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Flights crucial to economic survival of Aitutaki and Atiu

The Cook Islands Ministry of Finance and Economic Management recently released an economic review which it had commissioned on the economic impacts of the Cook Islands Government underwrite of weekly non stop long haul access aviation services from Los Angeles and Sydney to the Cook Islands. The review was undertaken by Covec Economics, <http://www.covec.co.nz/>. Covec is one of New Zealand's leading economic research consulting firms with significant research experience in tourism economics. Covec economics concluded that:

- the underwrite of LAX-RAR increased Cook Islands GDP by between around \$6.6 million and \$7.7 million per annum from the period 2010 to 2012. Overall, the LAX-RAR underwrite is estimated to make a net positive contribution per annum to economic activity of around \$6 million per annum in the Cook Islands between 2013 and 2017. Key features of the LAX-RAR underwrite are that the:

- LAX-RAR service is used by around 80% of visitors from the US and Canada in at least one direction. It is also used by around 30% of visitors in the 'Other' category (mostly Europe);

- loss of the LAX-RAR service is estimated to reduce international visitor arrivals by around 9,500 per year;

- additional visitors generated by the underwrite agreement spend around \$15.5 million per year; and

- generates around 2,000 additional visitors per year to the outer islands (mainly Aitutaki and Atiu).

- the underwrite of SYD-RAR decreased Cook Islands GDP by between \$0.3

million and \$0.9 million per annum from the period 2010 to 2012. Overall, the SYD-RAR underwrite is estimated to make a net marginally negative contribution per annum to economic activity of around \$0.1 million per annum by 2017. Key features of the SYD-RAR underwrite are that the service:

- is predominantly used by residents of New South Wales in Australia, while Australian residents from other states tend to travel via Auckland; and

- generates around 750 additional visitors per year to the outer islands (mainly Aitutaki and Atiu).

Mr Brown welcomed the report and pointed out that it had clearly established a solid base on which take further decisions on the underwriting of airline services to the Cook Islands.

"When we first came into Government we were presented with a scenario where we had to sign on the bottom line or Air New Zealand would cease the Los Angeles service due to non-commerciality, I believe the approach being taken now is a robust approach to making these sorts of decisions – an evidence based approach based on researched facts leads to informed decisions and ultimately better economic outcomes for the Cook Islands."

Ewan Smith Chairman of the Cook Islands Tourism Corporation outlined how the study had confirmed his long held belief that the Cook Islands was a premier destination that required diversity in its source tourism markets.

"I have always been a strong believer in the need to have long haul access to the Cook Islands for Northern American and European markets. It diversifies our market, ensuring



Finance Minister Mark Brown welcomed the report.

that we are not totally reliant on New Zealand tourism. I am pleased to see that we can now begin to quantify the benefits to the overall economy. It also demonstrates how these two flights are crucial to the economic survival of Aitutaki and the growth of Atiu."

Cabinet have now requested that MFEM and CITC to work closely together to seek expressions of interest from established commercial international aviation operators for the provision of long haul air route services to Rarotonga, Cook Islands for a period of four years from November 2014 through to November 2018.

Halatoa Fua, Chief Executive

of the Cook Islands Tourism Corporation pointed out that a prospectus had been finalised and will be shortly circulated to all commercial carriers who may have an interest in providing such services.

The current agreement with Air New Zealand to provide non stop weekly services from Los Angeles and Sydney to Rarotonga is until October 2014

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Richard Neves (richard.neves@cookislands.gov.ck) – Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Management

New Commission to tackle areas of interest

By Charles Pitt

A new organization was formed recently with the two-fold aim of (a) being committed to the assessment and maintenance of our Native Customs in Land and Cultural matters and (b) respecting and honoring our Free Association status with New Zealand.

The group, whose official title is "Our Customs and Free Association Commission Incorporated" is chaired by a former Minister for Justice, Tupuiariki Henry who is also the President.

So far the group has held three meetings, the latest on Tuesday 23 July 2013 at the Tupapa Meeting House.

Tupui Henry spoke with the Herald on Wednesday morning to explain the purpose and objectives of the group. He did not want to release too much detail at this early stage, indicating more information would be made public as progress was made in various areas identified as being of interest.

A draft Constitution has been prepared which sets out the group's objectives as;

1. To observe and assist the Leases Approval Committee in the approving of leases and documents
2. to observe and advise the Courts in dealing with land matters according to "Native Customs"
3. to examine and assess the validity of government claims to Crown lands
4. to conduct a survey in the divisions of the public service as to what is a department and what constitutes a Ministry including remuneration rates for public servants and MPs including members of Cabinet
5. review the electorates and the number of seats in our parliament
6. to be involved in all matters covering our land rights and sea bed minerals
7. to carry out any other matters or do any other things

for the common benefits of our people and country.

Tupui advised that besides himself as Chair, there are nine others on the inaugural management committee who occupy the positions of Vice-President (3), Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members (4).

There are eight persons on an Honorary Committee which includes representatives of the House of Ariki, Koutu Nui, Chamber of Commerce, Parliament and religious Advisory Council.

The management committee has several functions and powers, among them,

1. Ensuring the establishment of good laws for all people of the Cook Islands
 2. To make recommendations on policies for good government, and
 3. To appoint Boards or Committees to assist with applications for re-hearing of land cases or re-opening of previous court cases ruled as non-appealable.
- At the meeting last Tuesday, the group drew up a list of areas of interest to be considered/investigated by members. These were;
1. Land court matters
 2. Traditional titles claims
 3. Leases Approval Committee procedure
 4. Survey of public service ministries/departments
 5. Review of electorates and MPs
 6. Taxation and health charges for the elderly
 7. Sea bed minerals
 8. Free Association status with NZ


Several members volunteered to follow these items up and report back at the next meeting to be held in a month's time.

At an appointed time, more information on committee members will be released



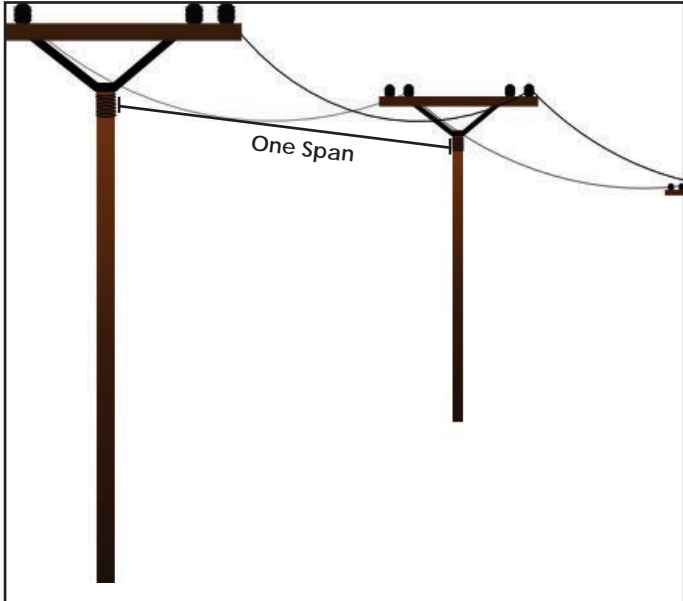
Tupui Henry

however, the Herald has noted that those who have indicated their interest at being on the management committee are reputable people of some standing in the community.



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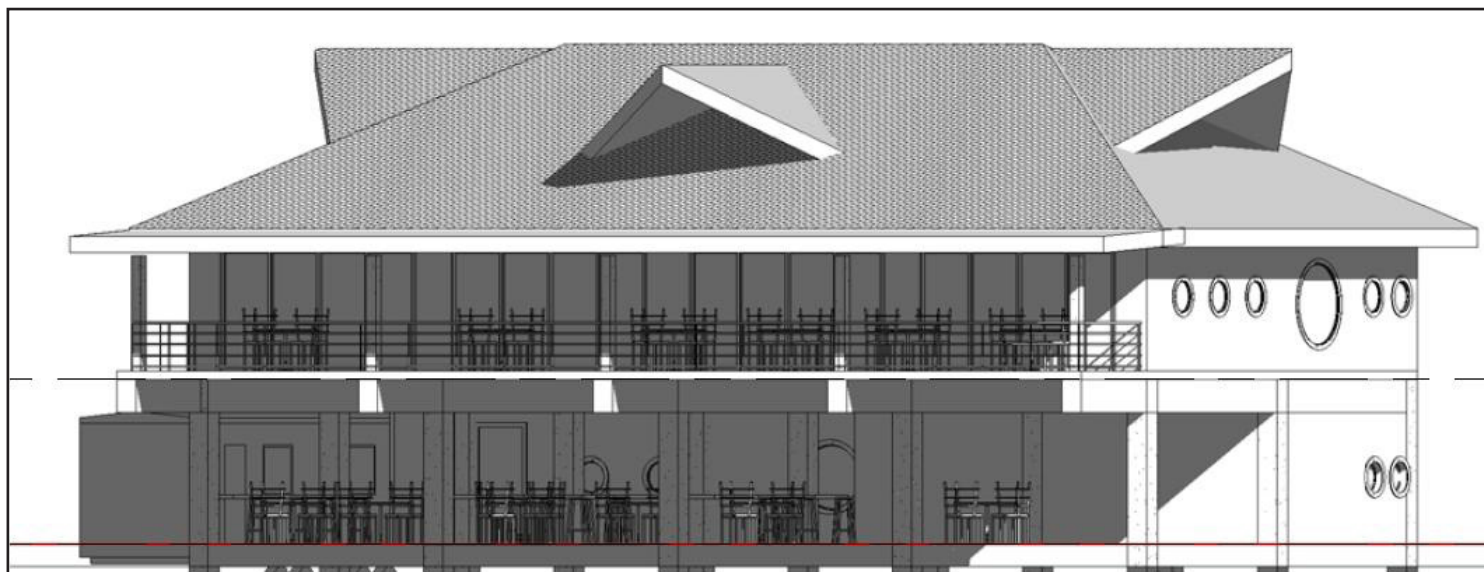
Explaining connection costs



What are the costs of an the upfront costs. electricity connection? From July this year TAU is offering a special deal that will save customers up to \$2000. TAU will pay the costs of a full span. This is strictly "first come, first served" until the customer pays the rest of funds run out.

