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Farewell Tinomana Ruta Tuoro Ariki II



Members of the House of Ariki Pay their final respects to Tinomana Ariki.

The last farewell for Tinomana Ruta Tuoro Ariki II was held on Wednesday 3 July 2013 at Au Maru, the palace of Tinomana Ariki of Puaikura. It began with the early morning service, followed by quiet time at the palace while the Kau-Ariki-Rangi gathered inside the palace to bid their Queen a private farewell.

Then as a special tribute the Kopu Ariki and Kau Ariki Rangi of Puaikura invited the Ui Ariki to conduct a private farewell service within the palace to allow the Paramount Chiefs to farewell a gracious lady and fellow member of the House of Ariki. This was followed by a

service for the immediate family of Mama Tinomana led by her husband, Papa Archer Hosking, Senior and eldest son, Archer Hosking, Junior, tamariki, utaro, mokopuna and ina.

Then Mama Tinomana in her casket was brought on to the verandah where the Imene Tuki commemorating the acceptance by Tinomana Enuarurutini Ii Ariki of the Word of the Lord God brought to our shores by Papehia and Tiberio. The latter two were the pastors from Raiatea who were sent as the advance guard of the London Missionary Society to bring our people from the 'darkness' into the Light of the

Lord God.

A procession of Puaikura warriors carried Tinomana in her casket on a paata to the Arorangi CICC where they handed over to the Deacons and church service by Rev Moutaiki Ngametua. After the service, the gracious lady was laid in her final resting place by her children and grandchildren in the grounds of Au Maru closest to the Church ground.

Tinomana Ruta Ariki is a direct descendant of Tinomana Enuarurutini II Ariki from the Tuoro line of the Ariki and born on Rarotonga on 21 April 1927 to Arthur Harry Browne Tuoro and Tangiimetua Kairau Parakoti.

Mama Tinomana was married to Papa Archer Hosking, Senior and raised a family of 9 children, 25 utaro (grandchildren), 32 mokopuna (great-grandchildren) and 1 ina (great-great-grandson). Mama was a staunch member of the Cook Islands Christian Church and became the first ever woman Deacon in the CICC, during her time in Nikao. After her investiture with the Tinomana Ariki title on 4 October 1991, Mama Tinomana and Papa Archer, Senior moved into Au Maru Palace where they have resided for the past 22 years.

Aere ra e to matou Metua Vaine Takinga Meitaki, Tinomana Ruta Tuoro Ariki II. - *Itaata Rangatira*



Tourism Corp receives \$6.5 million grant

By Charles Pitt

The signing of a Grant Funding Arrangement between the Cook Islands and New Zealand governments took place in the Board Room of the Tourist Corporation just after 3pm on Tuesday.

Signing on behalf of the NZ government was NZ High Commissioner John Carter and for the Cook Islands government, Halatua Fua Tourism Corp CEO. Andrew Haigh also signed on behalf of MFEM who will oversee and monitor the funds granted.

Under this arrangement the Cook Islands economy is set to benefit from additional New Zealand assistance to the country's tourism sector. The new arrangement covering the two-year period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2015 will see an additional \$6.5 million provided to support implementation of the Cook Islands Tourism Corporation's destination development and marketing strategies.

Also present was Ewan Smith Chair of the Tourism Board, Peter Tierney Acting Manager of MFEM's Development Coordination Division -DCD, Metua Vaiimene, Tourism Corp's Director of Destination Development, Patricia Demmke and Jonathan of the NZ High Commission.

John Carter said that firstly the NZ government was thrilled to be involved and to continue its support of tourism which was the finance base of the Cook Islands and he also complimented Ewan Smith and Halatua Fua for ensuring growth and development. He was pleased to make the funds available and had no qualms due to the good return on the NZ taxpayer's investment. Carter said he had every confidence in the Board and the sector that the funds would be put to good use.

Secondly, he said NZ invested a lot of money in the Cook Islands. The tourism grant of \$3 million comes with the NZ aid/Aus aid \$20 million. He said the Cook Islands make a big contribution to NZ society. A large amount of imports come from NZ and Cook Islanders working in NZ make a contribution. He said the significant value of the sector



Left to right: Andrew Haigh, John Carter, Halatua Fua and Ewan Smith.

is in getting people into a good frame of mind during their stay. Carter said he felt sure the NZ government would continue to give its support in the future.

Ewan Smith thanked the NZ government and said he was sorry Carter was leaving. He wished him well and expressed the view the relationship would continue. Smith said that the NZ Aid Programme funding allows the Tourism Corporation to extend beyond the normal reach of its marketing programme and make capital investments across the sector.

"A lot of progress has been made over the last two years, with some exciting projects coming to fruition. The Board is very business orientated, and we believe that the initiatives funded under this programme will demonstrate a good return on investment", said Smith.

He mentioned there would be an Annual report submitted to parliament which would be in a score card format to show achievements. As to projects, he said the Board would be selective in a judicious way and be businesslike. Smith said the funds would provide long term architecture. He said he valued the funds and the confidence shown in the Board

Fua expressed his thanks and said the funds would improve the way the Corporation does its business. It would enable some fine tuning to be done and he

thanked Metua Vaiimene for his efforts. Fua said the funds will enable the Corporation to increase arrivals, develop events, carry out training and improve management.

Haigh thanked the NZ government for its support of the tourism industry and said MFEM would provide the necessary oversight and monitoring of the funds.



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Remembering Tinomana Ruta Tuoro Ariki



Aere ra Tinomana: A true blue Democrat

By Wilkie Rasmussen, Leader of the Opposition

I am sure no-one will mind my claim that the recently departed Tinomana Ariki aka Mama Bear is a staunch and true blue Democratic Party supporter. Along with her husband Papa Archer Hosking Snr (Papa Bear), the two were there when Papa Tom Davis formed the Democratic Party and launched it into a political force for the ruling Cook Islands Party of the day to contend with. The Hosking family as illustrated by Papa Archer Senior's older brother David Hosking are pedigree Demos. Papa David was a Democratic Party Member of Parliament for Titikaveka and was Speaker of the House for some years. The Demo blood therefore runs through and deep within the Hosking family. That can of course be clearly seen with Mama and Papa Bear's children and indeed with Papa David's children.

I usually try and keep politics out of my comments about loved ones that had recently passed away but in this case it would be unfair and unjust not to mention and talk about the political dimension of our Ariki of Te Vaka Puaikura. That is because politics to Mama Bear and her husband are not things that you hide. Instead they are upfront things and must be talked about and confronted everyday which is

a very modern understanding of politics in the Cook Islands. To talk about it here would give us a much more complete understanding of this complex and indeed very loveable woman.

Ruta comes from Takitumu and Arorangi and was a girl amongst a home of boys. She grew up toiling in the plantations moving from home to home. She lived in Matavera, Titama, Ngatangia, Ruatonga at least until she became a young woman of 18 where she had various hard and menial jobs such as a cook and house cleaner. Upon this basis of hard physical work she eventually landed a job at CITC under the McKegg ownership. She worked her way up the ladder until she became floor manager of the shop, a shopping outlet that eldest son Archer Junior is very much a prominent face of. Later in life she ventured into her own retailing businesses and 21 years ago she took upon the mantle of being the paramount chief of Puaikura, Tinomana Ariki.

