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# Opposition heading to oblivion, fast

*By Prime Minister, Hon. Henry Puna*

The Opposition is in danger. Extinction might be going too far but certainly oblivion looks like an inevitable resting place.

That's what happens when critics don't stop crying about the lack of attention they're getting. Oblivion.

Fast approaching a state of irrelevance, the Opposition clearly have little fuel in the tank when it comes to constructive ideas. Talk is cheap – and so is the resounding echo of non-responsiveness that quickly follows.

Moaning about the sitting of Parliament is a case in point. Does anyone remember the record low of eight days of Parliament sittings in 2010? The Democratic Party doesn't. The Opposition would do well to keep that record in mind when issuing unsubstantiated blathering from their Leader's pulpit of shame.

Parliamentary sittings are not organised around the individuality of Members' needs. Law-making is not at the convenience of the Opposition Leader's trips home and simple homework in the first instance would have silenced the moans.

The facts are these – the Government expected to be heading to Parliament this month but was let down by the slow progress of preparing bills. The Crown Law Office is the core agency for the preparation of draft



legislation and we are guided by the constraints experienced in this area of responsibility.

It should come as no surprise to anyone – least of all the Opposition – that the preparation of bills is a crucial area of concern to law-makers, our Parliamentarians. The country has had its fair share of delays and obstacles to capacity-building in this area, and as a lawyer, I have a great deal of respect for process.

It's unfortunate that the Opposition doesn't see things this way despite the apparent legal background on that side of the fence. Lawyers should have concern for due process and the

meticulousness required in the formation of laws that govern.

But by taking a bat to the necessary procedures in preparing Parliament for its work, the callous disregard often shown by the Opposition is hitting credibility out the window on questions of competency in the Democratic Party.

The window for sitting this month has now been allocated for June when the budget for 2013/2014 will be tabled following a ceremonial opening of the 48th Session of Parliament.

Next year's budget has been closely aligned with a timetable of consultations, which have now been

completed and progressed to a stage of recommendations. The Budget Support Group is presently engaged in the formulation of those recommendations and these will inform the proposed directives for the forthcoming year.

The approaching workload for Parliament will be heavy but Government is determined to ensure that priority setting and implementation continues its steady path. We have a full agenda for the next fiscal year where results will speak for themselves – results that highlight the marked difference between complaining and actually doing.

# The Makea ariki title after Puta-ki-te-tai and prior to 1823

*By Ross Holmes LLB (Hons) TEP*

**A** new book by the late Ron Crocombe and Ross Holmes, Southern Cook Islands History, Custom and Land Tenure Akapapa'anga, k rero tupuna, e te kono'anga Ture Enuā o te Pa Enuā Tonga i te K ki Airani will shortly be published (initially online).

Ross Holmes has with the permission of Ron Crocombe' widow Marjorie included the content of Ron's classic book Land Tenure in the Cook Islands, and expanded its content.

In this article, and the following articles, Ross Holmes summarises some of the contentious issues which are dealt with in detail in the new book. He invites reader feedback on these issues (to rossholmes@rossholmes.co.nz), and in particular details of whether any readers hold old manuscripts which deal with the issues raised.

## The Makea ariki title after Puta-ki-te-tai and prior to 1823

It has been assumed, uncritically, by most writers that there had been an unbroken line of descent by blood in the case of the Makea title from Puta-ki-te-tai down to Te Pa Atua Kino, and that the current Makea Nui, and Karika ariki families are descended from Karika Tara'ape. These assumptions have been based on evidence given for Makea Nui ariki and Makea Karika ariki. An example is the evidence of Makea Nui Tinirau that the rights to the land of Karika Tara'ape had passed through the various Karikas down to him, resulting in the judgment of Chief Judge Ayson in his favour in M.B. 12 pages 39-42.

There is no evidence that the present Makea Nui ariki and Makea Karika ariki are descendants of Karika Tara'ape.

The list of the holders of the Makea ariki title recorded by Charlie Tau Cowan,<sup>1</sup> Henry Nicolas<sup>2</sup>, Tuaivi Kokaua,<sup>3</sup> and others show agreement on who most holders of the Makea ariki title were. It is clear that no women held the Makea ariki title prior to the introduction of Christianity

(and that it was therefore not in accordance with indigenous custom for women to do so). In Charlie Cowan's Collection of Genealogies, Legends and Histories,<sup>4</sup> the Makea ariki were recorded as:

### GENEALOGY OF ARERA UKARAU KATU I TE RANGI.

ARERA UKARAU, was the Ariki at Araitetonga before TANGIIA & KARIKA arrived at Rarotonga. He was related to TANGIIA, and that was the reason that there was no fight when TANGIIA & KARIKA arrived here.....

The original Makea Ariki line starting from TEARIKI I TE AU, (son of TEIVA TOA TEPONIKINIKI) and down to RANGI MAKEA are all descended from the first three children of ARERA UKARAU.

TEPATUAKINO MAKEA LINE. he was only an adopted son of RANGI TU KI VAO (alias ARERA TU KAUVI) after he died- RANGI MAKEA became the second father (Adopted) of Te patuakino.

In Walter Gudgeon's, Cook Islands Maori Genealogies,<sup>5</sup> he recorded the holders of the Makea ariki title. This list of the holders Makea ariki title and associated genealogy records that Tangi'ia married Karika's daughter Te-Mokoroa-ki-aitu and that their son was Putua-ki-tai. It also records that the next holder of the Makea ariki title was Te Ariki-noo-marie. Charlie Cowan's genealogy which, as detailed above, recorded that "The original Makea Ariki line starting from TEARIKI I TE AU, (son of TEIVA TOA TEPONIKINIKI) and down to RANGI MAKEA are all descended from the first three children of ARERA UKARAU," and the genealogy of Tuaivi Kokaua of ngāti Arera, recorded that Noo Marie was from ngāti Taarua (which is one of the lines of ngāti Arera).

It is clear that the Makea ariki title was held by Arera down to the time of Putua ariki<sup>6</sup> (the son of Makea Rangi Makeakea).

According to Te Puretu when Tinomana Napa Te Mutu was driven away from Matavera the Makea was te Rangi tu ki waho,<sup>7</sup> which would mean that

Makea Rangi Makeakea was alive and held the Makea title in about 1775 (one generation later). Tinomana died in 1854 and Tinomana Napa Te Mutu was 3 generations earlier i.e. about 1779. As Tinomana Napa Te Mutu was a contemporary of Pini,<sup>8</sup> who lived about 1775 that date appears to be reasonably accurate.

Te Pa Atua Kino was the father of Pini, and therefore a generation before him i.e. about 1779 minus 25 years namely 1754. In Te Kou section 126, Avarua (1954) 2 A.M.B. 275-276, the Native Appellate Court accepted that Te Pa Atua Kino lived about 1754.

Putua Ariki held the Makea title after Rangi Makea.<sup>9</sup> He and seven of Putua Ariki's sons were killed allegedly by the sons of Te Pa Atua Kino namely Paenui (from his 2nd wife Pouna's line) and his brothers Ke'u, Tautu and

Kao.

### The ancestry of Te Pa Atua Kino

In Arekakaia Sec 50A 5 Willie Parau Browne gave the following evidence:10

MB7/331A shows Rangi Makeakea father of Paatuakino and Rangi tu ki vao was the Ariki before Rangi Makeakea so how could he be Rangi's son. Te Paatuakino was not the son of Rangi Makeakea. I refer to Aitutaki MB12/63 evidence of Tupou Tiraa a descendant of Taitua a brother of Paatuakino. That agrees with our own genealogies. The Ariki Pa Ariki (Pa Maretu) was descended directly from Te Tautua and Mere Pa adopted Pa Maretu & that is why Mere Pa gave the Pa title to Maretu because he was a blood descendant from that line. Therefore I state that Makea and Karika have

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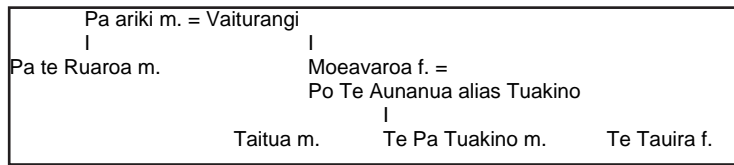
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# The Makea ariki title after Puta-ki-te-tai and prior to 1823

*By Ross Holmes LLB (Hons) TEP*



from relationship to Taarua and Tinorua....

Tupou Tiraa, a descendant of Taitua, a brother of Te Pa Atua Kino, gave this evidence:11

It is therefor clear that Te Pa Atua Kino was the grandson of Mata Pa Ariki of Ngatangi'ia.12 His mother was Moeavaroa and his father was Po Te Aunania alias Tuakino. Those claiming to be the Makea Nui ariki are accordingly a junior branch of the Pa ariki line.

**Te Pa Atua Kino was not an ariki**

Chief Judge Walter Gudgeon in a letter dated 16 July 1908 (my emphasis and my comments in brackets added) stated:13

That Makea had ancient jurisdiction over these people [the Ngāti Uritaua] is absurd. The ancestor of the present Makea [Makea Takau] was merely an rangatira Kamoe - until taken by the seven Mataiapos of Tupapa [namely Vakapora, Teava, Tara'are, Pi, Tamaiva, Apai, Potikitaua and Kamoe] and made an ariki by them as a set off to the other son of Te Patua Kino viz: Makea Keu who had been consecrated in the marae by the Ngatangiia people as the real Makea. Makea Pini on the other hand was the son of a servant, one of the Ngaio, a conquered and degraded people, but it suited the Tupapa people to set him up against the Karika family for their own purposes. At that period and long after the ariki of Te au o tonga was Arera, now known as Vakatini, and the Makeas had no authority here. When Rupe was slain over a hundred years ago by the war party under Kainuku the then Makea fled to Arorangi with all of his adherents, and whatever power he may have had was due to the invitation to return by Pa and Kainuku who gave them jurisdiction over the land from Black Rock to

Matavera boundary and moved the rangatiras of Rangiatea to make room for them; but Ngati Uritaua were never moved nor were the Arera people.

