

COOK ISLANDS HERALD

30 July 2013

\$2 (incl VAT)

**THE BIGGEST & BEST
PUB CRAWL
ON RAROTONGA**



**WED & SAT \$25, FRI \$30
CALL NOW
on 29700
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**



RARO PUB CRAWL

CIPS
IMAGE & COPY CENTRE

DIGITAL PHOTO PRINTS STANDARD TO SUPER BIG
Printed on Photopaper or Canvas



ONLY
35¢
100 Plus Prints

*Cakes for
all occasions!*



**Edgewater
Cakes**

Enquiries call us
on 25435 extn 7010

*Goldmine
Model Reihana
is wearing
a beautiful
necklace and
earrings from
Goldmine*

**Sunset BarBQs
at the Shipwreck Hut**

Saturday Seafood menu
with Jake Numanga on
the Ukulele 6pm

Tuesday Sunset BBQ with
Garth Young on Piano 6pm

Thursday Sunset Cocktails
with Rudy Aquino
5.30pm-7.30pm

Reservations required
22 166

Aroa Beachside Inn, Betela
Great Food, Great Entertainment



*Always the best
selection, best
price & best
service at
Goldmine!*

POWERBALL RESULTS

Drawn: 25/7/13 Draw num: 897

6 7 20 23 28 40 PB 15

TATTSLOTTO RESULTS

Drawn: 27/7/13 Draw num: 3341

6 25 27 29 38 41 SUPP: 43 45

OZLOTTO RESULTS

Drawn: 30/7/13 Draw num: 1015 Next draw:

3 7 13 16 21 29 39 SUPP: 9 43

**\$4
MILLION
ESTIMATED**

**\$5
MILLION**

The
COMPUTER MAN
Sales Parts & Service

ASUS F501A (White)

Unbeatable Value \$1099

Intel Pentium Core 2 Duo B970
4GB DDR3 RAM
500GB Hard Drive
15.6" LED Widescreen
Wifi - Webcam - HDMI
Speakers - Microphone



Amazing Deals From The Computer Man
www.thecomputerman.co.ck - Ph: 24979

Heartless Richard Neves terrorises sick man

Pay up or die attitude angers MP and family



Finance Secretary Richard Neves will be sucking more than his finger when the PM gets to hear about his meanness

It's a wonder Peckham Maoate, son of the late Sir Dr Terepai Maoate didn't suffer a stress induced heart seizure and drop dead before he could return to New Zealand for dialysis treatment.

Suffering from kidney failure New Zealand admitted Aitutakian businessman Peckham had a very limited window to fly back to Rarotonga to attend his father's unveiling. Peckham timed his flight to follow a dialysis treatment, to arrive Rarotonga on 13 July and fly out on the 15 July then straight to the hospital to get onto the dialysis machine.

About to go to New Zealand for medical reasons Peckham was detained by the Ministry of Finance for unpaid taxes. Peckham paid an amount with the commitment to make further payments on his return. Unbeknown to him Peckham's medical examination revealed a very serious kidney condition requiring immediate life sustaining treatment.

Since then Peckham has been unable to return to the Cook Islands and being unemployed in New Zealand did not make any further payments to the Ministry of Finance. Resigned to the fact he would be detained in Rarotonga if he returned for his father's unveiling Peckham's fare was paid for by Aitutaki MP Teina Bishop with the assurance Bishop would take the matter up with Mark Brown the Minister of Finance. Bishop sought a non restraining provision on compassionate grounds as well as for medical reasons.

Receiving assurances from Brown, a relieved Bishop picked up Peckham from the airport and transported him to the family home in Ngatangia to prepare for the occasion. Just to have peace of mind Peckham would not be detained, Bishop checked with the Ministry of Finance on the Friday but was concerned when no reply to his enquiry had been received by 3.30pm.

When Bishop finally got to speak to someone at the Ministry of Finance he was advised Financial Secretary Richard Neves had not granted an approval for Peckham to leave Rarotonga. Bishop was advised Peckham had to pay the owed tax before he could leave.

An infuriated Bishop had difficulty contacting anyone with authority to make the approval because everyone was unavailable after hours. With the heartless Finance Ministry not budging and Minister Brown unable to shift the heartless Ministry bosses, the now desperate Bishop contacted a lawyer for advice.

A fuming Bishop could not believe the Ministry of Finance decision makers were adamant the dialysis dependent, cashless Peckham had to pay up before he could return to NZ.

Driven by the legal advice Bishop took his problem to Minister of Health Nandi Glassie

and Secretary Liz Iro who authorised and processed a medical referral for Peckham. The Health Ministry have the legal power to defy the heartless Ministry of Finance.

In the mean time the grieving Peckham was being burdened with the unnecessary stress of the tax burden demands of the compassionless Richard Neves.

The amount Neves and his Treasury were willing the sick Peckham to die for, a ridiculous \$8,000. If Grey Power think they are hard done by, don't get sick if you owe Neves and his crazy mob some back taxes, you'll have to pay up before you can get on the plane.

How expat Richard Neves can be allowed to get away with such heartless disregard for a dialysis treatment dependent Cook Islander should not be tolerated. Show some leadership Prime Minister Henry Puna and support your people, put Neneva Neves on the next fight out.

- By George Pitt

Media industry looks to build capacity

By Charles Pitt

Building capacity was one major concern arising from a regional media workshop held on Tuesday.

It was also at the Pacific Media Assistance (PACMAS) one day regional workshop on Tuesday for media practitioners at the Edgewater Resort, that new Minister for Agriculture Kiriau Turepu delivered his first official keynote speech as Minister.

The Minister even arrived at the venue half an hour early. The speech was well received by those present.

Kairangi Samuela of Punanga Tauturu welcomed participants and introduced the various PACMAS members. Samuela said Punanga Tauturu had received funding from PACMAS for one of their projects.

Workshop facilitator Jean-Gabriel Manguy, PACMAS Project management Group member, spoke of the purpose and objectives of the workshop.

The Minister then spoke. He bid the PACMAS delegation welcome and wished them an enjoyable stay. He thanked PACMAS and AusAid for their

continued support of Cook Islands programmes. (The Cook Islands has the most PACMAS funded projects at 9).

The Minister referred to the changing media environment and how the Cook Islands media was fully privatized. He said it was an outstanding example of freedom. There had been no government intervention in 16 years. The media industry was free and robust he said. There were however gaps and weaknesses in the relationship between media and government.

Firstly, depopulation he said had led to constraints on economic performance and impacts on the media. Training and targeting to strengthen capacity had become crucial.

Secondly, there was an imbalance in the distribution of resources and opportunity. He said 15 years ago about half the population lived in the outer islands but today some 70 percent of the population lived on Rarotonga. Because of this shift, the concentration of wealth and with 90 percent of tax revenues, the perception was that Rarotonga was the Cook

Islands.

The outer islands had been left to their devices and there was a need to re-balance priorities among the outer islands. This included media.

The Minister said government expected journalists to demand fair treatment but said it was a two way street. Politicians he said do not accept slanted reporting and wanted to see balance.

He spoke of the need to better understand each other's role.

Those attending the workshop included journalists, reporters and broadcasters. Government and NGO personnel involved in preparing media releases also attended. President of the House of Ariki, Travel Tou Ariki also attended the morning session and representing the Koutu Nui was Itaata Rangatira, Noeline Browne.

Director of the PACMAS Programme, Domenic Friguglietti then spoke about the various

PACMAS Programmes. Domenic spoke of the four areas PACMAS was involved in which he called, the four pillars. They were;

1.Capacity building and training.

2.Technology required for broadcasts, print and communication.

3.Funding for innovative, quality ideas (small grants).

4.Policy and legislation affecting media.

Participants then workshopped to identify and flesh out specific local issues and barriers then refined this list to just six key issues which were then further refined to just two main issues. These were; Capacity building and the cost of doing business.

As a way forward, those present felt these issues could be further considered /explored and discussed within the Cook Islands Media Association before approaching PACMAS for specific assistance.

BTIB Trade Days



SWITCH ON WITH
TE APONGA UIRA

Switch off electronics at
the wall



PCs should always be plug. switched off at the wall. Similarly, laptop and phone overnight and at weekends. chargers should be switched off. This is because the I.T. network at the plug when not charging. card in your PC continues to consume energy even when power even when the phone or the PC has been fully shut laptop is not connected to the down, but remains on at the charger.

www.teaponga.com

Bishop's Bounty under investigation for Manuae raid

No sooner does Minister of Marine Resources Teina Bishop clear the air of allegations of impropriety regarding the sale of the fishing vessel the Bounty to his Chinese fisheries advisor Samuel Chou's locally registered company Hua Nan Fisheries (Cook Islands) Ltd, he's back in the headlines, this time over suspected illegal fishing and seafood harvesting at the uninhabited Manuae Island.

Behind the Ministry of Marine Resource's veil of secrecy an investigation is being passively conducted to the point of stalling. Rather than a priority and speedy procedure being under taken to clear their Minister's name, it's the usual Ben Ponia secret squirrel approach.

