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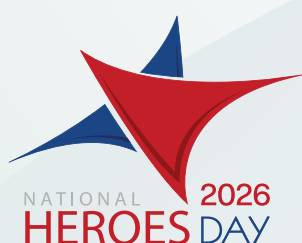
Health City Cayman Islands has rebranded its flagship youth program, Healthcare Explorers, as Health City Explorers to strengthen the program's

connection to the internationally recognized medical institution and enhance brand recognition among local families.

Launched in 2014, the initiative has

introduced thousands of Caymanian students to careers in health care

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Inspiring Futures Through School Counselling

- Katherine Russell
School Counsellor

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Students Encouraged to Explore Careers Across the Education Sector

On Monday, 15 September, the Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) launched NexGen Educators, a national initiative designed to inspire Caymanian students in Year 13 and beyond to consider the wide range of careers available in education. While classroom teaching remains a core pathway, the campaign highlights other vital roles,

including school counsellors, subject specialists, and educational psychologists.

One Caymanian professional exemplifying these opportunities is Katherine Russell, a school counsellor whose journey reflects perseverance, dedication, and the transformative impact of mentorship and support.

Katherine began her academic journey at John Gray High School and continued at CIFE, where she first discovered her passion for psychology. She earned an Associate's Degree in Literary Studies at the University College of the Cayman Islands before pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Georgia State University. Driven by a commitment to mental health, she later completed a Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology online.

"Ministry of Education scholarships were instrumental in helping me achieve my goals," Katherine reflects. "I encourage any student with a passion for education or counselling to explore these opportunities—they can be the bridge to your aspirations."

Katherine's path was not without challenges. In 2020, her planned internship at a hospice facility in Canada was halted by the COVID-19 pandemic. With limited time to secure an alternative placement, she was able to complete her supervised internship at John Gray High School,

where she benefited from a knowledgeable team and gained invaluable practical experience.

For students considering a career in school counselling, Katherine offers practical advice:

- **Network:** Attend mental health events and connect with professionals in the field.
- **Volunteer:** Seek opportunities to gain hands-on experience, whether at events or through services such as mental health helplines.

"Counselling is about creating a space where students feel truly seen and heard," Katherine says. "Supporting holistic well-being is vital, and everyone deserves to feel valued and understood."

Katherine's story illustrates just one of the many rewarding pathways within the education sector. Learn more about Katherine's journey and engage with the NexGen Educators campaign on the Ministry of Education & Training's Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram pages.

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NEW FILING BY CARIBBEAN UTILITIES COMPANY, LTD. TO STRENGTHEN GRAND CAYMAN'S GRID AND MEET 2027 ENERGY NEEDS

Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. is listed for trading in United States dollars on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "CUP.U".



► President and CEO, Mr. Richard Hew

In alignment with the recently established agreement, CUC is pleased to confirm the submission of a new CON to the regulator for formal review.

This updated filing outlines the generation resource requirements essential to meet Grand Cayman's projected energy demand with a need for additional generation capacity to be in place by 2027.

CUC's submission includes a comprehensive system analysis, detailed load forecasts, and operational benchmarking designed to ensure sufficient capacity and energy

availability by **June 2027**. The timeframe for supply of the needed capacity is very short, and it is likely that interim measures may need to be taken to fulfil the needs of the grid in the short term.

The new submission differs from the prior document in that the generation capacity and reliability requirements are outlined but no specific technology is recommended. Instead, it is anticipated that URCO will issue a Request for Proposal ("RFP") and bidders will be allowed to propose alternate resource solutions to meet that need.

CUC conducted additional analyses to provide URCO with an example methodology to evaluate the potential contribution



On August 1, 2025, Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. ("CUC") announced an agreed approach with the Utility Regulation and Competition Office ("URCO") to address the pressing demand for increased generating capacity in Grand Cayman. As part of this strategic alignment, CUC committed to withdraw its initial Certificate of Need ("CON") submitted on June 7, 2024. In conjunction with this withdrawal, URCO formally rescinded its Final Determination on CUC's Certificate of Need issued on April 24, 2025. A key feature of this agreement was that solar generation coupled with battery storage may be able to provide firm capacity subject to industry standard analysis.



of alternate generation solutions, such as the Dispatchable Solar Photovoltaic ("DPV") project, which was recently issued as a request for proposal, to support forecasted load requirements.

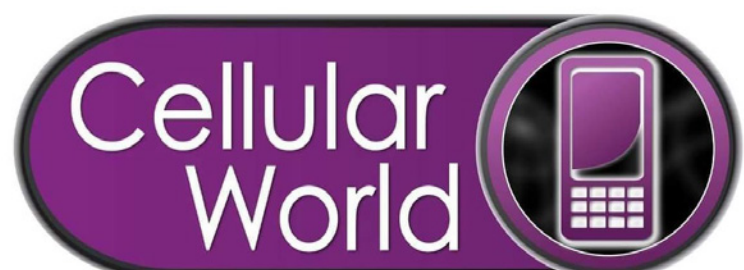
President and CEO, Mr. Richard Hew states:

"CUC remains steadfast in its commitment to accelerating Grand Cayman's renewable energy transition, ensuring that it is secure, affordable, and delivers lasting benefits to households, businesses, and communities we serve."