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Tender awarded for Aitutaki Game Fishing Club refurbishment project



The Aitutaki Game Fishing Club design.

Aitutaki will soon see a hive of activity on the marina waterfront as construction begins on the Aitutaki Game Fishing Club (AGFC) refurbishment project. Construction is planned to take up to 5 months subject to shipping and with the help of local sub contractors.

Destination Development a division of the Cook Islands Tourism Corporation has announced RVK contractors as the successful tenderer for the AGFC refurbishment project. RVK a company owned and operated by Keta Williams won the tender after meeting all tender submission requirements as outlined by the MFEM tender process.

The AGFC refurbishment project steering committee is made up of Michael Henry as Chairman of the AGFC refurbishment project sub-committee, Des Eggelton appointed by Cook Islands Tourism as Project Manager, Romani Katoa as Project Architect, along with Metua Vaiimene for Cook Islands Tourism.

'Once complete the facilities are set to be the "flagship" project for all Destination Development initiatives on Aitutaki' says

Metua Vaiimene, Director of Destination Development. Despite questions being raised about the AGFC project Vaiimene emphasized that 'The benefits to the community from the upgrade and completion of the building are significant.

The facility will become a central hub and venue for a number of water-based Tourism niche-market activities and events that the Corporation will invest in going forward'. Cook Islands Tourism estimates a minimum of at least \$83,000 per year will be spent in the Aitutaki economy by new visitors attracted to these water-based events and activities. To date the Aitutaki Game Fishing Club has already played a key role in hosting both local and international sporting and community events such as Motu to Motu Oe Vaka, Traditional Voyaging, Sailing, and Bone Fishing.

With a new world class facility on arguably the world's best lagoon AGFC plan to host more international events and hopefully see a return of the Rarotonga – Auckland yacht race of days gone by.

The Aitutaki Game Fishing Club strongly believe that the

new club facilities will have an immediate impact on all visitors to Aitutaki as the club becomes a focal point for water-based activities and a meeting place for visitors and local characters and personalities.



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News Briefs *By TeRiu Woonton*

The Cook Islands Red Cross is raising funds to continue the usage of the emergency satellite phones in the outer islands that will keep the outer islands in touch with the main island Rarotonga after or during a natural disaster, especially during cyclone season peak- November through to April. The Herald understands that since the NZ Red Cross stopped paying for the emergency satellite phone lines earlier on this year, it is now up to the Cook Islands Red Cross to keep the satellite phones up and running. Francis Topa-Fariu, Secretary General to Cook Islands Red Cross says that the emergency satellite phones have proven to be extremely useful in the past; after the cyclones that hit Aitutaki and Pukapuka and Telecom phone lines went down, the satellite phones were the only means of communication to keep in touch with Rarotonga. This Wednesday the 28th, Cook Islands Red Cross will be carrying out a door knock appeal from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Red Cross members will be dispersed around the island and go from door to door to collect a gold coin or more from those who would like to donate.

The Winter Youth ball organized by the Cook Island Youth Ambassadors that was scheduled for this Wednesday night has been postponed til Wednesday the 2nd of October. The event has been postponed to allocate more time for students to sell tickets. The Winter Youth Ball is in aid of travel for a group of 10 talented young Cook Islanders who will be representing the Cook Islands at the Pacific Youth and Sports Conference in Noumea in December this year. Students are selling tickets for boys and girls aged 15 to 18 at \$25 each.

Thursday is the International Day against nuclear testing and high school students from years 11, 12 and 13 will be participating in a 'Nuclear Weapon' speech competition held at the Red Cross Centre on Thursday at 9am. So far there are 8 students from Tereora College and students from Titikaveka College who will be delivering speeches. The speech competition, organized by the Cook Islands Red Cross, is part of the National campaign of the elimination of nuclear weapons in the Pacific. The winner from this speech competition will go on to the Pacific round, where other students in the Pacific will carry out their speeches on the elimination of Nuclear weapons. The winner from the Pacific Round will then be invited to deliver their speech at the General Assembly for International Red Cross where Red Cross members from 188 countries will be present. Sydney will be hosting the general assembly and theme is "Pacific Nuclear Free Zone going global". The invitation to Thursday's speech competition is open to the public.

Steady progress with water tanks

Government's three year, \$3 million ADB funded project to supply homes with water tanks, is progressing steadily. As at 24 July 2013, 192 water tanks had been fully installed under government's water tank subsidy programme, according to the latest report from MFEM on the status of the programme.

While the target was to install 600 tanks per year on a budget of \$1m, some 692 applications were received with 450 applications assessed as eligible. 340 properties have been issued approval to install. Installers are trying to achieve an installation rate of 15-20 tanks per week.

Just over \$203,000 has been spent to date.

While steady progress is being made with installations, there are still calls from residents that have very low pressure or no water at all through taps which require immediate attention.

Criteria for eligibility

Occupied domestic residential dwellings in Rarotonga which currently don't have a water tank. (minimum capacity 6,000 litres)

Cook Islands Investment Corporation - Government employment rental accommodation which don't currently have a water tank.

Non Profit/Non Government Organisation (NGO) headquarters which don't currently have a water tank.

New Domestic dwellings which are under construction and which do not have a water tank where construction will be completed within 3 months of the subsidy approval date.

Property owners with multiple properties will be allowed to make an application for each property on the basis that dwellings being rented for profit or gain will be exempt. Each application will be assessed independently and not as a bulk approval.

All parties will be required to complete an Application Form to determine eligibility and priority in terms of need.

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Canadian mining company offers training for Cook Islands students

The Cook Islands Seabed Minerals Authority (SBMA) wishes to announce a fully funded Training Opportunity available to Cook Islands 2nd or 3rd year Biology or Marine Science University Students.

Cook Islands SBMA Commissioner, Paul Lynch states that-

"This is the first Seabed Minerals training opportunity from Nautilus Minerals that has been opened up to students from the Pacific region;

It would be great for a Cook Islands student to apply for this Marine training, which has a particular emphasis on the deep seabed environment. The Cook Islands possesses an estimated 10 billion tonnes of mineral rich Manganese Nodules in its own EEZ.

In the future, the Cook Islands anticipates to have a valuable and viable seabed minerals sector active and earning national revenue in our own vast Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

We currently need to build capacity in our country to effectively understand and manage all Seabed Minerals related activities that may take place in our EEZ in the next 3-8 years and the revenue that will flow from that activity.

But firstly, as a Resource Owner, we need to fully understand the deep sea environment and any impacts our actions may have in that environment. We are currently progressing the drafting of Seabed Minerals Environmental

Regulations, to be applied under our Environment Act, to ensure best international practice is adopted"

Nautilus Minerals was granted the first Seabed mining licence in the world but has not started any mining to date. It has spent about US\$80 million on exploration programs on the Solwara 1 project in Papua New Guinea spent since 2005.

<http://www.islandsbusiness.com/news/papua-new-guinea/1372/nautilus-us80mil-spent-on-solwara-1/>

Nautilus is an underwater mineral exploration company headquartered in Toronto, Canada. The company's Solwara 1 Project is located at 1600 metres water depth in the Bismarck Sea, New Ireland Province. It will be the world's first deep-sea mining project. The deposit is a high grade copper-gold resource and the world's first seafloor massive sulphide (SMS) resource.

The closing date for



Paul Lynch

applications is 5pm, Friday NCD PNG September 6.

To apply, please forward your application to one of the following: cares@nautilusminerals.com PO Box 1161 Port Moresby 121

Or view the details in "Latest news" on the Nautilus Website- www.cares.nautilusminerals.com
Paul Lynch, Cook Islands SBMA Commissioner

Clean Up the World Day – Friday 13th September 2013

The Cook Islands will join over 40-million people around the globe on Friday 13th September to commemorate the annual Clean Up the World campaign.

