was Villindah Avel, a dedicated staff member of Fonehaus. With roots in Morobe and West New Britain and a robust career spanning 14 years this November, Villindah has been a stalwart witness to Fonehaus's evolution, appreciating its commitment to providing a safe, inclusively professional environment for women that validates the company's core values.

Villindah's inspiring journey is deeply rooted in her education at Marianville Secondary School, where her Principal, Sister Angela, left an indelible mark on her. Sister Angela's tough but fair approach instilled in Villindah the resilience she carries today.

When asked about her fondest memory at FoneHaus, Villindah recalled the end-of-year party in 2019 at Hilton. It was the first time she met all the team members from outstations

together, realising the company's tremendous growth over the decade.

'Breakfast with a Dame' was more than a breakfast; it was a testament to the power of women who flourish amidst challenges, continually inspiring others on their journey. The stories shared, and lessons learned served as a reminder of the crucial role women play in shaping our society, especially in the face of patriarchal norms.