Through continued collaboration, innovation, and investment in sustainable technologies, CUC is dedicated to building a resilient energy future that promotes economic prosperity, environmental stewardship, and ensures affordable, equitable access to energy for all. As we move forward, CUC remains focused on delivering solutions that meet today's challenges while laying the foundation for a cleaner, more sustainable tomorrow.

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CIMA Appoints Head of Financial Stability and Statistics Division

The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (“CIMA” or “the Authority”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Petr Jakubik as Head of the Financial Stability and Statistics Division, effective 3 September 2025.

Dr. Jakubik brings more than 25 years of international experience in the financial sector, with particular expertise in financial stability, macroprudential supervision, and statistical development. In this role, he will be responsible for advancing the Authority’s research and analysis on financial stability matters and overseeing the compilation and dissemination of official statistics.

Prior to joining CIMA, Dr. Jakubik held senior roles at several major international institutions, including the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), the IMF’s Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre (CARTAC), and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA), where he led financial stability assessments, stress testing, and economic research. He also contributed to the European Central Bank, Oesterreichische Nationalbank, and the Central Bank of Malta, and previously served as Chief Economist at the Czech National Bank and Visiting Researcher at the Bank of Finland. Dr. Jakubik began his career in



► Dr. Petr Jakubik, Head of Financial Stability & Statistics Division

the private banking sector as a credit risk analyst.

He has received international recognition for his contributions to financial

stability research, including the Financial Stability Institute Award (2008) and the Irving Fisher Committee Award (2010), both from the BIS. From 2012 to 2013, he also served as President of the Czech Economic Society.

Dr. Jakubik holds two doctoral degrees: a Ph.D. in Finance and a Ph.D. in Economics. He also holds three master’s degrees: an MSc in Economics, an MSc in Statistics & Insurance Mathematics, and an MSc in Mathematics & Computer Sciences. He is habilitated as an Associate Professor in Economic Theories at Charles University and has taught finance and economics courses since 2007. In addition, he has an extensive record of policy-relevant publications on topics related to financial stability, including insurance and climate risk.

“With his extensive background in financial stability and statistical development, Dr. Jakubik is uniquely positioned to support the Authority in strengthening its monitoring frameworks and responding proactively to emerging risks. His appointment reinforces our ongoing efforts to safeguard the Cayman Islands’ financial system and uphold its reputation as a dynamic and resilient international financial centre,” stated Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Patrick Bodden.



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NCC highlights E-W arterial issues



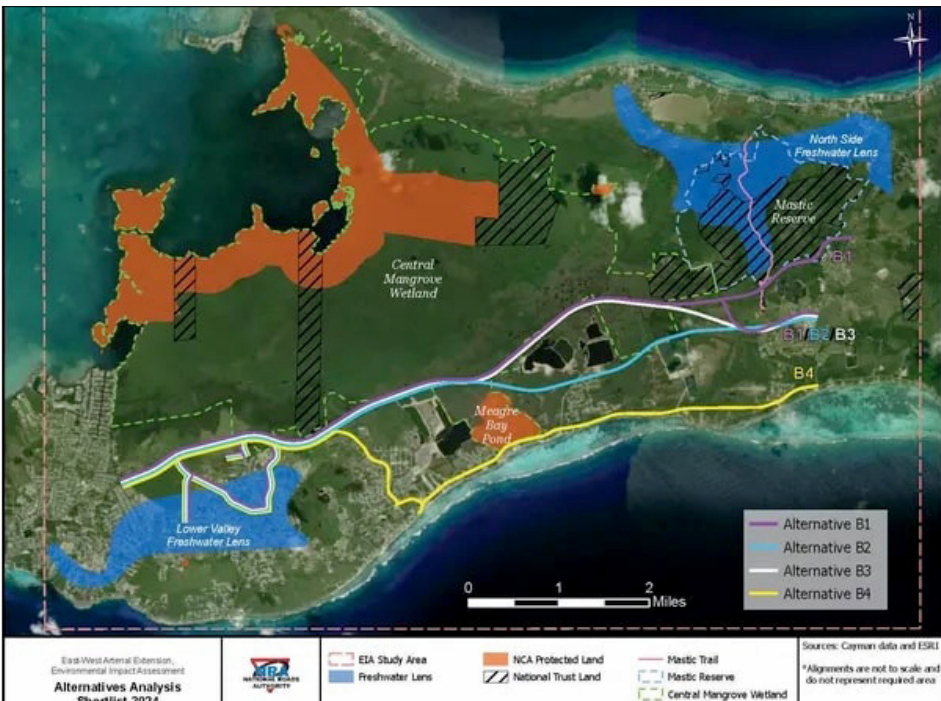
► DOE Deputy Director Tim Austin



► Director Gina Ebanks-Petrie



► Example of solar panels above a road



At September's meeting of the National Conservation Council, Department of Environment Director Gina Ebanks-Petrie gave details of the things decision-makers needed to be aware of when completing the East-West arterial road. In a letter to Environment Minister Kathryn Ebanks-Wilks, the NCC, having reviewed the final report from the Environmental Assessment Board on the Environmental Impact Assessment on the project, said there were three issues of specific significance. One was the selection of the route, of vital importance from both a financial and environmental perspective.

"We reiterated the fact that the EAB recommended B2 because it was predicted to be cheaper and better for the environment," she advised.