The events which Walter Gudgeon is referring to occurred in the early 1800's between 1800 and 1814, and prior to the arrival of the Cumberland in 1814, in the case of the appointment of Makea Nui ariki and Makea Karika ariki, and in the case of the invitation to return by Pa and Kainuku, in May or June 1823, just before the coming of Christianity.

In Walter Gudgeon's opinion Ke'u had been consecrated in the marae by the Ngatangi'ia people as the real Makea, and Pini was made Makea Nui ariki by the mata'iaipo of Tupapa and was a person of limited importance, being a rangatira Kamoe, the younger brother of Ke'u, whose mother was "little better than a servant or slave" as she was one of the Ngaio, a conquered and degraded people.

**The killing of Makea Putua ariki**

Makea Putua, son of Makea Rangi Makeakea, is of the ngāti Arera, and the available evidence establishes that he held the Makea ariki title after Makea Rangi Makeakea. He and seven of Putua ariki's sons were killed allegedly by the sons of Te Pa Atua Kino namely Paenui (from his wife Pouna's line) and his brothers' Ke'u, Tautu and Kao.

Makea Nui Teremoana's agent Charlie Cowan in A.M.B. 1 page 225, stated:

Because Putuas sons had bad intentions of killing Makea that is why they were killed. Only 1 son Mautaua escaped & he ran to Arorangi & from him the present Ngati Patua descend. ...What I know is that the seven sons of Patua were killed leaving only one Mataua. .... Under Maori custom a person

who commits a crime in a family is driven away and has no right to come back and claim land within that family. He can come back only with the consent of the Ariki, Mataiapo or family. That is what happened in the case of Patua family. Makea accepted them back and gave them a piece of land Turamatuti 106D but 106B remained in the hands of Makea because that was Makea's own piece. See MB 5/219. I admit that the descendants of Mautaua are Willie Browne and family.

In Tereora Sec 106B, Nikao, Avarua (1955) M.B. 22 pages 273-281 the evidence given included the following:

a. Page 278: Teremoana Tinirau (Makea Nui ariki):

...To go back to Te Pa autuakino, it is well known in Ngati Makea that it was in his time that Ngati Putua were slain at Araitetonga and the only one to escape was Mautaua who fled to Arorangi refer to MB 3/325, evidence of Parakoti. "There were 20 children etc.... Paatuakino became the Ariki. All the land and titles went to them."

According to true Maori custom, when any person commits a serious offence against the Ariki or Mataiapo, he or they shall be killed or driven out of the family and have no right to claim any land. In the Putua case it was Makea who was good to them and allowed them to return and gave them the land...

b. Page 276: Bob Tinirau: Putua was intended to be killed. He was killed under water amongst the roots of a tree. He has no family. I know of none.

In Re Tamaiva (1907) M.B. 3 page 305, Parakoti stated:

....Te Patuakino children killed all but Mahutaua, and Pini got the title.

It is clear that Mautaua was alive in 1814 and according to Makea Nui ariki witnesses was then a toa (warrior) for Makea Nui ariki. When Mautaua died is not known. The fact that Mautaua was old enough to escape the assassination of his father and siblings means

that the likely date of the assassination of Putua Ariki was between about 1790 (if it was 1790 this would make Mautaua 25 in 1814 if he was 1 in 1790, and this would make Mautaua 34 in 1814 if he was 10 in 1790), 1800 (if it was 1800 this would make Mautaua 15 in 1814 if he was 1 in 1800, and this would make Mautaua 24 in 1814 if he was 10 in 1800), and 1810 (if it was 1810 this would make Mautaua 18 in 1814 if he was 14 in 1810, and this would make Mautaua 28 in 1814 if he was 24 in 1810).

As Mautaua's son Parau Putua died in 1897 it is unlikely that these events would have occurred significantly earlier.

Based on the above evidence the killing of Putua ariki and all but one of his children is likely to have occurred between about 1790 and 1810, and logically occurred just prior to the mata'iaipo of Tupapa appointing Pini as the first Makea Nui ariki.

**The Appointment of Pini as the first Makea Nui ariki**

It was not until late January 2013 when talking to a branch of ngāti Arera about their Pokoinu land case, that I was supplied by them with Walter Gudgeon's manuscript The London Mission: its policy and peculiarities (which they had obtained from the Hocken Library at Otago University) in which the traditions which had been invented by Makea Nui were detailed:14

**See detail in image on page 5**

The "plot" exposed by this manuscript was the agreement between Makea Nui Pini and the mata'iaipo of Tupapa known as "Te Kaa a nga Ariki ma nga Mata'iaipo" by which they agreed never to admit that they had elected Makea Pini, and if awkward questions were asked they should declare with one voice that Pini's ancestors had been their ariki "me [sic. mei] Po mai," meaning forever, and that they were but the tokotoko, meaning props.

Significantly Walter Gudgeon recorded that Pini was then living at Ārai-te-tonga without

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was studied not that of the people. As a general rule it may be said that the great chiefs did not enthusiastically welcome men whose very presence must curtail the power of the Chiefas; but there was one family whose circumstances were such that the arrival of the Mission was simply their salvation and this was the family of Makea Tinirau, who now call themselves Makea Nui. The ancestor of this branch of the Makeas was Makea Fini, a younger brother of the Karika of that day and a person of but little importance by reason of the fact that his mother had been but little better than a servant or slave; but about that period Six Mataiapos of importance were expelled from the Takitumu division of the island, viz, Taraare, Vakapora, Uirangi, Awa, Vakapora, Tamaiva, and Tejoretu. These men came to Arai te Tonga where Makea Fini lived without state or following and as these men were all of equal rank they naturally feared that they might quarrel among themselves, and to avoid this they elected Makea Fini as their Ariki, and bound themselves by a solemn agreement called, "Te kaa a nga Ariki ma nga Mataiapo", by which they agreed never to admit that they had elected Makea Fini, and if awkward questions were asked they should declare with one voice that Pini's ancestors had been their Ariki me Fo mai and that they were but the tokotoko or props. It is possible that the Pini family suffered a bit from swelled head by reason of their rise in life, for though they had evidently no ability as warriors, they contrived to quarrel with the warlike men of Takitumu and were driven to take refuge in Arorangi where they remained for many years, but shortly before the Mission arrived were invited to return to their lands, under the mana of their conquerers. To these men the arrival of the Mission was a Godsend and tho they may have been lacking in warlike ability they were otherwise an able family. Tinirau died shortly after he had given his daughter

ourselves if we did not have anyone over us we therefore elected this Pini Tinirau as ariki and gave him the name of Makea-Nui, the Nui being the latter part of Tangiia's name, which they added to the name of Makea.

When they, these six mataiapos had finished the ceremony of electing Pini Tinirau they then entered into solemn agreement, to this effect. Should any person outside of themselves declare that this ariki was not an ariki from ancient date, let us together defend the cause and proclaim that this ariki was an ariki from the beginning, but should this ariki or any of his descendants hereafter become arrogant, let us then untie the knot we have this day made and put this one down and elect another in his stead. In native this great secret was called "Te kaa a nga mataiapo ma te ariki".

I have read in some traditions kept by some of the Ngati Makea's that "Makea was the ariki and the tribe was Takitumu". This in a sense was correct for during Makea Teratu's time he was elected as one of the four arikis of Avarua and he was included in the Takitumu tribe with this difference, he was only an ariki Putokotoko which is to say, an assistant ariki or sub-ariki and was subject to Pa and Kainuku. Although he lived at Araitetonga he was under the mana of Pa. As the boundaries of Takitumu came up to the boundary of Kiikii tapere. It was only after Makea have been driven out of Avarua by Ngati Tangiia and was absent for 7 years that Pa & Kainuku took compassion upon their

family, mostly because certain numbers of the Makea family was related to them selves that Pa sent for the Makeas to come back to Avarua and fixed the boundaries of Avarua from Tuoro to Taakura giving over Araitetonga to Karika. This took place during Tinirau's time.

This manuscript also makes it clear that it was Pini who first held the Makea Nui ariki title, and not his father Te Pa Atua Kino (who could not have done so as he was not then alive), and that Ke'u was the first person to hold the newly created Makea Karika ariki title.

These manuscripts, which are supported by Parakoti's evidence, have exposed the invented tradition which has been perpetrated by successive Makea Nui ariki and Makea Karika arik, and their kopu-ariki, since that time, that their ancestor Te Pa Atua Kino had the Makea ariki title, that he had given the Makea Nui ariki, Makea Karika ariki and Vakatini ariki titles to three sons, and that he had divided his land between those three sons. As Te Pa Atua Kino was never an ariki, this could not have occurred.

As Makea Putua was not assassinated until between circa 1790 and 1810 the appointment of Pini to the new Makea Nui ariki title by the mata'iaipo of Tupapa, and the appointment of Ke'u as the first Makea Karika ariki title by the mata'iaipo of Matavera, could not have occurred until after the assassination of Makea Putua, and therefore is likely to have occurred in the early 1800's between 1800 and 1814 (and before the Cumberland visited Rarotonga).

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state or following. This is further evidence supporting the conclusion that his father Te Pa Atua Kino was not an ariki.