Yesterday was her funeral and the huge turnout of people was indeed a sign of the respect that people had for her and the fondness that many held of this lady with an infectious sense of humor and a laugh that reminded me of the husky voice of yester-year movie star

Bette Davies. She also had a directness about her that could disarm even the wittiest of people.

When I was relatively new into politics Tinomana and Papa Archer would often turn up to the Opposition Office being the Headquarters of the Democratic Party in those days to talk politics and indeed for Papa Archer it was his opportunity to be telling tales of his life and their life. Papa Archer was a "wireless operator" in his younger days and he along with the former Demo Secretary General, my dear friend Papa Aporo Dean were I suppose the communications officers of those days. Strangely a lot of Demo men came from this line of work, Papa Tangaroa Tangaroa, former Tongareva (Penrhyn) MP was one. Papa Archer loves to tell me the story of his time in Suwarrow Island and of being haunted by ghosts and spirits there which he cheekily points out as those of "papa'a men" killed by Tongareva Islanders. It is perhaps an unsolved murder mystery but several papa'a men were killed and drowned by Tongareva workers on Suwarrow because their wives were being accosted by these papa'a. I have not really bothered to check the authenticity of the story. And

every time Papa Archer tells me the story "Mama Pea" would inject and say, "Saku men are fearless" and at the same time she would wink at me as if to say you should be the same.

Well, so many years later, as I was working my way up the ladder of the Democratic Party, Tinomana followed my progress and backward turns. I sometimes get to meet her in court where she was a fierce battler for land issues or I might just get to be with her at traditional functions, and on such occasions she would call me "E Rass" or "Papa Rass". I get a bit embarrassed because here is Tinomana, an elder and Ariki I respect calling me (who is just a kid) compared to her as "Papa". That is just her nature, gregarious, spontaneous and of course no beating around the bush.

I am glad that within Tinomana Ruta Ariki's lifetime I had become the Leader of the Opposition and indeed the Democratic Party because she symbolizes a generation whose loyalty never wavered from the political party that they believed in. They saw in the Demo a way of thinking, maintenance of certain principles that allowed enterprise and free thinking. She is indeed one of a kind. No reira aere ra e Tinoma Ruta Tuoro Ariki II. May God look after you and may we all remember your grace and legacy.

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Our Cover Girl

Budget overrun of \$153,000 for last year's celebrations

By Charles Pitt

When the budget for last year's Te Maire Maeva Nui (TMMN) of around \$807,500 was exceeded due to unbudgeted expenses incurred to return the Penrhyn Island delegation home, Cabinet approved an additional payment of \$153,000.

An Audit Office review found that of the initial budget allocation, there was a saving of \$12,484.44 however unbudgeted expenses for the return air flights to Penrhyn were \$116,000 and chartering the vessel Kwai for the cargo to Penrhyn was \$30,090.84.

Audit Office found several other anomalies with the management of TMMN.

The Samoan vessel Lady Naomi was contracted to transport 50 passengers and 100 tonnes of cargo from and back to each northern island.

However, without the approval of the Secretary for Culture, other arrangements were made through the Office of the Prime Minister to ship private cargo from Samoa to Manihiki, offload 15,000 litres of fuel for the Manihiki island administration and accept an additional 30 passengers as part of the Manihiki delegation.

However, the Ministry of Culture was not going to be charged extra for these

arrangements.

Audit Office said it was concerned such arrangements were made easily without the Ministry of Culture or TMMN organising committees being aware of them.

The extra 30 passengers picked up at Manihiki resulted in the vessel exceeding its certificated safety limit. The vessel was licensed to carry up to 220 passengers (total with crew 236). However it would have sailed with a total of 255 and only 250 available life jackets. This put all passengers on board at risk.

For the return trip, it was agreed at a meeting that each island would be allocated 40 tonnes for cargo. The vessel could carry 300 tonnes so it meant space was available for 140 tonnes if needed.

It was discovered before the return trip that the Penrhyn tere group could not load their cargo as the limit had been exceeded. It was alleged that the Mianihiki tere party had exceeded their allocation due to their extra numbers.

The Penrhyn party refused to board the vessel.

The Audit Office findings are contained in the third quarter report of the Audit Office, 1 January 2013 to 31 March 2013, tabled during the June session of parliament.



Our cover girl for issue 673 is Pouarii Tanner. Pouarii is dressed as Frida Kahlo, the famous Mexican painter whose birthday is 6th of July 1907. In honour of Frida's birthday, there will be a celebration at Hut 23 at the Punanga Nui market on Saturday! Pouarii's hair was done by Henry Taripo and eye brow by Ani O'Neill. Check out our website www.ciherald.co.ck and facebook page: www.facebook.com/ciherald

PM says Oceania 21 more inclusive



The Prime Minister Henry Puna says he's supportive of the Oceania 21 concept to promote the Pacific's environmental concerns because it cuts across political boundaries.

"Oceania 21 embraces all the Pacific Islands countries irrespective of their status or membership to any group," he says.

"It therefore has a lot of value in being inclusive – it doesn't leave anyone out."

That was the underlying thrust of the Prime Minister's message in Brussels today in talks with the European Commission. Puna travelled to Belgium by high speed train from Paris, conducting a number of calls on officials, including the European Commissioner for the Environment, Janez Potocnik.

The Prime Minister was joined by New Caledonia Minister Anthony Lecren and Vanuatu Minister Marcelino Pipite.

During today's discussions, which centred on promoting the concept of Oceania 21 to the EC as an environmental and sustainable development platform, Puna described the Pacific as a region of common concerns, particularly in terms of facing the adversity of Climate Change. The impacts of Climate Change don't respect notions of sovereignty or UN status, he said.

"We are all in the frontline of vulnerability, and so we all

need to speak with a single voice. Whether you're from New Caledonia, the Cook Islands, or Tokelau, it doesn't matter. Oceania 21 brings us all together."

The Prime Minister said he would he play his part in advancing Oceania 21 among his Pacific Islands Forum colleagues, and to encouraging the principle of inclusiveness for the benefit of those who may be left out of certain processes because of political status.

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TAU Board's actions called into question

By Charles Pitt

A claim by Chair of Te Aponga's Uira's (TAU) Board, Mr Ine Wichman that a local company had a poor record of delivery and ability to work within budget and that most of the information had been received from Mr Trevor Clarke of CITC, turned out to be incorrect according to Mr Clarke himself.

The Third Quarter report of the Audit Report, 1 January 2013 to 31 March 2013 which was tabled at the last session of parliament in June, reported on a complaint regarding the awarding of a contract by the TAU Board to Landholdings Ltd for re-roofing.

