



British Friends of Vanuatu

Breaking News

As at 30th October, 2023

News From Vanuatu

Severe Cyclone Lola

Tropical Cyclone Lola ripped across Vanuatu after making landfall on October 26th with gusts at its peak of up to 295 kilometres per hour placing it in the highest threshold of the cyclone categories - a Category 5 cyclone. Ranwadi Churches of Christ College on the island of Pentecost suffered severe damage, with many buildings almost completely ripped apart, reported BFoV member, Andrew Gray. As Nabanga goes out to members around the world, communications with Vanuatu remain extremely difficult following TC Lola and information is still awaited from the disaster management agencies, the British High Commission and BFoV members in Vanuatu.

Vanuatu Chevening Scholars

The three Chevening Scholars who arrived in the UK last September 2022 to complete their one year course of study for a Masters degree returned to Vanuatu in September 2023 after completing a successful year and all were awarded degrees.

In October 2023, Amanda Baereleo from the island of Tanna arrived in the UK to commence a one-year course of study for a Masters degree at the university of Bath. Amada will be joining us a guest of the association for our our Spring Weekend and AGM in Weymouth in Dorset in April 2023.

British Friends of Vanuatu to be Disbanded

The October issue of the BFoV reported that following the recent deaths and resignations of key officers with little chance of replacement, plans are being prepared for disbanding of the Charity and the BFoV association at the next AGM to be held in Weymouth, Dorset, on 20th April, 2023.

Details of the constitutional and legal steps to be taken will be set out in detail in the January 2024 issue of the BFoV newsletter, Nabanga. Reactions including regrets and options for the future are already circulating by email and on social media. Those wishing to add a voice can contact editor@britishfriendsofvanuatu.org for comments to be included where possible in the next issue of Nabanga.
