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PM mission to New Caledonia and Solomon Islands

The Prime Minister Henry Puna is expected to resume his assignment to New Caledonia next week, after it was postponed last March due to a cyclone threat in the Western Pacific. The Prime Minister is heading a mission to New Caledonia as Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum. The mission was mandated by Forum Leaders to continue the process of monitoring New Caledonia's progress under the Noumea Accord – the path toward greater autonomy.

The Forum Ministerial Committee to New Caledonia will include Forum Secretary General Neroni Slade, and officials. Trevor Pitt will accompany the PM on this assignment.

The Government of New Caledonia is finalising a programme for consultations,

which will take place in Noumea and the Provinces. The Forum Mission is scheduled to take place over the course of next week, after which the Prime Minister is slated to also travel to the Solomon Islands. The Solomons Government is hosting all the Pacific Leaders to the 10th Anniversary of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI). Cook Islands Police personnel have contributed to RAMSI over past years and the monitoring framework has been considered a significant success in regional cooperation.

Forum Leaders will converge on Honiara and participate in the celebrations over three days. As Chair of the Forum, the Prime Minister will deliver a statement during the ceremonial event, on behalf of the member countries.



PM and Ambassador Etienne

Cook Islands to become signatory of the multilateral Niue subsidiary Treaty Agreement

Honiara, 5th July - The mandate for the Cook Islands to conduct surveillance patrols in adjacent waters and likewise for other nations to patrol its waters has made a significant step forward with the recent signing of the multilateral Niue Treaty Subsidiary Agreement.

The signing of the Treaty was held at the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) where the 9th Forum Fisheries Ministers meeting is taking place.

Also joining the Cook Islands was Samoa, bringing to a total of seven nations who have now signed the treaty.

Signing on behalf of the Cook Islands at the Forum Fisheries Ministerial Meeting was Hon. Teina Bishop, the Minister of Marine Resources.

On the occasion of the signing Minister Bishop addressed the meeting plenary. He pointed out that the Cook Islands' has limited resources for control and surveillance of its large two million square kilometres EEZ.

"We rely heavily on cooperation amongst you, our



Cook Islands signs Niue Treaty.

Pacific neighbours and our quadrilateral defence partners, New Zealand, Australia, France and the U.S, for surveillance and enforcement".

"This will allow an even greater ability for us to share our surveillance assets, cross vesting of powers, and sharing of information" he said.

The Minister acknowledged the efforts of previous joint fisheries and police ministers meetings, the legal drafting committee and the support of the Australian Government in

finalising the Treaty.

The FFA will employ a legal specialist to advise members on the Treaty.

According to Ben Ponia, Secretary for Marine, the Cabinet has also endorsed the ratification of the Treaty and this will likely take place after the annexes to the Treaty have been fully scrutinized by the legal specialist and government agencies.

The Treaty provides for flexible cooperation in conducting a broad range of cooperative

surveillance and enforcement activities, ranging from at-sea patrols and aerial surveillance to the provision of investigation and follow up assistance and the conduct of port inspections.

The Treaty also allows an exchange of fisheries law enforcement data and the use of fisheries data for broader law enforcement purposes.

"The Niue subsidiary treaty is a positive step forward in securing the wealth of our fisheries and making our oceans a safer place", says Bishop

Such tragic and senseless loss of lives

By Wilkie Rasmussen, Leader of the Opposition

Three young men were buried in three successive days this week and at all three occasions, volumes of students wept and bid goodbye to their friends. Students from Tereora College, young school leavers and those who knew the three nineteen year olds mingled and shared with the families their sorrow of the loss of these young men from Arorangi.

It was a horror story that unfolded early Sunday morning for the parents of the three "boys". The boys were passengers in a "hotted" up car, with boosters and a mean booming sound from the engine. There were five of them, driving to Arorangi from Avarua during a night out when their car swerved off the road, rolled over a number of times and smashed against a tree. The driver and the front passenger lived to tell the tale but the other three in the back seat all perished. Alcohol and speed were two factors in this tragedy.

The many speakers that spoke at the funeral functions were earnest in lecturing young people not to drink and drive and of course not to speed. I wondered as to whether the young people present were listening. Did the messages sink in? Are they going to be more careful when out there on the road or are these matters out of our reach and control?

To be honest I have my doubts. I have been to so many of these tragic funerals and heard plenty of advise and each time there is a particular twist that makes each occasion unique from the other. But I could not help think that there could

perhaps have been some preventative measures taken by the state to prevent physical damage or death. Take for instance the fact that these three boys were killed in the backseat. I bet you they did not have their seat belts on which is not a legal requirement here in the Cook Islands. Apparently the force in which the three were hurled around in the back must have been cyclonic that limbs were lost and so much damage was done to their faces and other parts of their bodies. Could seat belts have saved them? We know that seat belts can prevent whiplashes or spinal injuries and prevent people from being hurled from the back onto the front windscreen potentially smashing their heads. We know that seats reduce the chances of spinal injuries.

We, here in the Cook Islands protested against helmets being made compulsory. The Government of the day was close to passing a law making helmets compulsory but people took to the streets because not wearing helmets is a life style choice in the Cook Islands. Well, we know for a fact many people died from head injuries in motor bike accidents. No-one needs to connect the dots here. That I believe is an apt preventative measure and so would seat belts. It is irrelevant whether an accident was caused by a drunk driver although drink driving is a major factor in almost all fatal accidents.

I urge the Government to consider bringing back such compulsory laws – helmets and seat belts because they will save lives. I extend my sincere condolences to the families and to those that have lost their young boys and friends.



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The Pacific Forum Economic Ministers Meeting (FEMM) wound up in Nuku'Alofa on Friday 7 July

Finance and Economic Ministers from all Pacific Forum countries, including Australia and New Zealand focused on key economic issues which would lead into the Pacific Island Leaders Forum which will be held in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. These included:

- * positioning large ocean states in the global economy;
- * promoting sustainable development in large ocean states;
- * empowering women, empowering economic development;
- * leveraging private sector in the regional economy;
- * regional economic policy challenges and the regional solutions; and
- * climate change financing.

There was a considerable focus on the impact that non communicable diseases was having on the economic outcomes of many of the nations of the Pacific. The Cook Islands was held up as an example of what can be done in terms of interventions to curb activities which eventually lead to non-communicable diseases,



From left: Faumuina Tiatia Liuga (Samoa Minister of Finance), Lisiata 'Aloveita 'Akolo (Tonga Minister of Finance), Mark Brown (Cook Islands Minister of Finance), Tuiloma Neroni Slade (Secretary General of the Pacific Forum Secretariat)

recent increases in levies on tobacco, alcohol and soft drinks and reductions in non sugar sweetened drinks with targeted and focused interventions by the Ministry of Health are identified by the World Health Organisation as "Best Buy" interventions.

Ministers focused on the development of measures that would minimize the leakage of tourism income by ensuring that respective sectors such as agriculture intensify their efforts to supply tourism demands.

Tonga will shortly be connecting to a new submarine

fibre optic cable which will transform Tonga's connection to the world. Ministers will share their experiences so that other nations can improve their high speed broad band connectivity.

Ministers were provided with a comparative assessment of public financial management systems across the Pacific, Minister Brown was pleased to see that comparatively the Cook Islands is well ahead in terms of Public Financial Management.

Minister Mark Brown was nominated to Chair the Ministerial Task Force on climate

change financing which will aim to ensure that tangible outcomes are achieved over the next twelve months in terms of actual investments in programmes and activities in the Pacific region.