The annual event is coordinated by the National Environment Service along with its supporting partner, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning Schools across Rarotonga and around the country will rally together on this day along the coasts to collect waste that has not been properly disposed of and has found its way to our streams and coastline.

Just under 250kg of rubbish was collected at last year's Clean Up the World event and included

115kg of non-recyclable general household rubbish as well as 44kg of miscellaneous material such as a rusted bicycle, pieces of iron roofing, and a microwave from the beach.

Participation letters have been sent out throughout the public service, business community and schools, and NES is hoping that other community groups will also join in to help commemorate the event.

If your organisation or community group is interested in participating this year, register your interest with the coordinator, Matthew Rima at the National Environment Service on ph: 21256.

Tourism Awards Entry Closing in Six Days

The Air New Zealand Cook Islands Tourism Awards entries for 2013 close in just six days time. Interest is strong in the Air New Zealand sponsored awards this year with record turn outs to the free workshops run by award partners The Bond Store, Westpac and ANZ.

In all there are seven business categories to enter; Accommodation Budget, Accommodation Hotels and Resorts, Accommodation Self Catering Complexes, Accommodation Private Rental Houses, Tourism Attractions, Festival and Event Organisers and Tourism Industry support which include retail, transport, travel professional and services. Submissions can also be made by members of the public for two special personal awards; Outstanding contribution to tourism and Lifetime achievement in tourism.

Changes to this year's awards entry process has meant that the written portion of the entry application takes just two to three hours to complete, which



is good news for any industry tourism members who may have left this year's entry to the last minute. The second part of the application process is an interview with the independent New Zealand based assessors

which the assessors will arrange directly with entrants ahead of their arrival to the Cook Islands in September or October.

Confidentiality of entrants is an important element to the entry process and entrants either email

or courier their applications directly to the assessors in New Zealand, assuring confidentiality of information, not even the awards committee are aware of who has entered. Finalists and winners are announced at a Gala Evening in November. The 2013 Air New Zealand Cook Islands Tourism Award entry form can be downloaded at www.cookislandstourismawards.com.

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We are interested in it because we sense it offers the potential of energy security and freedom. We're thrilled because it is clean energy so its effects on the environment are positive, and it offers the prospect of savings in power costs over the long run. It's no wonder therefore that Government wants the country's power generation to be 100% renewable energy by 2020.

But what are the current barriers which block us becoming a renewable beacon, a solar nation?

For starters, there is the question of costs. Some big capital investments are needed but we can navigate that path through loans and grants.

The big issues right now are mainly technical and involve intermittency and storage of energy. The sun shines only some of the time and fluctuates erratically. You cannot turn the rays of the sun on and off like you can fossil fuel and produce electricity whenever you want it. You have to use sun rays straight away or the energy dissipates and is lost.

So in essence the sun is good for half a day and you have to think of something else to produce power to cover the other half of the day, i.e. the night time hours.

This is where storage of energy becomes important. Stored energy can be used to tackle two situations. It can shift energy loads to other time periods (thus solving the night time and rainy or black cloudy day problem). In addition, it can help to maintain the stability of the grid (thus resolving the intermittency problem).

Here is how the process is commonly employed in electricity generation through the form of energy conversion.

Take pumped hydro for example: we start off with sun. The sun excites the PV panels and produces DC current (heat energy to electrical energy). You can connect to a DC motor (or invert to AC then connect to an AC motor) that drives a pump (electrical energy to mechanical energy) which in turn pumps water up a reservoir (mechanical energy to potential energy). The reservoir becomes a hydro dam which drops water to drive a turbine (potential energy to mechanical energy) which drives an alternator which produces electricity (mechanical energy to electrical energy).

A similar conversion process can explain diesel, steam, nuclear etc.

Another possibility is the employment of batteries where



Opening day of TAU's 10kW PV solar project

energy is stored in chemical form. That is, the sun charges a battery which has chemicals as the primary energy source. The sun is not providing the energy per se but the sulfuric acid etc which is manufactured. The drawback: storage batteries are currently very expensive. And storage for load shifting is twice as expensive as storage for stability. But the costs are coming down all the time so hopes are high that this option will become viable sooner rather than later.

Perhaps the lesson that one can glean from all the reviews and studies into renewable development the past two years is the desirability of a mix of

renewable energy sources.

One report commissioned by TAU recommended making the wind the primary renewable resource followed by the sun, because the wind blows day and night so it covers more hours of the year than the sun. But finding suitable sites on Rarotonga for wind energy generation is proving difficult.

Other suggested scenarios in the report included a mixture of renewable energy and storage mix that includes wind, solar, and perhaps biodiesel (for load shifting to cover night time hours).

But the bottom line in all scenarios is a requirement of significant storage for grid stability.



Should all Cook Islanders be paid a share of the sea bed mineral revenue?

By Charles Pitt

Government has announced that on Monday 2 September, public discussions will begin on the matter of the Sovereign Fund provided for in the Sea Bed Minerals Act.

Considering the enormous wealth the commercialization of our sea bed minerals will generate, the question arises should all Cook Islanders be entitled to a share of this revenue, how do we justify this share and how could it be structured and administered?

Although commercialization may not begin until after 2015, we need to consider this issue now, debate it and form some views.

When this issue was raised with Sea bed minerals advisor at the DPM's Office, Darryl Thorburn last year, his personal view was that any debate on the social impact of the wealth created, should include some debate on the concept of a public shareholding involving the resource. If not a public shareholding of the actual resource (government is responsible) but perhaps a public shareholding in the body which invests the income from the resource.

Government has already signaled that it proposes a five per cent levy on the income from our sea bed minerals to fund government programmes especially in health, education and welfare with the remainder being deposited in a Sovereign Fund controlled by special administrators for the future.

In the initial stages it is estimated that yearly revenues could amount to about \$300 million. Government's share at 5% would be \$15 million. Over just five years at the rate of \$285 million per year, the Sovereign Fund would grow to around \$1.5 billion, more if interest is added.

The question still to be decided, is what to do with this asset? It will certainly be invested overseas and on this issue the views of Cook Islanders will be sought during public discussions.

The Cook Islands could become a donor of development funds to other Pacific countries. We could assist other Pacific nations

develop industries, jobs and to raise their standard of living. What is clear is that Cook Islander's standard of living will rise and this may attract other Pacific Islanders to migrate to the Cooks in search of higher paying jobs and a good standard of living.

The social impact of a raised standard of living, free health care, free education, higher super payments, higher salaries, needs to be carefully considered.

Preparing the younger generation to understand and cope with what's to come will also be important if the next generation is to administer such a valuable asset responsibly.

While a Sovereign Fund will protect the funds for the future, how can Cook Islanders derive some direct benefit from the revenue so they do not become alienated from the wealth generated and feel like they have some ownership for the asset?

A suggestion might be to look at the schemes operated by the various Maori Iwi in New Zealand, where funds or assets derived from Treaty of Waitangi settlements provide for economic assets and businesses which generate revenues for the Iwi. These schemes then return a dividend each year to Iwi members.

Members of an Iwi must apply to be registered which requires evidence of tribal connection to the Iwi.

The size of the dividend paid out depends upon earnings and also how many members are registered.

Can such a scheme work here? What criteria could be applied?

Here are some informal suggestions which have been proposed by members of the public approached by the Herald;

(1) Be 20 years and over (There are about 11,000 in this age group).

(2) Be a Cook Islander (may include a PR).

(3) Be resident in the Cook Islands.

(4) If not a resident Cook Islander, serve a qualifying period of 5 years (or 10 years).

With over 100,000 people who can claim Cook Islands descent living overseas, the question

is how these people should be treated. Many of these people were born overseas, have few ties to the Cook Islands, do not recognize the Cook Islands as "home."

Some suggestions are,

(1) Pay any Cook Islander a dividend no matter where they are overseas.

(2) Pay any person of Cook Islands descent living in NZ as like resident Cook Islanders, they are NZ citizens.

(3) Those not born in the Cook Islands may return but the dividend will only be paid to any of their children born in the Cook Islands.

(4) Cook Islanders born overseas may return and become resident and receive free health care, free education, superannuation, but no dividend.

One possible controversial issue is that should the Cook Islands become independent, the obligation to pay persons of Cook Islands descent who are resident overseas, will cease.

Another issue is how to treat those NZ Maori who wish to claim Cook Islands descent. An excluding factor may be if they are already a member of the Iwi scheme or entitled to be a member of an Iwi scheme. (Much like the current super rule that you cannot receive both the NZ pension and the Cook Islands pension).

Note: If the dividends were restricted to Cook Islands residents 20 years of age and over, and the payments began once the Sovereign Fund reached \$3 billion, and if the yearly dividend was \$1,000, then the cost would be \$11 million.



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By Charles Pitt

Most Cook Islanders who knew Navy will recall fond memories of him as a good sport.

