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# PM meets Governor Abercrombie

Prime Minister Henry Puna paid a call on the Governor of the State of Hawaii Neil Abercrombie this week. The official visit was part of the Prime Minister's initiative to re-establish the close ties and relations that the Cook Islands had enjoyed – but which had become dormant in recent years. Solid political connections with Native Hawaiians and the State Government have now ensured there is a re-building of those historic linkages, which will strengthen and benefit both the Cook Islands and Hawaii. Governor Abercrombie was keen to learn of the Cook Islands' evolving maturity as a country, particularly in its foreign relations with external players like China. The Democratic Party Governor has considerable Washington DC experience with long-standing relations with the Clintons. Abercrombie came into office at a time when the State was heavily in debt but has since turned Hawaii back 'into the black' on the positive



Paka Worthington, PM Henry Puna, Hawaii Governor Neil Abercrombie and Trevor Pitt side of the ledger. Tough economic decisions paid off for the Governor and the State, which now rank highly across national polls and lists of achievements. Hawaii is now experiencing a tourism boom. The Prime Minister discussed a range of national issues important to the Cook Islands, including tourism development, and Rarotonga's major water project. Puna highlighted his encouragement to develop close ties with Native Hawaiians, particularly through the Polynesian Leaders Group.

## PM visits Uni students



The PM drove to Waikato University in Hamilton to speak to students straight after Polynesian Leader's Group meeting in Auckland. Waikato hosted this annual Cook Islands event this year. More photos pages 22 and 23.



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# China to host Pacific Leaders in November

By Charles Pitt

In November, Pacific leaders will visit China at the invitation of the new Chinese leadership to meet the new President and hierarchy.

The Herald has learnt that those Pacific nations which have recognized the One China Policy will be given preferential treatment.

In June this year, the new Chinese President announced a US\$3 billion soft loan for those Caribbean nations which recognize the One China Policy. These funds are for infrastructure and economic development and as no specific amount was announced for each country, it appears the fund will be contestable.

It is not known if the new President will make a similar announcement of soft loans for Pacific nations. If he does, he will probably want it to be a surprise announcement.

Given the Caribbean funding has already been announced, the question is should our government anticipate an announcement in relation to Pacific nations? More importantly, is our government prepared to be pro-active and have an initial response ready if just to signify an appreciation?

The answer to these questions, is probably not.

The Herald understands that a large group of up to 20 officials is being prepared for travel to China. The list also includes MOIP HOM Mac Mokoroa and it is possible some renewable energy officials may also go. Just what bilateral meetings may be planned it is not known.

What is known is that the event is a meeting for Leaders not officials and as yet no Cabinet paper on the matter has gone to Ministries.

It is clear from the Caribbean event, that China places great importance on the One China Policy. The Cook Islands recognized the Policy in 1997 but it is not known how many of our officials are familiar with the terms in the Joint Communiqué which was negotiated and signed in July 1997. Our officials should be briefed on the document by Foreign Affairs because they need to understand that the only reason the Cook Islands is being accorded favoured status in November is because we signed the document. It has formed the very basis of our relationship with China since 1997.

For a deeper understanding of how the signing came about, the Herald sought and received comments from Laveta Short the Cook Islands High Commissioner to New Zealand who negotiated with the Chinese and signed the Joint Communiqué on behalf of the Cook Islands.

The following are his comments:

## One China Policy background

"I do not want to comment of the policy implications then and now as that should be provided by Government. I can comment on the political climate at the time i.e. 1997 when the Joint Document was being negotiated. The Cook Islands had its own agendas and imperatives and China had its own – so it was a balancing act where we gave way on some issues and they gave way on some. Fundamental

to the Cook Islands agenda was the need to engage with China at the international level and China by agreeing to sign the Joint Communiqué was in fact giving recognition to the Cook Islands ability to enter into a bilateral agreement which is tantamount to confirming their recognition of our sovereignty. This was at a time when the Cook Islands sovereignty and ability to deal at international level was widely questioned at various international forums outside of the South Pacific and forum region. We do not have this problem today and the Joint Communiqué with China was part of the building blocks to bring us to where we are today.

