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PRESS RELEASE

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Vanuatu Meteorology & Geo– hazards Department (VMGD) Joins NUV Awareness Program to Empower Students on Climate Action.

On 30 June 2025, Port Vila, Vanuatu – The Vanuatu Meteorology & Geo – hazards Department (VMGD) proudly participated in the NUV Awareness Program alongside various Government departments, SPREP, and students from both The National University of Vanuatu (NUV) and Monash University at the NUV Auditorium.

VMGD’s Principal Training and Community Liasson Officer, Mr William Worworkon, delivered a presentation on the department’s:

1. Key roles and responsibilities, including its work in climate monitoring.
2. Weather forecasting
3. Geo- hazards early warning systems
4. And how VMGD blends scientific data with traditional knowledge (TK).

His session aimed to raise awareness on the importance of science- based services in safeguarding Vanuatu’s communities and ecosystems.

The event provided a platform for meaningful academic exchange, allowing students to engage directly with institutions at the front of climate action and environment resilience.

“It’s vital that we motivate young people to be part of weather, climate and disaster risk reduction initiatives,” said **Mr. Worworkon**. “They are the next generation of changemaker.”

Mr. Sunny Seuseu, SPREP Project Manager, added: “Engaging youth in Climate discussions is important to build resilient Pacific communities. These students are tomorrow’s leaders – and we must keep that connection alive.”

VMGD’s Director, Mr. Levu Antfalo, expressed his full support for the initiative, stating: “This kind of engagement is key to build long-term partnership between our science institutions

and future decision – makers. VMGD is committed to working with youth and academic institutions to create a more climate- resilient Vanuatu.”

This outreach is part of VMGD’s ongoing commitment to education, collaboration, and transparent communication with the public.

About VMGD

Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo- hazards Department (VMGD) is the national authority responsible for providing accurate, timely, and reliable information on weather, climate, sustainable development through science – based services.

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