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### **RSIPF witness launch of by-law in Central Province**

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Operations of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) Juanita Matanga together with Honourable Member of Parliament for Savo and Russel Islands Constituency Dickson Mua have witnessed the launching of by-law for Yandina community in Russel Islands, Central Province on 25 April 2021.

Speaking at the launching ceremony DC Matanga says, "I on behalf of the RSIPF Commissioner and the officers of the RSIPF, we are happy to witness the launching of your community by-law."

Deputy Commissioner Matanga says, "It is a good initiative that Yandina community have decided to establish a by-law for the good and betterment of your own people and your generations to come. This is one of the activities that RSIPF have worked hard for it in the Crime Prevention Strategy."

She says, "The only way we could go through in addressing social issues in our communities is working together and this is what I have witness during this launching today. I am happy that chiefs, elders, Church leaders, Mothers Union, Youth groups involved in the Crime Prevention Committee (CPC) have work together to build a good community through this by-law."

Madam Matanga adds, "To lead a community is not an easy task. It can be tough at times but need respect to one another. Working together will make our community a safer place for our children. And they will learn from us and maintain from where we left them so we can live in a crime free society."

She says, "With the COVID-19 situation our government is trying its best to avoid it to enter our communities. In order to make it happen we have to work together to fight against this sickness. Therefore, with the setup of the by-law for your community it will help your community continue practice working together. When it comes to any emergency situation such as 'lockdown' your community already familiar with what to do."

Ms Matanga says, "I want to thank the outgoing Officer Commanding Station (OCS), Yandina Police Station, Inspector Hugo Maelasi for working together with Yandina community to initiate this community by-law. I would like to acknowledge the community and looking forward to work together in preventing crime in our communities. And I would like to thank the presence of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Coordinator, Provincial Government to witness the launching event."

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