He was a very talented rugby player and supporter of the Tupapa Maraerenga Club and had been since 1989. He was one of the quickest wingers of his time, a real flyer who lived up to his name Maroro (flying fish). His love of sport was wider as he was involved with and enjoyed rugby league, golf and boxing. In later years he became a dedicated member of the golden oldies "Mongoose" Club's rugby team. Through the Club he became involved in various community and special projects. Navy was a keen follower of local boxing and for a time was Senior Vice President of the Cook Islands Amateur Boxing Association. At the time of his passing Navy was President of Boxing. It is fair to say that Navy, having served with him on the Boxing executive committee for some years, threw himself into the sport. His support for boxers and the Association was generous.

Sometimes he contributed financially out of his own pocket. He used his personal connections with overseas people to help local boxers on their trips away. He also took on the task of reviewing and updating the boxing constitution and rules. At boxing contests he was there to officiate. He will be sorely missed by local boxing.

Family background

Navy was born in Samoa on 14 February 1964 to Satini and Amiafolau Epati. He was the second of seven children. He attended primary school in Samoa and later Te Atatu Intermediate in Auckland. He completed secondary school at Samoa College in 1982 and took up a scholarship to USP in Fiji in 1983. He completed his BA at USP in 1988. It was at USP he met his wife Florence (Kimi) Atatao. They were married in Samoa on 12 January 1989. They had four children- Lania (d, 1989), Jana, Maureen and Al Jermaine.

A career of service

Navy's career is one of public service which commenced in the Cook Islands in 1989 in the Office

of Special Projects and Bureau for National Development. He joined the PSC-Public Service Commission in 1991 and 1996, was appointed CEO of the PSC. It was a time of major structural reforms with nearly half the public service affected. From 200 to 2004 he was Secretary of the Ministry of Marine Resources and was instrumental in growing the commercial fishing sector. From 2004 to 2006 he went into the private sector into the fishing industry. In 2006 he returned to the PSC as Commissioner. In 2009 he saw in the Public Service Act which was to provide for the improvement of the public service. He resigned as PSC in March 2012.

Regional/International contributions

From 1996 to 2012, Navy contributed to matters of regional and international development in his role as PS Commissioner and Chair of the Forum Fisheries Commission. He was a key speaker for the Pacific Executive leadership programme from 2012 to 2013.

Contribution to Samoan

community

Navy was a proud Ambassador for Samoa. He was President of the Cook Islands Samoan Community for many years and his home was always open to any visiting Samoan from overseas. He will be remembered fondly for always trying to bring the Samoan community together and for supporting any Samoan event on Rarotonga.

Personal and family

Navy will be remembered as a person who always had a smile, who never seemed to get angry with anyone. At committee meetings when discussions got heated, as they tend to do among ex-boxers, he always came up with an alternative way out that cooled hot heads. He was one of those few who always seemed to have time to do something for someone. He freely volunteered his time and he always seemed to know someone somewhere who could help with a problem. To his family, his wife Kimi and children and parents and siblings, he was a stable foundation, a rock, a good soul who put their needs first, with love.

Epati remembered by FFA, regional heads of Fisheries

FFA HQ, Honiara, Wed 28th August 2013-- Messages of condolences and shock from Pacific leaders in Fisheries have been shared across the region after the sudden passing on the weekend of former Cook Islands Marine Resources Secretary, Tonumaivao Sami Masuisui Ole Malietoa Alavaa Navy Epati.

Epati, who hails from Samoa but has long since been claimed by the Cook Islands through marriage, sports, and his work in the community, was a long serving Secretary for the Cook Islands Ministry of Marine Resources before joining the private sector in Fisheries. He then went on to become the Commissioner of the Cook Islands Public Service and is the only non-indigenous public servant who has served as the head of two government ministries in the Cook Islands. His contribution to national development is being remembered today with Pacific Forum Chair, Cook Islands Prime Minister Henry Puna to speak at a Government-led Memorial Service this afternoon, just before he departs for the 2013 Pacific Forum Leaders meeting in Majuro, Marshall Islands.

The special service has been arranged under the Prime Minister's guidance in consultation with the family, and in cooperation with the Public Service Commissioner and Heads of Ministries. It will be held at the National Auditorium on Tuesday afternoon, just metres from the Tupapa Rugby Field where Epati also made his mark in village and national sports.

Amongst those extending formal condolences from his regional colleagues to the Epati family in the Cook Islands and Samoa, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) Director-General James Movick paid homage to Epati.

"It is with deep regret that



Navy Epati

we have learned of the sudden and unfortunate passing of Navy Epati, our Cook Islands Samoan colleague who played a large role in regional fisheries for many years, and whose warm friendship and outgoing personality lived up so many occasions. We send our sincere condolences to Navy's family in Cook Islands and in Samoa. Our thoughts too are with our Cook Islands colleagues who face their second major loss in only a few short months."

Movick was referring to the recent loss of leading fisheries expert Cook Islander Colin

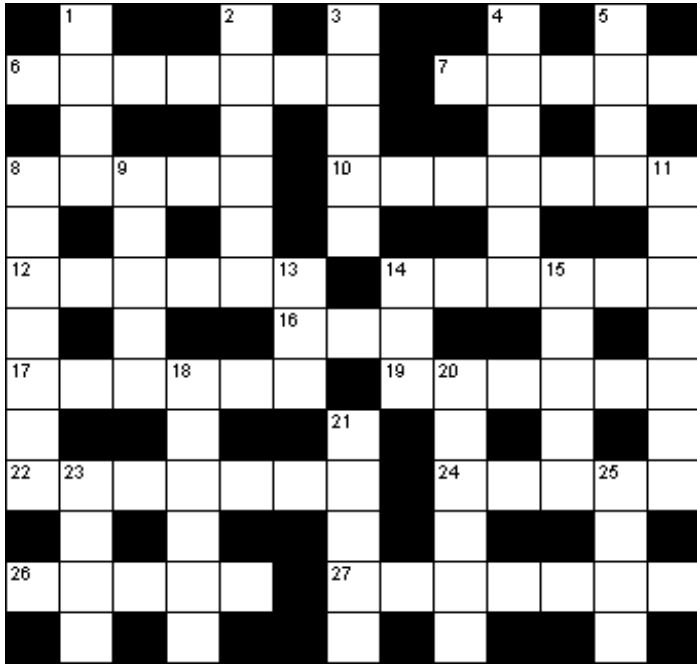
Brown, one of the architects of the surveillance program at the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) in Honiara. Brown was an advisor to the Ministry of Marine Resources, doing consultancy work in Fisheries at the time of his passing in May 2013.

Amongst the highlights of his time at the helm of Marine Resources was Epati's visionary and instrumental role in bringing to the Cook Islands a founding meeting for the FSM-based Tuna Commission. Rarotonga hosted the WCPFC Preparatory Conference in 2005. Just over

400 fisheries officials from all fishing nations attended and developed the processes and procedures for the establishment of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission in its current form. Leading the coordination team with Epati at that milestone event was the late Colin Brown.

The government service today is part of a series of memorial services from the community which will end this weekend with a final family service and his funeral, this Saturday Cook Islands time.

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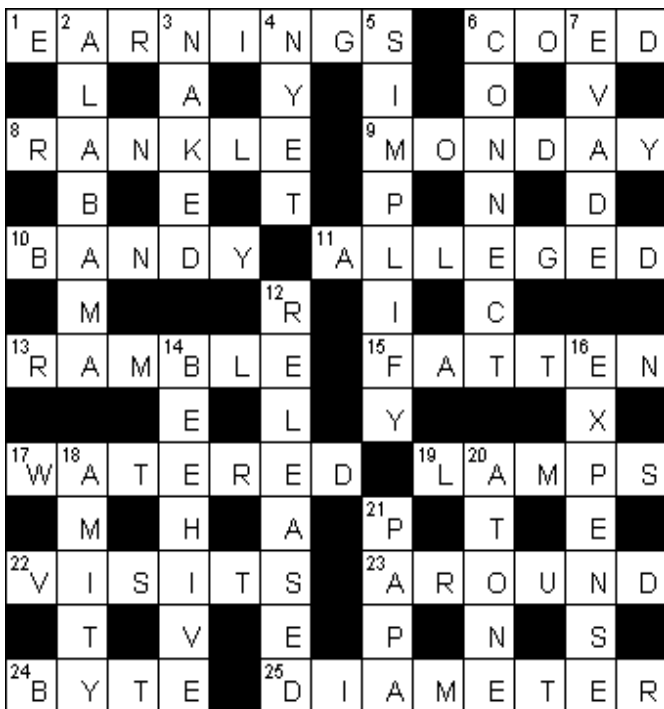
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- 6. Recover (7)
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- 8. Beneath (5)
- 10. Subject to tax (7)
- 12. Having life (6)
- 14. Liquid container (6)
- 16. Exploit (3)
- 17. Misplace (6)
- 19. Does not (6)
- 22. Any longer (3,4)
- 24. Relaxed (5)
- 26. Uncovered (5)
- 27. Distinctive (7)

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- 3. Irritably impatient (5)
- 4. Austrian composer (6)
- 5. In good health (4)
- 8. Eating disturbance (7)
- 9. Resides (5)
- 11. Expelled (7)
- 13. Fellow (3)
- 14. Used for resting (3)
- 15. Ivory (5)
- 18. Walked lamely (6)
- 20. Thing that opens (6)
- 21. Inward feeling (5)
- 23. Trim (4)
- 25. Periods of history (4)

Down

- 1. Female horse (4)
- 2. Island off the SE coast of



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This audiofile-approved music player supports numerous file formats, last.fm scrobbling, gapless playback, Internet radio, and an equalizer with 10 bands. Download the free plugin to get ALAC and WP4 playback.