Finally, Minister Brown took the opportunity to formally request the inclusion of the Cook Islands in the second season of the Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Pilot (PCRIP) which is scheduled to commence from 1 November 2013.

Papers associated with the meeting can be found on the Pacific Forum Website.

Day tour to Aitutaki for Fridge Freezer Replacement Program (FFRP)

The ADB PEEP2 team of Terekino Vaireka and Felix Gooneratne, Team Leader, in collaboration with retailer partners will be visiting Aitutaki on Friday 19th July, 9.00am to 4.00pm.

The retailer partners comprise representatives from Cook Islands Trading Corporation (CITC) and Motor Centre.

The key purpose of the visit is to:

- 1) To extend the opportunity to APS consumers to benefit from the program
- 2) Promote awareness to the community on benefit of high energy efficiency appliances and equipments.

The team will be hosted at APS office in Aratea during the day, a

booth and counter will be made available for the retailers as well as BCI & team representatives.

BCI is acknowledged for offering lending facility package for APS consumers but more so to offer support towards the FFRP program

CITC & Motor Centre will be supplying high energy efficiency product range with models bearing energy rating labels in compliance with Australia/New Zealand scheme.

CITC (Brand names)

Haier

Fisher & Paykel

Panasonic

Motor Centre (Brand Names)

1) Westinghouse

2) Kelvinator

3) Electrolux

This is a subsidy program, the visiting team will be happy to meet you and offer assistance about the FFRP program. This is an opportunity for you all to take advantage as well as benefit from this program supported under ADB - Promoting Energy Efficiency in the Pacific (PEEP), Phase 2. Page 2

The team is also pleased to advise that the Bank of the Cook Islands (BCI) will be offering lending facility to qualified customers in support of this program. The visiting team will be hosted at Aitutaki Power Supply (APS) office, Aratea.

The team extends words of Meitaki atu paka to:

- Long Tuiravakai, Manager -

Aitutaki Power Supply.

- CITC & Motor Centre as Retailer partners,
- Bank of the Cook Islands (BCI)
- Recycle Cook Islands
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Cook Islands Government (CIGov)

Team representatives to Aitutaki are:

- 1) John Mateara, Cook Islands Trading Corporation (CITC)
 - 2) Teariki Pennycook, Motor Centre
 - 3) BCI representative - Aitutaki Branch
 - 4) Repeta Puna, Office of the Energy Commissioner (OEC)
- The team plans to visit Mangaia in a month's time.

Depopulation wrong term

By Charles Pitt

Currently in Rarotonga for what he says is a "holiday" is Cook Islander Mr Apii Rongo-Raea, who these days, is a Lecturer at Whitireia Community Polytechnic in Porirua near Wellington.

A Policy guru, Apii was previously CEO of the NZ government's Ministry of Pacific Islands Affairs.

Nowadays his focus is more academically inclined and his views on what we have been calling "depopulation" may seem a bit radical to some. The Herald spoke to Apii on Tuesday evening about his views.

According to Apii the term depopulation began to be used frequently about 5-6 years ago. It is being used to describe the shift in Cook Islanders overseas, primarily to NZ.

However, Apii, as a Cook Islander living and working in NZ, has a different perspective on the drain/relocation of our human resource.

Apii says although Cook Islanders may be living elsewhere, they have, psychologically speaking, not left home in a permanent sense. They still retain quite firm linkages through land ownership, family,

the internet, telephones, technology, friends and transportation (the airlines). There are also the psychological and spiritual connections.

Cook Islanders eventually return, sadly some to be buried.

Apii says depopulation is the wrong term to use and maintains we should regard what is happening as an "outreach." Cook Islanders reaching out to further their education, improve their finances,

experience something new, find employment suited to their skills or educational qualifications, spend time with friends, relatives and family.

Apii believes that instead of trying to lure reluctant Cook Islanders home, the Cook Islands government should consider strengthening the linkages between those who are overseas and the "homeland." After all, NZ is only 3 and a half hours away from the Cook Islands. It is claimed that

with depopulation comes a shortage of human resource or a brain drain meaning overseas consultants are brought in to advise government. Apii believes government should compile a skills register of Cook Islanders overseas who have skills that the government can source or call on if need be. That way, Cook Islanders will be assisting Cook Islanders.

Apii says a shift in attitude or the way we think about population movement is needed.

Go barefoot or go home: 15 best islands you've never heard of

By Pam Grout, for CNN
Mon July 8, 2013

Aitutaki, Cook Islands

Don't feel sorry for the cast of "Survivor" having to battle the elements, construct shelter and scrounge for food.

7 amazing private island rentals

Visit the motu (it means "little island") where "Survivor: Cook Islands" was filmed and you'll find an idyllic island.

One of 15 in Aitutaki,

it sits in a stunning 8-by-10-mile coral lagoon shimmering with hundreds of shades of blue.

At low tide, you can walk so far out on a sandbar that your friends might mistake you for an errant sea bird.

Aitutaki has a nine-hole golf course (stray balls sometimes land in the lagoon or the airport runway) and a selection of upscale resorts, including Pacific Resort and Aitutaki

Escape where you can get a memorable massage and where a chef will prepare an amazing three-course meal.

With its crystal clear lagoon, archetypical tropical scenery and New Zealand savoir faire (the Cook Islands is a self-governing state in free association with New Zealand), Aitutaki is a place anyone would volunteer to "survive."



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Our Cover Girl



Our front page girl this week Herald Issue 674 is miss Terena Koteka-Wiki who is 17 years old. She is currently living in America, New York with her parents and is completing 7th form at Staples High School. She is here on Rarotonga for a holiday and her sister, Reihana's 21st birthday. Terena leaves the island this weekend. Check out our website www.ciherald.co.ck and facebook page: www.facebook.com/ciherald

Policy, controls needed for use of underground water

By Charles Pitt

During the recent prolonged dry spell, several households had bore holes sunk to tap into the underground water system. It is also known that in 1983, one major resort had piping connected to the underground system for emergencies.

At present there are no controls over the access to and use of underground water. No legislation, policy or procedures exist to ensure the proper use of underground water.

The underground water system is a valuable resource and to ensure the supply is sustainable, some controls need to be put in place.

With future prolonged droughts a real possibility, householders and commercial parties may decide to take the initiative and tap into the underground system.

What action should government take? Government is in the process of promulgating a master plan for water. This plan will include a national water

policy. However it needs to also include the underground water system.

As part of this, government should firstly complete the research started some years ago into the underground system to determine more accurately, the extent of the system, the depth of the system, the quantity of the flow and the quality of the water.

MOIP apparently has a record of the locations of all the natural springs.

Government should then formulate a policy on the use of underground water. Controls should be developed to ensure proper use by householders and commercial parties.

To ensure the supply is sustained, some controls on quantity drawn may be needed.

Previous research has revealed that Rarotonga is blessed with a vast underground water system and it should not be subjected to widespread use but reserved for the day it is really needed.

Report of the Seabed Minerals presentation to the EU/ACP

The following is my Report on this historic presentation to the EU Parliament of the Cook Islands perspective on the new economic potential of Seabed Minerals development.

BACKGROUND

During the March 2013 ACP-EU JPA meeting in Brussels, I discussed with senior Parliamentarians on the Joint EU/ACP Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment, the frontier issue of Seabed mining activities and prospects in the Pacific ACP States, in general, and the Cook Islands in particular.

PRESENTATION

As a result of the above discussion and earlier interventions over the years at these meetings, I was invited to make this presentation to the Joint EU/ACP Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment on 15 June 2013.