The second thing they highlighted was the benefits of the proposed solar canopy.

Mrs Ebanks-Petrie gave some background as to why a solar panel canopy was deemed important:

"Everybody is aware that construction of the East-West arterial would involve removal of quite a lot of mangrove wetland in the footprint of the road and the estimate that the consultants produced was that that in itself would produce almost 204,000 metric tonnes of Co2 equivalent, so part of the EIA was searching for ways to mitigate that additional release of CO2 equivalent to the environment. Consultants therefore explored opportunities of putting a solar panel canopy along the length of the road."

The DOE Director said in the cost benefit analysis they wanted to show that almost 35% of the total predicted net present value of the project could be attributed to the fact that there was a solar panel being proposed. Without that solar panel canopy, the

benefits of the project were much less, she warned. The worry was that creating a solar panel canopy was outside the remit of the NRA, so the NCC worried who would be responsible for it.

The third point was that, despite the EIA showing there would be minimal benefits in terms of saving time for people on the road, the project was not a panacea for the island's traffic problems, she said.

"That was made very clear from the assessment that was done on the NRA's own traffic data," she said. "We really do need to get serious about having some sort of national agreed targets or scenario for population growth against which we can plan for major infrastructure like roads."

The letter that was sent to the Minister, on the 8th of August, closed the EIA process, Mrs Ebanks-Petrie advised. To date, the NCC had not received a response from the Minister. The Chairman of the Council, Dr Ian Kirkham, hoped that the recommendations would be heard.

The report is available on the NCC's website.

Stony coral disease mitigation

DOE Deputy Director Tim Austin spoke at the meeting about the DOE's efforts to prevent the spread of stony coral tissue loss disease on Little Cayman in the southwest corner of that island.

"The department is working with the diving community to try and do everything we can to try and slow this disease and to prevent it from getting to Cayman Brac," he advised.

Disinfectant gear had been shipped to the Sister Islands, and they were meeting with the diving community imminently, he said.

"We are encouraging all divers who frequent the Sister Islands to please disinfect their gear. This is really the most likely method by which it can get transported around the islands and to the Sister Islands. We are also encouraging divers to stay out of the infected areas, which is the southwest corner. We recognise this can be difficult when weather conditions force diving on to the south coast, but any avoiding of the area is to be encouraged," Mr Austin stated.

They encouraged resident divers to make use of the two disinfectant sites they had set up.

"Hopefully this disease doesn't spread as virulently as it did around Grand Cayman. We know a lot about it, and we will be monitoring it," he confirmed.



► Stony Coral

IMAC's Annual Gala Raises over US\$42,000 for Educational Scholarship Fund



► Kieran Mehigan



► Richard Wainwright



► Jevaughnie Ebanks

The Insurance Managers Association of Cayman (IMAC) is proud to announce that its Annual Gala & Scholarship Fundraiser, held on September 13 at the Kimpton Sea-fire Resort + Spa, successfully raised over US\$42,000 in support of the IMAC Educational Scholarship Fund (ESF).

Now a highly anticipated event on the Cayman calendar, the gala welcomed more than 300 guests from the captive insurance and broader financial services sectors. The funds raised will help provide life-changing educational opportunities to young Caymanians pursuing tertiary studies abroad.

"We're incredibly proud to see such strong support from our industry partners," said Kieran Mehigan, Chair of IMAC. "Every dollar raised helps expand opportunities for Caymanian students and strengthens the future of our local workforce."

A moving highlight of the evening was a personal reflection by Jevaughnie

Ebanks, a past scholarship recipient, who shared how the programme transformed his academic journey and life path. His story underscored the profound, long-term impact of IMAC's scholarship initiative.

The 2025 gala was made possible through the generous contributions of RSM, returning as title sponsor of the event.

"At RSM, we are proud and honored to support IMAC's mission to empower Cayman's youth. Education transforms lives, and we believe investing in young people creates lasting value for the entire community," said Richard Wainwright, Partner at RSM.

Additional support for the Gala was provided by Artex, Campbells, and Honigman, proud sponsors who share IMAC's commitment to developing future Caymanian leaders through education.

For more information about the IMAC Educational Scholarship Fund, visit www.imac.ky/imac-scholarship-fund.



► Section of the attendees

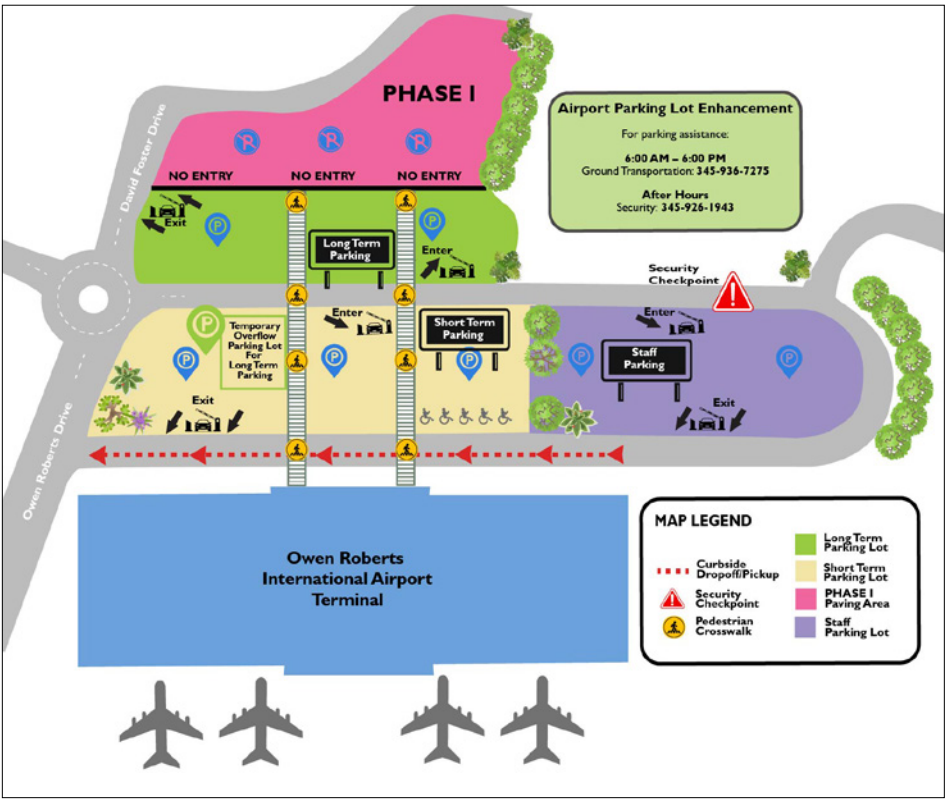
Parking Improvements Coming Soon at Owen Roberts International Airport

The Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA), which operates the Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA) on Grand Cayman and the Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (CKIA) on Cayman Brac, is pleased to announce that major enhancements to the Long-Term Parking Lot at Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA) are underway.

As part of the CIAA's ongoing efforts to improve the travel experience, the Long-Term Parking Lot will undergo paving works in several phases. **Phase I preparatory began this past weekend, with the closure of the back area of Long-Term Parking (Phase I on the map). No paving works will be done while vehicles are parked in the area indicated as phase I.**

To facilitate these works, **all vehicles currently parked in the furthestmost section of the Long-Term Parking Lot must be removed as soon as possible.** For those travellers who are currently parked in phase I and off-island, upon your return, simply let the Ground Transportation Team or one of our Security Officers know and they will assist you.

During this period, **overflow Long-Term parking will be available in the Short-Term Parking Lot, and travellers are encouraged to utilise the curbside drop-off zone** whenever possible to reduce congestion. The CIAA apologises for any inconvenience this may cause and sincerely thanks the travelling public for their patience, support and understanding as we continue to enhance our airport facilities.





Health City Cayman Islands Rebrands Flagship Youth Program as Health City Explorers



os have been viewed more than 50,000 times by students across the Cayman Islands. For the 2025–2026 academic year, the series includes its first fully animated video, *Becky Learns About Hearing* (for Years 1–2), and a new partially animated release, *Facts About Our Skeleton* (for Years 3–4), continuing to make complex medical topics accessible and engaging for young learners.

In addition, Health City sponsors science fairs in all government schools, reinforcing its commitment to education and community engagement. A cornerstone of this outreach is its longstanding partnership with the Ruth Eleanor McLaughlin School of Nursing. Through this collaboration, Health City has served as a rotation site for nursing students since its inception, is the title sponsor of the Health City Ruth E. McLaughlin Alumni Excellence Award, and supports the Mary J. Seacole Prize, awarded to the first-year student with the highest GPA. The prize honors Jamaican-British nurse Mary J. Seacole and underscores the importance of diversity in representation — affirming that when individuals can see themselves reflected, they are inspired to believe in themselves.

Watch the overview of the newly re-named Health City Explorers on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYp_Rkx6jMo&list=PLzgT-twLe5IRszB44aKRdvr87qUHL_MSIS

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and the life sciences, providing more than 67,000 educational opportunities through lectures, tours, workshops and shadowing experiences.

The rebrand is part of a broader strategy to create a unified look and feel across Health City and its brands, which also include Health City Cayman Islands, Health City at Camana Bay, Health City Cares, and HCCI Connect.

“Since its inception, Healthcare Explorers has inspired hundreds of Cayman’s youth to explore the world of medicine and healthcare innovation,” said Shomari Scott, Chief Business Officer at Health City Cayman Islands. “By rebranding to Health City Explorers, we

strengthen the program’s connection to Health City while continuing to spark curiosity, build knowledge, and nurture the next generation of health care leaders.”

The program, which reaches students from primary school through university, plays a vital role in fostering interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and health care professions across the Cayman Islands, ensuring a pipeline of talent for the region’s growing medical sector.

This commitment is further demonstrated through signature initiatives such as the Shadow a Doctor program, which has become one of the most recognized offerings among students. Since its launch in 2015, Health City has facil-

itated more than 350 rotations. In the 2024–2025 program year alone, the institution delivered one and a half times more rotations than the previous year — the highest number in the history of Health City Explorers. The annual STEM Day Camp, which serves as the launch event for each school year, held its 11th edition in August. The camp welcomed a record number of participants, marking the highest attendance to date and highlighting the program’s increasing popularity among Cayman’s youth.

Health City Explorers has also expanded its educational impact through a catalogue of 24 on-demand videos, benchmarked to the national curriculum and delivered by the institution’s consultants. Since their launch, these vide-

FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR EVEN MORE ECONOMICALLY IMPORTANT, NEW STUDY SHOWS

By Staff Writer

The Cayman Islands’ financial services industry is even more important to the economy and government finances than earlier figures suggested, according to Cayman Finance, a non-profit membership organisation that promotes and lobbies on behalf of the territory’s financial services sector.

It’s widely accepted that the financial services sector is a key pillar of the economy, but new research commissioned by Cayman Finance underlines the extent to which the territory relies on its continued success.

In a press release, it states that the study reveals that the sector generated CI\$2.5 billion in gross value added (GVA) in 2023, accounting for 44% of all domestic economic activity.”

It further points out that once indirect and induced impacts are included, the industry supports 62 per cent of Cayman’s total economy, up from earlier estimates of around 50 per cent.

That means that the financial services sector alone now accounts for more than half of the economy.

According to the report, the sector is also the source of almost two-thirds (65 per cent) of all government revenues, making it the single most important pillar of public finances.

It also shows that for every additional dollar spent in the financial services industry, another 91 cents is generated through suppliers and local consumption, amplifying the sector’s impact.

An underlying message appears to suggest that any disruptions to it could be counter-productive to both the sec-



► Steve McIntosh

tor and the wider economy and society.

“Despite its outsized economic and fiscal contribution, the industry relies on a comparatively small number of expatriate workers, with just 2,800 work permit holders in 2023, far fewer than, for example, in construction and tourism.”

The report comes at a time of renewed government focus on getting Caymanians further directly involved in the economy via business ownership, jobs, education, and other areas.

Significantly, the report reflects that over half of the sector’s 6,724 jobs are held by Caymanians, and 60 per cent of its workforce are female. It also shows that the industry relies on a comparatively small number of expatriate workers, with just 2,800 estimated work permit holders in 2023.

“The report also highlights the financial services industry’s strong local employment, as about 54 per cent of the 6,724 financial services jobs are held by Caymanians, compared to just 29% in



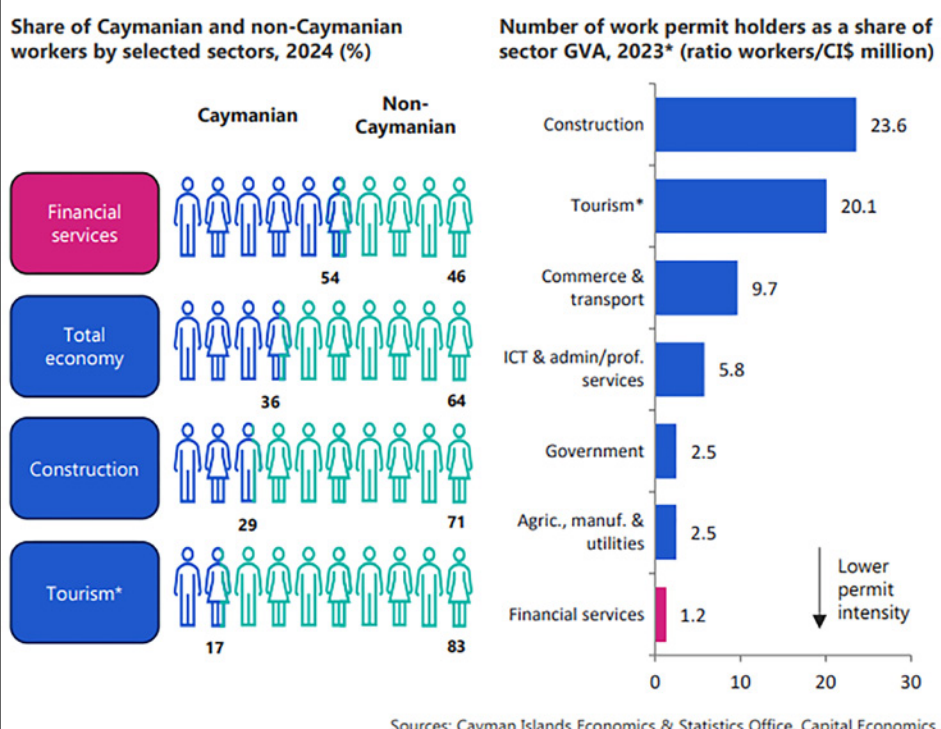
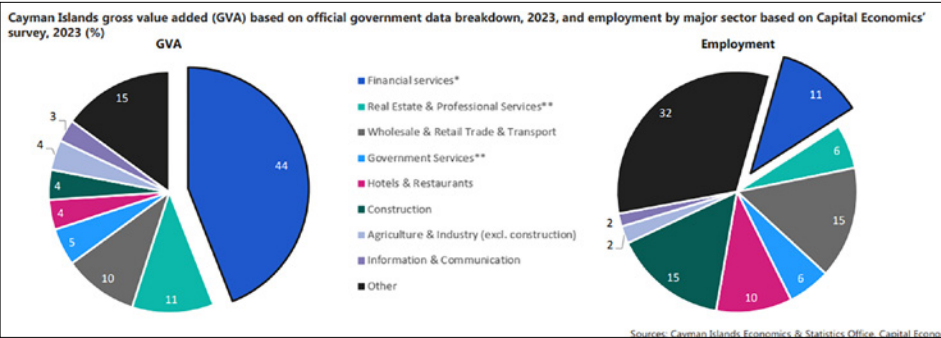
construction and 17% in tourism. The sector is the Islands’ largest employer of women, with nearly 60% of its workforce female. Around one in five women in the workforce is employed in the sector,” the release said.

Steve McIntosh, CEO of Cayman Finance, which commissioned the research, stated: *“These findings show that financial services do even more for Cayman than many realised. The financial services industry is not just the largest driver of government revenue and economic output, but also an*

engine of opportunity for Caymanians, especially women.”

Mr McIntosh also said: *“Financial services deliver extraordinary value for Cayman and are central to the Islands’ prosperity. Our industry delivers more with fewer expatriate workers than any other sector, while remaining deeply committed to developing Caymanian talent.”*

The study was done by Capital Economics for Cayman Finance. The full report will be published at the end of this month



A note to our clients

Interest rate changes on USD Credit Facilities

Effective September 19, 2025, CIBC Caribbean will adjust its KYD and USD Prime Rates from 7.50% to 7.25%.

This adjustment is in response to the change in the US Federal Funds rate announced by the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee in the United States on September 17, 2025.

Should you have any queries, speak with your Branch or Relationship Manager.

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Ombudsman takes the Right-to-Know into local schools

The Office of the Ombudsman is bringing the message that “*knowledge is power and public transparency builds trust*” into local schools next week as we mark Cayman’s 16th year of Freedom of Information legislation ahead of International Right-to-Know day.

The Ombudsman’s Information Rights Division is conducting a youth-focused outreach initiative aimed at educating Cayman Islands students about their right to access public information and empowering them to use it.

Starting Monday, 21 September, Ombudsman office staff members will visit three schools: John Gray High School, the University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) and Grace Christian Academy, delivering interactive presentations designed to spark curiosity, civic awareness and leadership potential among students aged 14 to 18.

The presentations to students will focus on three key messages regarding Freedom of Information:

- **Knowledge is Power:** Understanding the right to access information is a foundation for informed decision-making and civic engagement.
- **Transparency Builds Trust:** Young people have a role in holding institutions



► Sharon Roulstone

accountable and shaping a transparent future.

- **Leadership Starts with Awareness:** Tomorrow’s leaders must be equipped with the tools to seek truth, ask questions, and demand accountability.

“As a team, we believe that knowledge is power. Every young person deserves to



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understand how access to information supports democracy, accountability and their future roles as leaders. These school visits are an investment in the next generation of informed and engaged citizens,” said the Ombudsman, Ms. Sharon Roulstone.

Other secondary schools not receiving visits this week will be included in the Right-to-Know programme which continues to the end of the year, ensuring that every high school age student has the opportunity to learn about Freedom of Information.

Each year, International Right-to-Know day is held to educate the public on Freedom of Information and open records laws worldwide, to support public access to information.

Cayman’s original FOI Law (now the Freedom of Information Act or FOIA) took effect on 5 January 2009, granting individuals the legal right to request information held by public sector entities. Since then,

hundreds of FOIA requests have been made each year leading to hundreds of disclosures of public records – either in full or in part. In 2023, approximately 637 open records requests were made, 427 of which resulted in the disclosure of some information. FOIA statistics for 2024 are expected to be tabled in Parliament and made public later this year.

Simply making a FOIA request does not guarantee that the records sought will be released, if they fall under one of the Act’s exemptions to disclosure. In general, the FOI Act ensures requests for information must receive a government response within 30 days.

If you’re seeking more information about FOIA in the Cayman Islands or wishing to appeal FOIA decisions to the Ombudsman, please contact our office at 946-6283 or email us at info@ombudsman.ky. Our website, www.ombudsman.ky, also has more information about FOIA.

Ombudsman seeks public assistance in investigation

The Office of the Ombudsman is seeking the public’s assistance in an independent investigation into an early morning collision between a Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) vehicle and a motorcycle carrying two men.

The collision occurred at approximately 2 a.m. Saturday, 13 September 2025 along Bodden Town Road.

The Ombudsman is appealing to members of the public who were at the

scene that morning to provide any video footage of the police action at the scene or the vehicles that were driving in the area at the time of the collision.

Of particular interest is any dashcam video footage recorded in the area at the time immediately before the collision occurred. All information and material received will be kept confidential.

Injuries sustained by both motorcycle riders are defined as “serious harm”

in the Police (Complaints by the Public) Act and the fact that the injuries occurred following the collision with the RCIPS vehicle provides the Ombudsman with the authority to review the conduct of police officers involved in the matter, independently of the RCIPS investigation.

If you have any information, please contact Deputy Ombudsman Alan Slater via email at alan.slater@ombudsman.ky.

ky or Assistant Ombudsman Shamique Frederick via email at Shamique.frederick@ombudsman.ky. You may also contact them via phone at 946-6283.

For more information about our police complaints handling process and how to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman, please see our website at www.ombudsman.ky, call us at 946-6283 or email us at info@ombudsman.ky.

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UCCI to Host Caribbean Sociological Conference as Part of 50th Anniversary

The University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) is set to host the **Caribbean Sociological Association (CASA) Annual Conference 2025 from Wednesday, September 24 to Friday, September 26**. The event will take place at UCCI's campus and marks a major highlight of the institution's golden jubilee celebrations, commemorating 50 years of academic service and leadership in the Cayman Islands.