However, it was alleged by way of a complaint in January 2013, that another tender, Mike Rennie Builders (MRB) had scored highest and was the evaluation panel's preferred

tender.

The complaint also alleged that TAU Board member Randolph George subcontracts for Landholdings and that he had unfairly influenced the Board's decision.

The Audit Office was asked to review the process undertaken, including whether favouritism was given to Landholdings due to the alleged conflict of interest with Mr George's business interests and his position as a TAU Board member.

The Audit Office noted that only three out of the four Board members were involved in the decision to award the contract to Landholdings. The fourth member, Mr Steve Anderson, was overseas at the time and was not involved in the final decision.

Key findings Conflict of interest

Audit reported Mr George's involvement constituted a conflict of interest or could be perceived as a conflict of interest. Mr George did not consider there was a conflict of interest so he did not declare a conflict in accordance with his obligations under legislation.

Despite this finding, Audit Office reported Mr George's relationship with Landholdings did not affect his evaluation of MRB.

Policy guidance for the Board needed

The legislation provides sufficient direction on conflicts of interest however a strong government policy is required.

Evaluation panel undermined

Audit found the purpose of the panel was undermined when they were not provided with the opportunity to provide a final recommendation to the Board. MRB was the panel's preferred tenderer after the first stage of the evaluation process. Interviews and reference checks were undertaken during the second phase however the information was provided directly to the Board and the panel did not have an opportunity to review the results when making a final recommendation to the Board.

There was improper administrative practice by the TAU Board

Audit Office reported that at a Board meeting on 9 December 2011, members directed the Project Manager to undertake reference checks on MRB and Landholdings. In the same meeting, the Board then awarded the contract to Landholdings without waiting for the results of the reference checks. The decision was based on the Chairman's allegation that MRB had a poor record of delivery and ability to work within budget. The Chairman claimed he had received most of his information from Mr

Trevor Clarke of CITC; however, Mr Clarke advised Audit Office that he had not spoken to the Chairman in recent years and was most likely overseas at the time. Audit also found that Mr Clarke had provided high caliber references to the project manager for both Landholdings Ltd and MRB. Audit found the Chairman's actions unfairly influenced the Board's decision and was not conducted in accordance with the expected standard of good management practice required of the Chairman of a major public entity.

Recommendations

Recommendations were made to the appropriate authorities-the TAU Board, CIIC- to address areas requiring improvement.

The TAU Board is to look into establishing an internal policy on conflicts of interest and ensuring evaluations are independent and unable to be influenced. The Board is to ensure reference checks are undertaken and the results incorporated into the final recommendations. The Board must establish a standard tendering procedure with clearly defined roles and responsibilities. Board members must familiarize themselves with the legal provisions in tender documents and contracts and seek legal advice where a negative reaction or litigation may arise.

The CIIC Board must address the seriousness of conflict of interest situations with SOE Board members and issue specific terms and conditions of employment under the CIIC Act. CIIC must also review the actions of Board members in this case to determine if further action is warranted.

On 6 March 2013, CIIC advised the Audit Office CIIC would consider the Audit review in place of its own investigation. CIIC are acting on Audit's recommendations.



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The panels reflect a shift, trend, taking place in Rarotonga that is driven by a great need for affordable energy to underpin both the lifestyle and industry we desire. We want safety,

security, comfort and freedom from dependence on foreign oil imports. Renewable energy offers a path to achieving that goal.

A few days this week, the weather has been blustery, wet and gloomy and on those days the production of solar power would have been zero. This is the downside of solar – it only works when the sun is in the sky and there is no cloud cover to obscure its radiance.

But the blustery weather is also a timely pointer as to why renewable energy advisors place a premium on the take up of wind energy. They like the fact that the wind can be blowing at night while the sun is sleeping along with the rest of us. This gives the wind added value they would say. But at the moment we're not



really tapping the wind for energy.

Less than a handful of residents on Rarotonga have wind systems and this is due to the lack of consistently windy locations. TAU would like to invest in wind turbines and have identified some likely wind sites but those places are hard to get to. So the development of wind energy is effectively stalled.

TAU is also investigating other renewable energy sources which have the added attraction of being able to store energy for release when you really need it, unlike the sun's energy which must be used immediately or stored for later use in storage batteries. The problem which TAU has with storage batteries

Solar power array in Tokelau

is that they are very expensive. However, this can change as the outlook is for battery costs to come down.

While we are developing our own renewable energy infrastructure in the Cook Islands, we do have the model in our band of the ocean, Tokelau, to refer to. Tokelau is of interest globally because it is the first territory in the world to meet all its energy needs with just solar power.

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weighing 250 kg each. Previously electricity was generated in Tokelau using diesel generators, and was only available about 16 hours each day. Tokelau still has stocks of diesel as back-up and, according to its energy minister this week, the territory is scoping the merits of wind energy as a supplementary power source.

It's important to appreciate of course that Tokelau is on a different scale from most other territories. It comprises three atolls with a population of 1,411 living subsistent. By comparison, for example, Rarotonga has a larger population, a service economy and many itinerant visitors. The energy needs here are more complex.





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Pa ma Kainuku of Takitumu to host Ra o Te Ui Ariki

Paramount Chiefs, Pa ma Kainuku, their respective Ui Rangatira and the Pu Ara of Takitumu and the Kopu Tangata are to host the Ra o te Ui Ariki festivities on Friday 5 July, 2013. Special invitations have been issued to distinguished guests to attend the celebrations but there is in fact, there is an open invitation to all the people of the Cook Islands to also attend.

The inaugural Ui Ariki Day celebrations were held last year at Atupare and this year will be held in Ngati Tangiia at Autapu Nui, the grounds of the Cook Islands Christian Church. The programme begins at 8.30am by fetching the Ui Ariki gathered at Atupare, and welcome by Pa ma Kainuku and and culminates in tamataora and umukai at Autapu Nui, Avana Nui.

Ra o Te Ui Ariki celebrations are a prelude to the weeklong 42nd Uipaanga Maata a Te Ui Ariki o Te Kuki Airani to be held at the House of Parliament from 8-12 July 2013. The theme of this year's discussions is "Te Tapu O Taku Tupuanga Ariki".

The Ariki of the Pa Enea are being billeted at Au Tapu, with Ngati Tangiia, Rangiatea and Teimurimotia taking turns to cater for breakfast and dinner for the Ui Ariki. However, there are number of receptions being held for the Ui Ariki such as that to be hosted by the Exeutive of the Koutu Nui to be held at Atupare on Thursday 11 July 2013.

Festivities wrap up with a reception for the Ve'e Ve'e Aroa I te Kauono I-Te Ariki Vaine, viz Queen's Representative, Sir Frederick Goodwin to be held on Saturday afternoon, Saturday 13 July 2013.