If breaches are conclusive then Marine Resources Secretary Ben Ponia needs to stop dithering and act decisively in executing the recommended penalty immaterial of the offender's status.

Fishing vessels licensed to operate in the Cook Islands Exclusive Economic Zone are subject to satellite surveillance which can be monitored from the Ministry's office, the Maritime Surveillance Office at the Avatiu wharf and Honiara in the Solomon Islands.

Senior Fisheries Office Andrew Jones who is responsible for the Ministry's surveillance operations has been uncooperative with questions to clarify whispers the Bounty is being investigated for alleged illegal fishing in Manuae between late in June and early July 2013.

It is understood the Bounty was under satellite surveillance as it was travelling in the direction of Manuae but was observed to become blank close to the 12 mile limit off Manuae. According to one of the crew, the vessel's monitoring system (VMS) was allegedly tampered with by the Fijian captain (Eli) by disconnecting a wire.

The Bounty returned with an abundance of reef fish, crayfish



MMR Minister Bishop in happier times with his secretary Ben Ponia

and prohibited shelled sea food. This was witnessed by recipients of the catch in Aitutaki. The two big containers of paua upset members of the Manuae Committee who represent the Manuae Island landowners.

Despite the Aitutaki Island Council having a standing order which forbids the harvesting of Manuae shell fish unless specific permission is granted, no action was taken against the Bounty even though the paua harvest is widely known on the Island.

While those in authority are severely affected by blindness (didn't see it first hand) they fortunately have excellent hearing (yes we heard about the paua).

While the Manuae Committee are demanding the Marine Ministry's Aitutaki fisheries officers are more vigilant in monitoring fishing trips to Manuae they are frustrated that the Marine's Minister is fellow Aitutakian Teina Bishop a perceived offender.

For the sake of Minister Bishop's own integrity, political redemption and his current transparency paradigm shift he should bring a speedy closure to the Ministry's investigation. If irreparable damage has been

self inflicted, Bishop should be honest to himself and the Cook Islands Party and surrender the Ministry of Marine Resources portfolio to the Prime Minister Henry Puna for reallocation.

- By George Pitt



Teina Bishop's FV Bounty under investigation by Ponia

PACMAS workshop participants



Participants at the PACMAS workshop. Not in the photo are Karen Tairea, Nuks Pokura William Framhein and Terry Rangi.

Come into **TeleShop** and celebrate!

<p>Prepaid</p> <p>buy a new mobile and prepaid sim in the same purchase this month and we'll give you \$10 credit free!</p>	<p>35% off</p> <p>get up to 35% off selected phones</p>	<p>Postpaid</p> <p>Sign up for 12 months on one of our Anytime plans & get a Samsung Galaxy Ace for \$20 per month*</p>	<p>50% off</p> <p>Cyberbooth credit for the month of July</p>	<p>Internet</p> <p>Free Modem, Free Installation and Free 1st month rental for new Postpaid Broadband Connections*</p>
--	--	--	--	---

Specials valid for July 2013. While stocks last. Conditions apply.

Our Cover Girl



Our front page girl this week Herald Issue 677 is Reihana Koteka-Wiki who was here in Rarotonga for a holiday and celebrate her 21st birthday. Check out our website www.ciherald.co.ck. and facebook page: www.facebook.com/ciherald

News Briefs By TeRiu Woonton

The activity of selling food to retailers is reserved for permanent Cook Island residents only. Within the Development Investment Act 1995/1996 Section 17/18 it says that foreigners (who may or may not) have a work permit are required to register and seek approval with the Business Trade and Investment Board before carrying out any activity that involves selling foods to retailers. Terry Rangi, CEO of BTIB says they monitor retail outlets to make sure that food being sold in shops is those of permanent Cook Islanders only. Cook Islands Herald also understands that although it is very unlikely that non-cook islanders will be approved to sell food to retailers, they are open to foreign investments in businesses as the selling of food to shop retailers will be a reserved activity for Cook Islanders only. Non-Cook Islanders taking part in selling of food to retailers may jeopardize their work permits and may be prosecuted and fined up to a maximum of \$25,000.

Next month, starting on Weds the 21st of August, Rarotonga soccer season will be starting up. There are 7 clubs made up of soccer players from Matavera, Tupapa, Takuvaine, Avatiu, Arorangi, Nikao and Titikaveka. There are 5 divisions, U17 men's, U14 boys, U14 girls, and it is understood there will be a new division, the U11 mix team which is yet to be confirmed. Pauline Dean, media officer at Cook Islands Football Association encourages those who would like to participate in this year's soccer season to get involved with your soccer club today

Cook Island Youth Ambassadors will be holding a pancake breakfast next week Friday. This is in aid of their youth trip to the 2nd Youth and sports conference held in New Caledonia. The youth trip will talk about issues in their own country and how sport can be a tool to overcome the issues. This year's theme is on education, social inclusion, and health. Pancake breakfast tickets cost \$8 and you can grab them off any of the CI youth ambassadors participants, or call Maria Tanner on 57643

BCI donates to Are Pa Metua



On Wednesday the 31st of July, the Bank of Cook Islands (BCI) made a generous donation of \$1911.55 to the Are Pa Metua in order to give financial assistance to the elderly. The money generated was from profits of sales for old number plates, which they (Are Pa Metua) were nominated to be the recipients of the funds. Members of the Board, Mousie Skews and Teresa Noovao as well as Chairperson of the Are Pa Metua Trust, Nga Teau Papatua and representative of BCI Rod Fox and colleagues were present to witness this event. The Are Pa Metua acknowledges the support they have received in order to improve the development of the facility and are truly grateful for it. - By Norma Ngatamariki

BTIB Trade Days



Te Maeva Nui Celebrations kicked off today with BTIB Trade Days at the National Auditorium grounds.
- By Norma Ngatamariki



20 MILLION SUPERDRAW
SAT AUG 10

Closes Friday 9 August 2013, 5pm
Available Now
Minimum \$4.80 System 7 \$8.40 Full card \$14.40
Tattslotto Shop p: 26991 e: citatts@oyster.net.ck

Making an impact

By Norma Ngatamariki

On Tuesday the 30th of July, the Herald interviewed Angelina Tuara, Manager and Secretary of the Social Impact Fund (SIF) and its implementation, which occurred last year. "There have been a few hiccups along the way, but we have managed to work things out," says Tuara. The SIF aims to "improve the wellbeing of vulnerable peoples and villages through the contribution of Civil Society." During previous years, financial assistance was allocated to various sections of Civil Society in the form of funds without proper monitoring but the necessary improvements have been made in order to better the entire procedure. "The applicants must be in strict compliance with the guidelines and regulations now," Tuara states. "This will prevent the funding from being misused."

Tuara would like the public to obtain a better understanding and stress the importance of the requirements needed in order to be eligible to be a recipient of the funds. This article offers a means of exposure to better meet this purpose. First and foremost, applicants must "be registered as a Civil Society Organization (formerly known as Non-Government Organizations), an Incorporated Society or Trust with the Ministry of Justice." The Ministry of Justice must recognize their existence as an official organization (with records and documents) and that will "set the

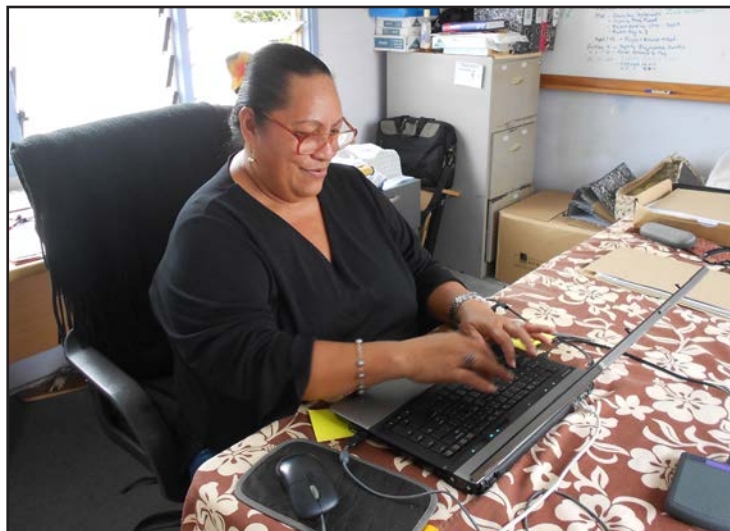
foundation", as it were.

They must also "demonstrate a proven track record in delivering services aligned with the priority areas." These areas include Gender Equality, Children and Youth, Elderly, Domestic Violence, Disabilities and Mental Health. Organizations must have evidence of some sort, such as the support of the community or a report that demonstrates or supports their cause.

"Have sound operating policies and procedures in place that may include a volunteer policy, fundraising policy and/or strategic plan." You must present a Plan of Action to the Board (who will make the final decision on whether or not they will receive the funding) and it has to be negotiable, not only to make room for improvements but to ensure the quality of the plan.