Themed **"Mobilising Caribbean Sociologies: Bridging Theory, Method, and Fields of Sociology for Sustainable Caribbean Development,"** the three-day conference will bring together leading scholars, researchers, and policy experts from across the Caribbean, North America, and Europe. More than 20 universities and institutions will be represented, including the University of the West Indies, Toronto Metropolitan University, California Lutheran University, and UCCI.

The conference will officially begin on **Wednesday, September 24 at 12:30 p.m.**, with sessions scheduled throughout



► Dr. Alissa Trotz

each day, including panels, workshops, and student forums. The programme addresses a wide range of issues shaping

Caribbean societies today, from gender justice, migration, and public health to artificial intelligence, digital inclusion, and economic transformation. Discussions will also focus on youth development, incarceration, indigenous knowledge systems, and community resilience.

A major highlight of the conference is the **public keynote address by Dr. Alissa Trotz**, Professor of Caribbean Studies and Director of Women and Gender Studies at the University of Toronto. Dr. Trotz will speak on **Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** in UCCI's Vassel Johnson Hall, delivering a talk titled **"Transnational Migration, Remittances, and Diaspora Engagement."** The keynote is **free and open to the public.**

Additional distinguished speakers include **Dr. Dacia Leslie**, Senior Research Fellow at SALISES; **Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee**, Director at SALISES, UWI; **Dr. Roy McCree**, sociologist and researcher; **Talia Esnard**, Head of Behavioural Sciences at UWI; **Dr. Russell Stockard** of California

Lutheran University; and Dr. Patricia Robinson, Registrar at UCCI. More than 60 academic papers will be presented over the course of the conference.

Reflecting CASA's commitment to **youth empowerment, senior high school and tertiary-level students in the Cayman Islands can attend free of charge.** For members of the public, the **registration fee is CI \$50**, which includes lunch for all three days. Delegates will also enjoy networking sessions, a welcome reception, and an optional island tour.

"This is an opportunity for our local community to engage with important research and regional policy conversations," said **Dr. Livingston Smith**, President of CASA and Acting President and CEO of UCCI. "We are honoured to bring together such a diverse and distinguished group of thinkers. The insights generated here will resonate far beyond the academic sphere."

Full programme details and registration information are available through **UCCI's official website.**

Cayman Arts Festival rebrands as CayMusicA

The not-for-profit Cayman Arts Festival, which has been operating in the Cayman Islands for more than 21 years, announced today that as part of its evolution as an organisation that supports music and the arts in the community, it is updating its brand name to CayMusicA.

The idea for the Cayman Arts Festival originally started after a concert in 2001, where internationally renowned pianists Jennifer Micallef and Glen Inanga performed a duet on Grand Cayman. Recognising the opportunity to bring music to the community and aligned to their own values and experiences as performers, Micallef and Inanga worked together to establish Cayman Arts Festival, which originally aimed to provide a music festival every second year.

From the beginning, the concept of Cayman Arts Festival was twofold: To fill Cayman's entertainment gap by bringing classical music artists and other musicians to Cayman to perform; and to promote musical education to children in Cayman's schools.

Since this time, Cayman Arts Festival has held hundreds of concerts and provided educational and performance opportunities to thousands of students in Cayman.

The organisation's co-founder and Creative Director Glen Inanga explained the reasons for the rebranding.

"I am delighted that we have reached the stage in our evolution where we are ready to update our name so that it better reflects what we are all about. We are no longer a bi-annual or even annual festival. We offer festivals and events throughout the year to promote classical music as well as other genres such as jazz," he said. "Our in-class and after-school music education



► Glen Inanga

programme has also grown significantly. After gathering some feedback from the community, we chose the name CayMusicA.

Inanga said the organisation's management committee felt that people would be less likely to confuse CayMusicA with other visual arts events, such as Cayman Art Week.

"CayMusicA ensures the name has music as a core element, offering a fresh lyrical take on the brand. Also, the name represents a shortening of another name we considered – Cayman Music Alliance – which highlights that we operate with many partners, including our patron, Her Excellency The Governor, sponsors, local musicians, schools, teachers, government and other organisations and stakeholders in the community."

CayMusicA's afterschool programme has grown significantly and as a result has been given its own name – Starlight – as a sub-brand.

Fran McConvey, previous head of music at John Gray High School and the driving force behind the educational programmes, said: "We have grown from a handful of students when we first started to a few hundred at the start of this term, with teachers coming from many schools to instruct students. We chose the name 'Starlight' as we believe this will help children to feel united and excited about the programme."

CayMusicA Executive Director Marius Gaina, said the name 'Cayman Arts Festival' will not disappear entirely.

"We decided to retain the name Cayman Arts Festival as a sub-brand under the

CayMusicA umbrella for the festival that takes place in February each year – which was our original festival of concerts – because of the familiarity of that name in the international community and among local residents. It also enables us to retain some of the brand equity that we have already established over the past 21 years."

Gaina said that the new name, along with CayMusicA's already established tagline of "Educate Enrich Empower" better reflects the organisation's mission.

"Our new brand aligns well with our core values, which include inclusivity and equality; collaboration; empowerment; joy; and enrichment," he said.

CayMusicA and its sub-brands will also have new logos, but those images will retain the original flower and colours to retain some of the familiarity from the long-standing original imagery.

