



**DEPARTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT
AND
BOUGAINVILLE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**
Office of the President

Roger Hau'ofa, Condolence Message

I pay tribute to the late Roger Hau'ofa for his immense contribution to the media industry as well as his contributions to the human development of the country. I am deeply saddened to have learned of his untimely passing.

For more than thirty years Papua New Guinea's airwaves were graced by the voice of this great man who guided us through some of this nation's most difficult times as he offered a voice of reason and comfort to countless Papua New Guineans who would tune into to his Talk Back Show. The late Roger Hau'ofa epitomised the values of true journalism and broadcasting; his views were objective, concise and straight to the point. He played host to Prime Ministers, Ministers and many leaders in the country as his Talk Back Show presented an opportune time for the average Papua New Guinean to directly converse with their leaders on important issues affecting the country.

The late Roger Hau'ofa strove to ensure the welfare of the common men and women of this nation. He was a firm believer in the principles of social justice and used his influence as Papua New Guinea's foremost broadcaster to give a voice to the people of this nation. He always believed in the goodness of the common people and favoured measures to eliminating inequity; promoting inclusiveness of diversity; and establishing environments that are supportive of all people in spite of their race or creed. He was a staunch nationalist and believer in PNG as a country and as a people destined for greatness.

The passing of Roger Hau'ofa signifies the end of an era; an era of the great newsmen of PNG who guided the early stages of journalism in PNG from its infant stages into the vibrant media industry that exists today. He will be forever immortalised as one of the great broadcasters this nation has ever seen and his presence on the airwaves will surely be missed by Papua New Guineans in all walks of life.

On behalf of the Autonomous Bougainville Government and the people of Bougainville I offer our sincerest condolences to the family of the late Roger Hau'ofa. Though you are mourning his passing I urge you to take comfort in knowing that he is in the embrace of our Lord. May his soul Rest in Eternal Peace.

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President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville**