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Barakau Arts Association Incorporated

Arts, culture and youth development across Hiri Koiari and Central Province

Barakau Arts Association Incorporated (BAA) is a newly registered, community-based non-profit incorporated on 27 October 2026. Founded in Barakau Village, BAA seeks to work with Motuan villages across Hiri Koiari District, build partnerships throughout Central Province, and involve the wider Motuan diaspora in Papua New Guinea and overseas.

Our goals and objectives

Preserve and promote Motuan heritage. Work with elders and cultural custodians to record oral histories, village stories, language, songs and dances, with community guidance on what may be shared.

Support artists and young people. Create opportunities to learn from elders and experienced artists, develop skills in music, dance, storytelling and visual arts, and showcase their work at community events.

Connect villages and the diaspora. Invite Motuan families living elsewhere to contribute family histories, mentor young artists and develop programmes alongside village communities.

Moses Tau Anniversary Jam

The eighth annual remembrance jam brought musicians, youth groups, families and local vendors together in Barakau in May 2026. BAA aims to grow the Jam into a district-wide tribute to the late Moses Moshanty Tau, giving emerging artists and performers from neighbouring villages a stage and creating trading opportunities for local vendors.

Partner with BAA

We invite sponsors, cultural institutions, government agencies and community organisations to support heritage recording, youth workshops, artist fees, sound and staging, or travel for performers from participating villages.

Partnership and sponsorship enquiries

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