Details of the Ra o te Ui Ariki celebrations are in the accompanying programme in the public notice.
- Itaata Rangatira



Kainuku Ariki and Pa Ariki hosts of the Ui Ariki Day 2013



TE AKARARANGI'ANGA I TE RA O TE UI ARIKI



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POROKARAMU

TUANGA 1: ATUPARE, ARORANGI

- 8.30am Kia pou te Ui Ariki o te Kuki Airani, to ratou au Akaperepere e te au Taunga Korero/Kauono ki te Paepae o te Ui Ariki i Atupare, Arorangi. Ka noo mai a Pa Ariki e Kainuku Ariki ki Takitumu.
- 8.40am Ka tae a Takitumu ki Atupare no te tiki i te Ui Ariki. Ka va'a ia te Kura a Takitumu
Te pauanga mei runga i te marae - na te Taunga o te Paepae
- 8.50am Pure Tuku - na te Orometua
- 9.00am Na te Taunga Orooro o Takitumu e tarai i te ara no te Ui Ariki ki te Vaka Takitumu.
Ka tere mai na roto i te Vaka Te-Au-O-Tonga.
- 9.20am Kua tae te Tere o te Ui Ariki ki te Ruato: Tuoro ia te Ui Ariki e te Ui Mataiapo o Rangiatea
Na te Ui Mataiapo o Rangi-a-tea e kave i te Ui Ariki ki o Pa Ariki e tona Ui Rangatira e te au Mataiapo o Turangi
- 9.25am Kua tae te Tere o te Ui Ariki ki o Pa Ariki i Tauaroa: Ka tuku a Rangi-a-tea i te Ui Ariki kia Pa Ariki
Tuoro ia mai te Ui Ariki e Pa Tapaeru Te-Ariki-Upokotini Marie Ariki e tona Ui Rangatira e te Ui Mataiapo
Na Pa Tapaeru Te-Ariki-Upokotini Marie Ariki, Ui Rangatira e te Ui Mataiapo e tarai i te ara no te Ui Ariki na runga i te Ara Tapu ki o Kainuku Ariki i Avana Nui.

TUANGA 2: TIKITIKI-ENUA-I-AUTAPU-NUI, AVANA NUI, NGATANGIA

- 8.50am Tuatau Tapapaanga
Kia noo te au tangata tei patia ki to ratou au nooanga. Kia noo te iti tangata ki te au ngai tei akanooia
- 9.00am Kua tae mai te au Upoko Arataki o te Taokotaianga Evangelia o te Kuki Airani
Ka tuoro ia atu ratou e ka arataki ia atu ki to ratou au nooanga
- 9.15am Ka tae mai te Parai Minita o te Kuki Airani
Ka tuoro ia atu ratou e ka arataki ia atu ki to raua nooanga
Ka akatangia te Imene Basileia e te Nikao Brass Band.

TUANGA 3: AKARARANGI ANGA I TE RA O TE UI ARIKI

- 9.30am Kua tae te Ui Ariki ki o Kainuku Ariki, Manavaroa Mataiapo e te Ui Rangatira, Nga-Tokoitu-o-Muri Enea, Nga Mataiapo o Tei-Muri-Motia ki te ara tapu i mua i te Are Uipaanga o Avana Nui
Ka eke te Ui Ariki ki raro. Ka tuku a Pa Ariki i te Ui Ariki kia Kainuku Ariki. Ka tuoro ia mai te Ui Ariki e te Taunga Tuoro - Kia tu te katoatoa ki runga. Ka tarai ia te ara e Pa ma Kainuku Ariki no te Ui Ariki ki Tikitiki-enua i Autapu Nui. Me tae ki to ratou nooanga KA UTI IA TE REVA O TE UI ARIKI. Ka akatangia te Imene o te Ui Ariki e te Nikao Brass Band

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Imene Tuki, Tatau Tuatua, Karere, Pure

IRIIRI ANGA I TE UI ARIKI - Taunga Korero a te Puara a Takitumu

[Tamataora]

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[Tamataora]

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Tamataora - Imene Atu no te Akararangianga i nga Ariki

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Bump

Bump lets two users tap their phones together to immediately share photos, contacts, and apps. Amazingly, it works cross-platform between iOS and Android users as well.

Box

Box is a more secure version of Dropbox. Like the latter, Box lets you sync and store your files "in the cloud" and access them from another Internet-connected device or PC. Box also encrypts your stored files and requires a passcode for when the app times out. New users qualify for a 50MB promotion.

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Climate Crab- A new animated film that integrates climate science and disaster preparedness

If you've ever struggled to explain the concepts of climate variability, El Niño and La Niña to those that you work with you will be interested in this new animated film that integrates climate science and disaster preparedness – The Pacific Adventures of the Climate Crab – which was launched at the Pacific Meteorological Council in Nadi, Fiji on 2 July 2013

The film and resource kit are available on DVD and can be downloaded from:

www.pacificclimatechangescience.org/climatecrab

A team of climate scientists, humanitarians, technical experts, artists and film-makers teamed up to produce the humorous four minute film, which comes with a 'tool kit' to help link the information presented in the animation to decision-making and action on

Junior cricket on next Monday

By Charles Pitt

Cook Islands Cricket has announced a new initiative which will see junior boys and girls, U10's and U13's take part in a cricket day after school next Monday 8 July commencing at 4pm.

Jnr Development Officer Ronnie Forbes said the event is free and no registration is required. He invited parents to send their kids along to several venues for some great, fun cricket activities.

The venues are; Turangi field (next to Te Uki Ou School), Matavera field (Takitumu School), Tupapa Park, Titikaveka Tennis Courts, Raemaru Park, and Rutaki Primary School.

Ronnie said there will be cool prizes up for grabs including balls, water bottles and caps.

The major sponsor is ANZ Bank who continue to be very supportive of junior cricket.

For more information, you can contact Ronnie on ph 72981 or Apii Mamanu on ph 51522

the ground.

El Niño and La Niña events influence rainfall, cyclone risk and sea levels in the Pacific region. These in turn impact Pacific communities in very real ways – for example the 2010/2011 La Niña event resulted in Red Cross responding to drought in Tuvalu and floods in Fiji. Good quality climate and weather information, warnings and forecasts can help us anticipate and prepare for changing risks.

This animation is an exciting new tool to raise awareness of the science and impacts of El Niño and La Niña and encourage Pacific Islanders to take early action in preparing for these extreme events.

The film stars a comical and highly resilient crab and follows her escapades across the Pacific.

The films and accompanying resources will be useful for those working in fields that address climate risk such as climate change adaptation, disaster risk management, health, education, food security, community planning, environmental protection, agriculture and natural resource management.

The Pacific Adventures of the Climate Crab is the result of a collaboration between Red Cross and the Australian Government's Pacific-Australia Climate Change Science and Adaptation Planning (PACCSAP) Program. The project has been implemented by the Red Cross, the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, the



Commonwealth and Industrial Scientific Organisation (CSIRO), the Research Organisation (CSIRO), the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geohazards Department (VMGD) and the SPC-GIZ Climate Change Program.

