

 Local News

# Teachers trained in 'Histri Blong Yumi'

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**SIXTEEN LOCALLY CERTIFIED** Years 7 and 8 teachers from around Shefa province have attended a workshop aimed at training teachers on how to use the new school history guide "Histri Blong Yumi".

The workshop was organized by the Vanuatu Cultural Center, Kastom Ekonomi and Peace Corps Vanuatu.

Five Peace Corps Volunteers from various islands from north to south also participated in the workshop.

The goal of the workshop was to train teachers on how to use the resource, which included integrating traditional knowledge into the for-

mal school curriculum.

The workshop was an activity endorsed by the education sector and outlined in the Year of the Traditional Economy 2007 Activity Matrix signed by the Council of Chiefs.

The integration of traditional knowledge into the formal school curriculum was also outlined in the 2007-2020 Self Reliance & Sustainability Strategy.

The workshop started with a talk from Ralph Regenvanu who supported the development of the teachers guide and noted that the current formal school curriculum could be greatly enhanced

especially in the area of social science if the curriculum was utilized.

The workshop continued with presentations from the Vanuatu Cultural Center fieldworkers who can serve as a resource for teachers wanting to integrate traditional education in the classroom.

Also during the workshop, participants analyzed the cultural resources that are available to them in their respective communities. With this information the teachers made unit plans based on their individual teaching interests in the area of history and culture.

They designed lesson plans

for canoeing, marriage, traditional hunting and fishing practices, traditional and modern dress and traditional stories.

Again the aim was to create an entire school term plan in the area of social science that utilizes the current curriculum and infuses the activities outlined in the Histri Blong Yumi Teachers Resource Guide.

The Vanuatu Cultural Center, Peace Corps, and the Kastom Economy desk are thanking the teachers for taking their school holiday to make an effort to better their students' education and lives through teaching them about their history.

## Vanuatu Medical and Dental Association corner



A weekly update of news and information by Ni-Vanuatu doctors

### ■ Missing teeth and a mouth full of blood

A few years ago, a young boy turned up to the Dental clinic on a very busy morning. The boy's relative came into the room and called to me, "Moning Dokta. Oli bin pulum tut blong boe blong mi yesterdei, mo blad i ron deilaet" I looked out to the steps behind the dental clinic and saw the boy sitting with a blood stained bandage covering his mouth. He looked very weak and this worried me. He was invited inside accompanied by his concerned mother and upon examination found to be bleeding from the site of the pulled tooth.

Tooth extraction is a surgical procedure that presents a challenge to our body's haemostatic (blood) mechanism. Firstly, the tissues of our mouth and jaw have a very rich blood supply and secondly, the extraction of a tooth leaves an open wound or socket, with both soft tissues and bone exposed. Patients can lose a lot of blood from this site if they ignore the dentist's instructions.

Bleeding after tooth extraction is a common dental emergency. Patients, especially children, tend to play with the area of surgery with their tongues and can occasionally dislodge blood clots. A blood clot is the body's normal way of stopping any bleeding, however, if this blood clot is disturbed the bleeding can start again. This is known as secondary bleeding.

Our tongues may also cause secondary bleeding by creating small negative pressures that suction the blood clot from the tooth socket.

■ So how can a patient prevent bleeding after tooth extraction?

## More Crown of Thorns

**MORE NEWS ON THE** outbreak of Crown of Thorns

why these Crown of Thorns are in such large numbers. As well as the collection of the