With the approval of the Committee, I extended invitations to join my Seabed Minerals presentation to-

1. Our Seabed Minerals Commissioner, Mr. Paul Lynch;

1. The Director of SOPAC Division of the SPC, Prof. Michael Petterson; and

2. The Head of the (ELS) Economic and Legal Section from the Commonwealth Secretariat in London, Senior Lawyer, Mr. Joshua Brien.

Each presenter made a



EU ACP photo, after Seabed Minerals presentation. Paul Lynch-SBM Commissioner; Francis Cole- EU Secretariat, Josh Brien Commonwealth Secretariat, Hon Tom Marsters- Minister and Dr. Michael Peterson Director SOPAC

significant contribution to the successful outcome of our presentation.

While I am very pleased and can make positive remarks about the overwhelmingly positive and fruitful outcomes of our Seabed Minerals presentation, I would like to note the attached reports of-

1. José Carlos ILLAN SAILER, of the European Parliament, Committee on Development, ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, dated 18th June 2013

2. Dr. Mike Petterson the Director of SOPAC, dated 17th June 2013; and

3. Further positive Report of Dr. Mike Petterson the Director of SOPAC, dated 1st July 2013; Dr. Petterson has now committed

more DSM Project support to the Cook Islands Seabed Minerals program.

POSITIVE OUTCOME

The success of our presentation will undoubtedly lead onto a continuation of EU funding for the EU/SPC Regional Deep Sea Minerals Project.

This could be extended to a much higher level than the current EURO 4 million level. I understand that SOPAC will now be seeking upwards of EURO 25 million for the next level of this regional DSM project.

The Cook Islands and other Pacific Islands have already obtained significant benefit from the first stage of this DSM project. Such an increase in EU funding

will assist the Cook Islands to

continue to "lead the field" in the development of our national Seabed Minerals sector.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to my Delegation team members for their excellent work in making this Seabed Minerals presentation to the EU/ACP such a great success.

I wish also to extend my gratitude to my Cabinet colleagues for honouring me with the responsibility of this Seabed Minerals Portfolio and the support given to me in progressing our national Seabed Minerals goals, at the EU/ACP meetings over the past couple of years.

*Hon. Tom J. Marsters
MINISTER FOR MINERALS AND
NATURAL RESOURCES*

Report from Director of SOPAC

DPM Cook Islands, Commissioner Cook Islands Seabed Authority (Paul Lynch) Josh Brien (CommSec) and myself all attended a special EU/ACP session on Deep Sea Minerals.

It was a full meeting with ACP and EU country, delegation and Bureau representatives.

There was so much interest in the meeting debate that we were allowed a very generous amount of time.

We (Paul Lynch with SOPAC and Commonwealth Secretariat) made a series of presentations (though time allowed for this was short).

We were then asked around 10 questions from a wide range of people. Questions varied from 'please include us' to quite hostile 'what's the point? We should

just recycle, what about the environmental damage? Won't the big countries and companies just exploit small island countries? Who is actively interested in mining?

An EU representative then gave a briefing. The key points were that they were very satisfied with the EU-SPC-DSM project and that in their opinion deep sea mining will be 'a reality by 2020 and the EU should be part of it'

The Cook Island delegation were invited to respond to questions. We all did.

Net result? All the hostility and opposition died. The debate moved on quickly to acknowledging DSM was indeed an active, interesting, frontier area, and that a report was to be commissioned focusing on the environmental and social impacts

of harvesting all seabed resources (including sand and gravel, oil, gas etc but particularly DSM). Also a possible fact finding mission to the Pacific was discussed.

Cook Islands were congratulated and we were invited to upbeat celebratory drinks.

Honourable DPM and I stayed on for the Sunday meeting with the Bureau where the fact finding mission was discussed. DPM made an impactful speech which the meeting listened to attentively. DPM stressed he was asking for a Pacific Regional study, not merely Cook Islands. The DPM is to be congratulated for his vision and diplomatic skill at the EU in succeeding in getting DSM and possible reports and fact finding missions on the agenda. It is a remarkable Pacific success as

we are mostly overshadowed by Africa.

Feedback re the possible mission is immature as I write. In principle there is support. However the EU are mindful of EU elections next year and are worried re bad press: (the press here very much enjoy accusing EU politicians of 'wasting' taxpayers money going to exotic places for 'dubious fact finding missions'.

For the record German Aid GIZ have indicated to DG and Patricia that they may be keen on investing in a DSM aid project. There was discussion of a meeting with me in Brussels but they now prefer for me to meet with Wulf Kilmann in Suva.

All in all we were left with the feeling of a significant success but time will tell.

Mike Petterson

Health Conference underway

By Charles Pitt

The 16th Annual Cook Islands Health Conference got under way at the National Auditorium on Wednesday morning with a welcoming ceremony followed by an opening prayer by Rev Patia.

Health Minister Nandi Glassie delivered the welcoming address and the opening address was given by NZ List MP Cook Islander Hon Alfred Ngaro.

Keynote speakers Dr Colin Tukuitonga, a Niuean with the SPC and Mr Peter Hoejskov from WHO in Suva, followed. Dr Tukuitonga spoke on the legislative approach to NCDs and Hoejskov spoke on NCDs and food security.

The programme for the rest of Wednesday will see members discussing a variety of topics including the HSV Primary Health Project, Tobacco control in the Cook Islands, Food safety, Child nutrition, burns management, red eye and prostate cancer.

Wednesday evening will see members attend a cocktail evening hosted by Minister Glassie at Tupapa's Public Health beach front.

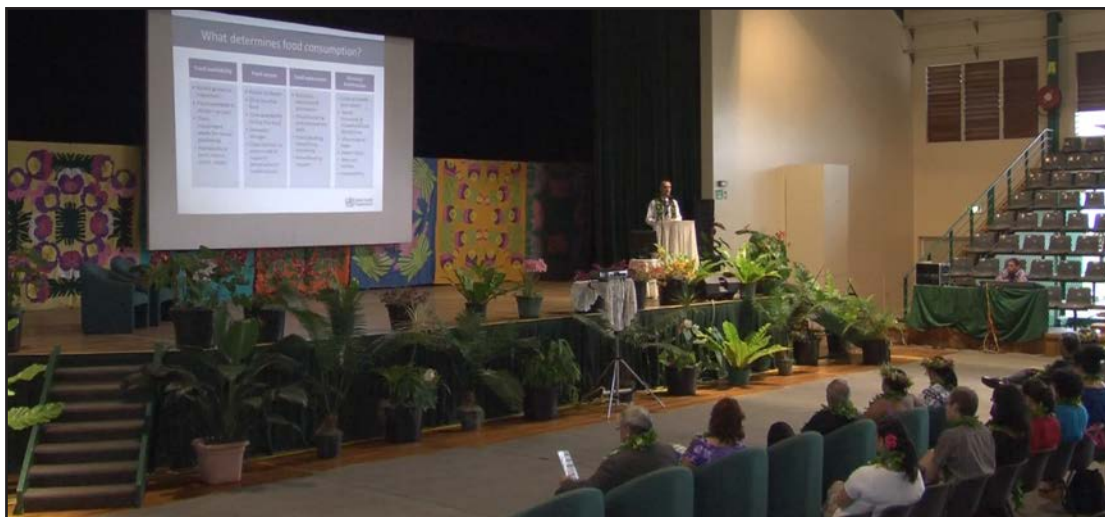
NCDs will take up most of the discussions on Thursday morning while the afternoon will be devoted to discussions on various forms of cancer.