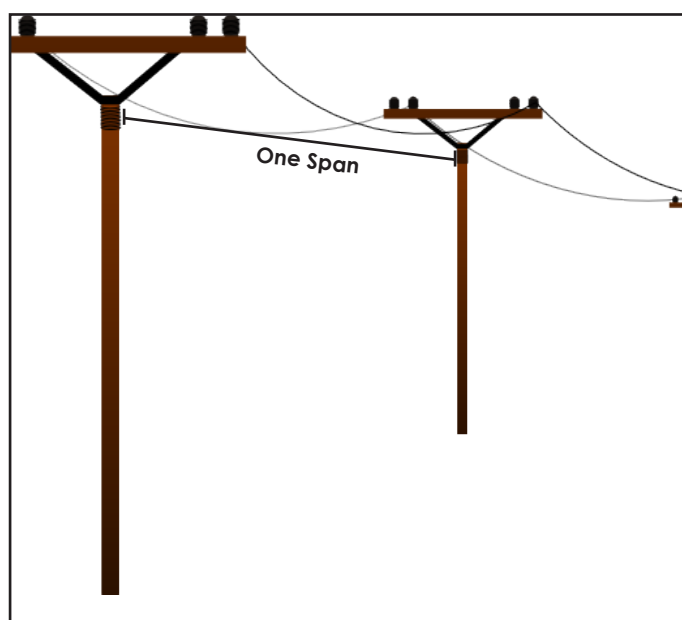
I do not recall any special concern with the three areas of

"social economic and cultural development" (paragraph four) and as you can see it mirrors the first two paragraphs in the communiqué which makes it clear that this is a Government to Government agreement and the private sector is bound by that relationship and by the laws of the respective countries. In addition it was a recognition that cultural exchanges and dance and cultural groups can tour each territory. Under this provision we have seen one or two visits by the Chinese acrobatic teams who have toured this part of the world and this provision allowed them to include us in their tour itinerary without it becoming a Government to Government enterprise. The feeling was that we could do the same especially



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## PM opens door to public

The Prime Minister Henry Puna is launching an Open Door policy next week and will be available to meet members of the public for one-on-one talks at his Office after normal business hours. Starting Monday, the Prime Minister is making himself available for meetings from 4pm to 8pm – twice a week, every Monday and Wednesday. This will be subject to the demands of his Office responsibilities and circumstances as they may arise from time to time. Members of the public are welcome to raise any issue with the Prime Minister. Appointments will need to be organised during working hours with CEO Ed Pittman on 29301.



when it was well known that private dance groups have undertaken a contract of cultural performances in Japan and other countries.

I do recall however that the Chinese team had difficulty understanding or accepting that we are an independent sovereign country despite the

statement in our Constitution to the effect that the Cook Islands is governed by Her Majesty the Queen in Right of New Zealand.

The negotiation was carried

out by me and my secretary in close consultation with Rarotonga. No one else was involved from our end."

**The Joint Communiqué**



## JOINT COMMUNIQUE BETWEEN THE COOK ISLANDS AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

The Government of the Cook Islands and the Government of the People's Republic of China, in conformity with the interests and desires of the two peoples, have decided to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, effective from 25 July 1997.

The two Governments have agreed to develop friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries on the basis of the principles of mutual respect for state sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence.

The Government of the People's Republic of China reaffirms that there is only one China in the world and that Taiwan is an inalienable part of the territory of the People's Republic of China. The Cook Islands Government recognises this position of the Chinese Government. The Cook Islands Government recognises the Government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China. The Government of the Cook Islands reaffirms its long-standing policy not to enter into official relations with Taiwan in any form.

The Government of the People's Republic of China supports the people of the Cook Islands in their efforts to achieve, in full, their objectives in the areas of social, economic and cultural development.

The Government of the Cook Islands and the Government of the People's Republic of China have agreed to exchange ambassadors as soon as practicable, and to provide each with all the necessary assistance for the performance by the other's diplomatic representatives of the diplomatic functions in accordance with international practice, on a reciprocal basis, on the principle of equality and mutual benefit and in the spirit of friendly consultation.

