

Media Release

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## **RSIPF Wagina Police Station officially opened**

The Minister responsible for the Ministry of Police, National Security and Correctional Services (MPNSCS), Hon. Anthony Veke, officially opened the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) Wagina Police Station on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

The RSIPF and Australian Federal Police (AFP) partnership program, RSIPF-AFP Policing Partnership Program (RAPPP), funded the construction of this Station. RAPPP officially handed over the Station to the RSIPF and Wagina community on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The new Station has been designed with a focus on sustainability to withstand the harsh tropical environment. Solar power and batteries were also installed in the Station to supply power for up to three days even without sunlight.

A 5,000 litre water tank was also installed on site to improve the functionality of the Station and to supply fresh water to locals on the island and the nearby medical centre.

Minister Veke thanked the AFP, through RAPPP, for supporting the project and for continuing to invest in the RSIPF.

"Projects like this help the Solomon Islands Government to provide accessible policing services to the communities in Solomon Islands and we thank the AFP for continuing to support such projects and for being a valued security partner," Minister Veke said.

RSIPF Commissioner Mostyn Mangau said the AFP's ongoing support of RSIPF is greatly appreciated.

"This Station provides RSIPF and the community of Wagina with modern facilities, and improved access to police services.

The Station has the capacity to accommodate up to eight officers, which will be a welcome presence for the Wagina community," Commissioner Mangau said.

RAPPP Acting Commander Heath Davies said RAPPP will continue to deliver operational assistance to the RSIPF.

"RAPPP supports the RSIPF in six core delivery pillars, one of which is to focus on improving the operational effectiveness of the RSIPF by strengthening foundational enabling services," Acting Commander Davies said.

He said this includes fit-for-purpose policing infrastructure, which is evident with the new Wagina Police station which is a real asset for the RSIPF and Wagina community.

The construction of the Station involved the RSIPF Provincial Police Commander (PPC), Ministry of Infrastructure Development (MID), the RSPIF's Property & Infrastructure Division (PID) and AFP Advisors. 

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