The late afternoon session will focus on suicide prevention and mental health.

ON Friday morning, TB will be discussed and the late morning session will see mental health, violence, rehabilitation, alcohol and tobacco use discussed.

Next Monday and Tuesday, the conference moves to the Amuri Hall in Aitutaki.

As with previous conferences, the Health Conference was preceded by a two day course on Trauma Care which was held on Monday and Tuesday at the Mitiaro Hostel.



Government moves to strengthen policy making culture and institutional settings

By Charles Pitt

As regards Credit Agency Standard and Poors comment in their credit rating report of 31 May 2013 regarding the Cook Islands weak policy making culture and weak institutional settings, the Public Service Commissioner Russell Thomas responds as follows on 4 July:

"The issue here is one that Standard & Poors looks at the long haul, and the Cook Islands had a time when there was a continual turnover of governments, six in six years, so whilst we have had stable government recently, they prefer to have greater evidence of political stability. Additionally we had some turnover in financial

secretaries which they are also likely to see as an issue.

In recent times, there is increasing focus on policy and developing strategies that support the achievement of National Sustainable Development Goals. For example the recently launched Five Year Tertiary Education Strategy. The Capability Needs Analysis did identify that a number of Departments and other agencies needed to develop or otherwise acquire policy capability. There are a number of things happening now to strengthen Public Service's ability to advise ministers well and develop policy at all levels, by growing in-house capability in this area through training and development opportunities, or

supplementing with short term specialist inputs, supported by development partners. Good examples are the Economic Policy Advisor in MFEM, the legislative drafter and the Public Service Strengthening Advisor in the Office of the Public Service Commissioner, the soon to be engaged Policy & Planning Advisor in OPM, and the educational consultant who worked on the Tertiary strategy. All of these specialists not only provide specific advice but also build the capability of those with whom they work. "

Comment

In 2011, the Standard and Poors credit rating report mentioned that the ratings on the Cook Islands are constrained by the

vulnerabilities associated with the country's weak political culture and institutional settings that threaten to reverse past strong gains in fiscal consolidation and debt reduction.

At that time mention was also made of the Henry administration restoring some stability to the political scene.

In 2013, S&P has narrowed the concern to the policy making culture. In pin pointing policy making S&P have identified a key issue requiring attention if the public service itself is to maintain some stability.

The PSC as mentioned above has also identified developing capacity in the policy area as a key issue.



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What is photovoltaic?

Have you ever wondered what some people mean when they talk about solar PVs or photovoltaic?

Why not just call them solar panels? Photovoltaic sounds like a word that only a scientist or egg-head would understand or use. It's the sort of word that made your brain shut down when you were in back in school, unlike solar which flows off the tongue. The word solar is shorter, easier to remember, and associates with the sun through sharing the same first letter of the alphabet.

Unfortunately for advocates of plain English, it's not so straightforward. The reason why photovoltaic is becoming entrenched in the language is due to there being two types of solar technology.

There is solar thermal and solar photovoltaic. Solar thermal describes the early use of solar panels by some homes in Rarotonga which was only to heat water. Solar photovoltaic by contrast is about creating electricity directly from sunlight. Photovoltaic is popping up in leaps and bounds around the world and now in the Cook Islands. You see it most commonly in use in calculators in your work places or at school, or in wristwatches. And it's being



used in water pumps, street signs and lights and communication satellites. It's the least expensive form of electricity for these tasks. And now it's delivering electricity for consumption in homes and businesses around the island.

One way to grasp the word photovoltaic in your mind is to trace its roots. The word photo is an old Greek word for "light" and voltaic comes from the name of a pioneer of electricity Alessandro Volta. And that's how the word "light electricity" or photovoltaic was derived. And then you do what most people do with this mouthful and reduce it to the two letter acronym PV.

Photovoltaic was first discovered in 1839 but it's taken

over a century for scientists to fully understand how it works.

Solar cells can be bundled together to form a solar module or panel that you see on various roofs of houses around the island. A row of solar panels can be combined and connected into a solar array like you can see atop the roof of the Te Aponga Uira office and Power Station buildings. You have a PV system when you combine panels and arrays and all the hardware and software with the arrays, for example inverters to change PV electricity to the conventional form that is required for appliances.

A common challenge of photovoltaic is its intermittency

nature. That is, it does not necessarily fit with our requirement. In other words, you get all that you want only some of the time using photovoltaic. And that becomes a problem when you need a large proportion of photovoltaic to supply your electricity.

Nevertheless, photovoltaic is evolving and ways to balance out its intermittency can be done through other sources of energy such as pumped hydro, storage batteries to name a few. One can expect TAU to deploy some of these sources in the post-2015 years as it looks to achieve the aim of providing 100% of Rarotonga's electricity consumption from renewables by 2020.



Ra o te Ui Ariki celebrations



Arrival of Ui Ariki

By Itaata Rangatira

The Ui Ariki have had a hectic round of engagements during the lead up to their Uipaanga Maata 2013, which is being held this week at Parliament House.

The first event was a sad farewell to Tinomana Ruta Ariki of Puaikura last Wednesday 3 July, for whom a minute's silence was held during the Ra o te Ui Ariki celebrations hosted by Pa ma Kainuku, the two Ariki of Takitumu. Events were kept low key this year with the raising of the flag by the Boys' brigade and dancing by the two pupu ura, one in rauti and the other in white kiriau.

The va'a tuatua for the two Ariki: Mauri Toa for Kainuku Ariki and Kiriau Turepu for Pa Ariki also made short presentations on the history of their respective Paramount Chiefs and a special performance was made to a song in praise of Pa Marie. The event was held at Au Tapu in Avana Nui, on the paepae of Kainuku Ariki and Manavaroa Mataiapo on Friday 5 July 2013.

On Saturday, the Ui Ariki and Koutu Nui attended a special presentation by Cook Islands Red Cross held at Atupare marae.



Kainuku Ariki & husband with supporters



Pauline, Kaiei & co from Ngatangiaia



Tangianau heralds arrival of Ui Ariki

Ra o te Ui Ariki celebrations



Taraare Mataiapo & friend



Clinton, Ted, Diane, aunty Ngamata, Jewel & Christian



Dancers in White Kiriau



Boys brigade



Red Cross presentation to the Ui Ariki and Koutu Nui

By Itaata Rangatira

Part of the calendar of events, to which the Ui Ariki and Koutu Nui were invited in the past week was a presentation by the Cook Islands Red Cross on Saturday 6 July held on the grounds of Atupare.

Red Cross CEO, Frances Topa, Polly Tongia and her associates consulted with the Paramount Chiefs and Koutu Nui and asked them to champion the cause of educating our young people against the dangers of contracting HIV. The Red Cross said the danger of this particular disease is that there are no symptoms at all, until the person develops flu-like symptoms and is treated for influenza or pneumonia, but the medication makes no difference. It is then that doctors will run tests and discover that in fact it is not the flu but HIV that they are dealing with.

They also warned about the dangers of discrimination against persons with HIV such as in the single case of a person contracting HIV in the Cook Islands and the demand to have that person's identity revealed. Topa said that would be a breach of their human rights.

The Ui Ariki took great interest in the information that was being imparted and asked how they could help with the cause. Dame Margaret Karika Ariki was concerned about women's rights and said she had read in the news recently about a country where unmarried women who become pregnant are put to death.

Red Cross has already visited two of the Pa Enua with their message and invited the House of Ariki Kaumaiti, Tou Ariki to accompany them on their round of consultations.