Iaveta Short  
for the  
Government of the Cook Islands

Huang Guifang  
for the  
Government of the  
People's Republic of China

Wellington, 25 July 1997



# Banking for generations



By Apii Napa

**W**estpac Bank celebrates 25 years of business since its banking doors opened to our developing nation. Last weekend curiosity got the best of me whilst chatting with some of the staff. I asked if any of them knew how Westpac came to the Cook Islands.

I remembered a story shared at the last celebration

in 2008 by a prominent customer.

Back in 1988 David Olley (the Westpac Economist at the Suva regional Westpac Office) was invited to their home for Sunday lunch. He shared with the family as to what his agenda was to Rarotonga at the time and that the government at that time had closed the door on Westpac's interest. For some reason she

was working for the ministry of economic planning and arranged for David to meet the minister of treasury and the monetary board back then the Hon Terepai Maoate. It was at that Sunday meet that the minister was agreeable and that David advised the deal was on. In 1988 Westpac Bank Corporation acquired the European Pacific Banking Corporation in the Cook

Islands.

It's only fitting to say that on Sunday all of Westpac management and staff began this week's celebration with mass at St Joseph's cathedral, like the deal that went down 25 years ago on a Sunday also. With business as usual, Westpac will play host to valued customers and wrap the week with a day out with their families.

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# Westpac Cook Islands celebrates 25 years of making banking easier for its valued customers

**T**his week marks a milestone anniversary for Westpac Pacific in the Cook Islands, with the business celebrating 25 years of making banking easier for its valued customers across the country.

"Westpac has been thrilled to play a strong role in the Cooks Islands' community since we first opened its doors in Rarotonga in 1988 after acquiring the business of European Pacific - the only commercial bank operating in the Islands at that time," said Brett Hooker, General Manager, Westpac Cook Islands.

"Since then, I'm proud to say that Westpac has grown to be seen not just as a local bank, but as a team that's truly committed to making a difference to the local Cook Islands community."

Mr Hooker said that Westpac not only offers free financial literacy workshops to help local men and women

in the Cook Islands to achieve their financial goals, but also helps with education costs through its popular Westpac Women's Education Grants.

"We're also proud of our graduate program, which helps Westpac to recruit local talent into our workforce," Mr Hooker added. "We now have a terrific team of over 60 dedicated employees in the Cook Islands - most of whom I'm proud to say are locals."

Westpac is celebrating its 25 year milestone with a host of festivities in the Cooks throughout the week, including a cake-cutting celebration ceremony, as well as a number of employee and customer presentations and visits.

Westpac Pacific General Manager Greg Pawson, who is also joining in the festivities this week, said Westpac has built a strong reputation for consistently going the extra mile to deliver great local service to its customers in the Cooks. Mr Pawson added

that he is also excited to congratulate Mrs Marjorie Toru and Mr Ngametua (Tuffy) Tuakana for their exceptional service to Westpac since we first opened for service. It is their commitment to service excellence that has helped us build a strong local reputation.

"It's our aim to continue to deliver this level of service for many years to come," Mr Pawson said.

Mr Hooker added the bank will continue to work hard to introduce the best products and services to the local population as it moves into the next quarter-century.

"Banking is continually changing in the Cook Islands

and customers are seeking more and more advanced products and services," said Mr Hooker. "We're very excited about launching our new Mobile Banking platform, using best-in-kind USSD technology, which will revolutionise the way local customers do their banking and deliver smarter, more convenient services to their fingertips."

"We're thrilled to be valued part of the Cook Islands and we would like to thank our loyal customers for supporting us for these 25 years. We hope we can continue to serve in this wonderful nation for many years to come!" said Mr Hooker.



## Cook Islands Herald goes QR

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# TOA Dangerous Goods License

**O**n 3 September 2013, Secretary of Internal Affairs, Bredina Drollet, issued Toa with a dangerous goods licence to store petrol and diesel at its site in Nikao for the remaining 2013-14 licensing year. The licensing year ends 31 March 2014.

In issuing the licence, primary consideration was given to public safety.