The evidence also makes it clear that Makea Nui Pori was installed as ariki by Kainuku Ariki and Pa Ariki.15

In late January 2013 I read through the large folder of manuscripts and Court documents which had been given to me by the late Yolande Browne and her sister Stella Browne, and discovered in the manuscript by Stephen Savage, the Makea Story, Rupe Raea's following account:16

In a conversation with one of the mataiapos who live under

Takau's jurisdiction he said - do you think this Makea has always been Makea, meaning the family. I replied guardedly Why yes. That is not so, says he, we the six mataiapos of Tupapa created this Makea. The real Karikas lived up there (pointing to Takuvaive where Makea Karika now resides) and our Makea only came into existence during the period of Pini about 120 years ago. For an offense against Pa Ariki & Kainuku we left Takitumu and came and resided at Araitetonga Tupapa where this Pini was then living. When we got there we found Pini Tinirau, he had no people, so to speak, and as we knew we would soon quarrel amongst

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# Government wrongdoings on the rise

*By Wilkie Rasmussen, Leader of the Opposition*

It must be the accepted way of doing things by this Cook Islands Party Government that when things go wrong it points the finger at the Opposition. Conversely, when things flow well it's all the Prime Minister's good work. But the Opposition is not the slightest bit surprised though by this erratic behavior of the Government. It has clearly demonstrated in the past that it will unashamedly capitalize on the good work of the previous Democratic Party government. Remember the publication of the list of things done by this Government? They published without any second thoughts that members of the public know and are saying that all such work were started by the Democratic Party.

As of late a big mistake by the Government is its intention to tax pensioners collecting their New Zealand pension here in the Cook Islands. We have all by now heard the explanations and of course the excuses and the backtracking by the Government. No doubt about it, it has ignited a time bomb that is ticking away and will blow the Government to smithereens come election time next year.

A loyal Democratic Party supporter rang me last week saying that the PM and his sidekick the Minister of Finance



were on radio saying that the Demo Government under former PM Jim Marurai signed an Memorandum of Understanding with the NZ Government detailing the pension taxation matter. That is misleading and one of the lowest thing to do publicly and the Government must be very desperate for it to do this.

How wrong is it to bring forth a legitimately executed Memorandum of Understanding at this time while the limelight is shining bright right now on pensioners and their desire to oppose any attempts by the Government to tax their NZ pension? I can tell you that the Memo was an agreement

to confirm the desire of the two Governments to hold one meeting every year between Ministers from both sides. That's why for instance the PM, Minister Brown and Minister Puna went to Queenstown to hold those bilateral talks with their counterparts. It was from there that PM John Key of NZ may have whispered those famous words of "if you don't tax them, my Government will."

To point to the fact that Jim Marurai signed the Memorandum in 2009 when I was then the Minister of Finance is reckless, superfluous and downright wrong. I don't remember the last time a Government did that sort of

thing but the backtracking by the Government on the "pensioner's tax" has to be the biggest I have seen ever. It has caused blatant embarrassment to the Government and has damaged its credibility and that of the Prime Minister and his Ministers.

I have said this again and again; this Government has lost the plot, has fallen off track and has failed to keep its promises. It now has a list of wrongs that it will never rectify and that list is growing by the day. There is a disconnect in the Government somewhere and I doubt whether it will ever be fixed because it is too busy thinking of how to claw back its spending which is inflating every day.

# Minister to meet Grey Power

An invitation from Finance Minister Mark Brown has been extended to the Grey Power group to meet with him to discuss their grievances. At their executive meeting in the Tupapa Meeting House on Monday night, Brown's CEO Nooroa Roi delivered a letter to the group apologising for his personal absence due to being in Singapore on Government issues as well as extending the invitation.

Both parties agreed to meet on Friday at 6.30pm behind the Minister's office in the Community assembly area. Brown returns at 3.30pm on the same day. Roi said Brown was anxious to meet the Grey Power before he departs overseas on Monday for finance talks in India.

Roi said at the meeting the views presented on behalf of the

Minister were well received and appreciated but it was necessary for the pensioners to hear from Brown in person. Questions and opinions from the floor were not emotionally or politically charged but thoughtful and very reasonable stated Roi.

As the Minister of Internal Affairs, Roi said Brown is caught in a political cross fire. As Finance Minister, Brown is expected to manage the nation's money responsibly and as the Minister of Internal Affairs, his concern for the welfare of the elderly was a moral responsibility he took seriously.

While Brown had partnered Prime Minister Henry Puna on Radio Cook Island talkback recently, on the pension tax issue he did so as the Finance Minister but Roi said the Friday meeting will most likely see Brown wearing his Internal Affairs hat.



Finance Minister Mark Brown

# Upgrading Tereora College Computer Lab

By *Norma Ngatamariki*

The refurbishment of a Tereora College computer lab will be done throughout the entire two-week holiday, as part of a project to upgrade the current IT infrastructure and programming in order to enhance the learning of students who are taking NCEA. Sheryl Bell, a teacher of Digital Technology, had noticed that the existing computers were "much too slow and outdated". There was an urgent need to make the necessary improvements to the lab and to give it a complete makeover.

Gary Bell, a carpenter from New Zealand and the husband of Sheryl Bell, was asked for his assistance. "At times, there were three to four students on a computer, which isn't ideal, especially for those who are sitting NCEA. They were under-resourced, and at that stage, I thought I might do something from this (New Zealand's) end," he says. His efforts are much appreciated as he received 25 computers, from Auckland University, Whangarei Girls' High School and Northcom ICT, arriving on Rarotongan shores. "Then it was discovered that the infrastructure currently installed in the school would not

support the more modern PC's." The entire lab had to undergo a complete reformation, from re-wiring the network cables to positioning the sleek-looking tables within the area. With the help of the Rotary and Lions Clubs, which are organizations who do voluntary work, the necessary financial funding was assembled in order to send down three experts: Donald MacKenzie from Northcom ICT whose expertise is with computers, Jason Pearson from Laser Electrical in Whangarei and his father Malcolm Pearson, who is a carpenter, are all working on renewing the data system. "So hopefully, when the kids come back from their holiday, with smiling faces, proud of their new computer lab." Gary also adds that with everyone's contribution, things can actually be accomplished.

"We've taken this opportunity to oversee the current conditions within IT structure of the school," says Bali Haque, Principal of Tereora College. At present, the school now has 240 computers, and given the constraints they have on resources and time, they are now re-organizing and simplifying the network so that easier and faster access is enabled to students, as well as staff.



Gary Bell



# E patianganga ki toou ngakau aroa

By Rutera Taripo

I tēia au ngā rā, te 'akakite mai nei te minita ngāteitei 'a Teariki Heather e kua tā'okota'i te vaka o Puaikura ma tōna ekalesia, na roto i tēta'i kimikimi'anga ravenga no te tauturu atu i tēta'i tamaiti i roto i tōna matakeinanga. Kua pā 'ia oki te tamaiti a te Papa Orometua o Puaikura i tēta'i maki rikarika tei karanga 'ia e ko te Cancer i roto i tōna karoponga, koia ko te Morbus Hodgkin, 'ē kua kitea katoa 'ia mai e te toto'a

atūra ki roto i tōna ara-toto. Kua rua mata'iti te Papa Orometua i te tautā 'anga i te au tū vairakau maori ma te manuia-kore. Kua kimi a Papa Orometua ki runga i te roro-uira, kua kitea mai tēta'i ngā'i (clinic) i Tiāmani no te rapakau i teia maki. Inara, ko te tūmatetenga, ko te teitei o te tūtaki'anga, koia oki 'e \$50k.

E mea tangi tikāi. Noatu ra, no te pu'apinga i tēia 'akakoro'anga, kua kimi rapurapu te minita, te Ekalesia 'ē te au ti'ākono i tēta'i au ravenga tauturu kia rauka i te

akarere atu i te tamaiti a Papa Orometua ki Tiamani. Te akakite nei a Teokoitu o te Ekalesia, no te akamata atu i teia pōro kia taka, te oronga mai nei rātou e \$10k.

Kua riro katoa te minita ngateitei i te 'akatupu i tēta'i kūmiti kimi-tauturu no te kimikimi ravenga tauturu, 'ē i roto i teia tuātau poto nei te 'akamata nei, 'ē te 'ōronga 'ia mai nei te moni tauturu 'e tō tātou iti tangata ngākau aro'a 'ē te mā'ora'ora. Te Atua te aro'a no kotou kātōatoa. Pera katoa, kua oti i te kūmiti kimi-tauturu, i te 'akapapa i tēta'i au ravenga no te kimikimi tauturu. Ka akamata te reira na roto i te Pō Māketē a te pō Ruitoru ra 1 Mē i ko i te Uapu i Arorangi. Ka rave 'ia te okooko'anga kai e te vai atura no te tauturu i te akakoro'anga.

Ka rave katoa 'ia a te ra 15 Tiunu tēta'i Island Night kaikai'anga – 4 tu'anga mānga, 'e \$50 i te tīketi. Ka akaari'ia mai tēta'i au tāmataora tuketuke.

Ka rave katoa 'ia i te pō 1 Tiunu tēta'i Pō Housie. Te vai katoa nei tēta'i atu au 'akakoro'anga e tāmānako 'ia nei. Tāniuniu atu 'ia Okirua Te Okoitu, ia Robert Heather e te au kūmiti me uiui'anga tā'au. E pati'anga 'aka'aka tēia kia tātou kātōatoa no tō tātou rima Aro'a 'ē te mā'ora'ora i roto i te ingoa o to tātou Atua.