This week the House of Ariki are attending their Uipaanga Maata 2013 aka their Annual General Meeting held at Parliament House.



Karika Ariki making a point



Paenui Rangatira making a point



Ui Ariki at Atupare



Koutu Nui at Atupare



Nga Ariki from Mitiaro



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Primary Trauma Care Workshop

Christchurch Public Hospital's Dr Bryce Curran is currently in the Cook Islands conducting the Primary Trauma Care and Management workshop. Key industries personnel and health professionals attended the workshop. Curran will conduct the workshop in Rarotonga before heading over to Aitutaki to roll out the same course, a highlight off the course is to produce a sustainable program that will allow for in country training to continue.



Searching for a Spark at Bowls Cook Islands Nationals, World Bowls Champion of Champion Title, 2014.



The new look of Taura (Junior) Lawn Bowlers in the next 50 years, with Bowls Cook Islands Coordinator Arama Tera.

By Ben Mose (BCI Media)

Next Monday the 15 July entry for the Champion of Champion from clubs affiliated to the Bowls Cook Islands, Inc and registered individually to the World Bowls HQ in Scotland will be closed with

the Organizing Committee. There will be approximately between 50 - 60 Men and the same number for women to fight for the trip to take them to Christchurch the end for the year 2014 near Fendalton Bowling Club.

For 48 years of the 87

years of bowling in the Cook Islands, what has this code done differently today to be successful at the top of the sport, internationally? A bold decision has to be made by Bowls Cook Islands and I for one, will lobby for some of the under 25 Junior boys and girls

to represent this country. I like to see Lawrence Paniani, 19 years old, Bronze Medalist at the 2009 Pacific Mini Games, to lead the young brigade of Taiki Paniani 16 yrs old, ranked No.1 Junior Rank 2013 for boys, Cathy Mataio, 20 yrs old ranked No 1, 2013 Junior Rank for girls.



Cookie girls making it big

By Te Riu O Te Moana Woonton

Cook Island sisters Reihana and Tiana Koteka-Wiki who are currently studying at Auckland University have found a way to earn some extra cash while Reihana works herself to a Bachelor of Arts and Tiana works to her 3rd year of early childhood education.

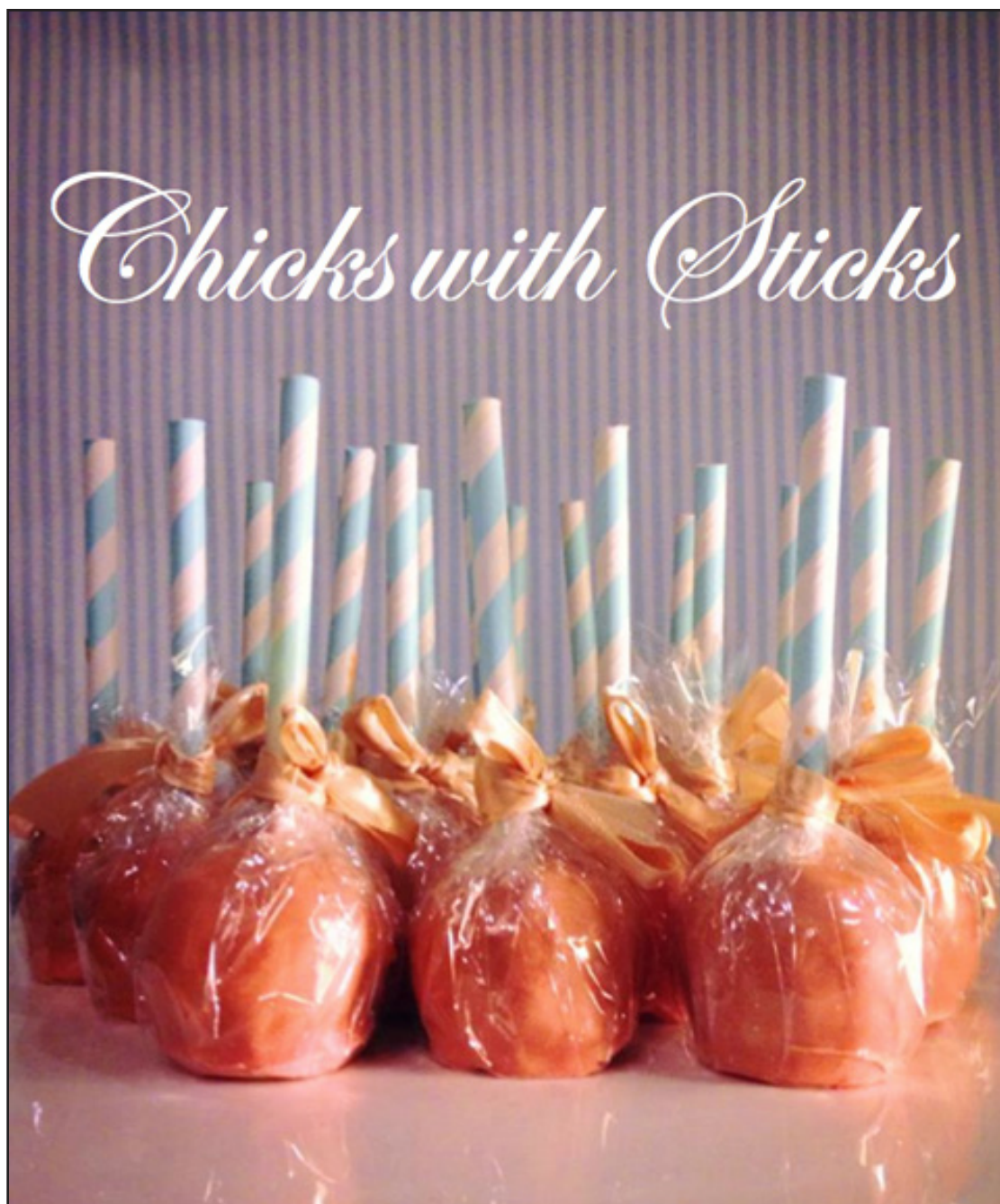
To earn extra money to pay their way to Uni, they have come up with "Chicks with Sticks". Chicks with Sticks started as a small business in Auckland City at the beginning of the year and specialized in cake pops, which turned out to be a massive hit and lead them to making more treats. They now bake a variety of sweets; cakes, truffles, cupcakes and of course the cake pops. They do a variety of flavors, colors and sizes, with cute packaging and are getting recognized fast.

Recently they catered Waikato Chiefs themed treats for New Zealand rugby union footballer Tawera Kerr-Barlow and his partner Alex King on their anniversary, as well as a whole lot of other events; Easter, birthday parties, Valentine's Day, Mother's day and Anniversaries.

The sisters are here for a couple more days with their parents and younger sister for Reihana's 21st which was held on Saturday. As part of their venture, the girls brought 200 truffles and cake pops here with them that were pre-ordered through facebook. Birthday girl Reihana also managed to whip up an extra 200 cupcakes for her birthday bash.

Chicks with sticks are getting recognized fast and already have orders coming from Australia and are looking at shipping orders across. The sweet treats are so popular that they have also already been distributed to different parts of New Zealand.

Look them up on facebook 'Chicks with Sticks' and keep an eye out on their statuses and their next trip to Rarotonga to order your goodies.



Plateaued in paradise!

By Carmel Beattie

The definition of a plateau as a noun is a stable phase or a period of stagnation and as a verb it means to level out. Well, whether noun or verb, I'm there!

I have written before about my journey to better health and well being and the weight that I have lost on the way – it has certainly worked and I see the reaction from people who haven't seen me for a while doing a double take at the change – great feeling! People have also been so kind and supportive which is wonderful.