Google Music

Apple, Amazon, and Google have all launched music storage lockers. However, Google's decision to base its free storage option not on size but on number of tracks make it unique among its competitors. With the app, users can stream music they've uploaded and, when connected to Wi-Fi, download songs for offline listening. Best of all, Google has gone out of its way to make sure the Music service plays nice with whatever system you're using at home.

Pandora Internet radio

The granddaddy of smart, streaming music apps, Pandora has come a long way from its humble origins. The latest version of the app focuses on social aspects, showing you what your friends are currently rocking out to. Though it has a full spectrum of visual, audio, and video ads, Pandora still does a great job of seamlessly delivering you music.

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NZ Croatia Tour Timely In Building Excitement in Pending Cook Islands T20 Season



National Women's Team Warming Up Against vs NZ Croatia

With the International New Zealand Croatia cricket series concluding last week, excitement in the coming Rarotonga season, locally and internationally, is at an unprecedented high with club sides relishing the opportunity to showcase their skills to the world this weekend.

Two new teams, an increase in new junior players and a new five competition season will culminate in what Cook Islands Cricket CEO Alister Stevic believes will be a bigger, better, faster Rarotonga Twenty20 senior season.

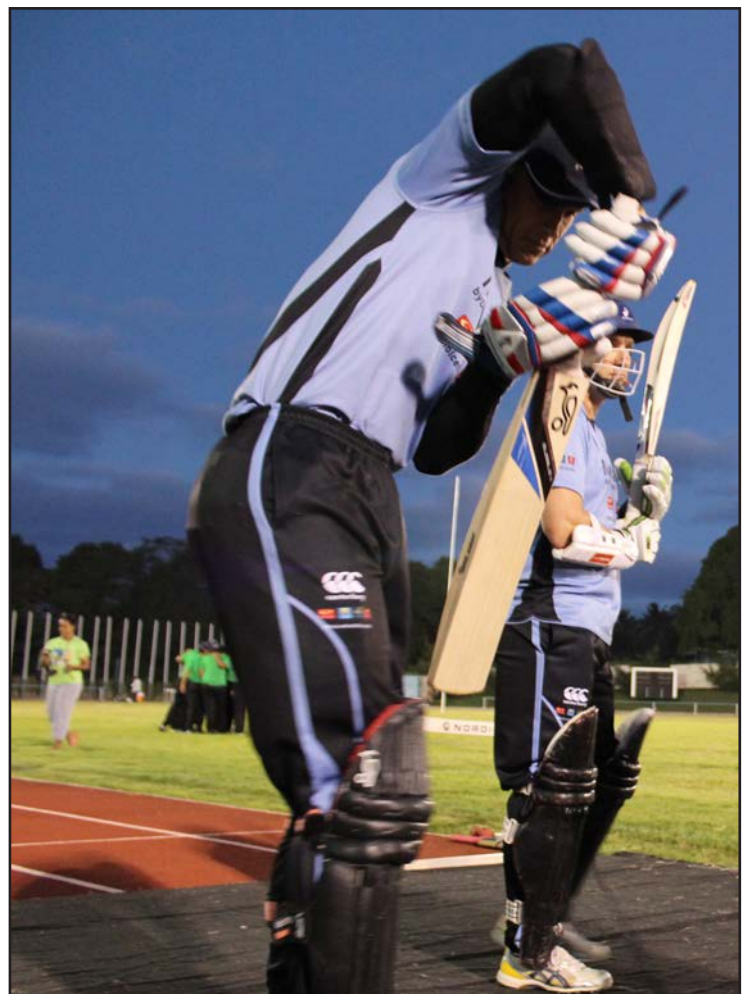
Changes to the seasons competitions have included a shift from the historic straight Round Robin into two separate Eastern and Western conferences. At the completion of the Eastern and Western Conferences all club sides come together to participate in a Round

Robin, followed by an East vs. West final with the winner progressing through to the Champion of Champions playoff against the victors of the Round Robin.

Stevic says that in addition to the pending excitement of the local cricketing fraternity, the action which starts this Saturday will also be closely watched by Cook Islands Crickets 1000 facebook and twitter followers.

"The NZ Croatia tour has placed a global spotlight on the Cook Islands. I am certain our local cricketers will relish the opportunity to impress both our local and global audiences with their ability and unique playing style. Hopefully that excitement will translate into more international club and social sides touring the Cook Islands for our Festival of Cricket in January".

www.cookislandscricket.com/festivalofcricket



NZ Croatia Tour Timely For Cook Islands Cricket

Te Akamata nei te `akamātūtū`anga o te au Toa Aito no te Rakahanga Bowling Club

tātā`ia e Rutera Taripo

I teia nga epetoma i topa ake nei, kua rave`ia te `akaoti`anga o te tārērē porotaka pōro o te Kūki `Āirani nei ki ko rāi i te Bowling Club i Tutakimoa, `ē kua kite `oki tātou `e kua mataora `ē kua māruarua tikāi teia tārērē`anga porotaka pōro.

Kua peke mai te rē tai 2013 o te va`ine tātakita`i `iā Tai Tangi Jim, o Rakahanga `ē kua rē katoa mai rāi te pupu taki-toru va`ine o te Rakahanga.

I teia nei, te umuumu nei te putuputu`anga Porotaka Pōro o te Rakahanga kia `akamata`ia `ē kia `akamātūtū`ua `iatu rāi te tūranga o te au Toa `Aito o roto i tā rātou karapu. Kua `akamata `oki te enua Aitutaki i tāna i te Varaire i topa.

A teia Varaire i reira e tū mai nei, rā 30 Aukute, ki kō rāi i te Bowling Club i Tutakimoa, ka `akamata`ia i reira te tārērē`anga Toa `Aito a te karapu Rakahanga. Kua oti i te rētita`ia `e ono (6) pupu-tāne, `ē, `e ono (6) pupu-va`ine. Te `akakite mai nei te perētiteni o te pupu Rakahanga `a Tai Tangi Jim, `e mē ka tere atu te au pupu, `e meitaki roa atu te reira no te pupu o te Rakahanga i Rarotonga nei. Te `akakite mai nei rāi aia `e ko te `akakoro`anga tua-ta`i no te au pupu Toa `Aito kia piri atu te reira pupu ki roto i tēta`i tārērē`anga Toa `Aito o te mata`iti.

I teia tuātau nei ko te pupu Arorangi `ē pēra katoa te pupu Rarotonga `ua te ngā pupu e putuputu nei i te piri ki roto i teia tu`anga, inara te kite mamao `ia atu nei te umuumu`anga o te au pupu no te piri atu ki roto i te tu`anga o te Toa `Aito. Ka riro oki teia i te `akamātūtū`ua atu rāi i te kite `ē te karape no teia tipōti `ē pēra katoa no te terēni`anga no te tārērē`anga porotaka pōro o teia nei ao.

No reira, a teia Varaire a`ia`i e tū mai nei ki ko i te Bowling Club i Tutakimoa, me ka inangaro koe (mapu, metua, pakari) i te piri atu ki roto i te porotaka pōro a te Rakahanga, tāpiripiri atu ki reira. Penei, tena tei roto i tō`ou rima te kaveinga `ē te karape o te porota pōro.

Au Tutu Porotaka Poro i Tutakimoa na Phillip Tangi



TE REO MĀORI

Tātā`ia `e Ruterā Taripo

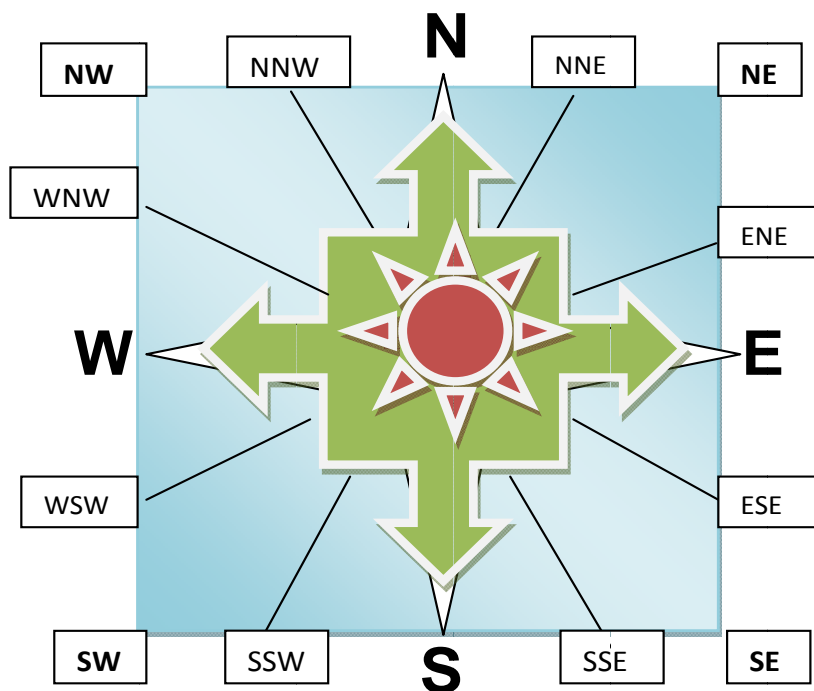
E tu`anga `akamātautau tēia na tātou no te au ingoa `ē pēra katoa no runga i te Rua Matangi i te Kūki `Airani nei.