## 10 Trends for hotels to watch during Chinese tourism boom

By 2020, some 100 million Chinese travelers are expected to be visiting overseas countries as tourists. It has been found that many global hotel brands with western roots are struggling to cater for the distinct cultural tastes of their new guests. It was found that the preferences and attitudes of Chinese outbound travelers are:

1. Bali, Korea, Macau and Malaysia will be the most popular Asian destinations however Chinese travelers will be more interested in international trips.

2. Europe is expected to receive the greatest boost in Chinese tourism followed by North America. Travel to the USA is affected by its arduous visa procedures.

3. Budget is and will be the most influential factor when planning a vacation while the internet is the most influential when choosing a destination.

4. Chinese travelers will allocate most of their budget to lodging and transportation and less on meals and entertainment.

5. The fastest growing segment of Chinese travelers is expected to be families with young children, retired couples and children.

6. Chinese travelers would rather be in the centre of a bustling city than in a rural setting and they prefer full service hotels over resorts.

7. Tea kettles and coffee pots are more important to Chinese travelers than Wi-Fi and storage.

8. Chinese travelers would rather see a buffet style dining room than sit down or dinner from a celebrity chef.

9. Shopping and beach activities are expected to grow the most while theme parks and gambling increase the least.

10. Chinese travelers prefer hotels designed with local touches and don't seek out hotels with a traditional Chinese design.



COOK ISLANDS TOURISM CORPORATION

## Destination Development Initiatives Expressions of Interest (EOI)

Destination Development initiatives are designed to enhance the Cook Islands Tourism product with a primary focus on event development and tourism related infrastructure. Destination Development will also encourage tourism related educational, hospitality, environmental and cultural initiatives.

The Cook Islands Tourism Corporation Destination Development Committee seeks expressions of interest from interested parties to submit proposals to:

- Develop a suite of suitable events (individual or a series) designed to improve the economic impact of tourism and enhance visitor experiences. Event Development will focus on marketable events that stimulate visitor arrivals to the Cook Islands particularly during the November to May period and enhance visitor experiences including cultural, sporting and other relevant events.
- Develop tourism related infrastructure. This is designed for visitor convenience and to connect areas of environmental and cultural significance which will improve the economic impact of tourism and enhance visitor experiences. Tourism Related Infrastructure will focus on hiking and walking trails, access to Beaches/Caves/Forests/Lakes etc (viewing platforms, paths and steps, signage etc), historical sites, and public toilets and amenities (shelters, rest areas, tables and chairs, BBQ facilities etc).
- Develop tourism related education and training. Education and Training Providers will be tasked with delivery of the courses and achieving targeted pass rates and numbers of graduates for both Rarotonga and the sister islands. Tourism Education and Training investment will take place in the following areas; Secondary level – NCEA Tourism courses; Vocational level – WTTO standard Tourism and Hospitality Courses; Other Tertiary levels – Tourism courses at certificate, diploma or degree level etc.

Proposals will be assessed where applicable on the strength of a business and project delivery / management plan. Emphasis is placed on a projects return on investment (ROI) calculated by increased visitor arrivals, improved length of stay and increased related spend, and enhanced and expanded visitor experiences. Proposals will be further assessed by their appeal, engagement of the community, partner resourcing, delivery team expertise and experience, and future sustainability.

It is also imperative that these proposals tie in with existing Cook Islands Tourism marketing strategies.

A detailed EOI guide for each project area and a submission and assessment template is available to download via the Cook Islands Tourism website. All EOI submissions close 20 June 2013.

[www.cookislands.travel/DestinationDevelopment](http://www.cookislands.travel/DestinationDevelopment)

The Destination Development Strategy and related initiatives are supported by NZAID. For more information contact Noeline Mateariki, Destination Development Coordinator, Cook Islands Tourism Corporation via [noeline.mateariki@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:noeline.mateariki@cookislands.gov.ck)





## Congratulations to Tetapu O Marouna Munro

**O**ur dear Aunty Tapu was born on Rarotonga, but was raised on the island of Aitutaki, in the village of Arutanga. During her time there, she was involved in many community-based events. Her biological parents are the late Pio Mitchell and Matangaro Upu, but her feeding parents are the late Te-tupu-o-rongo Paremo Ioane and Tina Upu. She recalls some fond memories of her upbringing on Aitutaki, such as greeting traditional leaders and government officials. Her feeding parents taught her well in our customary and traditional habits and attitudes and they both became her rock in everything she does. She represents her village well in various areas, keen sports women, Youth and strong followers in church activities and so forth. She grew up in the Catholic faith until, later on in her life; she married her husband from Arorangi CICC Church, Mr. Alexander Daniel Munro. From there, she has been a devoted Arorangi CICC Church member, supporting her husband's activities.

Throughout her married life, she was involved in a great number of programs and activities in the district of Ruaau, contributing much to the village which is a much appreciated effort. Tapu also has a great passion for sports, netball in particular. She further broadened her netball experiences when she arrived on Rarotongan shores, participating in many games while representing Vaka Puaikura with pride. She provides her service in many areas, fund

raising programs, preparation during and after any specific training programs, attending national and regional training workshops, welcoming regional and international delegations and so forth. Participated and contributing to any Sports Special Programs/Projects either a direct member, executive delegations or supporting member. She devotes her time to her Netball and loves every bit of it. She is always encouraging any young women to participate in this sport as a way of understanding and knowing them on and off the court and to become excellent Sportswomen in the Cook Islands. Tapu is also the current Club Captain for Arorangi Netball.

Tapu is also part of many uniform organizations and has been since she was a young girl. She was an avid member of the Girl Guides Association and while she resided in Avatiu, she attended the St Joseph Girl Guides Company. Like all girls, Tapu made humble beginnings as a Brownie, then a Guide and later, a Ranger. She is the Captain for the Arorangi Girl Guides Company from 2011 to date. The biggest challenge in her position today is membership and programming for the girls and the leaders. She wants to encourage more young ladies to participate and be involved in the uniform organizations, so that they can learn the essential skills of life.

Tapu's enthusiastic dedication to the church goes without question. As a member of the Arorangi CICC Church and a



Deacon's wife, she plays an important role in the village. She is always supporting her church's activities, such as the monthly cleaning of the church grounds, training workshops and many others. Tapu loves what she does for the church and finds it a great, but enjoyable, challenge in facing a huge commitment to her church work.

Tapu is also involved in the cultural activities of her village. She will eagerly participate in various dancing groups which

will involve the historical legends of our people. But learning about Arorangi and their history is a never-ending process and she continues to extend her knowledge about her beloved village. She has a very strong family linkage to the island of Rarotonga – Takitumu and Te-au-o-Tonga, Araura, Nukuroa and Rurutu, Tahiti.

Tapu would like to thank those who have nominated her as woman of the month for April 2013 for their endless support.

### Women of the Month Sponsors 2013

1. Apii Urlich flowers/Eis Aunty Larry
2. Pitt Media Group CITV/CI Herald,
3. Bank Cook Islands \$50 & Wall of Fame,
4. Aquarius - \$100 voucher,
5. Temu & Lesley Okotai / Farm Direct Manihiki Black Pearls \$250,
6. FujiImage/Cook Islands Printing Services Colin Burns- production of photo,
7. Staircase Restaurant –Sisi & Mann Short - \$50Voucher,
8. Nga Nelio – Massage Therapist,
9. Lydia Sijj- Foot massage pamper pack,
10. Flame Tree Restaurant \$100 Dinner Voucher,
11. Martha Makimare –Tivaivai & pareu sponsorship,
12. Aunty Kafos's- Lunch for 2 at Kafoteria,
13. Aunty Mii at Punanga Nui Markets

# The continuing search for storage solutions

In 2011 when the Prime Minister Henry Puna announced that the country would get all their electricity from renewable energy sources by 2020, nearly all of Rarotonga's power was diesel-fueled.

The island quadrupled its renewable energy use, mainly solar, but very soon ran into a problem: energy storage.

The reality is our grid has no storage capacity other than the diesel fuel.

Wind turbines and solar panels produce energy intermittently, often when the grid doesn't need it. Much of the energy they make has to be put somewhere until demand rises. As long as the intermittent energy is not more than 20% of the peak demand generated on the grid it is not a problem. It threatens to become a drawback however with sizeable penetration.

And if a large proportion of our renewable energy target is achieved through purely solar then we are definitely going to need storage solutions to be able to meet overnight demand.

So how do we get around this storage hitch? This is the challenge we face. Finding storage solutions will become the



PM's team surveys roof top solar panels

more urgent the closer we get to 2020.

Here's what we make out. We know the energy storage solution now most commonly used overseas is pumped-storage hydropower: Facilities send water up a hill when the grid is producing excess power, store the water behind a dam, then release it through a turbine when demand rises. There seems to be one spot on Rarotonga with the right topography that we could feasibly put a mini-scheme if an arrangement can be reached with landowners. This would help.

Over the last year our team

has looked hard at the current solutions being suggested across the board and indeed being considered seriously for northern group islands renewable energy projects and in a way we've been disappointed that we haven't yet come up with a really viable solution which goes a long way to ticking all the right boxes for us.

In fact it seems storage technology doesn't yet exist in a form that really meets users' needs.

Anyway, here is a list of the ideal energy storage solution we would be happy to live with; it would have five qualities: It would put a lot of energy in a small space; it

would be inexpensive; it would lose in transfer less than a fifth of the energy put into storage and taken back out; it would last decades; and it would release the energy quickly.

It would also be safe to transport and non-toxic to dispose of, as well as made of raw materials that can be obtained without causing major environmental damage.