HOWEVER, lately something seems to have happened with the downward direction – yes, I have reached that fertile plain high in the sky and high on frustration – the Plateau! After adhering to my strict regime of good eating and lots of exercise, I have somehow stopped losing weight. Fine if I had reached my goal but I am still a long way from it. Now, where I have got to is no mean feat – 31kgs down – but I have been hard at it for 8 months now and I would have expected to have moved further in the last few months. Instead I seem to go up a little, lose it, go up etc etc – it's hard for a girl to stay positive at times!

Now, I have heard all the excuses – muscle weighs more than fat – no sadly, it doesn't. A kilo is kilo no matter what it is however the kilo of muscle looks a heck of a lot better. Yes, I know that I have built up lots of muscle and I am doing things that I wouldn't never have dreamt of in the past – I used to think a bench press was leaning on the kitchen counter eating ice cream but now realise that is a lot tougher and less fun than that! No! Bad attitude, Carmel! Exercise is actually fun even on the tough days.

In pondering my current stasis,

I came over all philosophical and began to wonder whether my weight plateau is actually a metaphor for life? Currently, life is a little like the scales – great things happening but taking a long time to reach the goal! I work in a new exciting tourism business with great partners and we are at the stage of launching not one but two new ventures including some touring experiences called Island Discoveries. We also have other plans for the future which are exciting for us and hopefully the economy.

But there is always STUFF, isn't there? Waiting is a big part of the process and that is where we are now – waiting for people, waiting for opportunities, waiting for etc etc and I must admit I am feeling plateaued out at the moment. Last night when I was tossing and turning because there is too much going on in my head, I had what in the language of Oprah Winfrey is called an AHA! moment.

Waiting is a good thing because you have time for evaluation and for the things already done to settle into place whether that is for your business, your broader life or just your scales. Its take patience which is something I am a little short on but maybe that's my lesson. Re-evaluate the plan, if it passes the test then stick to the plan and roll out phase two, three etc. If it doesn't, then re-strategise.

I have decided that I am in the stable phase of plateau not stagnation! I will eventually lost that extra 20kgs and all the little loose threads of life and business that are floating about will come together in a perfectly woven moenga for the future.

The secret? Be focused, be positive, never give up and you will be down off that plateau and on the rest of your journey very soon!

A rest from Riyadh



William Caveney

By Charles Pitt

William Caveney is taking time out from a busy job as a Clinical Nurse Educator in Riyadh Saudi Arabia, to holiday with his parents, Metua and Jacob Pama, in Tupapa, Rarotonga. He has brought his young family, wife Neng (from Malaysia), son Sean 4yrs and daughter Megan 20mths with him.

Originally from Dunedin and Wellington, NZ, William has been working in Saudi Arabia for the last 10 years and makes an effort to visit Rarotonga each year. He was here last October.

The Herald caught up with William on Wednesday morning.

As a Clinical Nurse Educator, William explains it is a teaching position. He orients new nurses into the hospital system and ensures they are competent. He also helps graduate nurses.

William says his work contract is a yearly one and is rolled over however, he wants to work another two years then return to NZ.

In the last 10 years says William, Riyadh has grown

quickly. The city has spread outwards rapidly as the population has increased and new multi-storied buildings have been constructed. Road traffic has also increased and it's taking him longer to drive everywhere. As a city, Riyadh is fairly young, about 75 years. Everything stops five times a day for prayers and there are many foreign workers.

He says he experiences at least one traffic accident every six months such is the nature of driving in the city.

Some things in the city are still cheap says William like food and goods. A coffee from Starbucks will set you back US\$3. There's no income tax or VAT. Education is costly though. It costs him NZ\$1,000 a month to have his son in pre-school. Kindergarten says William, accepts children from the age of 3yrs.

At the end of his contract William hopes to find employment in NZ in Auckland, Tauranga or Wellington. If there are no job opportunities in NZ he is considering Perth or Melbourne as options.

William and his family depart in two weeks time.

The comfort of being in Jesus Christ

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

During these past days there have been so many deaths. Loved ones have passed on from this life. Families have been devastated, hurt and grieved for the lost of those so dear to their lives. Their presence in the home environment and in the family will be greatly missed. I Peter 5v.7 read (CEV) "God cares for you, so turn all your worries over to Him." "E uri i to kotou tumatetenga katoa ki runga iaia, koia oki te tiaki mai ia kotou." In Psalm 116v.15 it reads (NKJV) "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." "E mea apinga maata i mua i te aroaro o lehova te mate o tona ra aronga tapu." The question is 'Why is the death of believers in God (or Jesus Christ) precious in His sight?'

(1) Because the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross on Calvary, the blood He shed on that cross to cleanse us of our sins and unrighteous ways has been recognised by the saints of God. The saints believed that Jesus died for them. The same power of God that raised Jesus from the dead will also raise them (Saints and believers in Jesus Christ) from the dead in the future. They also believed that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. As such, the saints believed that only through Jesus Christ they will have eternal life.

(2) The Saints believed that the positive change in their lives was due to the supernatural and divine work of the Holy Spirit in them after receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of their lives. II Corinthians 5v.17 reads "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new."

(3) The positive change in

Encouragement Column

With Senior Pastor John Tangi

a person's life because of Jesus Christ certainly have positive influence on the lives of others. That is why the Psalmist said in Psalm 116v.15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." "E mea apinga maata i mua i te aroaro o lehova te mate o tona ra aronga tapu."

Therefore the passing away of a person who have received Jesus as Lord and Saviour of his or her life is not an occasion to be grieved about or to mourn, but rather a moment worthy of celebration and rejoicing because that individual has gone to be with the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said in John 14v.1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in Me. in My Fathers house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also."

I encourage those whose loved ones has passed on from this life, if they have received Jesus as Lord and Saviour of their lives then you have nothing to worry about. However if they have not then it can't be helped. Therefore for those who are still alive I encourage you to receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour of your life while you have the opportunity to do so. If you want help or guidance or advice on this matter I encourage you to give me a ring on 27111. Isaiah 55v.6 reads "Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near." May you have a God blessed week. Te Atua te aroa!



PUBLIC NOTICE



IMMIGRATION CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Immigration wishes to advise the public that they will open a new Immigration Customer Service Office. The Office will receive Immigration applications and payments of Immigration fees. The Office is located beside the Office of the Public Service Commissioner on the ground floor of the New Zealand High Commission building. The Office will be open to the public from Monday 15th July 2013, 9 am – 3 pm. For further enquires please call the office on phone 29-317.

COOK ISLANDS CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICE AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND RELOCATION

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Immigration wishes to advise the public that the Cook Islands Consulate General Office in Auckland has now relocated from 127 Symonds Street to Unit 5, Level 1, 6 Osterley Way, Manukau. The office phone number is now (64) 9 261-0015. Fax number: (64) 9 263-8033.

Ui Ariki Day!

By Norma Ngatamariki

Hey, hey, hey! How was everybody's long weekend? Most students thought that the long weekend was a blessing, and I bet every kid on the island took every opportunity to enjoy themselves, while they still could. Some chose to sleep in late, others wanted to spend some quality time with their families. And some went ahead and caused mischief with their friends. That's exactly what I did, anyway. Our little gang had already planned this day out carefully, so that no matter what, rain or shine, we'd spend the day together.