This is the first of two films. A second short film called 'Cloud Nasara' focuses on Vanuatu. It features a reggae parrot and dancing cloud parties. It will be

available later in July from: www.pacificclimatechangescience.org/cloudnasara

For more information: Jill Rischbieth, Communication Advisor- Pacific-Australia Climate Change Science and Adaptation Planning (PACCSAP) Program 2 July 2013

Phone poll on new DPM surprises

Over Radio Cook Islands last Thursday, 27 June 2013, morning show host Charlie Rani asked listeners to indicate who they preferred as the new Deputy Prime Minister. The result turned out to be somewhat surprising.

The results were:

Teariki Heather	120
Teina Bishop	32
George Maggie	12
Mark Brown	5

The calls came from Mauke, Mitiaro, Atiu, Aitutaki, Manihiki and Rarotonga.

Issues raised in report need to be addressed

By Charles Pitt

Recently the Herald reported on the latest credit rating for the Cook Islands which was issued by Standard and Poors on 31 May 2013.

The rating was affirmed at "B+/B" on sound tourism sector and donor support with the outlook being stable and the Transfer and Convertibility assessment remaining at "AAA."

The report however was far from a glowing one in that several vulnerabilities were highlighted. Among these were the country's weak policy making culture and institutional settings. These shortcomings says the report, have the potential to reverse past gains in fiscal consolidation.

Despite the ongoing warnings concerning these two issues, government does not appear to be doing much to address them.

The PSC should be following these matters up and to this end the Herald has recently asked the PSC what they intend to do.

Policy making culture

The report issued did not specify in what areas the policy making culture was weak so we must assume it is throughout government.

What is clear, is that this weakness extends from the "top" down. As long

as the practice of staffing Ministerial Support Offices with political pals possessing no real policy making ability persists, Ministries will lack real leadership from the top. Every Ministerial Support Office should have someone skilled in Policy work. How else can a Minister be assured his Ministry's policy development is consistent with Party policy?

Ministries are there to support the Minister and implement government policy or develop new policy. However, most Ministries lack an effective policy function.

It is a Ministry's job to prepare the Minister's speeches, Cabinet papers, letters and reports. The PSC should remind Ministers of this. The role of the Support Office needs to be redefined if Ministers continue to staff their offices with people not adequately qualified to perform the job he/she wants carried out.

Government and ministries need to encourage suitable staff to enter the policy field and government can encourage this further by providing more employment opportunities in key ministries for policy staff. Within the policy field, staff can undertake various functions like; Policy development, Policy analysis, Operations policy and procedure (with

monitoring and evaluation added).

In recent months government has demonstrated a lack of policy consideration in two areas.

1. Water Tanks
2. Tax Review

In both cases above, policy was confirmed after the procedures had already been announced. This resulted in some confusion on the part of the public.

The water tank initiative

This initiative came from the 2010 CIP election manifesto but as a manifesto item, the Minister for Finance was unable to say two years later in 2013, what the underlining policy was. There was to be a four phase approach but the Minister did not understand what this entailed. The Minister made several public pronouncements but there was no policy platform nor any policy agreed by his Cabinet colleagues.

The Tax Review

At the first public meeting on the review, no consultation policy was apparent. The panel could not announce any meeting dates for community consultation in the Vaka. It took Maria Henderson to raise the issue of Vaka meetings. The taxing of NZ Super did not come up and now, there's an ongoing row about it. What was the policy for dealing with the issues raised in the review?

Government went into damage control on two issues-taxing of the little people at the Market and taxing NZ Super. Operations policy development is the task of officials not government Ministers. However, government Ministers fronted up to try and cool hot heads. It is a most undesirable reversal of roles.

Institutional settings

As regards Standard and Poors comment on weak institutional settings, the PSC should consider weaknesses in institutional knowledge and gaps in institutional knowledge.

Having access to records, data and information on files and in computer systems is fine but quite another matter when computers malfunction and files are lost.

When access to information is lost and solutions are needed quickly, people with institutional knowledge are invaluable.

Has government identified those who possess institutional knowledge? Has government identified ministries with gaps in institutional knowledge?

Having a skills register which records the various skills held by employees is fine but institutional knowledge is about being able to draw on a depth of experience to solve complex problems without the benefit of access to previous hard data and information.

Government should always ensure it can quickly access people who have a deep knowledge of the machinery of government, procedures, protocols, legislation, case histories, systems and constraints to avoid entrapment in crises, unnecessary and costly delays and litigation.

National Super Fund hits \$64 million

By Charles Pitt

The net asset value of the Super Fund has reached \$64.3 million.

The Annual report of the Trustee to members for the year ended 31 December 2012, advises that during 2012 the combined contributions from members and their employers were in excess of \$9.2 million. Benefit payments exceeded \$1 million. The net asset value grew by \$14.6 million to reach \$64.3 million by the end of 2012. Also, 578 new members joined bringing

the total membership to 7,083 (including 58 pensioners) at the end of 2012.

The Trustee reported there were no changes to the investment strategy. Investments were on the basis of 65% to the World Bond Fund (gross return 19.87%) and 35% to the World Equities Strategy Fund (gross return 12.75%).

The Fund produced an overall investment gain of 14.13% after allowing for investment management fees.

Arorangi Bowling Club Members, pay their last RESPECTS to TINOMANA RUTA ARIKI II, Patron for the last 5 years

By Ben Mose (BCI Media)

From the Tauturu Patron, Kaumaiti Tou Ariki, the President, Hon Teariki Heather, the Vice President Mr Iro Rangi and all the Executives and members: "Aere ra e Mama Tinomana Ruta Ariki. Taau anau teia, ko te au mema, tuketuke tei piri mai, ki teia tarekareka Potakataka Poro o te Vaka o Puaikura."

Born April 21, 1927 at the age of 64yrs she was invested Oct 4, 1991 and held the Tinomana Title for 21 yrs and 8 months and died June 27th, 2013. Mama Tinomana Ruta Ariki was 86 yrs old. The last of the Cook Islanders that played the sport of netball as one of my informers proudly described about Mama Bear as she was commonly known around ordinary people. She has tower of strength with sport and community services. When the Arorangi Bowling Club was officially launched in 2008 at the Rarotonga Bowling Club, Our Patron performed her last duties to declare the Club open. As I stood there, my very first time to join a bowling club, I quietly I mumbled to myself, I bet, she will be saying "Have – a – Go. "



President, Bowls Cook Islands with Members of the Arorangi BC await for their turn, Kave Pure at the Tinomana Palace last night.



Son, Archer Hosking Jnr, Vaa Tuatua o Tinomana, Iro Rangi, Kaumaiti Tou Ariki Aronga Mana O Tinomana



Tinomana carried by the HM Prison Officers

RĀ O TE 'UI ARIKI

na Rutera Taripo

A teia Varaire e tu mai nei, te ra 5 ō Tiurai i te ora 8.30 i te pōpōngi ka rave`ia te `akama`ara o te RA O TE UI ARIKI ki Rarotonga nei. Kua `akamana`ia oki teia ra, te Varaire mua o te `epetoma o Tiurai, ki roto i te kārena o te Kūki `Airani nei `ē kua riro mai `e tēia tēta`i rā `ōrotē o te basileia nei. Nō reira,`e tu`anga `ē tūranga pu`apinga tēia kia tātou kātoatoa te iti-tangata Kūki `Airani, kia ngākau-parau tātou i tō tātou au `ui-ariki, kia `akama`ara `ē kia `akangāteitei tātou `iā rātou kia vai motukore tā tātou `ākono`anga Māori no tō tātou tika`anga Māori, tō tātou Reo Māori `ē tō tātou mana Māori. Te anoano`ia nei i reira kia tae pouroa tātou ki tēia `akakoro`anga a teia Varaire.