"Have strong financial management, monitoring, evaluating and reporting systems in place." The reporting must be done with in-depth detail, as general briefs will not be accepted. A budget must have a breakdown of all expenditure. Organizations must also be meticulously thorough with the cost allocation process, as the Board would like to know how the funding is being put to use.

"Organizations must have a history with us," says Tuara. This will ensure their credibility, as the Ministry is obliged to make certain that the organizations given funding are fully accountable for their



Angelina Tuara

actions. Their background must also be known; as this will ease the process of filing through suitable applicants. Tuara must also ensure that the applicants are committed to meeting the standards by showing continual updates of action taken and regular consultations. This will show their dedication to their cause, which is the fastest way to gain the approval of the Board.

Board Members include Chairperson Danny Vakapora, Lynnsay Rongokea Francis and Tuaine Tuara. Their efforts have paid off, with 11 out of 49 successful applicants for the Project Funding which runs for a period of one year, and is for goals achieved on a smaller scale: Are Pa Metua Trust, Rotaiana Men's Support Centre, Cook Islands Family Welfare Association, Cook Islands Red Cross Society, Virtues Cook

Islands, Cook Islands Internet Action Group, Pan Pacific South East Asia Association, Puaikura Volunteer Fire Brigade, Oneroa Youth Organization and Apostolic Church Support Group.

Programme funding runs for a time frame of three years and is meant for the consistent delivery of services to the community by the Civil Society Organizations. 5 applications were approved out of 11. They are as follows: Cook Islands Child Welfare Association, Cook Islands National Disability Council, Te Vaerua Rehabilitation Centre, Te Kainga Mental Health & Wellbeing Centre and Punanga Tauturu Incorporated.

Tuara would like to acknowledge NZAID Sean Buckley, DCD (Development Co-ordination Division) Peter Tierney and Director of Social Welfare Ngatuaine Maui for sustaining the SIF initiative.



Ministry of Internal Affairs

GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- Promoting Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment
- Working to reduce all forms of discrimination against women
- Ensuring equal rights, opportunities and benefits for men and women in government, the workplace, community and family

Ph 29370 Fax 23608, E-mail womendiv@intaff.gov.ck Web: www.intaff.gov.ck

Letter to the Editor

Arrest of alleged mutineers within our EEZ

Dear Editor,
The front page report in the local daily newspaper about 'Mutiny, murder on the According to the report, the alleged crimes may have occurred in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of French Polynesia.

If so, it is arguable under international law that the investigation and prosecution ought to be by French Polynesia and not in Taiwan.

The arrest of the alleged mutineers certainly took place in the EEZ of the Cook Islands and again means it was not in the high seas.

Since the arrest was in our EEZ, it is arguable under international law that the investigation and prosecution ought to be in the Cook Islands.

The question is why Marine Resources has allowed the Taiwanese authorities to tow the fishing boat to Taiwan instead of insisting they bring the ship into a Cook Islands port?

What is the point of having jurisdiction under the law, only to abdicate responsibility to a distant-water fishing state?

Concerned citizen

A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER

AIR NEW ZEALAND

deals
for raro
flyers

Hurry deals end
5 August 2013

ONE WAY AIRFARES	Seat	Seat + Bag	The Works	Works Deluxe
Auckland (all inclusive)	\$290	\$315	\$345	\$425
Wellington (all inclusive)	\$370	\$395	\$425	\$505
Christchurch (all inclusive)	\$370	\$395	\$425	\$505

phone 26300

or visit your Air New Zealand Travelcentre, or your local IATA Travel Agent.
Visit www.airnewzealand.co.nz

ON SALE FROM 28 JULY TO 5 AUGUST 2013 FOR TRAVEL RAR TO AKL/WLG/CHC FROM 1 NOVEMBER TO 13 APRIL 2014

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Prices correct as at 28 July 2013. The "Seat" option includes a carry-on bag (up to 7kg) but no checked baggage. Airfare Travel Period: RAR to AKL/WLG/CHC 1 November to 13 April 2014. Close outs: RAR/AKL 28 November to 3 December, 26 December to 19 January and AKL/RAR 19 to 23 November, 13 December to 3 January 2014. Deal Ends: 5 August 2013. Fares include \$65 Departure Tax. The above fares include a non-refundable service fee of \$20 per one-way journey for bookings made through our Travelcentre. Travel Agent service fees may apply. Customers who purchase fares using Airpoints Dollars will be required to pay in cash the government and airport charges. These fares do not accrue Airpoints Dollars and are not eligible for upgrades and/or companion tickets. Return airport and government costs will vary. Seats are limited and may not be available on all flights. **Cancellation/change fees:** General terms & conditions, special fare terms and conditions and Airpoints terms and conditions apply. See your Air New Zealand representative for full details.

AIR0856

Wanted

A unique Cook Islands logo for the Cook Islands Marine Park

Here's your chance to **design a unique logo for our Cook Islands Marine Park**. The competition is open to everyone resident in the Cook Islands and to all Cook Islanders living elsewhere.

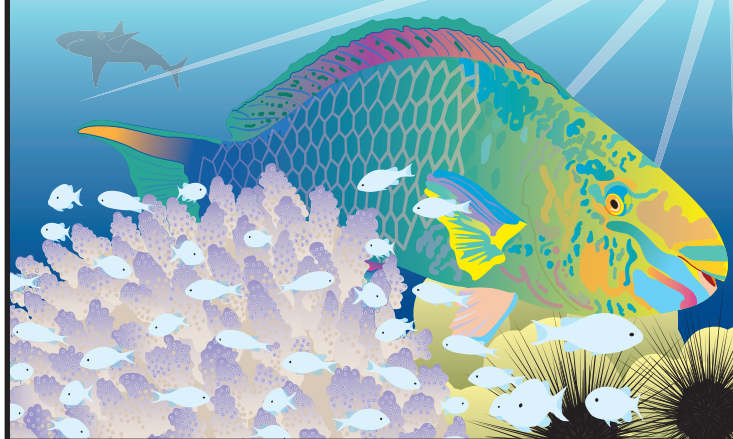
Time is tight! Entries need to be received by
5pm Friday 16th August.

The winning logo will be used extensively on products, printed material, clothing, media releases, websites, pretty much everything associated with the Cook Islands Marine Park. So, the design needs to be easily applied to fabric, paper, and on-line. Apart from that requirement, your "Cook Islands Marine Park ocean canvas" is wide open!

The designer of the winning logo will receive NZ\$500.

Entries, in a high resolution format and containing a descriptor, need to include a contact name, address and phone number and can be hand delivered, emailed, or posted (or 2 of the 3) to:

Communications Coordinator, Cook Islands Marine Park,
PO Box 649, Avarua, Rarotonga, Cook Islands; TIS Office
(half way between Tamarind House and the Fishing Club);
email Jaewynn@wovencommunications.com; any queries to Jaewynn McKay on phone 21 144; cell 55 486; or to the above email address.





Projects coming together

A visit last week by a three-person team of engineers marks another tangible step in Rarotonga's journey to becoming a solar island.

While its early days yet and we are still seven years away from 2020 when Government's final policy target for renewable energy is really on the line, we can expect to see signs of movement towards that goal in the coming months. You may take that visit from the team of engineers as one of those signs.

Stepping back a little in the year, one may recall around February we were scouting various locations around Rarotonga for possible renewable energy sites, especially wind and PV, for TAU projects. Assessments were made and in the process a number of early sites were discarded as being difficult and costly to access.

That early year excursion provided a first sussing out of good sites for renewable energy projects. As a result a number of projects are now on the table. Two of them at the Culture Centre and the Telecom Sports Arena in Nikao have been ranked excellent prospects. TAU is funding those two projects and a documentation tender is anticipated to be completed in late October/November of this year.

That's where we are placed now with utility scale renewable energy development on Rarotonga as the



TAU Board member Steve Anderson and CEO Apii Timoti in deep discussion

timeline continues to unfold to 2020 but there will be more over the next few years.

The site visit last week was a follow-up with one aim in mind – to visualise and put in place the details of chosen utility-scale PV projects that incorporate solar panels, electrical cabling, inverters and transformers. Hence TAU

provided the cherry picker, ladders and other equipment to assist the team, which comprised of engineers from overseas and our own engineers.

One of the considerations during the teams visit was to get the designs and structures right so that they not only work well but also maintenance will

be minimal over the expected 20 year lifespan of a utility scale PV installation.

We look forward to the time soon when what to date only appears as designs on paper (or pixels on computer screens) actually turns into real renewable energy producing structures that one can physically touch.



Cook Islands Bowls Carnival Tour



Bowls opening and BBQ Friday

By Norma Ngatamariki

A team of friendly Australians arrived on our shores with hopes of enjoying the Cook Islands' breathtaking scenery and receiving the warm hospitality of our people, whilst participating in the local Bowls Tournament on Rarotonga. According to Claire McErlane, the people on our end have not disappointed. "It has simply been a marvelous experience," says the travel agent, who is a representative of Uplift Tours and Travel, an agency which provides both "unique and excellent customer service." There are 66 Australians in total mainly from Queensland, a combination of both bowlers and non-bowlers alike.

