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Report on World Water Day 2021 in Nauru

Nauru celebrated World Water Day on 22nd March 2021 at the Centennial Hall. The celebration was opened by Pastor Jeremiah who shared on the importance of water in the Bible. This was followed by Opening remarks from Mr. Jaden Agir, Water Manager, who shared the purpose and theme of World Water Day celebrations and what it means for every individual. The theme for 2021 is “Valuing water” and highlights the importance of conserving water and its value. The celebration of World Water Day worldwide aims to create awareness of water and its resources which are crucial for the survival of living beings on earth.

Stalls were set up – Canstaruct, Health Department, Agriculture Division, Nauru Utilities Corporation, Waste Unit, NAQUA and Water Division – and each stall representative shared information on the services that they offer and how everyone can access these services. The winner for the best stall was awarded to NAQUA who demonstrated a custom-made fish aquarium.

Only two schools entered the Water Irrigation System Competition. The winners are as follows:

- First prize - Nibok Infant School. The students at Nibok Infant School used a rope irrigation system to water their garden, 5-litre water bottles to store the water, small pins as taps to open and close the water tap and ropes from recycled t-shirts.
- Second prize - Able Disable School who placed half a 500mL bottle upside down and filled it with recycled water from the hand washing tap.



Entries for the Water Irrigation System Competition

The Short Video Competition was judged based on the agreed criteria. The winners are as follows:

- First prize - Anetan Infant School
- Second prize – Mokeni
- Third prize - Anetan Infant School.

The videos are uploaded on the Facebook page 'An Goganado Ebok'.

The Tiny House Model was the main event with fascinating designs. A total of five entries were received. The winners are followers:

- First prize - Joshua Keppa (developed a working model using remote control to pump water into his house, back toilet and garden)

- Second prize - Nadia Ika (built gravity tanks with back-up tanks and an underground tank as a reserve tank)
- Third prize - Robert Atsime (transformed his actual home model into a tiny model and showed how he recycled wastewater from his aircon and laundry business.

The winners for the radio quizzes are follows:

Monday: First prize - Frio Giouba; Second prize - Terry Gene. D

Tuesday: First prize - Semina Capelle; Second prize - Grace Namaduk

Wednesday: First prize - Ruth Dagiara; Second prize - Ankemwi Garoa

Thursday: First prize - Deldeab Rioli Deduna; Second prize - Deldeab Rioli Deduna

Friday: First prize - John John; Second prize - Rioli Deduna.

Plus 5 extra questions to win water bottles: First prize - Abner Olsson; Second prize - Mywanda Harris;

Third prize - Damien H; Fourth prize – Zarina; Fifth prize - Rioli Deduna.

Prizes were provided by the Department of Climate Change & National Resilience, Nauru Utilities Corporation and the EU-funded Global Climate Change Alliance Plus – Scaling Up Pacific Adaptation (GCCA+ SUPA) Project.



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The Facebook page 'An Goganado Ebok' was created on 4th March 2021 to support the awareness efforts of the World Water Day event. An online competition was held whereby viewers commented on this year's theme 'An Goganado Ebok'. Within 3 weeks a total of 1,172 members joined the Facebook page.