I te mata`iti 2012 i topa ake nei, te mata`iti mua o tēia `akakoro`nga, kua riro `oki ē na Tinomana Ariki `ē te Vaka Puaikura i tūorooro ma te `ārikiriki mai i tēia `akakoro`anga pu`apinga ki runga i te Atupare Marae i Kavera.

I teia mata`iti i reira, te riro nei ē na te Vaka Takitumu, koia `oki nā Pa Tapaeru Te-Ariki-Upokotini Marie Ariki rāua ko Kainuku Kapiriterangi Ariki o Ngāti Tangiia e tō rāua `iti-tangata e `ārikiriki mai i tēia RA O TE UI ARIKI ki runga i tō rāua paepae, i Avana, Ngatangia.

Kia tae mai i reira te kātoatoa `ē ko te rākei e kāka`u pona pāreu `ē te rau-tī.

RĀ O TE `UI ARIKI 2012, ATUPARE MARAE, PUAIKURA



The name above every name

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

The well known playwright William Shakespeare said 'There is nothing in a name!' Yet there are known tyrants or dictators in certain countries around the world even now-a-days who are regarded as 'monsters!' There are also individuals in the scripture who are regarded as 'traitors'.

During the days of Jesus the Emperor Caesar was regarded as the 'Lord of Lords!' Even Saul before he was converted by the Power of God, was a man greatly feared by all Christians because he crucified and killed them. But when Saul was converted to be the Apostle Paul, he realized that there is a name greater than any other name which is the name of Jesus Christ! Paul said in Philippians 2v.9-11 "God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name...that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow...and that every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

When we mention the name of Jesus, the devil will flee; God open doors of opportunities; the sick will be healed. When we mention the name of Jesus, Forgiveness will take place for the un-forgiven! Love for the unloved! Hope for the hopeless! Our sorrows will turn into joy! Tears into laughter! Pain into peace! Because Jesus Christ is the name above every name and because there is power in the name of Jesus! Jesus said in John 16v.33 "...in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Too often people rely on their own human knowledge, understanding and wisdom to try and resolve their problems. Jesus said in John 14v.13-14 "... whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." The condition to this is that we must believe in faith and recognise that Jesus

Encouragement Column

With Senior Pastor John Tangi

Christ is the name above every name, and that He died for your sins, and receive Him as Lord and Saviour of your life. Having done that, then we should turn to Jesus for help regarding our challenges or problems! Psalm 46v1 reads "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." In Jeremiah 33v.3 God said "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

When we mention the name of Jesus it will open the gates of Heaven and close the gates of Hell! It will draw us out of darkness into the light! It will maintain our relationships with one another, even in the family and also with God! It will bring peace and joy to the home! Because Jesus is our joy and salvation! In Acts 3v.6, Peter, one of Jesus disciples, said to the lame man, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." This lame man was healed and could walk normally. In Acts 4v.12 Peter also said "...there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.", except the name of Jesus! People have been to the tomb of David; the tomb of Isaac; tomb of Joseph; tomb of Muhammad; and others, they're still there! But when they visited the tomb of Jesus, He wasn't there because He has risen and is in heaven with God the Father being our Intercessor, our High Priest, and our Advocate.

The name of Jesus is above every name because He is The First and The Last! The Alpha and The Omega! He is from Everlasting to Everlasting! Praise be His Holy Name!

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Getting the job!

By Norma Ngatamariki

The big question that everyone is asking: Do you have a job? Most senior students do have a job, since their parents figure they're old and ugly enough to earn their lunch money, the honest way. Some are lucky enough to be given money straight off from their parents (Or from their grandparents when it's pension week) while others have to work their butts off for every cent. They go by the saying: Work and earn the bucks or sit around and be broke. I am one of many who fit into this category.

Yeah, on most occasions, I can't go begging to my parents for money. Besides, if I do, my request is instantly rejected. And if they do, by some miracle,

actually give me money it has to be a school-related purpose. Lunch money is a school-related purpose, don't you think? I mean, you have to eat in order for your brain to function. I think a lot of high school students would agree with me. There is surprisingly a large number of teens in the workforce, which people reckon is a good experience for them.

But, believe me, juggling job commitments and school work is not an easy task, especially when you work during the week days. Thankfully, I only work three days a week which keeps me afloat. But there are some kids who are going the extra mile, working from Monday to Saturday (even Sunday). That just puts the stress on them

poor children. They have to go to school, be harassed by teachers and then shoot off to work straight after. It's a hectic schedule to follow and that's no way for a teen to live. Leave that kind of stuff to the adults. It's all about balance, people. If you can achieve that, then you can achieve anything you want in life. Maybe your bosses at work will be a little understanding if you had a test to study for the next day. Do your part at school and eventually things will get easier for you. A little trick that'll help you is to do your homework at school. In that way, you won't have to go crazy all at once, completing your English assessment and trying to arrive to work early (like what I do sometimes). Your brain is

going to full-on shut down if you keep that up. Maybe you want to help your family out, but seriously, all the pressure shouldn't be on you alone.

But besides all of that, there are a lot of benefits to having a job. For one thing, you feel a whole lot richer than before. It also makes you a bit more independent, which is a step to adulthood. Oh, and you don't have to stay home all the time, wondering what to do with yourself. Getting a job in high school is a stepping stone in your learning experience; just because your stacking shelves now doesn't mean you'll be doing it in the future. You gain knowledge and skills from it which might be useful later on in life.

I ran because I didn't know what else to do

By Hareta Tira Passfield

I ran because I could hear them yelling in the living room, shouting about this, that or the other, screaming about such and such, fighting over nothing in particular. I ran because it hurt when they fought, because the knot in my stomach twisted tighter and tighter with each hateful word, because Mother and Father didn't really care if I ran, so I was going to run.

I ran out the back door and into the night, where the warm breeze fluttered through my hair, where the tall grass swished through my bare feet, where the words of my mother --"Look, John, now you've gone and made her do it again..."-- faded

away and I was left alone with my thoughts. Past the picket fence, down the long dirt driveway and up the hill with the willow at the top I ran. The willow whispered to me as I desperately climbed its branches, whispered how it understood and that no matter what happened, it would never, ever yell at me or hurt me. Never.

Mother used to tell me shooting stars were the tears that Jesus shed when He knew how much we were going to abuse His Creation. How much we were going to sin. Every time you see a shooting star, He's crying again.