The main aim of the trip is for the people to have fun and enjoy the experience to the fullest, as they arrived with the intent of filling their days with entertainment and the occasional game of Bowls. With that being said, it has taken the "competitive edge" away. Although the group mostly consists of "Over 50s", that is no barrier from keeping them playing to their full potential. "It's a nice change of pace for us," says Claire. "Very laidback, which is different from the formalities they have back home." The Bowls Carnival is the first of its kind. Uplift Tours and Travel began promoting the trip to the Cooks last year, through constant advertising, which can be seen

on their website (<http://www.uplifttoursandtravel.com/cook-island-bowls-carnival-july-2013/>). Since then, its popularity had heightened to the point where the Bowls Carnival was a complete seller! It has prompted organizers to make arrangements for another Bowls Carnival Tour in 2014, which will run from the 26th of September to the 5th of October. The timing was perfect, as the event coincided with this year's Te Maeva Nui. The Aussies were good sports, marching alongside our fellow districts, organizations and ministries in the Float Parade and what a lovely spectacle.

Another goal that has been achieved with this trip is the social mingling of the

Australians and locals, which has strengthened bonds between the two. In this way, the Aussies can truly appreciate the Cook Islands culture and heritage, while interacting with our people. The group generally follows a set itinerary, which includes a Polynesian Island Night and Prize giving (a Finale function), but alternative options have been offered so that everyone gets their chance of having fun. "It has been quite a journey," Claire says, "but worth it."

Claire would like to acknowledge the efforts of Tourism Cook Islands, Air New Zealand, Destination Management Cook Islands and the Rarotonga Lawn Bowling Club for their unwavering support.



Bishop puts allegations to rest but raises more concerns



Hua Nan Rep Mr Komo hands over ownership of the FV Orongo to Aitutakian Fisherman.

Controversial Minister of Marine Resources Teina Bishop had to be pushed to the limit before he transparently disclosed the details of two fishing vessels, the Bounty and the Orongo and his and their links to Chinese company Hua Nan Fishery (Cook Islands) Co. Ltd.

Setting the record straight on Wednesday 24 July at a meeting in his Ministry Support Office the heavily scrutinised Bishop chronically and in detail provided the information his critics had been seeking disclosure on for six months.

When and from whom Bishop purchased the vessel the Bounty, his reasons and for what price is his and the seller's private business and not subject to public consumption even though he disclosed those details with clarity and original documentation.

Being the Minister of Marine Resources Bishop in hindsight

should have disclosed his personal business dealings for the record with his Cabinet colleagues when he entered into a transaction with Hua Nan Fishery Co Ltd. Added to that he should have kept his Ministry secretary Ben Ponia in the loop.

Bishop claimed there was nothing sinister or underhand in his disposal of the Bounty to Hua Nan.

Bishop explained they purchased the vessel Bounty for its fishing licence. Hua Nan considered the Bounty unsuitable for their purposes. To upgrade the vessel to their fishing requirements wasn't economically viable, therefore they asked if Bishop could dispose of it in an appropriate manner. It was suggested it could be donated to a non profit organisation.

Bishop approached the Mangaia Fishing Association who after considering the offer

could not accept for genuine reasons. Ian Karika the President of the Te Ipukarea Society (TIS) confirmed Bishop had offered the Bounty free to TIS. Karika said TIS reluctantly had to turn down the offer as they did not have the resources or skills to own and operate it.

An agreement between Hua Nan and Bishop to offer the smaller vessel Orongo instead of the Bounty was settled. Bishop said this was a win win decision as the Orongo which was in his possession by default due to the owners Manuae Fishing Ltd being unable to service the loan to purchase it.

At the time of the exchange there was a Bank loan of nearly \$50,000 on the Orongo. The Orongo was publically gifted by a representative of Hua Nan to a group of fishermen in Aitutaki. Karika said TIS had chartered the Orongo to the Northern group previously but found it

had limitations concerning the type of work they would need a vessel for.

Bishop was left with the Bounty and the outstanding loan for the Orongo. Bishop said he made a business decision to use the Bounty which has a load capacity of six tons commercially for charter and transporting cargo servicing Rarotonga, Atiu and Aitutaki. This is how the Orongo loan is being serviced disclosed Bishop who provided documentation as proof the Chinese had not paid off the loan as was incorrectly reported in this publication. As of the 1 July 2013 the bank documents showed the loan balance was \$43,883.72c.

Industry operators have verified Bishop could have sold the Bounty for much more than just under \$27,000. The reason for that price correctly isn't subject to public consumption.

The legality of Hua Nan's

purchase of the Bounty is the subject of a review by Business Trade Investment Board.

Well done Minister Bishop, but when his disclosure is laid beside all Reuben Tylor's media statements and Ben Ponia's 'No red flags were raised' letter to the CI News editor (19 July) which was a response to allegations and Tylor's legal opinion of MMR procedures, several further questions and concerns cannot go unanswered.

According to Ponia, Hua Nan did not need to purchase anything in order to receive an additional fishing licence. He wrote, *"However since the MMR had not reached its licensing cap, in January 2013 it proceeded to issue a new licence to Luen Thai, regardless of whether the Bounty was decommissioned or not."*

Ponia also claimed he was unaware of the details of the purchase and subsequent exchange of the Bounty for the Orongo. *"Because the ministry never received formal notification of the change of ownership or of documents evidencing the sale of the Bounty to Hua Nan, the ministry's records have continued to show TMN Ltd as the holder of the Bounty licence."*

Ponia then stated, *"However with the information that has now come to light, it is my intention to suspend the fishing licence of the FV Bounty immediately,"*

Bishop's nearly full page media response with photos and a graphic representation description in the CI News on 27 July explained Hua Nan bought the Bounty off him to gain a fishing licence which is a contradiction of Ben Ponia's explanation.

Bishop said he bought the Bounty off David and Rakera Herman for \$20,000 to help them from their financial difficulty. Then Bishop said another reason for the purchase was to have a go at long line fishing. Being a businessman Bishop was offered the Bounty at \$40,000 but could not resist it when they lowered the price to \$20,000.

Rather than lead the public to believe he was doing a financially stressed couple a good turn he took advantage of their desperation and made a business decision to commercialise his purchase.

Bishop's flirtation with long line



FV Orongo in dry dock

fishing was no financial bonanza so he makes another business decision to get rid of the Bounty. Bishop then decided to pass the 'rust bucket' as he calls it onto Hua Nan with the leverage it will come with a fishing licence.

The CI News reported, *"Knowing Luen Thai, Hua Nan's parent company, was interested in adding to its thirteen fishing licenses and had applied for an additional licence in November 2012, (Could this be insider trading?) Bishop said he was going to engage the company by asking the entity to purchase the Bounty, thus*

alleviating him of the boat and his financial burden from its purchase." (Could this be personal benefit?)

If Bishop was not the Minister of MMR or without the authority to issue foreign fishing licenses would Hua Nan have succumbed to Bishop's influence in purchasing the Bounty then gift it back to him?

Ben Ponia said Hua Nan did not have to purchase the Bounty to gain an extra license but they appeared to do so at Bishop's prompting. CI News further stated, *"By fulfilling the conditions of the Bounty sale, and if all MMR protocol on fishing licenses were met, Bishop said he would sign off on the new foreign license for Hua Nan."*

It seems Minister and businessman Bishop did very well in the transaction of the FV Bounty. He ended up paying nothing for the Bounty. Wonder how Hua Nan feel about giving Bishop \$27,000 to get a fishing license when according to Ponia they didn't need to?

This whole saga raises the question of who gives foreign fishing licenses the Minister Bishop or MMR Secretary Ponia?

By Bishop's own admissions in his CI News defence release he has incriminated himself and failed to convince the

unrepentant Bishop boasted he would do it all over again in exactly the same manner. Bishop exhibits a blind spot that has a serious disregard for moral integrity. He gives the distinct impression he considers himself above the principles of good governance or he has failed to learn valuable lessons to give no impression of evil.

His finger pointing and inference of Tylor, Rasmussen and Norman George as being guilty of sins of their own was childish and a silly attempt to divert public attention off himself.

Bishop's self righteous proclamation, *"If I'm guilty of helping Cook Islanders, so be it,"* hardly carries a speck of credibility when all

is said and done Bishop unquestionably was the biggest benefactor from the whole saga. If guilty of anything he's guilty of helping himself which is nothing unusual for a politician and businessmen.

The manner in which the CI News had to include a graphic representation to visually digest the complexity of Bishop's description of his dealings with Hua Nan has an asset laundering feel about it.

Until Bishop puts the horse to death by resigning as Minister of MMR, it will continue to be flogged.
- By George Pitt

His finger pointing and inference of Tylor, Rasmussen and Norman George as being guilty of sins of their own was childish and a silly attempt to divert public attention off himself.

public Tylor's legal opinions are fabrications and that he has acted morally and above board in the business dealings involving the FV Bounty.