"Toa engaged an inspection officer of its own choosing to conduct tank integrity testing. Based on those reports, there is compliance with relevant standards of safety. In issuing the licence, I have advised Toa that the

application for the licence has been modified to enable the Government to require independent verification of the reports over the period but I am satisfied that there are no major public safety concerns."

Since Toa's relocation to the Nikao site late last year, it has been operating on three-month provisional licenses. A provisional licence is issued under section 6 of the Dangerous Goods Act where it appears that a license does not comply or cannot be made to immediately comply with relevant safety standards.

"Now that Toa has

completed its planned construction of its new facility, consideration for a full license was more appropriate than a provisional license. A full license has been issued under section 5 of the Act but has been modified to include conditions regarding independent verification of the reports and to also remind Toa not to carry out any further developments on its site without prior approval from the Ministry, such as its new plans to construct an LPG dispensing function on its site. That will be subject to a separate licensing process."

Triad is currently operating on a provisional license as

it has been undertaking comprehensive tank integrity testing on all of its tanks since November 2012. The testing has enabled Triad to prioritise remedial work progressively in a way that does not compromise public safety.

"Triad is operating with a provisional license and I am pleased with the progress of the tank integrity testing undertaken by independent inspectors, SGS Ltd. I am satisfied that the tests have confirmed that public safety risks are not compromised and Triad has been proactive in undertaking remedial work to meet compliance where necessary."





# Banking for generations.



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# Clean up the World Day 2013

The National Environment Service together with its supporting partner, CITC and contributing partners, MOIP, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Education, and Te Ipukarea Society are now counting down the days till the country's biggest coastal cleanup ever!

Over a thousand volunteers and students have shown their interest to participate in next week's Clean Up the World Day which is being coordinated by the National Environment Service. Our volunteers across the country will join over 40-million people around the globe to commemorate the annual Clean Up the World campaign.

Government Departments, local businesses and schools across the country will come together on Friday 13th September to show "they care about our environment" by focusing their efforts to collect rubbish from and around coastal areas to keep our lagoons free of

waste.

As we all know, during a heavy downpour, plastic and household rubbish which is not properly disposed of is washed into our streams and river ways and eventually ending up in our lagoon. During Lagoon Day, the National Environment Service focused its efforts on this year's theme being, 'Love Your Coast,' which depicted the effects plastic and household rubbish have on our marine life, and the number of sea-birds and mammals who are killed every year by consuming plastic.

Both the Prime Minister, Henry Puna and Associate Minister, Atatoa Herman have been encouraging and supportive of such events to assist with the cleaning up of certain areas that need specific attention.

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.

The National Environment Service and its supporting Clean Up the World partner, CITC is urging other departments and businesses who haven't yet registered to join in, and to choose a time that suits you on Friday 13th September and adopt an area and join volunteers across the country and globe to clean up our coastal areas.

Waste collected on that day

will be sorted and weighed by individual groups, with all data collected compiled by the National Environment Service.

CITC has played a huge part in making Clean up the World possible by sponsoring the disposable gloves and bio-bags which will be used by volunteers across the country, and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning have come on board to collect the rubbish and have agreed to waiver the landfill fees for rubbish collected from the Clean up the World activity.

## Letter to the Editor

### Inaccuracies in Cook Islands Herald article on Tourism

05 September 2013

The Cook Islands Herald did not seek any information from the Tourism Corporation which would have corrected the significant factual errors contained in its article titled 'Tourism rejects locals in \$280,000 stuff up'.

The contract in question was awarded after a process that met all the requirements of Governments procurement process. The project was not mismanaged as claimed. The successful tender was approved by the MFEM Tender Committee and the contractual agreement was approved by Crown Law. An Evaluation Committee was appointed to provide recommendation to the Board. MFEM and Audit staff were included to check the opening process. A closing date for all bidders was part of the tender process and bids were invited from both local and international companies.

It is obvious that Tourism would prefer this work to go to qualified local companies provided they can deliver a competitive bid and product. In this regard the Corporation is working on an Expression of Interest to build local capacity in graphic design, website design and management, travel photography and video production and we hope that in future more of this work can be produced within the Cook

Islands.

