Case Study

Magisterial Services of Papua New Guinea

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

About the Magisterial Services Library

Papua New Guinea's (PNG) Magisterial Services Library is responsible for acquiring, organising and making accessible the necessary legal information resources to Magistrates working in PNG to assist them with performing their judicial work.

There are currently about 90 Magistrates who work across 22 provincial centres and some of the 89 District Courts in PNG.

Prior to 2003, the National & Supreme Court Library of PNG provided legal library services for the Magistrates and provided this service by way of establishing law collections in Provincial & District locations.

However, today there are 5 small libraries located in 5 provincial locations. The Magisterial Services Library currently provides its services through these 5 libraries by utilising electronic and print resources to continue providing necessary legal information to their clients.

Choosing Liberty

The purchase of <u>Liberty</u> is one major step towards the library increasing its ability to acquire, organise and make accessible more legal information and resources to more of their clients spread out over a wide geographical area.

Magisterial Services Librarian Leslie Kolis needed an integrated library management system (ILMS) that would meet his requirement of managing the growth in the library's electronic resources. The new system also needed to provide an efficient way to deliver information services to users located in districts around the country.

At a glance:

Chosen solution	LibertyLite + hosting
Key objectives	Deliver legal information resources effectively and efficiently across a wide geographical area.
Core benefits to users	Easy access to digital and physical resources via a single interface.
Supported users	90 +
Library staff	1

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"There is help there. Look around, ask and you will find help, I did these and found Liberty LMS to help me in my challenges."



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It's the aim of Magisterial Services library services that most of its legal information resources will be in a digital format and accessible to their users electronically. It's also this library's intention to maintain some physical collections of some key legal resource materials.

<u>Liberty</u> was chosen because it will enable the team to achieve their goal of cost effectively acquiring, managing, and providing easy access to, legal resources required their users.

"I have just purchased the product and reading and watching the training materials and I am hopeful that it will solve some of my challenges and I also hope to use it as a platform to lift the profile of the library in the organisation"

The library, previously using only a manual system, has now started the task of cataloguing the entire collection into Liberty. <u>Liberty's</u> Z-Cataloguing feature has made that significant task an efficient and easy process and they have made great progress.

Further, <u>Liberty's</u> powerful search feature makes finding and displaying newly catalogued, multi formatted resources easy. It also gives library staff confidence their users will be able to find what they need quickly and easily.

The implementation of the <u>Liberty</u> at the Magisterial Services Library is a testament to the team's commitment to provide the best legal information resources to their clients. With <u>Liberty</u>, the library is well equipped to efficiently manage its growing collection of digital resources and provide the necessary legal information resources to its clients located in different areas of the country.



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