I'm too old for most stories, but I will never be too old for that one. Because every time

I see a shooting star, I think of a time when they fought, and how much it hurts, and I wonder how many tears He's going to have to shed before Mom and Dad don't fight anymore.

I shiver, but not because of the cold. It's such a wonderful night, and not to be wasted at the house. The breeze and the willow sing me a song, but I can't hear the words. The melody drifts around me, it wraps me in its arms, it speaks of peace and love and truth and joy...I listen until my eyes close and my arm droops lazily over an outcropping limb.

"Megan" "Megan"

I open my eyes and look down to see my father standing at the bottom. His face is warm and his eyes are

kind, and I can see that the fighting is over for tonight. I climb down and let him hug me and tell me how everything is fine now and that they won't fight ever again, but I know that they're going to do the same thing in a week or so.

I smile and say "Yes, Dad" and let him lead me home. On our way down the hill, I look up at the sky and see a star shimmer across the horizon. My dad points to it.

"Look, Megan, a shooting star!"

I look up, and then down as a tear of my own drops to the ground and is soaked up by the understanding earth.

And no matter how many light years apart we are, I know He understands.

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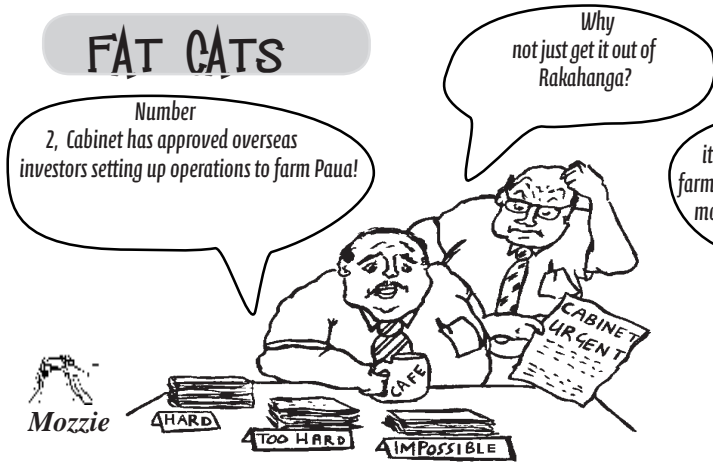
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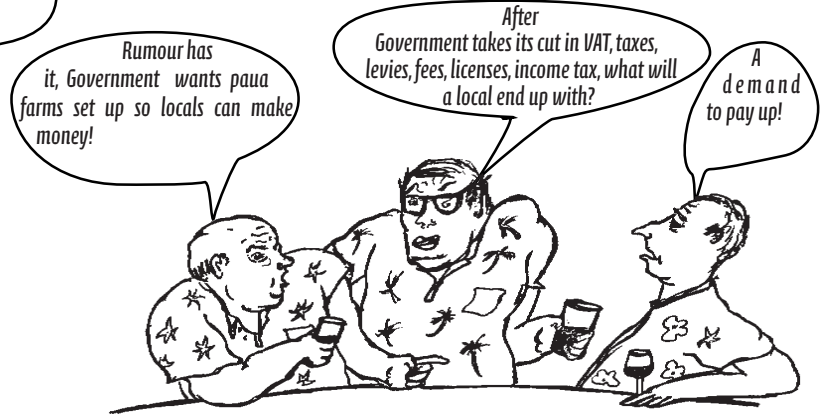
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COCONUT ROUNDTABLE



It's a chicken and egg situation chooks! Or a Mexican standoff! The CIP candidate for Murienua cannot start his campaign until the by election date is announced. Then he must also resign as a public servant. In the meantime, his Demo opponent is out making hay while the sun shines! The current MP, Tom Tom, can't endorse the new CIP candidate either until the new candidate resigns from his public service job. And Tom Tom must give his blessing to the new boy before Tom Tom becomes QR!



Poor old Cookie domiciled in the progressive Aussie town of Cairns, is barking at the moon over missing out on the Penrhyn Exec Officer jobbie. He's not the only one barking chooks. Another applicant was shortlisted for the position on one island only to discover, the full Council did not get to discuss his case. Seems it was just the Mayor and his Deputy who made the decision to appoint not the Council. How did he know this? Because one Council member told him! The poor Cookie now concludes the appointment was political!



Why would anyone want to prosecute Hager the Exposer, the tax haven reveal all? Politically it would be most unwise says one chook. That's because any such prosecution would attract heavy international media attention on the Cook Islands and, just before the next election. With one of their own up for the chop, a furious international media will be unforgiving in their tongue

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lashing of the Cook Islands and those behind the prosecution will be held up to international scrutiny. Who wants that level of attention?



Chooks, what is the purpose of having a Ministry for Infrastructure if other government agencies like MFEM and OPM control funds intended for capital works. In the latest bypass of MOIP, it was announced on goggle-box news last week that \$50,000 of the puna clean up budget would be earmarked for the Rock's 10 punas. \$5,000 each for capital works like new bridges so we were informed. The funds to be under the OPM! Why is this? Is there any connection between this and the upcoming elections?



Chook at airport about to board Pacific Blue is mystified why the airline has charged him for wrapping his chilly bins up. Confused because he did the job himself! So why the charge? Same chook also was annoyed that Tahitian music was being played in the departure lounge! I'm leaving the Cook Islands says the chook, not Tahiti! C'mon

airport wallahs, get a grip!



Chook says it's heartening to see compelling evidence of a shift in the local's work ethic! Driving into town one morning last week at a leisurely 50km/h, chooks says motorbikes and cars zipped past him doing up to 70km/h! Such display of eagerness to get to work, and at high speed, can only bode well for Queen and country! Keep it up folks! Government should lift the speed limit to 70km/h so locals can get into work even quicker and boost production!



Equally heartening is seeing these hard workers at the end of the day, driving home at 70km/h, obviously to get to bed early for a good night's sleep, ready for the next day when they will drive to work at 70km/h!



Powerful Chinese Billionaire has made his intentions known via the weekly rag and it has frightened the pants off some local business people. Some are even contemplating packing up and leaving. But why be defeatist? Look at the situation as a whole new opportunity to make dosh. Sit down and think

of how you can pick up some extras from the new business generated and the spillovers and spin offs.



The ruling wallahs can breathe a little easier this week and let their belts out a notch. You see word is, the latest wad of dosh has been unloaded into the treasury coffers from the Telephoniks. Something like around 400 Gs we suspect.



Whisper is spending by the ruling cabal is running away from what little revenue is trickling in. Evidence from all corners of the Kingdom is that the rivers, once freely flowing with dosh, have dried up! Therefore expect much tweaking of the estimates come the supplementary budget around September. Look for more slashing of Ministry piggy banks-another 5%?