The organisation included the new name on its programme for the first event of the 2025/26 performance season, which begins with a Music at the Library concert on Thursday, 18 September at the George Town Public Library.

Glen Inanga and CayMusicA's star alumnus, cellist Dequan Smith, will perform in the concert that starts promptly at 6pm.

Gaina said, "As we are a not-for-profit, we will take our time to change our name on some of our channels to ensure we can budget appropriately, but we are very pleased to share the new name and incorporate it into this season's events."

More details on the programmes for the 2025/26 performance season will be shared next week by CayMusicA.

For more information, visit caymanarts-festival.com, email enquires@caymanarts-festival.com or call 922-5550.

Artists Gather at Cayman Turtle Centre for free outdoor painting session



► Moms, dads and kids came to the outdoor painting session at the Cayman Turtle Centre



► Painting at the Predator Reef tank



► The National Gallery sponsored the event, providing art materials



► Lots of fun painting turtles



► Two artists – Naomi Tobutt and John Broad

By Christopher Tobutt

Sunshine, sea turtles, and splashes of watercolor — Saturday's open-air painting session at the Cayman Turtle Conservation and Education Centre was a picture-perfect celebration of creativity in West Bay.

Hosted in collaboration with the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands, the free event welcomed artists of all ages and skill levels to paint amidst the natural beauty of the Centre's marine exhibits. It was part of the Gallery's summer programming tied to its *A Story in Symbols* exhibition, which explores Cayman's national emblems through artistic interpretation.

Local artist John Broad, beloved for his vivid portrayals of island life, was present to

offer gentle guidance. "We are very grateful to the Turtle Centre for letting us paint here today," Broad said. "The National Gallery is sponsoring the event and providing materials so people can paint the location." Most participants gathered in the shade near Turtle Lagoon, where turtles and snorkelers glided side by side — a living muse for the day's artwork.

Watercolors were handed out on stretched paper, and soon the area buzzed with creative energy.

Families like Amol and Sandhya's came out in full force with their children, Sanvi (10) and Ankit (8). "It's really good to come and join in," Amol said. "My daughter is really an artist — she loves to draw. I'm sure she'll be a good one."



► Amol and Sandhya came out with their children, Sanvi (10) and Ankit (8).

Nearby, Naomi Tobutt, 12 blended realism with imagination, painting a fish surrounded by bright yellow stars and circles. Angela, a local resident, conjured a whimsical undersea world featuring a shark and a boat. "I live close by," she said, "and just felt like coming along and joining in."

Even those new to painting found joy in the experience. Eamon Cargo, who admitted he doesn't paint often, was all smiles. "My wife likes art and I tagged along for the day. Drawing is something I could definitely work on, but it's been a fun experience."

Sidewalk chalk stations added extra flair, with kids sketching turtles and reef scenes before joining their parents at the painting

tables. "There's chalk for the kids — but now they're joining the moms," laughed Jjira. "This event is great—the materials are all free, and I even got advice from John Broad on what to do for my background!"

There was another group gathering in front of the Predator Reef fish tank — a lovely shaded area where you can sit and watch the magnificent big fish — including two Nurse Sharks — oh and more turtles, lazily swimming from the vantagepoint of a huge underwater window. It's a way of looking more closely — of

engaging with nature on a deeper level.

The event was more than just a painting session—it was a celebration of Caymanian identity, ecology, and artistic expression. By inviting the public to engage with the green sea turtle, a national symbol, the Gallery created a space where observation became creation, and creation became connection.

Admission was free for Cayman residents as part of the Turtle Centre's Residents Day, and the Gallery encouraged everyone — from seasoned artists to first-time dabblers—to take part.

For future events or registration inquiries, contact the National Gallery at education@nationalgallery.org.ky.

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 12/30

Answer to previous puzzle

9	3	6	2	4	5	1	7	8
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7	6	9	8	1	4	5	2	3

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 12/29

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Sweet group
6 Kitty
10 Flatten
11 Summer of song
12 Wrong
13 Figure of speech
14 Reactor parts
15 Big name in Havana
16 Serpent's victim
17 Marsh
18 Mariner's place
19 Causes of stress
22 RBI or ERA
23 Gumbo veggie
26 Funds for retirees
29 Touch lightly
32 Haul into court
33 Deep hole
34 "Right away, boss!"
36 Floor model
37 November birthstone
38 Military award
39 Fancy flapjack

DOWN

40 Select
41 Towel word
42 Sheet material
1 Red wine
2 Takes out
3 Plain to see
4 Base meal
5 Golfer Ernie
6 Seed holders
7 Pounds and parsecs
8 Sleep sound
9 Pacific island group
11 Do a doctor's job
15 Pigeon sound
17 Easy to eat
20 Tree flow
21 Enjoy Aspen
24 Inveigled
25 Bring to life
27 Bolt partner
28 Hot
29 Sales spiel
30 Love, in Lombardy
31 Heavy drinker
35 Snoozes
36 Sub spot
38 Crooner Tormé

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Yesterday's answer

Word Search

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Genie
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Gnome
Goblin
Golem

Gremlin
Kelpie
Kraken
Leprechaun
Lorelei
Mermaid
Naiad
Pixie
Sprite
Sylph
Troll
Zombie

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions – forward, back, up, down and diagonally.

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