This section is to assist us in becoming familiar with the Cook Islands names of the winds and also their directions.

Ko te au Rua Matangi Rarotonga tēia, e tā`anga`anga putuputu`ia nei i Rarotonga nei i runga i te nūti Rātio `ē pēra katoa i runga i te nūti `āvata- teata no te tūranga o te reva.

These are particularly the main Rarotonga Wind directions or channels that are frequently used here in Rarotonga on Radio and Television News Weather forecast.

<u>English</u>	<u>Māori</u>
N	AKARUA
N.N.E	Maoake ma Akarua
N.E	Maoake
E.N.E	Maoake Opue
E	MARANGAI
E.S.E	Muri Marangai
S.E	Muri
S.S.E	Tonga Opue
S	TONGA
S.S.W	Raki
S.W	Iku
W.S.W	IKu kaka
W	PARAPU
W.N.W	Tokerau Ngae
N.W	Tokerau
N.N.W	Tokerau-Tu



Tēia katoa tēta`i au kupu pu`apinga nā tātou i tēia rā, `ē kāre tātou e tuatua putuputu ana, pēnei kāre rāi tēta`i pae i kite, me kore pēnei te varenga `ua nei i te tā`anga`anga i te au kupu `Ingareti.

Today, here are some important words for us, and often we do not use them, perhaps some of us do not know them or perhaps just too used to using the English words.

Te au Tuātau o te Mata`iti

The Seasons of the Year

Raumati	- Summer
`Iringa	- Spring
`Akaā`u	- Autumn
Paroro	- Winter



‘E Tuatua Tupuna no Rarotonga. Nā Kiva



tātā`ia e Ruteru Taripo.

Ko Tumu-te-varovaro; ko Tu-te-rangi-marama tēta`i ingoa o taua tangata ra; koia tei tae mua ana ki te `enua nei, ko Rarotonga. Teia tō tātou kite, ko te ingoa mua iā Rarotonga nei; teia te ingoa tāna i topa ei ingoa no te `enua, ko “Te-tupua-o-Avaiki.” Te ora `ua nei rāi taua ingoa ra, kare `ua e mate. Te `aite`anga i taua ingoa ra, ko Tumu-te-varovaro, ko te manava o te enua. Anau a Tu-te-rangi-marama, ko Mo'o-kura, e tamāroa; tāna va`ine ko Kaua. Kua `aere a Mo'o-kura ki Nga-varivari-te-tava noo ei, ma tāna va`ine. `E mato ua taua `enua; tei te` iku-matangi. Kua roa to Tu te-rangi-marama noo`anga ki Rarotonga nei, `aere atura `aia ki Nga-varivari-te-tava kia kite i te tamaiti—ia Mo'o-kura. Kia no'o a Tu-te-rangi-marama ki Nga-varivari-te-tava, kua `aere atura a Tangaroa ki Rarotonga ma tona tumu-toa, ma Au-make; mei Iva mai raua. Kua akaue atura a Tangaroa ia Au-make kia vava'i i te are (enua) a Tu-te-rangi-marama; kua rave akēra a Au-make i tāna tokotoko, kua tipī atura i te are o Tu-te-rangi-marama—inga atura ki raro taua `are ra; ko Rae-maru tēta`i ingoa. E kite akera a Tu-te-rangi-marama i te rau e te ka'o o tona are, kua kavea atu e te tai e te matangi ki Nga-varivari-te-tava; ko to Tu-te-rangi-marama kite e, kua tipia e Au-make tona are, kua aere mai ra a Tu-te-rangi-marama ki Rarotonga nei, e akara i tōna` are. Ko te turu-turu `ua rāi te tū ra.

Teia te pe'e no taua `are ra, i te tipī`anga a Au-make:

- 1 *Opara koe i te Tumu-enua, ia Rae-maru—e—, kua inga—e—
Kua takoto a Tumu-enua, ka tuē, tuē.*
- 2 *Ko naau, naau ana ki te ipo—e—, inē, inē, a—e—,
Ane mai te maunga—e—, Paere mai te maunga a noa toru—e—
E maunga ia, ko maunga o tapu, kia aere mai a Rua-turuturu,
Kia tangiia te maki o Kati-enuā, ka tuē, tuē—e—*
- 3 *Ko naau, naau ana ki te ipo—e—, ko naau ana, tuē, tuē, a—e—
Ane mai te maunga—e—, Paere mai te maunga a noā toru—e—
E maunga ia, ko karanga o te atua ra,
Kia aere mai a Mo'o-kura te uru—e—
Kia tangiia te maki o Kati-enua, ka tuē, tuē,—e—e—*
- 4 *Ko naau, naau ana, ki te ipo—e—, ko naau ana, tuē, tuē, a—e—
Ka ngaoro ei te ngaoro, ka makere ei te makere,
Kio nui, kio vera, tei Poatu-nui—e—
Poatu-uri, Poatu-ngao, tei Tua-kata, tei Tuoro, tei te Reinga,
Tei Ta'akoka, tei Nga-varivari-te-tava—e—
Tei te kainga o Mo'o-kura,
Te akaputunga ia Kati-enua, ka tuē, tuē,
Te akara nei tatou i te turuturu i tona are.*

Kāre a Tangaroa i topa ingoa ana ki runga i te `enua nei ko Rarotonga.

I muri ake `iā rāua, kua `aere mai tēta`i ariki ke; ko Ngare tona ingoa—te topa ra i tona ingoa ki runga i te kau-vai; koia Vai-o-Ngare. Kāre ōna ingoa i runga i te `enua; kua oki `a ia ki Iva.

I muri ake ia Ngare, kua aere mai tēta`i, e va`ine, ko Toko tona ingoa.

Tērā tōna ingoa, tei te ava i Aro-rangi—koia oki a Vai-Toko. Kua oki a ia ki Iva.

Living above average *Part 2*

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

During Part 1 of this article of Encouragement I stated that too often many people do not live life the way God wanted them to live and the Bible reference used to draw some lessons from was 1 Chronicles 4v.9-10 (NKJV) to encourage us to "LIVE ABOVE AVERAGE". This Bible reading says that "Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, because I bore him in pain. And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying. 'Oh, that You would bless me in deed, and enlarge my territory, that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain'. So God granted him what he requested." God never meant for us to live an average life. He purposed for us to live in victory and dominionship! Too often we settle for less than what God has for us. The question is, 'What was it that Jabez did that sets him apart from the crowd?'

Lesson 1 is that, Jabez had a 'Dream' WE NEED A DREAM! Jabez had a Dream that God would give him more land! In 1 Chronicles 4v.10 Jabez prayed to God "Please bless me and give me a lot of land...(CEV) People who have a dream stand out in the crowd. Dare to dream of something great for your life, dare to dream great works you can do for God. Jabez thought big and said "...bless me and give me a lot of land.."

In 1 Chronicles 4v.10 it reads "...God did just what Jabez had asked." Lesson 2 is WE NEED A GROWING FAITH We need to believe that God can accomplish the dream through us. Jabez not only had a Great DREAM, but he CONFESSED it. As we CONFESS our Dream we hear

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it, and we become inspired, and committed to it! In Mark 9v.23 Jesus tells us that "Everything is possible for him who believes." No dream is without it's opposition, that's why Jabez said, "...Be with me so I will be safe from harm.." Jabez has no special talent instead he had a growing faith, believing in his confession to God. The Apostle Paul said in Philippians 4v.13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (NKJV).

