

**Pacific Manuscripts Bureau Speaker Series**  
***Photos of Papua New Guinea, 1950-2001***

**Wednesday 22 October, 09:30 – 10:30 AEDT**



Pari village women with their dishes of cooked rice and bananas, 1966. Photo by Robert Pulsford.

Last month, September 2025, Papua New Guinea celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence. During the period of Australian colonial rule, many Australians served in the colonial administration. Robert 'Bob' Pulsford was one such Australian, working first as an Agricultural Officer and later, as a lecturer at the Papuan Medical College. During the two decades Pulsford lived and worked in what was then the Territory of Papua and New Guinea (TPNG), he took many photographs as the family moved from postings in Boram, Urip, Manus, Taliligap, Rabaul and Port Moresby.

The Pacific Manuscripts Bureau's Research Officer, Deveni Temu, has processed and digitised the Pulsford family albums from their time in TPNG. Staff, students and researchers of PMB member libraries are invited to listen to Deveni speak about a selection of photos from this collection. Deveni grew up in Papua and New Guinea under Australian administration and offers unique and personal insights into this collection.

**Registration is required:** [https://anu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6KnDBXFuSOeVm-evZgWHTQ](https://anu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6KnDBXFuSOeVm-evZgWHTQ)

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