

Auki and Tangarare Women celebrate

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From past events and happenings in the country it is not easy for groups from different islands of Solomon Islands to come together for celebrations. This is especially true for Malaitans and Guadalcanal people as it rarely happens. However, Auki and Tangarare women had turned the clock the other way. The right way.



Weather, distance, transportation costs nor family commitments did not stop more than fifty enthusiastic women from the central deanery of the Catholic Diocese of Auki to travel all the way to South Guadalcanal to join with women of Tangarare for the celebration of the Assumption of Mary.

The Assumption of Mary is an important feast day of Tangarare parish in the Archdiocese of Honiara. Hence, the presence and participation of the women from Auki was a great boost to the celebrations that commenced on Tuesday 12th August and ended on Friday 15th August 2008.

The Reflectors band of Auki parish accompanied the women to the celebrations. The all-male band, had been very supportive and helpful in fundraisings for the trip to south Guadalcanal. But that was not the reason they accompanied Auki women to the celebrations. It was a sign of cooperation in all programmes, be they women, men or youth activities.

Funding for the trip came from fundraising activities, financial support from Bishop Chris of Auki and Caritas Solomon Islands.