We have quietly started applying these principles to our collective investigation on storage technology from now on. If you have any ideas let us know.



# Baxter one of the few

By Norma Ngatamariki

As we celebrate ANZAC Day to commemorate the Australians, New Zealanders and Pacific Islanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations and the contribution and suffering of all those who have served. Baxter Hunter is one of the many veterans who contributed in such, maintaining the operation of a great number of war planes. Baxter was part of the ground crew (as he was surprisingly not interested in piloting an actual plane) whose responsibilities required him to undergo intensive training within the Waitakiri Ranges. "It was always raining up there," he laughs. This occurred before he entered the service, as he attended the Air Force School in Wigram, Christchurch. There, he underwent training to become an electrical technician for the necessary functions of the war planes. He trained for a total of six months, before being relocated to the main base in Northern New Hebrides (currently known as Vanuatu). Baxter spent two months there and he recalls having only "one set of gear for each destination they visited". At the young age of 17, he was given the position of Sergeant, but had no time to endorse in it as he was sent off for training.

"They were training us in different climates," he says, "whether it was the tropical heat of the Pacific or the rainy weather in the Ranges, we had to learn how to adjust." Baxter had made stopovers all around the Pacific and each day brought a welcome challenge. After he spent his time in New Hebrides, he was sent to the 25th Service Unit of Bourganville in Papua New Guinea. "I remember volunteering to climb coconut trees once," he recalls fondly. Baxter was in service to the 23rd Squadron, who were examining Corsairs. "Every morning, they would take off with 500 pound bombs, disappear out of sight

and be back within fifteen minutes," he comments. The Squadron which Baxter was part of had observation planes, which he refers to as "tiny, wee things". His adventure had not yet ended and he was then transferred to the Catalinas as part of the 5th Flying Boat Squadron. Then the war ended in 1945. "On the day the war ended we were sitting around in the planes from about 7 o'clock to 11 o'clock, and we wondering if the war was finished or not," he says. He was 19 at the time. From there on, Baxter was discharged from the Air Force in 1946



Baxter and Airforce Buddies 1940's



# The Cook Islands Returned Services Association, in collaboration with the Government of the Cook Islands

## 98th ANZAC programme

### Thursday 25 April 2013

**PURSUANT** to the Public Holidays Act 1999 Section 2, ANZAC Day will be observed on the 25th April each year. The ANZAC Day functions will be held on Thursday 25th April 2013 and the program is as follows:

#### **DAWN SERVICE**

The Cook Islands Returned Services Association (RSA) will hold a Dawn Parade and fall-in will be at 5.35am at the eastern side of the Ministry of Justice. March in to the Cenotaph at 5.50am  
All ex-Service (and serving) men and women, including visiting ex-Service personnel are invited to attend. Medals will be worn.

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| <b>0535hrs</b> | VIPS and general public seated. Parade including Returned and Servicemen in position  |
| <b>0540hrs</b> | Arrival of the Deputy Prime Minister the Honorable Tom Marsters & Mrs Marsters  |
| <b>0545hrs</b> | Arrival of the Queen's Representative His Excellency Sir Frederick Goodwin KBE  |
| <b>0550hrs</b> | The President of the Cook Islands Returned Services Association, Mr Henry Wichman welcomes those present and explain the meaning of the Service |

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

##### **FLAG RAISING**

Te Atua Mou E - Cook Islands National Anthem  
(Boys Brigade Band)

##### **WELCOME**

Mr Henry Wichman, Cook Islands Return Services Association

##### **OPENING PRAYER**

Religious Advisory Council

##### **BIBLE READING**

Padre Bob Kimiangatau

##### **ANZAC PRAYER**

Girl Guides

##### **THE FLANDERS POPPY**

Girls Brigade

##### **GUEST SPEAKER**

New Zealand High Commissioner His Excellency Hon Mr John Carter (QSO)

##### **DEDICATION OF WREATHS**

Mr Uta Raitia

##### **LAYING OF WREATHS**

The Cook Islands People	Dame Margaret Makea Karika Ariki (DBE)
The Government and People of New Zealand	Deputy High Commissioner Joanna Kempkers
New Zealand Defense Force	CPO Tony Frances
Australian Defense Force	WO Mr Kevin Grieves (ADF Rtd)
Cook Islands Police Commissioner	Mr Maara Tetava
CI Returned Services Association	Mrs Tapaeru Whitta
Aotearoa Society	

##### **LAST POST**

<b>ODE</b>	Maori	Boys Brigade Bugler
	English	Police Representative
		Henry Wichman

##### **ONE MINUTE SILENCE**

##### **REVEILIE**

Boys Brigade Bugler
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Boys Brigade Band
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Padre Bob Kimiangatau
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Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
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Parade Commander
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##### **MARCH OFF AND DISMISS**

This concludes the 98th ANZAC Dawn Service. On behalf of the President and all Returned Services Association (RSA) members, we would like to thank the general public for attending the 2013 Dawn Service. Hot and cold beverages will be made available in the Court House Car Park for the Public.





# The Cook Islands Returned Services Association, in collaboration with the Government of the Cook Islands 98th ANZAC programme Thursday 25 April 2013

## ANZAC DAY CIVIL SERVICE

The ANZAC Day Civil service will be held at the Cenotaph, Avarua at 8.30am. This is a non-denominational service and the general public and visitors are invited to attend. ALL Uniform organizations to assemble opposite the Raro Records at 7.30am. Ex-Service men and women will join the parade. Medals will be worn. The general public to be seated by 8.00am.

## PARADE COMMANDANT: BOYS BRIGADE REPRESENTATIVE

<b>7:45a.m</b>	Uniform organizations march to their positions ready to receive the dignitaries
<b>8:00am</b>	Arrival of the President of the Religious Advisory Council (RAC)
<b>8:00am</b>	Arrival of the President of the House of Ariki
<b>8:05am</b>	Arrival of the Leader of the Opposition
<b>8:10am</b>	Arrival of the Deputy Prime Minister (Cook Islands National Anthem to be played)
<b>8:20am</b>	Arrival of the Queens Representative (Queens Anthem to be played – 6 Bars)
<b>8:25am</b>	March in RSA – All stand
<b>8:30am</b>	ANZAC DAY CIVIL SERVICE WILL COMMENCE Service to be conducted by Religious Advisory Council

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

### OPENING PRAYER

Religious Advisory Council

### BIBLE READING & TEACHING

Religious Advisory Council

### POEM: WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Girls Brigade Representative

### ADDRESS

Deputy Prime Minister, Hon Tom Marsters

## ANZAC DAY ESSAY COMPETITION WINNER

New Zealand Deputy High Commissioner, Ms Joanna Kempkers to announce winner

## DEDICATION OF WREATHS

Religious Advisory Council

## LAYING OF WREATHS

(Band to play soft music)

The Queen's Representative

- His Excellency Sir Frederick Goodwin (KBE)

Deputy Prime Minister

- Hon Tom Marsters

Leader of the Opposition

- Hon Wilkie Rasmussen

President of House of Ariki

- Travel Tou Ariki

President of the Koutu Nui

- Turi Mataiapo

New Zealand High Commissioner

- His Excellency Hon Mr John Carter (QSO)

New Zealand Defense Force

- LTCDR Tony Grubb VRD

Australian Defense Force

- WO Mr Kevin Grieves (ADF Rtd)

CI Returned Services Association

- Mr Dennis Dwane, MBE

Honorary Consul of France

- Mrs Nathalie Rosette Cazel Tierney

Honorary Consul of Germany

- Mrs Tina Browne

Honorary Consul of Spain

- Mrs Susanna Wigmore

28th Maori Battalion

- Mr Eruera Nia

Cook Islands Red Cross

- Mr Nga Jessie

Girl Guides/Boys Scouts

Girls Brigade/Boys Brigade

Pathfinders

## ODE

Maori

Cook Islands Police

English

Returned Services Association

## LAST POST

To be played by the Boys Brigade Bugler

## ONE MINUTE SILENCE

### REVEILIE

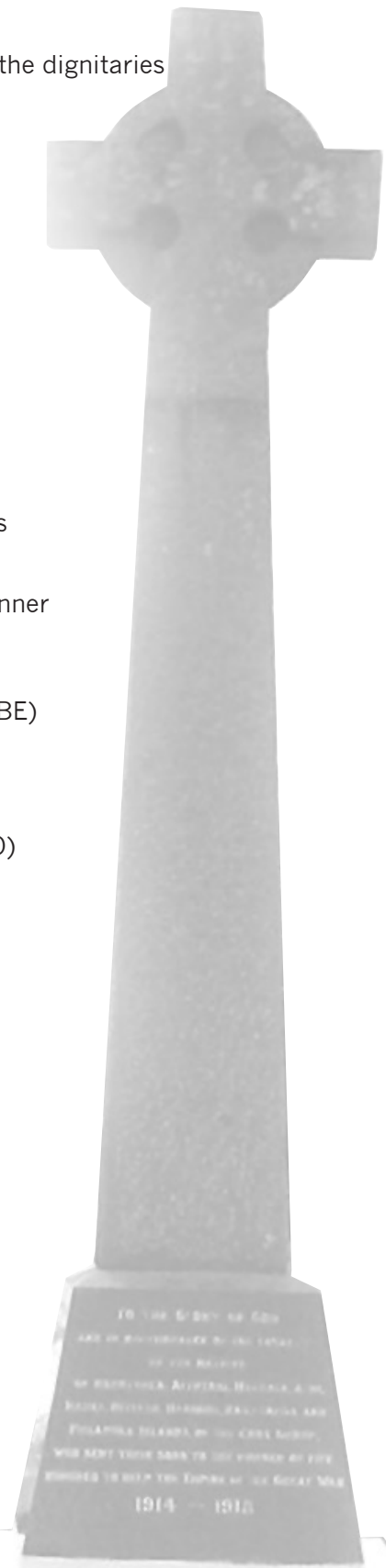
Boys Brigade Bugler

### CLOSING PRAYER

Religious Advisory Council

## MARCH OFF – LED BY RSA

**NOTE:** Any person or organization other than those mentioned above wishing to place wreaths may do so after the service



Jim Gosselin

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION

## Letter to the Editor

# Disgraceful neglect of te are pa metua by the government

Dear Editor,

The Prime Minister's column in your paper last week was headed in bold letters as "We are here to help the Elderly". Presumably he is talking about his Government but this bold statement is misleading and somehow pushes under the table the concerns of our elderly people. Besides the "pensioner's tax" which the Government promoted and now is backtracking on it, another obvious neglect by the Government is the Are Pa Metua at Nikao. This is a place where the elderly are cared for, entertained and generally encouraged to be strong and happy.