The fact Bishop stated he financially benefited from the Bounty transaction (\$26,774) must place his oversight of MMR in serious jeopardy. How much longer the Prime Minister Henry Puna can condone his friend Bishop's personal wheeling and dealing of MMR is a very real concern to the public.

Disregarding the political damage he has done to the CIP brand and himself, an

School holidays Cricket for Juniors

By Charles Pitt

U19 Girls and U17 Boys

Cook Islands Cricket has advised that the school holidays tournament sponsored by ANZ Bank for under 19 girls and under 17 boys that was scheduled to take place from 31 July to 1 August, at Raemaru Park, will now be held on Thursday/Friday 8-9 August starting at 9am.

These events are 11 a side and it is free to register, just contact Cook Islands Cricket on ph 20744, or Apii on 51522 or Ronnie on 72981. There will be excellent prizes on offer, \$150 cash for the winner and prizes for the top batters and bowlers.

U10 and U13 Boys and Girls results

The results of the tournament for under 10s boys and girls 8 a side teams, held from 29 July to 30 July at Te Uki Ou School and Turangi cricket park and the tournament for the 8 a side under 13s boys and girls held at Takitumu School Matavera cricket field, are set out below courtesy of Cook Islands Cricket.

U10s at Turangi

Winners-Champ 1 (Ava), 2nd-Champ 2 (Turangi), 3rd- Titans (Titikaveka), 4th- Zeus (Mixed).

U13s at Matavera

Winners-Turangi, 2nd- Wanderers (Mixed), 3rd- Takitumu (Matavera), 4th- Rutaki.

Top batter

Tautiki Tautika with scores of 100 and 89.

Top bowler

Oliver Turus (Turangi).

"Cannibals" published

By Charles Pitt

Cook Islander John Ngariki Tunui's new book "Once were Cannibals" was printed on 23 July 2013 and is now available and can be ordered on line at <http://www.lulu.com/shop/john-n-tunui/once-were-cannibals/paperback/product-21064044.html>

Fifty one year old John is a self taught artist, he is divorced with no children and has been working as a full time artist in San Francisco for the last 23 years. His 302 page, paperback novel tells the story of a young boy growing up on Aitutaki. He has used his own childhood to pull together the entire plot dealing with exit migration of the people and of course ghosts. While his own family have expressed some concerns, readers will have to make up their own minds after reading the book, about the references to ghosts and the Devil.

John was born in Ngatangia, Rarotonga and grew up in Ureia, Aitutaki. He went to school in Tokoroa, New Zealand.

He sells his paintings to tourists and is inspired by artists like Raul Dufy, Gori and Sempe. The pieces he exhibits at Cafes do include Cook Islands motifs.

The COMPUTER MAN Tech Tips

Phone 24979 Email: sales@thecomputerman.co.ck

Best ever Android Apps

Viber: Free Messages & Calls

Viber distinguishes itself from other free voice and texting apps, like Google voice, by adding in your computer as a communication device. From your Android, you can seamless transfer a voice call to the Viber PC app and keep talking, or pick up a text message conversation already in progress. With a growing list of fans, Viber is well positioned to make talking and texting a little easier (and cheaper!).

Badoo

Badoo isn't known as the "flirting app" for nothing. Badoo uses your phone's GPS to locate other members in your area, displaying their Badoo profiles which contain likes, dislikes, and photos. You can use the app to chat with other members and arrange offline meetings. Badoo boasts more than 140 million members around the world.

Facebook for Android

Social networks thrive with a reliable app, and Facebook's for Android is solid. The Android app has the quintessential Facebook-branded interface but some unique functionality that's absent in Facebook's iPhone app, such as a side-scrolling preview pane of recently shared photos in the dashboard area.



Supplier SELL-OUT Sale!

Ex-Lease HP D530 EVO SFF Desktop

Intel Pentium 4 2.8GHz, 40GB HDD, 1GB RAM, CD ROM, On-board Intel 865G Graphics, Sound, LAN, 6 x USB, 19" LCD Screen, Keyboard & Mouse, Windows XP Professional

Normally \$499
\$299



We are here!

Police

Cooks Corner

CITC

Moss Road

Bowling Club

COMPUTER MAN
We are Here

CITV

Vakaitini Road

Evil Empire

All prices are Inclusive of V.A.T. Price valid 01/07/2013 - 31/08/2013 E.O.E.
Not on our Specials email List ? Email us at sales@thecomputerman.co.ck
Or Log-in @ www.thecomputerman.co.ck

**EAT LESS
MOVE MORE**
HEART FOUNDATION

COOK ISLAND TRADE DAYS STALLS AVAILABLE

Vendor spaces available for Authentic Cook Islands Arts, Crafts, Products & Food/Beverage

When: 31st July, 1st & 2nd August 2013
Where: National Auditorium
Time: from 9am

To register contact Moari Halston at BTIB
Ph: 24296 or email: moari.halston@btib.gov.ck

Limited Spaces!

2013 TE MAEVA NUI

BE A SPONSOR!

GET EXPOSURE & BENEFITS THROUGHOUT THE CELEBRATIONS!

PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
ARIKI	MATAIPO	RANGATIRA	PUTOKOTOKO
\$15,000	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$5,000

OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 24296 EMAIL info@btib.gov.ck

Business Trade Investment Board Cook Islands

Cook Islands

TAURANGA VANUAGA
MINISTRY OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

ADVERTISE WITH THE COOK ISLANDS HERALD

New Hope Church

Parekura Conference Centre

Inspirational messages to uplift and empower you

Sunday at 10.30am

Business Trade Investment Board Cook Islands

PAVEMENT ART COMPETITION TE MAEVA NUI CELEBRATIONS 2013

Who: Open to those schools who entered the competition by 19 July 2013
When: Thursday 25th July 2013
Where: Lagoon boardwalk opposite Foodland
Time: 9am-11am **Theme:** Taku Peu Maori Ka Ora (My Maori Culture Will Live)

As a lead up to Te Maeva Nui celebrations we are running a free to participate pavement art competition for the schools of Rarotonga on the lagoon side of the CBD in Avarua on the Te Maire Nui Road. Teams of school pupils will be given a sponsor's logo to copy onto the pavement in coloured chalk on the day of the competition. The best logo will win a prize and there will be consolation prizes and sponsor give-aways for those participating. In the event of rain, we will transfer to the BCI Stadium Grandstand.

As an added safety feature on the day, we have asked the Police to safety cone off the lane nearest the lagoon side whilst we run the competition.

Schools participating: Rutaki Primary School, Arorangi Primary School, Nikao' Maori School, Avatea Primary School, Nukutere College, Takitumu School, Titikaveka College

For further information please contact Te Tuhi Kelly
Trade and Marketing Manager
Business Trade & Investment Board Email: tetuhi.kelly@btib.gov.ck Ph: 24-296

Cook Islands Ministry of Cultural Development Proudly Presents

TE MAEVA NUI 2013 48TH CONSTITUTION CELEBRATION

29TH JULY - 5TH AUGUST 2013

Business Trade Investment Board
Cook Islands
P: (+682) 24296 E: info@btib.gov.ck Web: www.btib.gov.ck

Cook Islands Tourism Corporation
P: (+682) 24135 E: bookings@cookislands.gov.ck Web: www.cookislands.gov.ck

MONDAY 29TH JULY	THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST	MONDAY 5TH AUGUST
10:00am Float Parade Downtown Avarua (Free) 12:00pm TMN Official Opening (Panama to Avarua Harbour)	7:00pm Cultural Dance Performances National Auditorium	10am CONSTITUTION DAY CEREMONY National Auditorium Free 12:00pm AWARDS & CLOSING CEREMONY National Auditorium Free
TUESDAY 30TH JULY Free Day	FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST 9am-2pm Cook Islands Trade Day National Auditorium 7:00pm Cultural Dance Performances National Auditorium	
WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY 9am-2pm Cook Islands Trade Day National Auditorium 7:00pm Cultural Dance Performances National Auditorium	SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 6am-2pm Punanga Nui Market Day Punanga Nui Market	
THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST 9am-2pm Cook Islands Trade Day National Auditorium	SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST - CONSTITUTION AND NATIONAL DAY 10am Normal Church Services	

TICKETS

Cultural Dance Performance
\$10, \$15, \$25

Available From:
Public Shelter Opposite the Police Station,
Downtown Avarua - 9am to 3pm
Cook Islands National Library,
McCD complex - 9 to 3pm
Cook Islands National Auditorium
at the door 1 hour before the events.

Te Maeva Nui Float Parade

Photos by Norma Ngatamariki



Auau Enea (Mangaia) march towards the judges with winning smiles



Children of Mangaia making their debut for the float parade. Their theme for this year is Kaara, or Big Drum, which best represents the island for their warm hospitality.



Cook Islands Police Force ensuring our communities safety, even during the Float Parade.



