

1972

GUADALCANAL WEATHER COAST PROJECTCALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Age in 1972	
1971	1	
1970	2	<p>- February - first complete census taken in B.S.I.P.  Cyclone "Isa" - did little damage.  Anglican Holy Year in Memory of Bishop Patterson.  Burns Philp finished shipping services to B.S.I.P. - "Tulagi" stopped coming.  Helicopter first used in Koleula Valley by Utah Co.  Appallus Revelli elected member of Vatukulau Ward, Guadalcanal Council.</p>
1969	3	<p>- High Commissioner, Sir Michael Gass, arrived in Solomons.  September - Duke of Kent visited.  Utah Co. begins prospecting for copper mine in Koleula Valley.  Solomon Islands Museum opened.  3rd South Pacific Games - held in Port Moresby.</p>
1968	4	<p>- High Commissioner, Sir Robert Foster, left the Solomons for Fiji.  Cyclone "Becky" in December hit East Guadalcanal - some damage.</p>
1967	5	<p>- Marau airstrip opened.  First Legislative Council elections.  Vatukapicha School destroyed. Headmaster received Humane Society Medal for saving lives of children.  Appallus Revelli appointed S.S.E.C. President, Inakona District.</p>
1966	6	<p>- Avu Avu airstrip completed.  Cyclone "Angela" brings big winds to Weather Coast.  Introduction of Australian decimal currency (February).</p>
1965	7	<p>- Workers strike in Honiara.  Honiara census.  Heavy rains on Weather Coast. 1500 people moved. Kochokocho and Valechomara destroyed. New settlements established at Boko, Aona and Holiturera.  Gulbun Coker arrived at Makezuka to study Moro Movement.  Rural Health Centers, including dispensary and maternity facilities, opened at Kuma and at Chocho.</p>

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1964	8 -	First Guadalcanal Council elections. European style S.S.E. church completed at Duidui. New R.C. church built at Pichahila.
1963	9 -	Work began on Karukaru Agricultural Demonstration station, and Resthouse built. (Alu Alu River). Yaws eradication team revisited East and West Talise, Avu Avu and Marau. Heavy rain flooded Avu Avu. Jim Tedder becomes District Commissioner, Central. Bishop: Leonard Alufurai and Bishop Dudley Tuti consecrated. First South Pacific Games. Planting of cacao seedlings along Weather Coast. 4000 seedlings planted near Pichahila (Petero Cheni) 2500 seedlings near Haimarao (Dominic Alebua) 1500 at Vatukulau (Ngalia) 500 at Navasa - Tetekanji (Bili Mataseri).
1962	10 -	New wooden wharf completed at Paruru, Marau Sound. European style church began at Duidui. Spraying on Weather Coast by W.H.O. Malaria eradication team. Francis Bugotu became Education Officer. Tedder appointed District Officer, Guadalcanal. New market at Honiara. Makina Mission built first permanent structures.
1961	11 -	Avu Avu Rural Hospital opened to patients at R.C. Mission. Earthquake destroys buildings at Makina Mission, Marau Sound. Rural Health Center, with dispensary and maternity facilities, established at Marasa.
1960	12 -	Guadalcanal Road to Visale opened. Headman Petero Cheni takes over Veuru Moli sub-district. Water pipe installed in Sugu.
1959	13 -	"Bina" begins monthly market service to whole of Weather Coast, (lasted only one year). First sample census of B.S.I.P. (November). Visit of H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh in "Britannia".
1958	14 -	

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1957	15	- Dispensary built at Balo under direction of Sago, headman of Bota Moli. "Arekamo" drifted from Gilberts to Malageti, and then wrecked on the Lauvi Reef (November)
1956	16	- Yaws eradication campaign began. Moro had his vision and began Movement.
1955	17	- Petero Cheni appointed Assistant District Headman, Tetekangi.
1954	18	- Martin Manganimata launched motorized dug-out canoe. Dresser arrives at Gnalikombe Leper Station. Duidui ward to take charge of Leper village built by people of Talise District. (Sugu - Wanderer Bay - Talise). Gnaliz appointed assistant District Headman, instead of Cheka (Viso) who retired, of Talise II. R.C.Mission established at Malageti. Lasted until 1956.
1953	19	- Guadalcanal Council started, composed of rural sub-district councils, Malango-Vulolo, Fengo, Birao, Sugu, Visale and Talise. Marcus Pipisi appointed District Headman, West Talise. Pichahila shifted to new site. High Commissioner tours Weather Coast for first time - visits Avu Avu, Longu, Sugu, Malageti, Duidui and Sugu-Wanderer Bay. Bara; Marumbo area Big man died.
1952	20	- Big wind destroyed Avu Avu. Fr.Aloisio Houte left Avu Avu for Marau, and re-established Marau Mission at Makina.
1951	21	- Lambina of Vaho appointed Assistant District Headman, Veuru Moli sub-district. S.S.E.C. European missionary left Inakona. Joe Love, Headman, Talise, discharged from office. John Sulu, (Assistant District Headman, Terekanji) has Bota Moli sub-district added to his area.