Sometime ago I was approached by a regular that goes to the Pa Metua pleading if I could write a letter to the Minister of Finance seeking help for funding because the place was running out of funds. At that time the \$6,000 allocated by the Government to the Are Pa Metua was about to be used. I wrote a letter to the Minister of Finance expressing this request. Nothing much was done and last month it was revealed that Te Are Pa Metua had no money at all. For well over three budget preparations, the Government did not provide (if it did at all) sufficient funding for this place. This is disgraceful.

The Are Pa Metua relied on donations and some people did make such donations. Last week the Public Servants played business house golf evening and raised something like \$3,000. The Opposition even had a team in that event because it was for a good cause but for some reason the Government falls way short off the mark with help for these elderly people. Disappointing isn't it and inappropriate for the PM to claim that his Government cares for the elderly.

Regards  
Wilkie Rasmussen  
Leader of the Opposition

### PUBLIC NOTICE



#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a General Meeting of the Cook Islands Chamber of Commerce will be held:

**Date:** Thursday 9th May 2013  
**Venue:** Café Salsa  
**Time:** 5.00 p.m.

#### Agenda:

1. General Business and mix and mingle with Business Mentors
2. Guest Speaker the Hon Wilkie Rasmussen, Leader of the Opposition and the Democratic Party

**Topic : Economic Development in the Cook Islands**

All Chamber Members and intending members are welcome

For further information, please contact the Chamber  
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### Best ever Android Apps

#### AppGarden Lite

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The interface looks dated, but AppGarden Lite is a lightweight, backwards-compatible container with dozens of useful utilities, from conversion charts to a barcode scanner to a password generator. You can bookmark your favorite utilities for quick access. My favorites folder includes the QR scanner, stopwatch, tip calculator, currency calculator, Urban Dictionary lookup, and a calorie calculator.

#### avast! Mobile Security

Free

This completely free app packs in a ton of security features, like remote wipe, remote-lock, app management, safe Web browsing, a battery manager, and as an added bonus, a top-rated anti-virus engine that passed AV-Test's test with flying colors. It's also incredibly light. However it lacks a backup feature so make sure you sync it to your computer.

#### aDownloader

Free

There are lots of BitTorrent clients out there, but I like the old favorite aDownloader because it's easy to use and relatively crash-free. It also has a killer feature: the ability to pause and resume downloads. I haven't encountered any file-size limits, either.



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# Ministry of Infrastructure & Planning

## Project City Update

### Project City Water Pipeline Upgrade continues



Trenching of sub mains outside court house in Avarua now complete ready for ANZAC Day ceremonies.

Project City contractor are hard at work addressing the issues relating to the dust and less than ideal condition as a result of the trenching and laying of the new water pipeline in the town area

Public concerns led to a meeting between PM Henry Puna and Minister Teariki Heather last Friday to discuss the issues that have occurred as a result of Project City water pipeline upgrade.

PM is keen to ensure that the contractors do all they can to minimize disruptions and that he is hopeful the contractor will be addressing what can be done throughout the programme.

Minister Heather agrees and said he wants to ensure that all that is possible to repair the roads are carried out sooner rather later. The Minister said the provision of good roads for the safety of the public is the responsibility of the Ministry even if the work is carried out by private contractors.

With this advice in mind, the

Ministry engineering team and the contractor met last Friday 19 April and devised some strategies to address the issues.

The upshot was that the contractor has agreed to carry out remediation work on the back roads of Takuvaine, Tutakimoa, Ruatonga and Avatiu. Work on the main road of Tupapa is included.

Remediation work began on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning and completed on Monday.

The Ministry engineering team advise that disruptions to traffic flow in town will continue for the next two months and appeal to the public to continue to be patient and to drive with caution in the town area while this monumental project is being carried out.

#### Trenching work to lay sub mains and pressure tests continue

Trenching to lay the sub mains is being carried out alongside the Court House toward Takuvaine and the laneway next to the Banana Court leading to the

DPM's office.

Pressure tests on the pipeline have been carried out by the contractors and all went well except for a couple of small areas which have now been rectified.

Pressure tests in Tutakimoa, Ruatonga and Avatiu have been given the all-clear which means that road sealing work can be carried out in that area.

However, the Ministry technical team say that the reinstatement on the main road in Tupapa will not start until the pressure tests on the sub mains in the village are completed.

Project City 2 is due for completion in June 2013 after which a contract for road upgrade of the main road, Ara Metua and main link roads in town will begin.



Working outside Foodland in Central Business District



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# Traditional knowledge being captured - umu ti features in documentary on droughts



**Aunty Teuru Snow and Uncle Rutera Taripo taking a break for donuts after preparing the 'apuka' which will hold the 'ti' (pictured below) and 'kape' (pictured at bottom)**

One of the advantages of working in the media is that you are exposed to all kinds of information that you can become quite knowledgeable.

CITV staff were recently involved in the preparation of a Umu Ti and Kape which is part of a documentary for the Emergency Management Cook Islands (EMCI) PACMAS project on the types of food that were eaten during droughts, or 'paroro'.

Filming the process of collecting, and preparing it for the umu has certainly raised many questions which Aunty Teuru Snow originally of Mauke has been able to answer for them.

Although, several of the older staff had at one stage in their life experienced the preparation of the umu ti, there were still some doubts.

One of the first questions that was asked was which rauti do you pull out, which she answered as being our local long-leafed variety. When asked what about the other coloured rauti plants, she said that she wouldn't know as it had always been the dark green plant that was used. As for how old the rauti plant had to be before you could pull it out, she said over 5 years old but the older the better, and you can tell by the base trunk of the plant, the thicker it is, the wider its root system.

It took 30 minutes to dig up the roots featured in the picture to your right which only came from a youngerish plant. And upon reviewing it, Aunty Teuru explained which bits were non-edible and had to be cut off.

As for the kape, CITV groundsman Papa Noo Ngatamariki was familiar with it. It was simple really, the edible part of the kape is above the ground, and is a matter of chopping it off.

Aunty Teuru also illustrated how to prepare the apuka basket that the ti must rest in, and which leaves were used to cover the umu. This umu had chestnut leaves which she said was good at trapping the heat. The documentary wraps up filming this Friday and will air at a later stage.





# Sunday visits by cruise boats - lower economic return



The Westerdam which arrived on Sunday 21 April 2013, carrying 1800 passengers

*By Norma Ngatamariki*

It was anticipated that the coming arrival of 16 scheduled cruise liners would bring a boatful of tourists and, along with them, their pockets full of foreign currencies so that our people can generate the "maximum economic benefit" when the visitors purchase our local produce, especially for the businesses who are heavily reliant on tourism. Out of the 16 cruise liners were expected to pass through Cook Island waters, two were physically docked at the Avatiu Harbor. Tom Beer, one of the tourists boarding the Holland Line from Canada, suggests that we (as a nation) negotiate with the other cruise liners to come on a different day (other than Sunday). "Not only so that we (the visitors) can get a fuller experience, but so it can be beneficial for your society as well, in terms of monetary matters." Michael and Gayle Hughes

from Kauai think otherwise. "I think its fine," Gayle comments. "We came to see the beautiful island and its people." Tourism Corporation's Director of Tourist Destination Development, Metua Vaiimene, identifies that Sunday stopovers merely represent a small portion of the scheduled visits. "It's not that we are allowing a lot of cruise ships to come on Sundays, it's only twice during the year," he says. Tourism Cook Islands has recognized that we need to make develop our telecommunications and foreign exchange services to its visitors, so that businesses will receive the profits from tourist expenditure. Metua acknowledges the fact that Tourism Cook Islands could do a better job at informing the community about the scheduled arrivals of the cruise liners. "Our economy can take full advantage of these opportunities," he states.

## Red Cross fund raiser to build local capacity

*By Norma Ngatamariki*

The Cook Islands Red Cross (CIRC) will be hosting a charity fundraising event on the 8th of May at the National Auditorium. Members of the general public and businesses around the island are welcome to attend this event and support this worthy cause.

The main principle of this particular fundraiser is to assist Red Cross in building local capacity as well as to sustain operation and to oversee the development of certain projects. The theme of this event is "Island Night", with a delectable dinner prepared by the talented students of the Hospitality and Tourism Training Centre. A speech will be given by the Prime Minister, Henry Puna (it is also understood that he will sing!), a guest speaker from the Pacific Desk of the International Federation of Red Cross as well as a keynote speaker, who is a five time New Zealand Olympic Champion Rower, Mahe Drysdale. The New Zealand Red Cross (NZRC) has been a major benefactor for CIRC, providing the necessary financial assistance to fund projects and maintain operation within the organization since its configuration in 1989. It has currently provided \$80, 000 in the past year, an amount which is much appreciated.