As you might know, Ui Ariki is a holiday which was enacted last year. It's a celebration for our traditional leaders and the significant roles they play in our

communities. It was a time for people all over to gather and feast on the umu food, sing the traditional songs and listen to the uplifting messages delivered by people of high positions. Unfortunately, I was not there to witness such a grand event (my friends and I actually drove past the site on Ngatangia CICC Church) but, from what I hear, it was really awesome! And, from what I saw, probably half the island attended, with vehicles parked in every space! Like, *woah!*

Anyway, what's the use of talking about something, when you weren't actually there to see it? My "kuzzins" and I decided to be a bit more adventurous. We'd bought some tickets for a pancake breakfast from the Red Cross Society. It was to

help them fundraise for a youth trip to Sydney, Australia. We thought, "What the heck?" It was for a good cause AND it was only five bucks! How cheap could you get? We bought one each. So that was pretty much our morning sussed.

I woke up to a grey, windy morning. Suddenly, I wasn't too sure if we were going ahead with our original plan or not. My phone does that annoying beep/vibration combo, which tells me I've received a text message. Ah, you can always depend on your friends to keep you informed through texting. Justin made the generous offer to pick me up on the car, which I gladly accepted. We had to pick the other Kuzzin up from her house and she was bringing a little surprise with

her. Nga had brought along her irresistible baby sister, Naomi. I tell you, that baby really did brighten up everything, no matter how grey and windy the weather was.

We headed down to Red Cross for our breakfast. Justin, Nga and Baby weren't as hungry as I was because, apparently, they had already eaten. We strolled right up and saw a few familiar faces. Most of the diners were from school and they were all digging into their plates of pancakes, muffins, fruits cream and maple syrup. Quite the feast, for five dollars. I was really impressed. Another kuzzin rocked up, so we were "united". It was like an ordinary lunchtime at school, without the school work. AWESOME!

Wake Up Call

By Hareta Tiraa Passfield

The lake closed over her nose and mouth as Sara sucked in a lung-full of cold, black water. On her next breath, she opened her eyes and saw the red alarm clock shining: 12:02 AM. Again. Three nights in a row, same dream, same time. Sweat dripped from her hair and drenched her nightgown.

Sara stumbled to the bathroom, turning on all of the lights to shake off the aura of the dream that still clung to her.

Steam from the shower filled the bathroom and Sara breathed it in deeply. She could still smell the dankness of her dream. She dropped her head and closed her eyes. They snapped back open as a hissing vortex suddenly sucked all of the steam into the drain at

her feet. In the same instant, a fish-dead hand slid across her shoulder. She screamed and threw her body against the shower wall, turning the showerhead to the left. The water scalded her neck, shoulder and hand as she battled to stop the flow.

Adrenaline, pain and fear drove her stiffly from the shower. The room was bright. Normal. Her body shook convulsively and she reached for a towel to warm herself. The towel brushed her badly burned shoulder and she hissed in pain. It sobered her and she headed to the kitchen where she kept the emergency burn salve.

In the kitchen, the salve was already laid out, with fresh gauze, waiting for her. Normal went away again.

The old woman spoke warmly, "Here, let me get that for you. It was my fault – so sorry – but it IS awfully difficult to get your attention!" Sara was frozen in shock. The woman placed a cup in her hand. Here drink this. Coffee. You need it." Sara sipped wordlessly, numb to the unreality.

"I can't stay long," said the old woman. "Manifestation takes sooo much energy. Easier to show up in a dream, but you kept drowning on me!" She let out a little chortle.

Shock and disbelief turned to annoyance and the very-real pain in her shoulder made her angry. "Well, you've got my attention now – what do you WANT?"

"It's not what I want, but what you want, my dear."

"I want you to go leave me alone."

"That's one option. You've been given a choice. You are due to die." The old woman let it sink in. "I'm here to prove that we do go on, after we die."

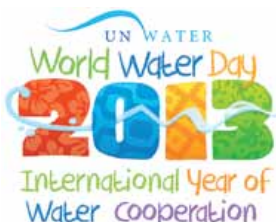
"That's supposed to be reassuring?" The hair on Sara's arms stood up.

"For many people it is. Your choice is this: tell people what you've experienced here tonight – give them hope, or die at 12:02 tomorrow." As the last word left her lips, the woman started to fade.

"It's up to you, dear. . ."

For the first time in days, Sara felt calm. She placed a terry-cloth robe gingerly on her freshly-bandaged shoulder, took a sip of coffee and dialed the phone.

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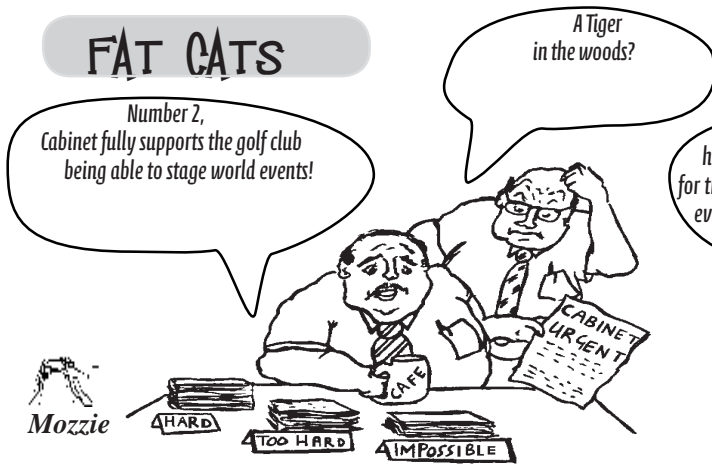


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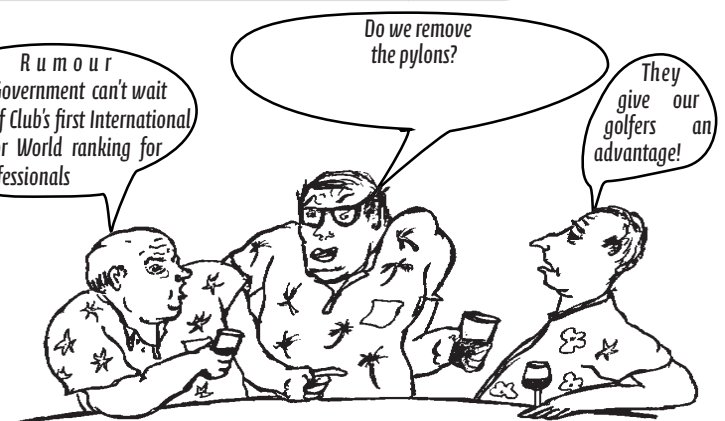


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COCONUT ROUNDTABLE



Two weeks ago the opposition Leader's column in the daily was on page 9. Last week it appeared on page 11. Where will it be next week? In the classifieds as an advert for the Demos?



Oh Brother chooks! Even the holy rollers are speeding to divine assignments! A Brother in mufti was spotted zooming past vehicles one morning in excess of 40 km/h with no head protection! Oblivious to the laws of mortal, probably urgently summoned by the Bishop! Perhaps some divine intervention may slow things down!



Good to see some pearls of wisdom dropping from the pen of Jen of FSDA! Perhaps more of the same on a regular basis might lift the veil of secrecy or cone of silence surrounding the mysterious workings of the offshore brotherhood!



A disgruntled eastern business chook from the northwest, reckons our BTIB should change its name to the ABTIB. That is, the Anti Business Trade Investment Buggers.



Our PM is traveling extensively overseas partly because he happens to be Chair of the Pacific Forum. When his term as Chair expires later this year, can we expect to see a reduction in his overseas travel?