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1950	22	-	<p>Emily Sprott left Ysabel.            First Meeting of Talise Native Council at Taopanda.            Earthquake tremors - severe at Biti, Talise Bush Village            Chanaroga swept into sea, also food gardens at Duidui.            Jack Chekecheke of Viso appointed Assistant District            Headman, Talise District II.            Gena - Malageti appointed Assistant District Headman,            Talise District I.            John Sulu, Veramakuru, appointed Assistant District            Headman, Tetekanji as successor to Headman Duniti.            Death of Roka of Naho, Headman of Veuru Moli for 21 years.</p>
1949	23	-	
1948	24	-	
1947	25	-	<p>"Freedom Movement" begins in Talise District, lead by            Tattison Marga, advocating "freedom, "of speech", from            want" "of religion" "from fear".            S.S.E.M. European Missionary returned to Inakona.            Avu Avu Council established under President Kiki.            Council House at Longu.            Bambonabira School started.            Hanvalisi Village moved from hills to flat.</p>
1946	26	-	<p>Edmund Kiva (Melanesian Mission) ordained Priest.            American military builds radio towers at head of Koleula            Valley.</p>
1945	27	-	<p>Capital shifted from Tulagi to Honiara.            Bota Moli Council begins with 8 members : President            Headman Opa (Veramakuru).</p>
1944	28	-	<p>First beginnings of Marching Rule.            Big wave destroyed part of Makaruka (Bilitania). That            part of the village re-located.</p>

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1943	29	-	O.C.Noel appointed Resident Commissioner.
1942	30	-	War with Japanese on Guadalcanal.
1941	31	-	Beginning of Pacific War with Japan. Native Courts and Councils established.
1940	32	-	
1939	33	-	W.S.Marchant appointed Resident Commissioner. World War II began in Europe.
1938	34	-	Brownlees, D.O. at Ysabel.
1937	35	-	Horton, D.O. at Tataba, Ysabel. Strong earthquake affected Weather Coast. King George VI crowned.
1936	36	-	Senior School opened at Makina. (Fr.Dennis Moore).
1935	37	-	Mario Meke died at Marumbo.
1934	38	-	
1933	39	-	S.S.E.M. European Missionary arrived at Inakona. Tongarare Catholics boycotted Mission - lasted 3 years.

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1932	40	-	Hugo Toko and R.Fallowes, Melanesian Mission, arrived at Savo.
1931	41	-	Strong earthquake felt on Weather Coast.
1930	42	-	
1929	43	-	Roka Raho appointed Headman, Venru Moli District. F.N.Ashley appointed Resident Commissioner.
1928	44	-	Opa (Veramakuru) appointed Headman Bota Moli.
1927	45	-	Bell and Lillies murdered on Malaita - British Warships shelled villages as punishment.
1926	46	-	First aircraft (a sea-plane) came to Solomons.
1925	47	-	
1924	48	-	R.Sprott, Melanesian Mission, died.
1923	49	-	Head Tax started. Rua Sura abandoned as R.C.Mission site.
1922	50	-	
1921	51	-	

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1920	52	-	Ruavatu R.C.Mission established.
1919	53	-	C.Workman appointed Resident Commissioner. Bishop Bertreux, died and was succeeded by Bishop Raucaz (in 1920)
1918	54	-	World War I in Europe ended.
1915	57	-	Aola sub-district station opened.
1914	58	-	World War I in Europe began. Australians took Bougainville from Germans. R.C.Church leased land at Makina but did not use it until They had begun a mission in the area in 1914 at Poinikari, but it stayed open only one year.
1913	59	-	Hairo plantation land bought. Government Hospital established at Tulagi.
1912	60	-	S.S.E.M. Missionary, Mr.Lees, came to Inakona.
1911	61	-	First news-sheet "Turupatu" in Ghari language published by R.C.Mission at Ruasura. Survey by H.M.S. Sealark. Fr.Rinaldo Parese arrived at Tangarare Mission - stayed (except for 1922-28) until 1933. Well remembered and acknowledged as a Gari expert and was associated with the Tangarare boycott (see 1933).
1910	62	-	Recruiting of labour for Fiji stopped. R.C.Mission at Visale opened - Woodford present. The sacrificial site of the great Tindalo Puraka at Visale Peak fell into the sea. First Chinese came to work as boat-builders and carpenters for Burns Philp. Burns Philp opened trading stations at Makambo, (Tulagi) Faisi, (Shortlands) and Gizo.

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1909	63	- Frank Bollen (Missionary) at Maravovo died.
1908	64	- Missionary Sprott at Tasimboko (Melanesian Mission). Henry Welshman (Missionary) on Ysabel died.
1907	65	- Fr.Jean Boudard first arrived at Avu Avu R.C.Mission (stayed until 1942).
1906	66	- Last of labour recruits returned from Queensland.
1905	67	- Mamara plantation begun. Levers bought land at Marau from Capt.Otto Svenson (Caps.Marau)
1904	68	- R.C.Mission first started at Marau - lasted until 1915.
1903	69	- R.C.Mission established at Moli (Makaruka) lasting until 1907.
1902	70	- Capt.Billy Pope of the "Kumboro" was well established at Marau as a trader and labour recruiter. R.C.Mission at Tangarare established.
1901	71	- Queen Victoria died.
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1899	73	- First "outstation" of RuaSura R.C.Mission began at Avu Avu.
1898	74	- Roman Catholic church bought land at RuaSura Island, and established first Mission. Later in the year also bought some land at Moli (Makaruka).
1897	75	- Tulagi founded as seat of Government. Maravovo School opened by Melanesian Mission.
1896	76	- Anglican Mission opened first boarding school at Siota. Austrian expedition attacked and murdered at Tatuve. C.M.Woodford appointed Resident Commissioner.
1894	78	- Sampson Jacku returned from Queensland and set up a Christian school at Rongoni (Koleula) and later established a Christian village at Ghorokindi.
c 1890	82	- First coconut plantations established on Guadalcanal.
1885-6	87	- C.M.Woodford made 3 unsuccessful attempts to reach the interior of Guadalcanal.
1867	105	- "Kanakas" first used as labour on Queensland canefields.
1850-62		- Bishop Selwyn took boys to Anglican school in New Zealand.
1854	118	- Capt.Denham of H.M.S. Herald searched for Benjamin Boyd. Convict Dennis Griffith escaped into bush at Wanderer Bay.
1851	121	- Benjamin Boyd killed at Wanderer Bay.