Sea cucumbers are a slippery lot at the best of times chooks and whisper is a Chinese plan to farm them may itself be on a slippery slope! Toss in Paua, Remu and fresh water Eels from you know where and you have a recipe for a fiery dish-even without the chillies!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE TO THE LANDOWNERS OF TUORO
SECTION 87A5
REGARDING SALE OF BLACKROCK VILLAS**

Pacific Heights Limited being the current lessee:

- (a) Under a Deed of Lease dated 8 November, 2000 originally granted by the Landowners to Tuakana Toeta for 60 years commencing 1 August, 2000 over 1975m2 and described as Lot 5; and
- (b) under a Deed of Lease dated 17 July, 2001 originally granted by the Landowners to Moana Heather for 60 years commencing 1 August, 2000 over 1975m2 and described as Lot 6

has entered into an agreement to sell the two leases to a company. The owners of this company are Andrew Gordon and Michelle Tracy McFarlane. The McFarlanes are New Zealand citizens who currently live in Whitianga and have extensive experience in managing tourist accommodation.

Each of the deeds creating the leases provide that if the Lessee wishes to assign its rights as Lessee in the leases it must give notice to the Landowners who are residing on Rarotonga specifying the conditions, including the consideration, upon which the Lessee wishes to assign the lease.

The Leases provide that the Lessee must:

- (a) seek your consent for the assignment; and
- (b) offer to sell to you the leases on the same terms and conditions Blackrock Heights Limited has agreed to sell them to a non-landowner.

The sale is subject to usual conditions and the approval of the Business Trade and Investment Board.

You have a period of one month in which to consider whether to grant consent to the proposed sale of the leases or to exercise your right of purchase.

If you are unsure what to do or you wish to exercise your right of purchase please seek legal advice as soon as possible. If you wish to have a copy of the sale and purchase agreement please contact Brian Mason:

- (a) by telephoning 26608; or
- (b) calling by the offices of Mason PC at Clarkes Building, Parekura Place, Avarua, Rarotonga; or
- (c) writing to Mason PC, P.O.Box 325, Rarotonga with your contact details.

GARAGE SALE

**on Saturday 6th July - Parekura located behind
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PORTS AUTHORITY

**AVATIU PORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
CIPA-9: CANTEEN AND FORKLIFT SHELTER**

1 The GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS has received a Loan from the Asian Development Bank towards the cost of the AVATIU PORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. Part of this loan will be used for payments under the contract named above.

2 The COOK ISLANDS PORTS AUTHORITY ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction and completion of:

CIPA-9: CANTEEN AND FORKLIFT SHELTER ("the Works").

3 National Competitive Bidding is being conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage, One envelope Bidding Procedure and is open to all eligible Bidders.

4 Only eligible bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:

- Access to, or availability of, financial resources to meet the cash flow requirement of the project. As a minimum the Tenderer must show that his resources, in terms of at least his latest year's working capital and lines of credit, will be adequate to cover his Tender Price and current work commitments.
- Evidence of past experience covering the scale and types of works required under this Project.
- The Tenderer must demonstrate that it has ownership of or secured access to the following key equipment listed below:

No.	Equipment Type and Characteristics	Min. Number Required
1	Crane	1
2	Truck	1
3	Cherry picker or manhoist	1

Further Eligibility and Qualification Criteria are outlined in the Tender Documents.

5 Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Cook Islands Ports Authority from 26 June 2013 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday at the address indicated below.

6 To purchase a hard copy of the Engineering Drawing documents (in English), Bidders should apply to the address below and pay a non-refundable fee of NZ\$20.00 made payable to the Cook Islands Ports Authority. Alternatively, Bidders may obtain a copy of the bidding documents free of charge by providing a flash drive to Cook Islands Ports Authority for the bidding documents to be downloaded to.

7 There will be no Pre-Bid meeting. Bidders may arrange with the Employer to visit the site.

8 Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 PM on the 24 July 2013. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Securing Declaration. (Refer ITB 19.) Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 2.30 PM on the 24 July 2013

9 The Cook Islands Ports Authority will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

ADDRESS DETAILS

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TENDER



MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING

TENDER

MANGAIA HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
CONTRACT No. C13/04

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning seeks tender proposals from Contractors to construct and improve the harbour on the Island of Mangaia in the Cook Islands.

A copy of the Tender Document including specifications can be collected during work hours from the MOIP office in Arorangi. A non-refundable deposit of \$200 will be required before the tender document is issued.

Tenders close at 3pm on Friday, 19th July 2013, and must be submitted to the MOIP Office in Arorangi and in accordance with the requirements of the Tender Document. Tenders must be submitted in two sets hard copies inside a sealed envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" and addressed to:

The Secretary
Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning
Arorangi
Rarotonga
Cook Islands

and subsequent markings below to include the following: Tenderers name, contact person, and contact details; Mangaia Harbour Improvements Project, Contract No. C13/04; and closing time and date being 3.00pm Friday 19th July 2013.

Enquiries to: Tenga Mana
Project Engineer
Email: tenga@oyster.net.ck
Phone: +682 20321

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**SALES & MARKETING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
COOK ISLANDS TOURISM CORPORATION**

The Australia office for Cook Islands Tourism Corporation is seeking a dynamic, experienced and all-rounder for the position of Sales & Marketing administration support reporting to the General Manager. The successful applicant will assist in all aspects of the formulation and implementation of the Cook Islands Tourism promotion strategy in the Australia market. Based in Broadbeach, Gold Coast, the successful applicant must possess a broad range of skills, strengths and personality traits as detailed below.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 2 years experience working in a sales and marketing or customer service administrative support role
- Tourism industry experience with a wholesaler, tourism board, airline or travel agency
- Knowledge of the Cook Islands destination an advantage
- Outstanding oral and written communication skills
- Excellent organisational and project management skills
- Superior attention to detail
- High level computer skills (Apple mac knowledge an advantage) in Outlook; electronic file management; powerpoint creation; Excel; Word
- Ability to interact with the public and strive for excellence in customer service
- Enthusiasm for reaching goals and delivering results
- Determination to know the role inside and out and be accountable in every aspect of the business

Essential Personality Traits

- Helpful / Takes Initiative
- Organised
- Diplomatic
- Optimistic / Outgoing
- Precise / Attention to Detail
- Pressure Tolerant / Stress Management

Role includes, but is not limited to:

- Day to day running and administration of a small office
- PA support to the GM
- Ability to handle multiple projects with efficiency, diplomacy and accountability
- Management of familiarisation programme for trade visits
- Co-ordination of training and tradeshow schedules
- Preparation of monthly reports, statistics
- Assistance with the rollout of campaigns and marketing activities as directed by marketing manager
- Ability to handle all sales leads from consumer and trade
- Database management
- International and domestic travel, as and when required, including some weekends
- Participation in industry events, and ability to build relationships with our key partners
- Ability to conduct training presentations to trade partners on destination Cook Islands

Applications can be submitted to info@cookislandstourism.travel travel by Thursday 18 July, 2013 at 10am. Applications must include cover letter and resume acknowledging the eligibility requirements to be considered. Only applicants with experience need apply.

Cook Islands Tourism, Ph (07) 55 045 488
Email: info@cookislandstourism.travel