Dancer of the Year participant Eteta Tuteru alongside her friend, Phillippa Smith.



Youth dancers from the village Tupapa Maraerenga



The pretty girls from Enuamanu showing off their stuff.



The men from MOIP (Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning) hoisting their manioc, taro and nu for the Investiture.



The Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning left a good impression on the judges, with their theme being Investiture of the Ariki

Te Maeva Nui Float Parade

Photos by Norma Ngatamariki



Penrhyn pride takes the stage.



Kai Natura no te Oraanga Meitaki is the message this year for Te Marae Ora.



People making good use of what Mother Nature has provided them with. A truly beautiful sight.



Latter Day Saints Youth Group having fun while serving the community.



Te Aronga Mapu from the beautiful island of Nukuroa



Ministry of Justice in preparation for the Float Parade.



The beautiful girls representing Akatokamanava (Mauke) make a grand entrance, with their Pu (Conch shells)



Observers crowding around to see the much-anticipated Float Parade

MAEVA NUI 2013 Akatu`era`anga



na Rutera Taripo

“Kaura, Kaura, Kaura te Tapu Vānanga ...”

I te ora 10 i te pōpōngi Monitē rā 29 o Tiurai, kua putuputu mai ki te uāpu i Avatiu te au terēra-`iri`iri no te `akakoro`anga o te `akamata`anga o te Maeva Nui 2013. Kua ō atu tēta`i au pitinīti ki roto i teia `akatu`era`anga Maeva Nui `13 `ē pērā katoa te au pupu-`ura e 10 te kā piri atu ki roto i te tārērē`anga `ura o tēia mata`iti. Ko te tāpura tei `akano`o`ia no te Maeva Nui o teia mata`iti koia `oki ko “TAKU PEU MAORI, KA ORA”.

Kua rutu te pau, kua tangi te `imene, te amu `ē te pe`e i te tere`anga mai o te au terēra nā roto i te oire i Avarua, ma te tā`openga atu no te `ākarakara`anga `openga ki mua i te au `akavā i te uāpu i Avarua. Kua kī nga tua o te mataara i te `iti-tangata, kōpu-tangata, te au tūroto i te mātakitaki atu i te au terēra e tere mataorā ra na runga i te Ara Tapu. Ko tēia te mata`iti 48 no te rave `ia `anga tēia `akakoro`anga i riro mai ei to tātou basileia e na tātou rai e `akatere. `□ te mata`iti 2015 kua tae i reira ki te 50 `anga o te mata`iti i tō tātou `akaepaepa`anga ma te maeva`anga i tō tātou tūranga`iti-tangata Kūki `Airani, `ē te `irinaki `ia nei ko tēia te mata`iti e kia auraka koe kia kore e tae mai no te Maeva Nui ma`ata `ē te purapura i te Kūki `Airani nei. Noatu ra te reira, te irinaki `ia nei e ko teia katoa tēta`i mata`iti ka mataora te Maeva Nui mei tei mātau `ia i te au mata`iti kātōatoa. E `akakoro`anga umu`ia oki teia e tātou te `iti-tangata Kūki `Airani no te mou mai, tāmou i tā tātou peu Māori kia kore te reira e ngaro, kia vai mutukore no tātou `ē no te uki amuri mai. No reira kia tae atu tātou ki te `Are Karioi Nui no te turuturu `ē te `akaepaepa`anga i tēia `epetoma puapinga no tātou `ē tō tātou basileia, `akamata a te pō Ruitoru 31o Tiurai- Varaire 2 o `Aukute.

Tātakitaki mai ana i to `ina ki te `Are Karioi ei kai-monomono no tō`ou tuātāu



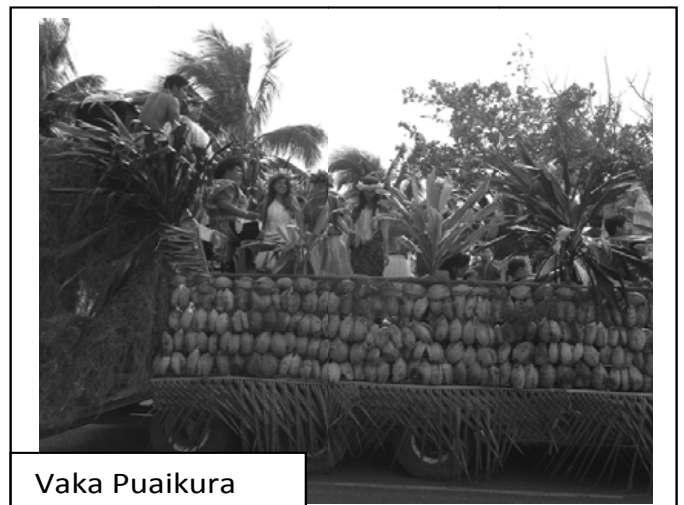
Enua Nukuroa



Tupapa/Maraerenga Youth



Te Marae Ora



Vaka Puaikura

How to achieve what you intend to do Part 1

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

In Part 1 of this article I noted that God wanted His people to be "Super-Achievers" under the leading and guidance of His Holy Spirit. I was talking about Nehemiah, an ordinary person who trusted God and who managed to achieve a major task in such a short period of time. The Walls and the Gates of the city of Jerusalem were destroyed and there was no protection and security for the people. The original construction work for the Walls and Gates took many years to complete, yet the rebuilding took only 52 days under the leadership of Nehemiah. There was interference by some people with evil intentions. However, through divine interventions this 'good project intended to benefit Gods people' overcame the disruptions of negative minded people. In the Book of Nehemiah 6v.1-19 are three lessons to learn from on How To Achieve What You Intend To Do.

LESSON 1 is in v.1-4 "KEEP WORKING IN SPIRE OF DISTRACTIONS".

In this story are two men who tried to distract Nehemiah. They were Sanballat and Tobiah. Sanballat means "enemy in secret" and Tobiah means "cunning fox". There will always be Sanballats and Tobiahs around distracting and interfering people who are doing good works for God or even doing things to benefit others. There is a Leadership Law that says "The main thing is to keep the main thing 'the main thing'"

LESSON 2 is found in v.5-9 "YOU KEEP WORKING IN SPIRE OF DEFAMATION" [false accusation; insult; abuse; rudeness]

No matter what happens keep on working and stay focus on what God want to achieve through you. "God will bless you when people insult you, mistreat you, and tell all kinds of evil lies about you because of me. Be happy and excited! You will have a great reward in heaven." [Matthew 5v.11-12(a) CEV].

LESSON 3 is in v.10-14 "KEEP WORKING IN SPIRE OF DANGER"



First, the enemies tried to DISTRACT Nehemiah, then they started SAYING BAD THINGS ABOUT HIM!, and now they're trying to SCARE HIM! A man called Shemaiah who was a friend of Nehemiah was used by Sanballat and Tobiah to trick Nehemiah to believe that there was an assassination attempt on his life, and for him to run and hide in the Temple. In v.11 Nehemiah said "...Should a man like me run into the temple to save his life? I will not go in!" Nehemiah felt that in spite of the danger he would keep on working. He even said, "I'm in-charge of this work! If I run and hide, what would happen to the morale of the people! I'm not going to run away! People are watching me!" Because Nehemiah and the people continued to work in spite of DISTRACTION; DEFAMATION; and DANGER, they managed to finish rebuilding the Walls and the Gates in 52 days! (v.15).

The question is "What do we need to have in order to overcome Distraction; Defamation; and Danger?" (1) Have a clear Purpose! Have a clear Goal; Vision; and Objective! "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything!" (2) Have a clear Perspective! [point of view] Nehemiah had the ability to anticipate a trap. James 1v.5 reads "If any man lacks wisdom, ask God." (3) Live a Prayerful life! Nehemiah has a prayerful life! Jesus said to His disciples "...that they should always pray and not give up." (Luke 18v.1) Jesus Christ the most criticized and ridiculed person in the Bible maintained His clear PURPOSE of why He came into this world; and He had a clear PERSPECTIVE of everything during His days here on earth; and He lived a PRAYERFUL life! Remember that TOUGH TIMES DON'T LAST BUT TOUGH PEOPLE DO! May you have a God blessed week!



BTIB Trade Days



Careers Expo plus school holiday!

By Norma Ngatamariki

Yes! The school holidays have finally arrived! After 12 full-on weeks of teachers, assignments and deadlines, kids are finally enjoying the momentary freedom while it lasts. Well, good on them. Some of us actually have to go back to school and catch up on some things (like yours truly), which is a buzz kill in its own kind of way, but that's what you get when you haven't tried as hard to complete your work during the actual school term. Blah! I'd like to get school work out of my mind for a bit and focus on the fun things in life.

Yup, as you may know, the Careers Expo took place at the Telecom Sports Arena on Thursday. Students are suppose

to take this opportunity and figure out what they want to do with their lives (but, to tell you the truth, we only go there for two things: freebies and to enter the competition in the hopes that we might win something). My buddies and I roamed the Arena, in search of entertainment and, of course, prizes. We didn't muck around because we had limited time and wanted to get all the freebies possible (that's just how it works. First there, first served).