Is the Chambre de Horreurs (Commerce) still alive? One rarely hears any dissenting voice from that corner. The Niuean newspaper

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carries extensive reports on the Niuean Chamber of Commerce's activities and views so where are the views of our Chamber?



The Chinese juggernaut is at the door but the brakes have been applied because government must choose between the locals desire for easy as she goes and the massive boost to business and incomes the Chinese are poised to pour into the economy. Which is it to be?



Tricky Dicky is pointing west to Asia as our neo-eco-saver! Bravo that man, now there's just a small point about Sino-phobia to overcome. Some local businesses have developed a vaccine like resistance to matters Sino!



A new group has arisen among the ranks of the Stately Mandarins. It's called the SOHO -Shades On Head, group. You can spot them coming because they all wear their sun glasses on top of their heads!



Rumours are the Supplementary Budget will also correct a number of accounting

anomalies which should not have occurred at such a top level. Capital idea what!



Chook says if you don't like loud noises, you would not live near an airport-would you? So why move in near a chicken farm and later on, moan about the smell? Seems some foul play is afoot to make the area a tourism exclusive enclave! A playground of sorts for the well to do "haves." Never mind the locals trying to scratch a living. There's been a chicken farm in the area for many years. In the 1950's, ex-pat American Jim Price ran a large chicken farm on the beach side in Muri on prime land. Who complained then?



Big Red has been rubbing his big crystal balls extra hard this week and on the parting of the mists, a vision of a new era came into view! Up came a messenger waving a document in his hand crying "I have the proof!" Out the door filed the ruling Mandarins. In came a multitude dressed in layers of beaten bark to lay hands on the treasure!



Well done the Kiwis for plonking six mil

in the lap of the tourism wallahs! A local chook says look for a giant slice to go into the pocket of a Kiwi consultant set to surf in and tell us where to put the moolah! And that will be after he picks our brains first said another chook!



Seems to be heaps of overseas visitors strolling around lately but locals say this latest lot are not spending their moolah! Maybe they'll pick up a coffee or two but don't expect to get rich off this lot and don't expect the economy to improve either!



Tuning into CNN-Coconut Network News, Big Red has picked up signals that if a State Agency Pharaoh fills a senior position against internal wishes, there may be an exodus to rival that in the Bible!



Looks like someone new will soon be warming the main seat in the Authorities de Pearls! Some flair at last to prevail and perhaps more promotional zeal! Soon the Authorities will be barking at the markets to announce the arrival of a new approach!

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PUBLIC NOTICE



PUBLIC NOTICE: HEALTH SPECIALIST VISIT

Te Marae Ora Ministry of Health will be conducting a UROLOGY PROGRAMME by visiting specialist Dr Bill Wright from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th of July at Rarotonga Hospital.

If you are experiencing the following symptoms/diseases:

Urinary problems

- Leaking urine
- Urgent need to urinate
- Burning with urination
- Frequent urge to urinate without being able to pass much urine
- Kidney stones
- Injury to the genital area

Please come and see the General Outpatient Doctor at Rarotonga Hospital immediately, Monday to Friday from 8am to 4pm before the 19th of July.

All patients will be screened and prioritised for specialist appointment.

Meitaki maata



**OFFICE OF THE ENERGY COMMISSIONER
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Our contractors have circled the island and note there are households with no one home and therefore have not received their Bulbs. This advert is to advise we have begun circling the island again to specifically target these households. Having started in the Town to Nikao area we are now extending the boundary to Matavera/Ngatangiia and Puaikura areas. If you are one of the Households who qualify for a replacement CFL Bulb(s) and have not received yours yet please call Ms Caroline Wichman on 25494 ext 833 at the Office of the Energy Commissioner to leave the following information:

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 4. How many Incandescent Bulbs require replacing
 5. Times (between 8am & 4pm) when someone will be home over the coming week beginning Thursday 13 June 2013
- Please note this notice now includes those households in the Matavera/Ngatangiia and Puaikura area.

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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

Mr Bim Tou, General Manager
Cook Islands Ports Authority
Ara Tapu, Avatiu, Rarotonga
Tel No.: +682 21921, Fax No.: +682 21191
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Management Roles

MANAGER - HUMAN RESOURCES

We need a senior Human Resources professional to continue the implementation and ongoing development of our human resources framework. As a member of our Executive Team, this position requires someone with broad human resource management experience with particular skills in building employee engagement, performance and remuneration management and developing staff. You will also need to demonstrate excellent customer service skills, the ability to develop and maintain human resource information systems and a willingness to take a "hands on" approach.

A positions description is available from Marisa Summers at: summers@telecom.co.ck

Please apply in writing (including a cover letter and CV) to:

The CEO
Telecom Cook Islands Ltd
PO Box 106
Parekura
Rarotonga
or email to ceo@telecom.co.ck by 26th July 2013.

MANAGER - NETWORK SERVICES

Telecom is looking for an energetic and experienced person to take up the role of Manager Network Services.

Key Responsibilities include:

- Managing all aspects of daily operations within the Network Services Department;
- Ensuring the ongoing implementation of the Network Management and Maintenance Plans for both Rarotonga and the Outer Islands, resulting in improved service delivery and customer satisfaction;
- Capacity planning and expansion of underground access networks both copper and fibre;
- Recruitment, training and performance measuring of staff and ability to bring about changes towards accomplishment of KPI's;
- Preparing timely, accurate reports supporting robust decision making.

The successful applicant must have excellent oral and written communication skills, plus proven leadership and management capabilities.

Please apply in writing (including a cover letter and CV) to:

Chief Operations Officer, Telecom Cook Islands Ltd, P.O Box 106, Rarotonga, Cook Islands

or email radio@telecom.co.ck by 26th July 2013

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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

Reporting to an experienced Finance Manager, your key objective will be to provide accurate, timely and detailed financial and management reports. You will be responsible for:

- Timely and accurate month-end processing;
- Assisting in the preparation of monthly, half-yearly and annual financial accounts;
- Monthly business performance reporting ;
- Analysis to aid management decision making;
- Balance sheet reconciliations;
- Fixed assets.

Working in an open plan environment where you are encouraged to contribute your ideas, you will enjoy working with a variety of stakeholders and need to work effectively to a deadline.

You will have previous accounting experience and/or have a related tertiary qualification and your professionalism is without question. The keys to your success are your strong excel skills, great communication skills and your well organised and methodical approach to task management. You will be motivated and proactive with strong attention to detail.

INVENTORY CONTROLLER

Telecom is seeking an Inventory Controller with a strong work ethic, exceptional attention to detail, and a passion for providing the highest level of customer service.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Ordering, receiving and issuing stock in line with Telecom's inventory management procedures;
- Working with Customs to clear goods and pay the appropriate customs duties;
- Tracking orders through Telecom's on-line procurement system and liaising with our external procurement team;
- Processing stock movements in the system;
- Ensuring the accuracy and integrity of the stock management system;
- Working closely with internal stakeholders through the entire purchase-to-pay process.

To be considered for this position, you must have:

- Competent PC skills particularly in Word, Excel and Outlook, and be a quick learner of new packages;
- Meticulous attention to detail;
- The ability to multi-task, manage your time effectively and work unsupervised;
- A passion for providing outstanding service to internal customers;
- Outstanding communication skills (verbal and written);
- Previous experience in inventory management preferred but not essential.

If you feel you have the skills and background to be successful in either of these Finance Roles, we can't wait to hear from you. Please apply in writing (including a cover letter and CV) to: Apii Heather, apii@telecom.co.ck by 26th July 2013

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