

SV 0401SN

Team:

- Larry Jones
- Kim Nitschke
- Rex Pearson (already on Nauru site – SV-0401.5N)
- David Groom, AE Smith (arrived Nauru with us)
- Glen Nielson, Hastings Deering (arrived Nauru on 29Jan)

Dates:

- 20Jan to 24Jan2004 – Apia, Samoa (SPREP)
- 26Jan to 30Jan – Nauru (ARCS-2)

Apia, Samoa

20Jan(Tue)

- Travel to Apia, Samoa.

21Jan(Wed)

- Met with Nitschke and discussed new options for the upcoming SPREP contract renewal.

22Jan(Thu)

- Met with Nitschke, the SPREP TWP Project Coordinator at the SPREP offices to finalize the new SPREP contract draft options and identify who will look after ARM/TWP issues after he departs.
- Decided to leave Nitschke's equipment(computer, printer) he uses at SPREP for his part time replacement.
- Met with SPREP director Aserio Takesy, and the TWP/SPREP Project coordinator, Kim Nitschke, on LANL/SPREP contract issues. We agreed that it is in both of our agencies interests to continue our relationship, even though the scope of work needs a major revision due the manner in which TWP work in the Pacific has changed from deployment initiatives of the past to routine operations now. We agreed to meet again, one on one.

23Jan(Fri)

- Met with Joseph Murphy, US Charge' d' Affaires at the US embassy in Apia. He requested the meeting as part of his responsibility with the State Department to keep himself aware of US government personnel activities in Samoa. He wanted to know details of TWP's contract with SPREP and how it will change with the departure of Kim Nitschke. We also discussed possible different approaches to the travel approval process to reduce the time lag between submittal and approval of the State Department country cable clearance. He suggested I contact the ambassador for Nauru(in Fiji) and the ambassador for PNG(in POM) to help set up a blanket approval.

- Had dinner with SPREP director Asterio Takesy and his wife. It went really well. Asterio is willing to work with whatever arrangement we would like when the new contract is written.

24Jan(Sat)

- Travel to Brisbane en route to Nauru.

25Jan(Sun)

- Lost day to the international dateline.

Nauru

26Jan(Mon)

- Travel to Nauru via Brisbane with Kim Nitschke.
- Visited the site. Site very messy and overgrown. Met with acting OIC for the site and Nauru Department of Island Development and Industry(DIDI) employee , Robroy Whippey.
- Met with Rex Pearson of the Australian Bureau of Meteorology and David Groom of AE Smith the Air Conditioner technician.
- Met with David Broom, Operations Manager of AE Smith, the AC unit technician from Brisbane.
- Visited DIDI offices to set up appointments. Learned that Secretary of IDI Joe Cain is in the hospital for diabetes and is unable to meet with us. Instead, we met with acting Secretary of IDI Tyrone Dieye.

27Jan(Tue)

- Met with acting Nauru Secretary of IDI, Tyrone Dieye on personnel issues, administrative assistant expectations. Dieye outlined what led to the dismissal of the longstanding ARCS-2 Officer in Charge. Discussed possible options for selecting a new OIC. Also discussed absenteeism of some Observer staff.
- Met with Dieye and Administrative assistant, Andrew Kaierua concerning the non payment of Observers at the site. We revised the draft "Nauru TWP Observer Payment Process" formerly know as an MOU. Dieye asked that the "process" be modified to say this process is to be used only if the Nauru Government payment process is not working. Dieye indicated that having the Observers receive salaries when other government employees don't will not be a problem. Several departments currently do this with different outside funding sources.
- Delivered the latest, signed Nauru/TWP contract.
- Dieye indicated that although the TWP contract calls for the Government of Nauru to pay the landowners (total of \$12K/yr AUD), the owners of the land we have the site on asked Dieye for help. The broke government stopped paying them.

28Jan(Wed)

- Delivered the “Nauru Payment Process” procedure to Dieye with the necessary modifications.
- After discussions with Dieye, decided to try a new approach at the ARCS-2 site. We decided to dispense with the OIC position and move the TWP administrative assistant’s office to the site and expand his responsibilities to include those of the OIC too, but without performing daily rounds or technical tasks. He would assume a new position, TWP Project Manager and be responsible for all activity at the site. The new responsibilities listing is attached.
- Met with all the Observers to layout the new set up.
- Visited the Bank of Nauru to retrieve TWP’s remaining funds there, but were told that there was no cash at the bank and we would have to talk to the President of Nauru (but he was off island).
- Visited the offices of Cenpac and found that the email addresses formerly used by the Observers and others was cut off because the \$5.00 per month payments were delinquent. Since the land lines to the site don’t work anyway, we decided that just to get an email address wasn’t worth the trouble of keeping the account current. Most of our contacts now have hotmail or excite anyway.
- Checked the MMCR antenna fabric and clamps and they looked fine. Just a fine dusting of rust. Took photos.
- Started site cleanup.

29Jan(Thu)

- Set up Andrew Kaierua office in the old ISS Van. Rex and Nitschke ran a phone line and internet fiber as well. Set up spare laptop for Andrew since his computer is in Australia for repair.
- Met with Kaierua on observer salary payment process. He had the rosters and time sheets laid out with overtime and absenteeism clearly identified.
- Continued site and transportainer cleanup with several trips to the dump topside.
- Performed an complete inventory of the sondes at the site. Removed all the suspect Y43xxxx series for shipment to SGP.
- Reviewed and photographed the locks on the transportainers for possible changeout.
- Reviewed the possibility of installing a timer for the MPL heater to reduce the heat load in the I-Van and determined it was not needed at this time.
- Reviewed new SDL version and new radiometer shading feature.
- Directed that old NIES site be completely removed. It was before we left.
- Glen Nielson of Hastings Deering arrived from Brisbane to perform maintenance on the diesel generator. We had to coordinate island

power outages with Tim Aingenia of NPC so that Glen could perform his maintenance without bringing the site down.

30Jan(Fri)

- Kaierua sent email to Cheryl Straub at TWPO on the petty cash tally to date and the salary reimbursement documentation.
- Did site safety inspection and found several issues. See report attached.
- Observers watched video, "Safety in the Workplace."
- Continued site cleanup and Kaierua office set up.
- Met with Kaierua to go over his new responsibilities and expectations.
- Received petty cash receipts from Kaierua.
- Visited Nic Duburiya's house but he was not home.
- Visited Joe Cain's house but he was not home. He had been in the hospital most of the week.
- Traveled from Nauru to Brisbane.

31Jan(Sat)

- Traveled from Brisbane to the US.