CIRC Secretary General, Frances Topa-Fariu, spoke with the Herald on Monday about the upcoming event. "We tried to obtain a keynote speaker who could draw the crowd's attention," she says, "and not only talk about their past experiences, but perhaps their involvement with other events, such as the recovery of the Christchurch earthquake."

Tickets are selling for \$75 for singles and \$140 for couples. See the team at Red Cross, situated along Tupapa Drive, straight across Club Raro or call 22598.



The Ivirua Brass Band has arrived on our shores from Mangaia to perform at the ANZAC Dawn Parade, as well as other functions. Other performances will be played throughout the weekend. *by Norma Ngatamariki*

## National Junior Bowls, a Tribute to ANZAC

*By Ben Mose*

They fought their way through jungles, their blood soaked desert sands They still remember comrades who rest in foreign lands. They remember the siege of old Tobruk, the mud of the Kokoda Trail. Some paying the supreme sacrifice, with courage

that did not fail. To the icy land of Korea, the steamy jungles of Vietnam. And the heroic battle of Kapyong and the epic victory at Long Tan". (ANZAC Poetry by Ken Bunker)

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them."

Tomorrow afternoon at the Rarotonga Bowling Club, the National Junior Bowls will pay their respect to ANZAC. The Mamas and the Papas, that served this small Nation of ours for the last 98 years.

Bowls Cook Islands will be there to stand side by side with our National Junior Bowls.

National Junior Bowls -		Day 1		Results.		
Girls U25	Section 1	Played	Top 3 Games	Points	Sets Points	Nett
Colleen Paniani	2	4	4	58		
Marie Rairoa	2	4	4	38		
Ngametua Arama	2	2	2	25		
<b>Section 2</b>						
Cathy Mataio	2	4	3	29		
Monica Akaruru	2	2	3	47		
Emily Tangi	2	2	3	29		
<b>Boys U25</b>						
<b>Section 1</b>				<b>Top 3</b>		
Lawrence Makara	2	4	3	29		
Adoni Rairoa	2	4	2	21		
Lawrence Paniani	2	2	3	41		
<b>Section 2</b>						
Taiki Paniani	2	4	4	45		
Anthony Makara	2	4	3	34		
Wilym Karika	2	2	2.5	32		

**Note :** At the end of round robin amongst the 6 bowlers in each sections, the top 3 goes into the play off on Thursday, semi and grand final on Friday.

Results: *by BCI Committee.*



Taiki Paniani feels the heat





# Our Attitude Towards God : The Back or The Face – Which

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

“When man rides a horse he forgets God, and when he gets off the horse he forgets the horse.” Human beings are generally very absent-minded. Jeremiah 2v.27 (NKJV) reads “For they have turned their back to Me, and not their face. But in the time of their trouble they will say, ‘Arise and save us.’” The Good News Bible reads “you turned away from Me instead of turning to Me. But when you are in trouble, you ask Me to come and save you.” John 3v.16 says “For God so loved the world that He send His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” In spite of our unrighteous ways, God never turn His back on us. Because God saw many people wandering aimlessly, He send His Son Jesus Christ to bring all towards Him. Jesus is our Way, our Truth, and our Life. God never turn His back towards us, but rather His face. Let us look at The Attitude of Man Towards God. Either our face or our back is turned to God.

Those who turned to God, are...(1) SEEKING HIM. Jesus said in Matthew 7v.7-8 “..Seek and you will find...he who Seek find..” Psalm 27v.8 says “Thy face Lord will I Seek.” God said to Solomon in II Chronicles 7v.14 “..if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and Seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and heal their land.” If we seek God, we will receive blessings. But if we don’t, then we will continue to experience difficulties and problems.

Those who turn to God are.. (2) TRUSTING HIM. Instead of trusting God, Adam and Eve trusted the devil, and they got removed from the Garden of Eden. Psalm 37v.39-40 says “But the salvation of the righteous

## Encouragement Column

With Senior Pastor John Tangi

is from the Lord, He is their strength in the time of trouble. And the Lord shall help them and deliver them, He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they TRUST in Him.” In the Bible is an illustration of a man called Job. When Job lost everything, his wealth and possession, this was what he said in Job 13v.15 “Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.” In chapter 42 of the Book of Job, God “..restored Job’s losses and gave Job twice as much as he had before.” and in v.16 of chapter 42 “Job lived 140 years, and saw his children and grandchildren for 4 generations.” Jeremiah 17v.7 says “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord. And whose hope is the Lord.”

Finally, those who turn to God are...(3) SERVING HIM Joshua said in Joshua 24v.14-15 “..fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth,...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” The Apostle Paul said in Acts 20v.19 ‘serve the Lord with all humility.’ Our reading in Jeremiah 2v.27 says “..For they have turned their back to Me, and not their face. But in the time of their trouble they will say, ‘Arise and save us.’” I’m sure all of us can identify with this verse, either during our past when things were going well for us, or even during these present times.

The question is, “What should be our attitude towards God?” The answer is, SEEK HIM by reading and studying the Word of God, by going to church regularly, and by praying to God. TRUST HIM completely, regardless of our situation. Job said “Though He slay me I will



still trust Him.” Jeremiah 17v.7 says “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose hope is the Lord.” SERVE HIM sincerely and in truth. Serve Him with all humility. May God bless you and your family! Te Atua te aroa!

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# Practice at the Ruatonga Clinic!

By Norma Ngatamariki

Hey, hey everybody! It's the beginning of the school holidays, ya'll! You've probably been waiting for this day since Term One began as we've endured twelve weeks of teachers' lectures, copying notes, waking up at the luxurious hour of seven in the morning. I still have to get up early but at least I don't get put on detention if I arrive to work late. You can expect more news from me as I "sweep the streets" for news items. So keep a look out. I might be headed your way.

Anyway, back to the topic at hand. It all started on the last week of school, during Anau time. My fabulous friend, Dean and I were blabbing on about our weekends and then the idea came to him. "Why don't you join our team for the church performances?" he asked me. At first, I wasn't too keen

on the idea but then I thought, 'What the heck?' I said that I'll come and check it out. At 6 o'clock, I drove to Ruatonga, expecting to see Dean waiting for me at the designated place. I expected too much of him. He didn't even come that night, so I felt a tad bit lonely. But then I remembered Jamie was coming too and I just randomly rolled up to his place.

I anticipated that the people of Ruatonga would give me hostile glares because I wasn't from their village, but I was greeted warmly with smiles and laughter. One of the people present was Memory Vainerere (Yes, the one with the beautiful voice who competed in Te Mire Atu), who leads our youth performances. She allocated the group into their appropriate parts and gave us a brief description of what was required of us. I scored

the 'Party People' group. I won't give you too many details (even though I really want to!) because that might give away the show. All I can guarantee is that it will be an awesome show, and that you should be there to watch it.

Let me rewind a bit. The performances that I've been going on about are for the Avarua branch of Cook Islands Christian Church, where all the villages in Avarua (there are six in total: Tupapa, Maraerenga, Tutakimoo, Takuvaine, Ruatonga and Avatiu) gather and perform at the Sinai Hall. Over the years, there have been a wide selection of categories such as Ute, Imene Tuki, Kapa Rima and so forth. This year, it's Imene Tuki, Creative Dance, Choir and Musical Drama. The performances will be played throughout the entire week, with



Choir on Monday, Imene Tuki on Tuesday, break on Wednesday, Creative Dance on Thursday and Musical Drama on Friday. There will be a lot of action during the week, so keep a look out for any people wearing a green pareu-print outfit cause that'll be us, Ruatonga represent! So come on down and support us!

## Food, glorious food



Hareta Tiraa -Passfield  
Hareta, 15 yrs old, is a year 11 student at Tereora College. Last year she came top in English and Drama.

The past 3 days have been awesome! My best friend is back on the island and I have not had this much fun for ages! Have been to the beach like every day,

have gotten sunburnt pretty bad and have taken like 500 photos. I just love these holidays.

I'm just going to go completely off topic now. So on the tiny island of Rarotonga there is not that much to do. There are NO malls, NO theme parks and on a Saturday all you can really do is go on down to the market. Every time I go to the market I have always been faced with a tough question and it's always "What should I eat today?" Well I actually only ask that question when my parents decide to be nice and actually give me money otherwise I'm usually broke. But when I am lucky enough to have money I always find it hard to decide on what to eat. I walk up and down the market trying to find something new and different and almost every time I fail and end up with waffles and ice cream, now don't get me wrong I LOVE waffles but sometimes I just

want something different. I tried to make it my goal to try every type of food at the market by the end of the year. I'm sure I am not the only who asks myself that question though. Here's some advice for next time you are faced with this question.

If you're looking for something healthy then you have to try the sensational salads which are made by Oasis hydroponics and run by Collin and Jan-Marie Mills. I had one last week and all I can say is that I have never had a salad that can actually fill me up but I have to say that one of those supreme salads from Sensational Salads is pretty hunger busting and they are sensational. Never had something that healthy before but that salad was delicious. If you aren't looking for something healthy you can always try one of the American hot dogs. They have all you could ever ask for on a hot dog, and

they are also very filling. To top it off they are quite cheap.

Looking for something light? Try the kebabs. They are really cheap and they are tasty! I don't know what they put on them but they are really good or maybe just a smoothie. They are healthy, cheap and they are perfect if you're not in the mood for food.