Lesson 3 on How To Live Above Average, is that WE NEED A GENUINE PRAYER LIFE. When we read Jabez's prayer, we think he is selfish, because he wanted more! Yet, God approved what Jabez asked. Ambition is neither good or bad, but it is the motive behind it. Proverbs 16v.2 (CEV) reads "...the Lord is the judge of our motives." James 4v.2(b)-3 (CEV) says "...you won't get it by fighting and arguing. You should pray for it. Yet even when you do pray, your prayers are not answered, because you pray just for selfish reasons." It is not so much what we ask for, but rather the motive behind it! If it is self glorifying, self pleasing, then don't expect God to bless you! If it is within the scripture of ...seeking first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, then God will bless us! In a genuine prayer life, Jabez shows us THREE Things we can pray for. First, GOD'S POWER in our lives! Jabez prayed "Please bless me and give me a lot of land.." More land means more power! Jabez needed more power than his own to accomplish his dream! Ephesians 3v.20 (CEV) says



"..His power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine." Secondly, we can pray for GOD'S PRESENCE in our lives! Jabez said to God (v.10) "...Be with me.." More responsibility means a greater need for God's presence. Being successful rather than depending on Him. God wants to be in our

success & failures! If we do not desire God's presence, then pride is in our lives. Thirdly, Jabez prayed to God "...Be with me so I will be safe from harm.." Jabez prayed for GOD'S PROTECTION. We too should do the same. May this article encourage you to "Live Above Average" and may you have a God blessed week. Te Atua te aroa.

News Brief *By TeRiu Woonton*

Team Cook Islands departs this Thursday morning for the Mini Games held in Wallis and Futuna. The very small team of 15, including President for CISNOC Hugh Graham, Chef De Mission Robert Graham, Administration manager Siniva Marsters, and associate Minister for sports and 7 athletes from athletics, sailing and weightlifting will be meeting up with Team Fiji before heading off to the Mini Games together. Chef De Mission Robert Graham tells The Herald that as soon as each code complete their sporting events, they will return to Rarotonga. Sailing will be carried out for the whole two weeks team Cook Islands is there, whereas athletics and weightlifting will come to an end just after the first week. Graham thanks all those who have supported and helped fundraise towards the preparation of Team Cook Islands to the Mini Games. The team departs this Thursday and will be back in Rarotonga on the 14th of September.

Get into the habit!

By Norma Ngatamariki

Okay. All teenagers on this planet have nasty habits and that's okay, because nobody was born perfect. It's how we handle ourselves with these habits that's the real problem. You might ask, "What is this chick going on about?" Well, I'm just going to share my view on how teens and pre-teens develop their habits, whether it's good or bad, and how they handle it (I guess). You may have a different opinion and that's okay too, because there is no right or wrong answer to this.

Alright, so what is a habit? The dictionary says that it is an "established way of behaving". To dumb it down a bit, habits are simply actions that we're used to doing, everyday of our lives. Some habits can be good, such as keeping your fitness up (which I am lousy at), planning

ahead (surprisingly, one of my strengths) and showing respect for others. Some examples of bad habits are thinking negatively (e.g.: You might think you're not good enough for him/her, low self-esteem and you're constantly putting yourself and others, down.), you're always blaming others (but, in some cases, you might be right), and there are other habits that don't really matter like: taking one-hour long showers, eating yogurt with a fork or reading books back to front. Depending on what they are, your habits can either break you or make you. As a teen, our lives are no longer a playground on which we could muck around all we like. It's more like a jungle, with obstacles in our way. But remember one thing: Obstacles are those scary things you see when you take your eyes off the goal (Pretty cool quote, don't

you think?) You are stronger than your habits, so if you have a few nasty ones, you have the power to change them.

A person named Sean Covey said that there are seven habits of a highly EFFECTIVE teen and seven habits of a highly DEFECTIVE teen. If you read the following passage, I think that you can relate to what he's saying: For highly EFFECTIVE teens, here are the habits A) Be proactive and take responsibility for your life. Don't sit on your butt on the sidelines and watch as the world passes you by. B) Begin with the end in mind, so define your mission and goals in life. Some of us like to "wing" it, cruise along or go with the "flow" (take your pick). But be wary. The "flow" might just take you to a sewer. C) Put first things first and prioritize. Do the most important things first. If you were given the choice of paying your NCEA fees

(which is vital for your education) and buying a ticket to the movies (which is probably going to screen another night), what would you choose? D) Think win-win. Have a positive attitude even in the most impossible situations and think not of what you've failed, but what you can achieve. E) Seek first to understand, then to be understood. Listen to people and what they have to say and then share your side of the family. Gossip and rumours are very popular aspects in a teen's life, so take caution. F) Synergize and work with your friends, family and teenagers to achieve the goals in your life. G) Sharpen the saw and renew yourself regularly. Reflect on your past actions and think about how you can be less mean, more smart etc.

And there you have it! The seven habits of a highly effective teen.

Teenage insecurity

By Hareta Tira Passfield

Why hello everybody! How's everyone enjoying school? Only a few more weeks till our mock exams. So not looking forward to that. And then after that we have the real exams, which I am dreading!

I was having trouble on what to write about as I always do, but then I had this great idea. We've got out English speeches coming up and I have already written about my topic, this time I have chosen to write about my friend's topic, which is "teenage insecurity". We are used to having to face any teenage problem like "I wonder if that boy likes me"

or for a boy "How am I going to get that girl?" But the most important thing is how we think about ourselves. This sets us up for the future. That's not to say we have to be arrogant. Humility is a positive trait, but we still need to have high self-esteem. To have high self-esteem you have to be satisfied with the way you live your life, you have to be a good person. You have to believe in yourself if you want to accomplish anything, because why would you try something if you don't think you'll succeed? Thinking that you won't succeed probably usually means you don't. You have to have a

positive attitude to the task you set yourself or those that are set for you.

Before we take a test or go in for an interview or anything that has you stressed take some time and in your head say this. "I can do this and I will do this and I won't fail. Having confidence in yourself has been scientifically proven that this well help you complete your task. There are other things that will play a part like for a test you need to study but self-confidence plays a major role.

There are ways to overcome lack of confidence and insecurities according to the internet there is 8 steps.

1. Practise being objective
2. Ask yourself what is the worst that can happen?
3. Then ask you self what is the best thing that can happen?
4. Find things that are good about yourself.
5. Have nurturing company.
6. Be more forgiving.
7. Question why you tell yourself no?
8. Do one thing that excites you everyday. God created us with a purpose in mind. We each have our own individual purpose that only we can fulfil.

One quote that we all should live by is "Today You are You, that is Truer than true. There is no one alive who is more you than you.

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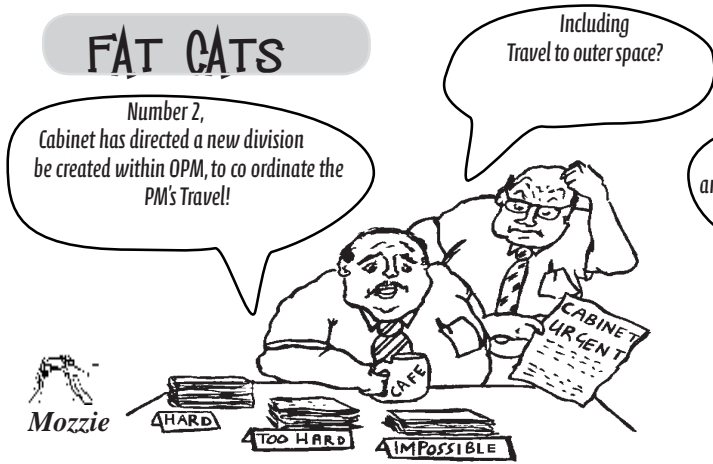
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COCONUT ROUNDTABLE



Word is our PM has just become the most travelled person on Earth (outside of Astronauts and Airline Pilots) and in recognition of this outstanding international achievement, billionaire entrepreneur Richard Branson is rumoured to be enormously impressed and wishing to invite the PM aboard the first commercial flight of his new space craft that will circle the Moon and return to the Earth.



Chook has filed a report of a high profile sports hen on the war path over her roosters after hours activities. Rather than take out her jealous wrath on him she made a visit to one of her rooster's friend's family home and accused the bewildered parents of all manner of ungodly practises. Ringing all her rooster's friends, none was prepared to dob him in. A few days later she was seen in a very public place chasing one of the friends around a barbecue table after she had assaulted him. Someone had to intervene to constrain the raging hen then she was told to b****r off. Nek minit she was reported to the constabulary for assault and from the Halls of Justice a restraining order was handed down. One observer captured the drama on a cell phone however the police complaint restricts it from being posted on you tube. What a shocker, forget about the soccer lot having to clean up their act it should be the rugby union! She should have kept her original rooster instead of dumping him for a hunting one that strays beyond the fence.



What's going on chooks? China's deep

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sea sub went deep again in June this year but you try getting reports on this dive! Several attempts to access internet media reports out of China on this latest deep sea dive have failed! Is this a "hush -up?"



Bula chooks! Whisper is the Fijians may be planning to build a hostel because many young Fijians coming over to work are on such low moolah they cannot afford local rental accommodation let alone a cabbage leaf! Such a hostel will provide cheap bunks and nosh but strict supervision to ensure no alcohol or kava on premises! The hostel will have its own transport to take people to work and back and its own vegetable garden and some fruit trees to supplement meals. A church in Fiji is expected to partly fund the construction and upkeep of the hostel and all boarders will be expected to attend evensong, be in bed by 9pm, lights out at 9.15pm, and attend Sunday services unless working!