So, here's how the schedule was suppose to be. Year 13 students go in first, along with a couple of Year 9 and 10 classes (which I reckoned to be a bit unfair because in previous years, they were always last. Everyone has their turn) Because I sit with a Year 13 Accounting class, I

just made the decision to join the Year 13, even though I'm in Year 12. I really couldn't afford to sit around while all the freebies were being taken.

Schools from all over, both here and the outer islands had come to see what was up at the Expo. In my opinion, it was a tad bit boring this year (maybe it was because there wasn't that much giveaways) but I still managed to have a good time. I probably entered every single competition there was at the Expo (I even entered the Cook Islands News comp twice). As the supply of freebies decreased, the competition increased amongst the students. I was feeling kind of edgy, because I just wanted to lay claim on a free bag, water bottle,

stickers, and, my personal favorite, sweets!

Anyway, drastic change of topic. What are YOU doing this holiday? Sleeping in, raking rubbish, getting a job or... revving up for this year's Te Maeva Nui? The Float Parade was cool, as all the districts, organizations, ministries and outer islands put in the effort for a marvelous display. There were some pretty interesting themes too, like Akatokamanava's Maine Pageant, Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning's Ariki Investiture and the Ministry of Justice's on-site car crash. I know for a fact that a lot of youth participate in this amazing event, so I look forward to seeing them on stage at the National Auditorium!

Dear Natalie

By Hareta Tiraa Passfield

It's been 3 months since you died. Every time I think I think about the accident I cry. It was my fault, I let you get into the car with him. I didn't even try stop you. You are my best friend and I let you die. All the shrinks I've seen told me it's not my fault, but if it's not mine then whose is it? There is always someone to blame. Everyone tried to tell me it was the drivers fault, but he didn't force you into the car. You were drunk, you didn't know what was even going on. So it was my fault, I was too busy with Troy to even care about anything.

You were my everything. I can't remember one amazing

memory without you in it. You made everything fun, you had the confidence to do anything and everything. I still remember back in preschool you beat up the school bully for calling me names. From that moment I knew we were going to be best friends.

When my parents split up you were there, when Austin cheated on me you were there, when my gold fish died you were there. Then the one time you needed me to look after you, I wasn't there.

I have spent the past 3 months in my room. I've lost so much weight, I look sickly. My parents are worried I'm going anorexic. There hasn't been a day that I haven't thought

about it. I sometimes want it all to end. I contemplate suicide but I know you'd be disappointed if I did. You would never forgive me.

One of my favourite memories with you was the first day of high school. You could have ditched me and hung out with cool crowd. You were so good at everything, you could have hung out with whoever she wanted. All the boys like you, but still you didn't just ditch me. You could have had it all but because of me you didn't want it. You'd rather spend your high school life with a loser than with the "in" crowd. Even though it was just me and you most of the time we still knew how to

have fun. When I was with you I couldn't stop laughing. You could just look at me and give me one of your creepy looks and I would laugh till I could feel my abs coming on.

Your family was like my family. If I was ever having trouble at home I could always count on you and your family. You were my best friend in the whole world. You were my light in the darkness; you were my emotional compass and I don't know how I'll survive without you. I wish I could talk to you just one last time, if I could I would say.. Natalie, I'm so sorry for what I did. I should have never let you in that car. I am the reason you're dead. I miss you so much. Please come back to me.

You can make a difference! Do Your Part



got water?
Do your part, be water smart!

UN WATER
World Water Day
2013
International Year of
Water Cooperation

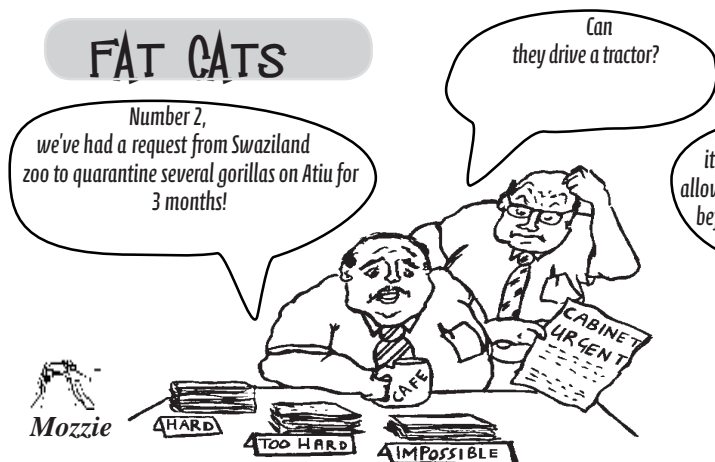
Every
Drop
counts

OFF THE TAP!!

MINISTRY OF
INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING

WATER EMERGENCY PHONES: Ph55-663 W3 Ph54-097 W4 Ph54-017 Office Ph20-321

FAT CATS



COCONUT ROUNDTABLE



Goodness chooks! Squabbly kerfuffle at the Maeva Nui with the big boss man clashing with an angry parent! Angry parent type because the big boss man was filming his daughter going through the movements and that, according to the parent, was intellectual property! Unfortunately for the parent, he was then ejected from the premises!



Seems any day now the Peter "T" will be confirmed in the chair of the holy one who dishes out the foreign sourced moolah! The big three, FinSec, Taxman and Aid man, will then be all non natives!



Bit of musical offices to see where new Minister Kiriaua lands up residing! If Mr "T" gets the DPM throne, Kiriaua will move to the Golf Course. If the Bishop gets the nod, Kiriaua will move to the Creek! If "Son of Moolah" gets the shoulder tap, he won't be going anywhere because next to PM means next to heaven. But where will that leave Kiriaua and what about the empty office behind Banana Land? Will the good Dr have to vacate his chair?

New Minister Kiriaua has picked his Support Office CEO and it's that fella Manuela. And his pay takes a handsome hike to new heights! Kiriaua has also picked his Finance Officer, tea lady and Field Officer.

Chooks, look for a new building to rise up on the cleared site at the old Kia Orana Foods factory, to house the Chinese workers coming to work on the roads. When the

CHOOKS CORNER



WITH BIG RED

project is completed and the workers fly out, government will have new premises to house a small army of pen pushers and paper shufflers!



Reports coming in reveal that when the new water pipes were connected up to the pipes leading to homes, water came out with such force and power, it almost bowled a homeowner over! When the amazed homeowner put the crucial question, "What happens if it does not rain?" She received the standard Water Division response, "I don't know!"



Senior public servants have been sent messages that they are expected to attend the official ceremony next Monday at the National Auditorium to mark self government but the reality is that most will probably be sleeping off hangovers from the weekend.



At the self government ceremony next Monday at the National Auditorium, because Tom Tom is only holding the rank of QR Elect, "God Save the Queen" will not be played and the Union Jack not hoisted up the flag pole! Although the Chief Justice is

filling in, he is not in country! Tom Tom will be attending but until he is promoted to full QR, he has to bide his time and twiddle his thumbs!



With the PM away in Manihiki for the self government celebrations, Minister Teariki Heather is playing acting PM at the National Auditorium on Monday which begs the question, do we really need a DPM? Ministers can just take turns at being acting PM!



It's a pity government has blocked the elephants from coming because being highly intelligent mammals, elephants could have turned out to be Aitutaki's savior! In fact, in no time at all, elephants might have been elected to the Island Council (ousting Baxter), filling positions on government Boards like the Ports Authority (ousting Mike), piloting our local aircraft (ousting Sean) and conducting tours to One Foot Island (ending Teina's monopoly).



As pointed out by Ports Authority Chairman Mike "Elephant man" Henry, who recently was also appointed to the Board of the CIIC (Dashwood's job

under threat?), elephants could have put the Cook Islands on the tourism map thanks to a documentary that was to be made! With no other strategy seemingly working well for tourism, elephants could have been a God's send! Perhaps elephants could also have assisted to market our black pearls-another area where sales are not doing too well. What about elephant 7's? "Sevens in Elephant Heaven!"

If the elephants had come, Aitutaki's lads could have sauntered down to the Aitutaki Game Fishing Club, rubbed elbows and indulged in a beer or two with Mike Henry and his elephant pals! You would have needed deep pockets and gumboots however, as elephants can put quite a bucketful away and are not fussy about where they deposit their doo dahs!






Just as schools adopt overseas sports teams, schools could have adopted an elephant! In fact, Tereora could have gone one better and enrolled an elephant in class to sit NZ NCEA! An elephant could even have become Dux! Winning the Mike Henry Award for Innovative Ideas!