Reef side and the waffle shack have amazing ice chocolate's and ice coffees. I get an ice chocolate every Saturday. Probably not the healthiest option but they are always spectacular. Last but certainly not least, steak and mushroom on rice. I have eaten that since I was a little girl and it is still one of my absolute favourites. It's the most filling thing at the market and it is so worth its money.

Next time you are at the market take my advice and eat all the food you can eat/afford

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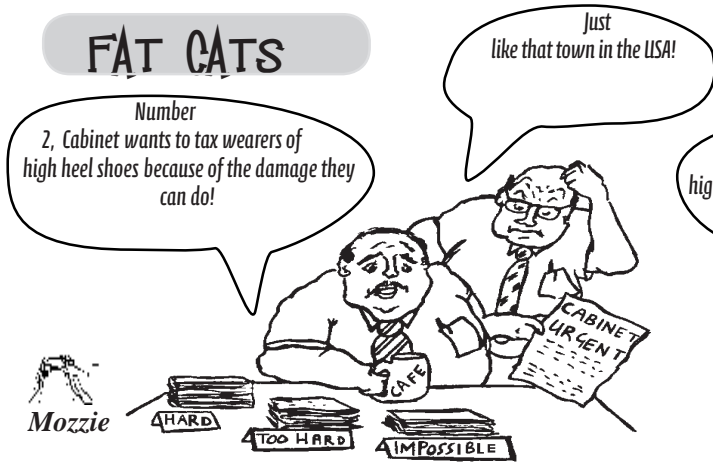
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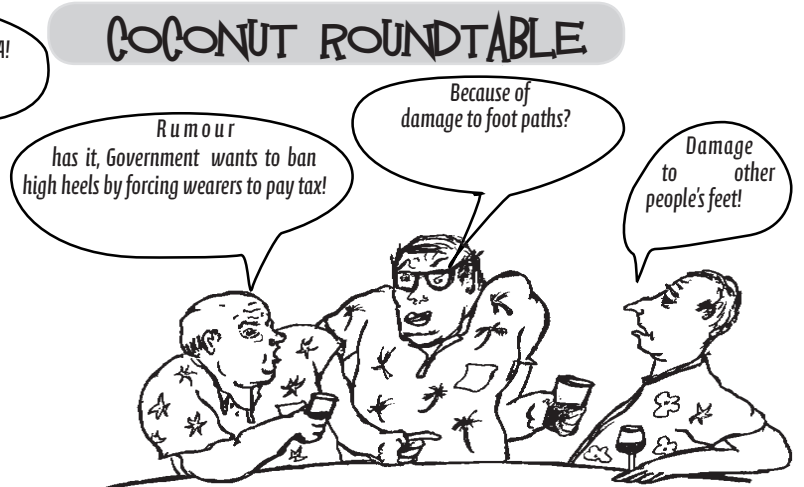
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**FAT CATS**



**COCONUT ROUNDTABLE**



Surprise! Surprise! CITY's Koka in the outer islands programme by Shona Pitt was seen on TV in England by a Cookie on holiday! The Cookie had not seen the programme when it aired on CITY on Rarotonga and it took a trip to England to see it! Another Cookie reports seeing the same programme in Asia! Wake up Tourism Corp! This little programme is certainly doing its bit!



Spot the differences in the daily papyrus photo of the HSLU-Holy Six Line Up gas bagging with the GWG-Great Wall Geezers at the GTD-Great Table of Decisions? Five of the Holy Six were there, where was the sixth? Two were outfitted for the beach which must have surprised the GWG.



In a very small country, a speck on the map, of less than 16,000 residents and a government budget of less than \$160 million, do we really need a Finance sherrang on \$300,000 plus? Surely a Chartered Accountant would do just as good a job, part-time? What about the top student in Book Keeping at Tereora College? On say \$5 an hour, four hours a day, during the school holidays?



What does the FFF-Flying Fish Fraternity have to say about taxation during class early on Saturday morning at the Market? Not only is the fish is

**CHOOKS CORNER**  
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flying but also the tongues! Government MPs watch out! Duck!



Oh dear chooks! Important agency of the State afflicted with the "Monday-itis" disease! The older generators drown their sorrows all weekend then can't front in a fit state for their shift which has then got to be filled with the younger, lowly paid generators who are already worn out from working their shifts! When will the management of this outfit wake up and deal with the issues? Or are they waiting for everything to come Crashing down in a ball of Fire?



Tourist spotted last week during afternoon rush hour, racing up the main drag through Tupapa at speed, overtaking cars willy nilly, dodging the traffic cones, back wheel of the bike swinging from side to side because of the loose gravel from the road works, but did he think to slow down and drive according to the road conditions? Hell no! The faster the better! More exciting! What's more, his pals were in

tow behind him-doing the same thing! And they were all laughing!



Spotted before 9am this morning, a proud Cook Islander, staunch nationalist, strolling along main street, shopping bag in hand and wearing a lava lava! A what?! A lava lava! How can this be? Has he adopted a new persona? Is this the latest fashion? Has he become a fashionista? Or has he become one of those "Le Sapeurs" from Brazzaville in the Congo?



Oh dear chooks! Big Red hears boisterous, angry people attended a meeting in Tupapa on Wednesday night to discuss government taxing NZ Super! It was the third such meeting to be held after Muri and Arorangi. Government's sudden urge to apply the law in an area largely ignored over the years has aroused much anger. Not confusion, anger. Remember the old saying, "Let sleeping dogs lie?" Well government has woken a sleeping dog and it's

snarling, growling and liable to bite someone! Soon!



It is only since the Tax Review was announced that the issue of taxing NZ Super came to the fore. If as a result of this review, government changes the tax free threshold to ensure those receiving NZ Super no longer have to pay tax, then why not declare an amnesty until the review is over? Even before the review has got "warm" government is chasing the oldies to cough up back tax! Will government refund this money of the tax laws change? No. It will have long been spent on overseas trips.



So we hear it won't be long before small cruise boats come right into Avatui harbour and tie up alongside the wharf. Some 600 passengers and 300 crew could be expected to get off and pump much needed dosh into the local economy! What if the boat comes in on a Sunday or public holiday? Will the Market open? Imagine, 900 people strolling around town doing what?

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# Drink till you drop

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By Mata Rakanui

People around the world have a fascination with alcohol. It is used as a stimulant, social enhancer or even to use for cooking purposes. Back in New Zealand and even in the Cooks, alcohol has become a way of life. Of course there are the positive and negative aspects of the drug but it seems to endure time, culture, and people. In Korea alcohol is a way of life! It is not uncommon for students to get absolutely blasted by their seniors as they are forced to drink to the point of passing out. This "drinking culture" continues through the mandatory two year service in the army for men whereby a few days break from military duties involves almost continuous drinking sessions with friends. It also continues when they join companies for employment. It is not uncommon for office workers to drink every night of the working week in the name of bonding and team development.

In Korea the evening is usually broken into stages or what is also called "Cha". Stage one or (Il Cha) would be dinner with colleagues over a drinking session lasting a few hours. The second stage (e cha) would usually involve moving to a separate location and eating dishes of a different variety in combination with more beer or the local rice wine soju. The third stage (sam cha) might involve a visit to the local singing room for a few hours to belt out a few hits and continue the drinking session. This could even be followed by a dance at a club. Top level office managers might even go to another more well known stage here that involves drinking in very luxurious establishments indulging in whiskey and paying for the attention of young early to late twenties females.

This part of the evening might set back the customers a few thousand dollars which is usually placed on the company credit card. This whole night if following this plan could wind up at about 4-6am. Then it's time to head home to clean up and say hello to your wife and children then off to the office for a days work. This situation could occur 5-6 nights a week.

The importance of drinking culture cannot be underestimated in a society that values itself on relationships. Many business deals and networking opportunities are created at these sessions and team bonding is in full effect. I would say that most deals are brokered over these sessions rather than in the boardroom.

An interesting example of traditional Korean culture involves the amount of respect involved. Usually it is common for someone to pour you a drink and wait for you to finish it in one shot. You are then obliged to return the favor and pour the person a drink from the same class. Other interesting aspects include respect for your elders. If the person pouring you a drink is older you should hold your glass with two hands, likewise if you are pouring for a person older than yourself. Also as you consume it is polite to turn to your side to drink not directly in front of them. You should always accept the first drink even if you are not thirsty. After this by turning your glass over you can refuse to drink but that might leave an uncomfortable feeling with your colleagues or friends.

In Korea alcohol varies from the regular domestic beers like Hite and Cass which retail for about \$2 a can at a convenience store or \$3 for a pint at a bar. Makgeolli which is a rice alcohol with a percentage of about 6-8%. Dong Dong Ju which is similar



except you might see some rice floating at the top and it comes in a nice bowl or teapot. Finally Soju which is the killer of all drinks here. Although its alcohol content is only 16% to 40% I have yet to see any one conquer this drink as it has an amazing ability to wipe you out and lose your memory. Unbelievably this drink can be bought from the local store for about \$2.

Korea was ranked 11th in the world for alcohol consumption

in 2011. Actually in 2010 Koreans consumed on average 86 bottles of beer and 81 bottles of soju per person. When you put those numbers together with the population of close to 50,000,000 the numbers get crazy.

Enjoy that cold beer next time and in Korea we say Kombai or cheers!

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Applications can be sent to Ministry of Infrastructure & Planning, PO Box 102 or hand delivered to our Arorangi office or by email on [brownnoeline@gmail.com](mailto:brownnoeline@gmail.com) Enquiries regarding the position and requests for a detailed job description can be made on 20321.

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Please apply to Ministry of infrastructure and Planning on 20321. Applications for the positions are to be received by close of business on Friday 19 April 2013.