Oh woe! Tried getting onto the Finance Ministry website last week to get the facts! Get some important data! But there was only a note from a UK web hosting lot that the

site has been suspended! Bill paid?



Talk about subliminal messages, chooks! The CIP candidate for the upcoming Murienua by-election rings the Radio station one Sunday a week ago to request they play the John Rowles hit, "If I only had time." Time for what?



Word from the Cabinet Six is that Puna, after being given the toss as Clerk of the Hut, will now be reeled back in as Admin Officer for the House of Big Chiefs! Well that makes sense because he had been filling in since Motu Kora retired. Perhaps they forgot that when they sent him the Dear John letter. Fancy leaving the Big Cheese of the House of Ariki up in the air with no clerical support, no speech writer, no gofer!



Shop in a prime location has been found selling meat pies from Kiwiland that are a month past their use by date! How can this be? An old age pensioner in his nineties still has eyesight sharp enough to read the use by dates on food packs! Worst of all, the price was not even reduced! The sharp-witted ninety something now wants

to know why government inspectors are not out checking goods.



What do MPs do all day when Parliament is not sitting? Are they working? Who checks on this? The Whips? If there was a proper parliament building with an office for each MP, then MPs would report for work each morning, clock in and be seen to be doing something useful like working on select committees! When the Tupapa MP is working on the road, what select committee is that? When the Pukapuka MP is driving his taxi, what select committee is that?



A disappointed chook is claiming some of the fish offloaded by the Chinese boat is cheap because it smells different! Chook reckons the some of the fish may be off! Word received is that a day or so ago, the Huanan boat dumped 6 tonnes of fish because it had indeed gone off! Another chook complained when he returned to pick up some more juicy fish pieces at \$1.99 a kilo, he found the price had shot up!

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TELECOM COOK ISLANDS CEO

After almost 5 years in the position our current CEO is due to leave the Company at the end of February, 2014.

The Company has begun the search for his replacement with the intention of appointing the new CEO in sufficient time to allow for a reasonable "hand-over" period. The CEO reports to the Board of Directors of Telecom Cook Islands and is responsible for leading the Company in continuous improvement for customers. Telecom Cook Islands aims to be "The #1 telco under the Pacific Sun".

The Board of Directors is seeking an energetic, experienced leader to maintain the Company's recent momentum and step it up another notch. They are specifically looking for someone with telecommunications experience who can set strategic direction, performance manage a business end to end, manage multiple stakeholders and provide exceptional people leadership with a clear customer focus.

If you share that vision and believe you have the energy, vision, experience and leadership qualities to lead Telecom in pursuit of this goal, we want to hear from you.

Please send your application and CV to:

ceo@telecom.co.ck or post it to:

CEO
Telecom Cook Islands
PO Box 106
Avarua
Rarotonga
To be received no later than Monday 9 September 2013



DIRECTOR OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

The Ministry of Internal Affairs is seeking a highly motivated and qualified person to lead the Labour and Employment Relations Division. This is an extremely challenging and rewarding role in a dynamic environment that has a diverse range of responsibilities including:

- The management of staff
- The successful administration and implementation of the new Employment Relations Act 2012
- Managing the regulation of Dangerous Goods
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To be successful the applicant must have a tertiary degree in either: Employment Relations, Economics, Public Policy or Law and 5 years professional experience. If you are interested in leading a team of capable professionals in this exciting and fast changing area, a full job description and information pack is available upon request. Please contact Eva Mapu, phone 29370 or email admin@intaff.gov.ck

Applications must be addressed to the Secretary of the Ministry. The deadline for applications is 6 September 2013 at 4pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE



The Cook Islands Seabed Minerals Authority (SBMA) wishes to give notice of a fully funded Training Opportunity available to Cook Islands 2nd or 3rd year Biology or Marine Science University Students.

A marine science short course developed by Nautilus Minerals (Deep sea exploration company) in partnership with UPNG and the Duke University in USA. The course will be held at UPNG campus in PNG from Oct 13-20, 2013. They are accepting 2 positions for students from the wider South Pacific Community, while 15 will be from UPNG and 3 from universities in PNG.

We regret the late notice to the SBMA but the closing date for applications is 5pm, Friday September 6.

To apply, please forward your application to one of the following: cares@nautilusminerals.com PO Box 1161 Port Moresby 121 NCD PNG

Or view the details in "Latest news" on the Nautilus Website- www.cares.nautilusminerals.com

Paul Lynch, Cook Islands SBMA Commissioner

Applications open for Marine Science Short Course



Nautilus Minerals is a world-leader in seafloor mineral exploration and has gained world-wide recognition for its leading approach to environmental and social responsibility. Nautilus Minerals has been granted the Mining Lease and Environment Permit for a high grade copper-gold deposit known as Solwara 1, located in 1600 meters water depth in the territorial waters of Papua New Guinea.

For further details on Nautilus Minerals, please visit our website: www.nautilusminerals.com

Marine Science Short Course

Meeting our commitment to contribute positively to the communities in which we work, Nautilus Minerals, in partnership with the University of Papua New Guinea and Duke University (USA), is establishing a Marine Science short course to be held in Port Moresby. The course will focus on invertebrate zoology.

The course will be held at UPNG's Waigani Campus from October 13 - 20, 2013. Nautilus Minerals will cover all costs associated with the course including accommodation.

Nautilus Minerals, UPNG and Duke will interview a selection of candidates with a view of selecting participants who have a keen interest in Marine Science and a passion to further their knowledge and understanding of the marine environment.

To qualify for consideration you will need:

- To be in your 2nd or 3rd year of a Biology, Environmental Science or Fisheries undergraduate degree;
- Have excellent English communication skills (reading, writing and oral);
- Hold valid identification documents, if travel is required.

To apply for this exciting opportunity, please include the following documents in your application:

- Letter of application;
- Short essay (500 words or less) explaining why you would like to attend this course and how the course will help further your studies and career;
- Resume / Curriculum Vitae;
- Reference from your immediate supervisor; and
- A copy of your academic transcripts/records.

A total number of 20 spots are available, of those, 15 positions will be reserved for students from UPNG, 3 positions for students from other universities in PNG and 2 positions for students from the wider South Pacific community.

To apply, please forward your application to one of the following:
cares@nautilusminerals.com
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Closing date for applications is 5pm, Friday August 30, 2013.

For more information please contact the Course Coordinator on +675 321 1284 or email cares@nautilusminerals.com

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ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

The Ports Authority invites suitably qualified persons with experience in undertaking Environment Impact Assessments to complete a report for the Orongo Project on the island of Aitutaki.

The Orongo Project will entail

- The rebuilding and development of the wharf frontage area together with ancillary buildings,
- The widening and deepening of the existing Aitutaki Passage,
- The development of a small boat Marina Basin (in front of the Fishing Club Building.)

A Terms of Reference (TOR) document, for the completion of the EIA together with some scheme plans showing the works required to be considered within the project area are available from the office of the Ports Authority, Avatiu upon the registration of your credentials with the Authority. Or you may e-mail your credentials to bim.tou@ports.co.ck who will respond accordingly.

The EIA report for the Orongo Project is required to be completed within four months of acceptance of a successful tenderer and such tenderer must be available and become involved in public consultations and transparency during the reports preparation.

During this time the successful tenderer will be required to work with the Project Co-ordinator on all matters pertaining to the successful completion of the EIA through to the reports acceptance by the National Environment Service.

Submissions of interest with details of experience together with tendered amount to complete the EIA must be delivered to the address below at or before 3.00 PM on the 4th September 2013.

The Ports Authority will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by tenderers in connection with the preparation or delivery of tenders.

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The Clerk is responsible for the following matters:

- Noting all procedures of the house and its committees
- Carrying out duties and exercising powers conferred on the Clerk by law or by Standing Orders and practice of the House
- Acting as the Principal Officer of the Office of the Clerk and managing that office efficiently, effectively, and economically
- Ensuring that staff of the Office carry out their duties and maintain proper standards
- Under the direction of the Speaker, making an official report of the proceedings of the House and its committees.

Statutory Relationships - The Clerk of Parliament is appointed by the Prime Minister on the recommendation of the Speaker.

The Clerk of Parliament has the same financial management responsibilities to the Speaker as any other departmental chief executive has to his her Minister.

Applicants will be expected to have a;

1. Bachelors degree in management, public administration or relevant field
2. Five (5) years Senior Management with proven track record.

The job description and application form can be collected from the Office of the Public Service Commissioner, or downloaded from the OPSC website www.psc.gov.ck.

Closing time and date of application is 3:00pm, Friday 30 August 2013. Late applications will not be considered.

Please address applications to:

Mr Russell Thomas
Public Service Commissioner
Office of the Public Service Commissioner
PO Box 24
Rarotonga
Cook Islands

For more information please contact Russell Thomas on phone 29421 or email russell.thomas@cookislands.gov.ck