Cook Islands
HERALD
PMG
PITT MEDIA GROUP

CITV Building
Moss Road
Parekura, Rarotonga
PO Box 126 Rarotonga
Tel: (682) 29 460
Fax: (682) 21 907
E mail: bestread@ciherald.co.ck
www.ciherald.co.ck


Editor: Charles L. Pitt
Feature writer: Maria Tanner
Te Reo Maori: Rutera Taripo
Columnist: Norma Ngatamariki
Graphic Artist: Nga Glassie
Advertising: Charlie Rani
Accounts/Deliveries:
Te Riu Woonton

TE MAEVA NUI 2013

OVERALL PROGRAMME


MONDAY 29 JULY – MONDAY 5 AUGUST 2013



DAY 1:	MONDAY 29TH JULY	Venue	Admission
10:00am 12:00pm	Float Parade Official Opening	Downtown Avarua (Panama to Avarua Harbour)	Free
DAY 2:	TUESDAY 30TH JULY		
	Free Day		
DAY 3:	WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY		
9am-2pm 7:00pm	Cook Islands Trade Day Cultural Dance Performances	National Auditorium National Auditorium	Free \$25, \$15, \$10
DAY 4:	THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST		
9am-2pm 7:00pm	Cook Islands Trade Day Cultural Dance Performances	National Auditorium National Auditorium	Free \$25, \$15, \$10
DAY 5:	FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST		
9am-2pm 7:00pm	Cook Islands Trade Day Cultural Dance Performances	National Auditorium National Auditorium	Free \$25, \$15, \$10
DAY 6:	SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST		
6am-2pm	Punanga Nui Market Day	Punanga Nui Market	
DAY 7:	SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST – CONSTITUTION AND NATIONAL DAY		
10am	Normal Church Services		
DAY 8:	MONDAY 5TH AUGUST		
10am 12:00pm	CONSTITUTION DAY CEREMONY AWARDS & CLOSING CEREMONY	National Auditorium National Auditorium	Free

MEITAKI MAATA TO OUR PROUD SPONSORS

GOLD — MATAIAPO



SILVER — RANGATIRA

STARTS TODAY


THE BCI


TRADE DAYS

3 DAYS OF LOCAL TRADE!


9AM – 2PM WED-FRIDAY

BRONZE — PUTOKOTOKO






Island
CAR & BIKE HIRE
enquiries@islandcarhire.co.ck
www.islandcarhire.co.ck




Telecom
COOK ISLANDS


SUPPORTING BUSINESSES — KOMONO




Cook Islands NEWS
AS FOLD AS THE ISLANDS WE STAND FOR




T&M




HERITAGE HOLDINGS




ARO'A
Beachside Inn



Turoa Bakery Ltd
Quality Bakers Since 1948



VONNIA'S
AIR NEW ZEALAND



PIT MEDIA GROUP

FAMILIES — KIATO

- Palm Grove
- David Akanoa & Family
- Tauariki wear
- Tamarind

- Tex Mart
- Pacific Resort
- Empire Theatre
- Kiliki Motel
- Taio Shipping

- Tamariki Manuia Dance Troupe
- The Sunset Resort

SPECIAL THANKS — MANA MARAE

- Island Craft Ltd
- Tina and Stephen Numanga

- Pacific Divers - Steve Lyons

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE
BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM**

The Ministry of Health in Association with Cook Islands Breast Cancer Foundation would like to advise the next Mammography Screening Program will be held from Monday 29th July to Friday 9th of August 2013 at Rarotonga Hospital.

Criteria:

1. If you are 40 yrs and over and have not had a Breast Screen before, please contact Hospital Receptionist for an appointment Ph: 22664
2. If you are under 40 yrs and experiencing breast pain and complications, please contact Dr May for an appointment. Ph: 22664 ext 813
3. If you were seen in 2011 and advised for a 2 yearly screening and had not been contacted by any Rarotonga Hospital staff, please contact Hospital Receptionist for an appointment. Ph: 22 664

Meitaki maata

**TUATUA AKAKITE.
POROKARAMU NOTE IO ATU ITE U OTE VAINA**

Ka rave te Marae Ora ete Putuputuanga Breast Cancer i tetai porokaramu note akara anga i te u o te au mama, a teia epetoma ki mua, akamata ite Monite ra 29 o Tiurai, e tae uatu kite Varaire ra 9 o Aukute mataiti 2013 kite Aremaki, Rarotonga.

Akanooanga:

1. Me kua tae toou mataiti kite a ngauru tere atu (40 years plus) ta niuniu atu i te are maki numero 22664 no tetai taime (appointment) noou.
2. Kotou i raro ake i te a ngauru mataiti me te kite nei koe i te tukeke i toou u mama, e ta niuniu atu ia Dr May 22664 ext 813 no tetai au akamarama anga
3. Ka anoano ia kotou tei akara ia ite mataiti 2011 kia akara ia akaou i teia mataiti nei, no reira me kare e koe i ta niuniu iake e te are maki patiangia kia ta niuniu mai koe no tetai taime (appointment) noou.

Meitaki Maata

VACANCY

Business Trade Investment Board
Cook Islands

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Business Trade Investment Board (BTIB) has a senior position open for a Business Development Officer. The ideal applicant must be hard working with a tertiary qualification in a relevant field, outstanding communication skills ideal for teaching and training with an ability to network with a broad cross section of people is. A background/experience in business appraisal and lending is a must. Job descriptions are available from the BTIB office. Written applications with a current CV may be sent in confidence to:

Finance and Administration Manager, BTIB private Bag, Rarotonga or email sarah.samuel@btib.gov.ck
Applications close 4.00pm Friday 2nd August 2013

VACANCY



**MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING
WATER, WASTE & SANITATION UNIT**

The Government of the Cook Islands (CI Gov) is embarking on a multimillion dollar upgrade of the water supply system on Rarotonga, with the goal of "delivering potable water, reliably, to the boundaries of properties connected to the existing water supply network, by 2015".

In order to achieve its target, the CI Gov has formed 'Te Mato Vai' – the Cook Islands Water Partnership – with the governments of the People's Republic of China and New Zealand.

Funding for the water supply upgrade will be provided through a combination of Cook Islands budget funding, a Chinese government loan and grant assistance from New Zealand.

The upgrade to be carried out on Rarotonga, will involve rehabilitation of 12 water intakes, creation of additional storage capacity, construction of treatment plants and replacement of all trunk mains, ring mains and local distribution to the boundaries of all properties served by the current network.

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning (MOIP) in partnership with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MFEM) invites applications for the posts of 'Te Mato Vai' Communications Team Leader in its Water, Waste and Sanitation (WATSAN) Unit.

WATSAN seeks applications from appropriately qualified and experienced individuals or firms, to provide leadership of the Communications Work stream for 'Te Mato Vai'. The Communications Team Leader will be appointed on a contract basis, for an initial period of one year, with the possibility of extension to the full duration of 'Te Mato Vai'. This is an exciting opportunity to work with a new team, tasked with making improvements in water infrastructure, policy and practice that will contribute to the supply of reliable potable water to the boundaries of all properties on Rarotonga.

Te Mato Vai Communications Team Leader

Communication with our stakeholders is a critical component in

the successful delivery of the Te Mato Vai project. This includes working with schools awareness programmes; writing press releases and news columns; managing social media; working with event's organisers; overseeing the design and production of collateral; co ordinating community information events and preparing briefing documents for senior politicians.

To lead these activities, we are seeking an experienced Communications Team Leader who has the energy, expertise and skills to implement a comprehensive communications strategy across a wide ranging programme of work, throughout Rarotonga.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a track record of successful delivery of communications in multi faceted programmes of work.

For this position an interest in or understanding of the water sector and environment would be a distinct advantage. Above all, the successful candidate must be passionate about making a difference to the long term well being of the Cook Islands.

If you would like to apply for this position, please submit a letter of application with a current CV to:

Tekao Herrmann

Acting WATSAN Manager

Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning PO Box 102, Rarotonga

A copy of the TOR can be emailed to you upon request.

The 'Te Mato Vai' Communications Strategy to be implemented by the Communications Team Leader is in place, and available for interested applicants.

The closing date for applications is Friday, 2 August 2013.

For more information please contact Tangi Taoro by phone on 20 321 or by email at

t.taoro@moip.gov.ck



**CROWN LAW OFFICE COOK ISLANDS
COMMERCIAL/CIVIL LAWYER**

The Crown Law Office, Rarotonga is seeking to employ a Crown Counsel with 3-6 years PQE in Commercial/Civil Law.

The work is varied, across a diverse range of issues including general contract/commercial insurance and employment.

You must have the ability to negotiate and draft commercial contract and advise on a broad range of legal issues of commercial/civil significance.

This is an opportunity to provide legal support to Government that is complex and challenging with lenty of potential through strengthening internal and external relationships.

Expressions of interest together with a full CV are to be provided by Friday 9 August 2013 to Dorothy Ivaiti, Crown Law Office in an envelope marked "Counsel Vacancy", P O Box 494, Avarua, Rarotonga, Cook Islands or by email to dorothy.ivaiti@cookislands.gov.ck

*Mount View
Lodges* O'oa

Accommodation to suit your budget



**Self contained and self servicing
free standing units**

**FROM \$35
PER NIGHT**

Ph: 29491 Mobile: 50326