The claim that the 'Australian company took CITC and won claim against Tourism' is false and the two parties are working to complete the re-edits and full footage. It should also be noted that a bulk of the contractual obligation was spent in the Cook Islands on accommodation, meals, transfers, airfares and other services.

There were issues on BTIB permit which were resolved immediately, as soon as the CEO was made aware of the process.

The Cook Islands Tourism Corporation carefully manages its marketing activities and have established robust financial systems that are followed rigorously. Financial prudence is a key focus for the Corporation and its first Chartered Accountant commenced work in 2013. The Corporation has also obtained its first unqualified auditor's opinion on its financial statements in 2011, which was a first since 2004.

Yours sincerely

Halatua Fua

CEO Cook Islands Tourism Corporation

**Editor's note:** A copy of the opinion piece by George Pitt was referred to CEO Fua who undertook to respond by 4pm Tuesday. No response was received at the time the Herald went to print on Thursday.

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## *Congratulations to Mrs Tarukua Kaupo Matatei*

*By Te Riu Woonton*

**M**rs. Tarukua Kaupo Matatei has been nominated as Woman of the month for the month of September by the organization she has been active as President with for the past 6-8 years, the Tupapa Maraerenga Maternal Clinic. Better known as Mama Shine, she is married to Vainekiiki Matatei from Atiu and together they have three children and eight grandchildren. Mama Shine is the deacon's wife for Tupapa Tapere and has been the secretary for the Tupapa Christian Youth as well as the Avarua Ekalesia Youth. She is also a dedicated member of the Avarua CICC Vainetini. As a devoted woman to the church, she also had a lot of involvement with the South Auckland Cook Islands Christian Church in Otara. Within the community, Mama Shine was a secretary and president of the Cook Islands Child Welfare from 2006 to 2008 and is an active member of the Cook Islands National Council of Women. During her time within the Cook Islands Child Welfare Organization, Mama Shine maintained her duties educating the younger members and organizing workshops. She is also a supportive committee member for the Rakahanga Community. The extension of the Tupapa Maraerenga Clinic had a lot of support from Mama Shine, who utilizes the area utilizing the area for clinical services, play school, workshop area and religious activities.

During her schooling years, Mama Shine attended Avarua Primary School and then went on to Tereora College. In 1992,

Mama Shine was awarded with a certificate in Interpreting from the Pacific Islanders Educational Resources Centre in New Zealand. She was also awarded with a Certificate of Attainment from the Cook Islands Warden Services in South Auckland that same year.

Mama Shine has also been involved in many cultural events in the past; she is committed to her contribution of the Te Maeva Nui event throughout the years. She was a member of the Tangaroa College Cook Islands cultural team, the Karioi Dance team, the Avarua Oire Maeva Nui team, the Mitiaro Rarotonga Maeva Nui team, Manihiki Enuia Maeva Nui team in 2010, the Avarua Ekalesia Maeva Nui team 2011, Rakahanga Enuia Maeva Nui team 2012 and Tupapa Maraerenga Maeva Nui team 2013.

Mama Shine played for the Tupapa Premier Grade Netball Windmill Courts Team in Auckland, she was also a long time member of the Tupapa Maraerenga Golden Oldies Netball Team and usually played wing attack or goal shooter. In June 1990, she received a Senior Pass from the Auckland Netball Umpires Association. Apart from being a member of the Tupapa Mama Auro team, she was also the secretary and later became president. Her years of involvement with netball in the Cook Islands saw her travel with the Cook Islands Golden Oldies Netball to many international Golden Oldies Netball festivals. Today she is still a supporter of the Tupapa Maraerenga Sports Club and is a big help in many ways.



Woman of the Month of September Mrs Tarukua Kaupo Matatei

Our woman of the month spends most of her time doing the things she loves; sewing cushions, pillow cases and tivaevae, painting and tie dyeing sheets, pareu, table cloths and curtains. She also loves to sing religious hymns, read bible scriptures and like many other mamas who love to watch the Filipino and Korean Soaps in the evening, so does Mama Shine. Her most memorable experience Mama Shine shares with the Cook Islands Herald is the visit of the NZ Prime Ministers wife, Mrs. Key to the Tupapa Christian Youth Tivaevae showcase on "Auri Pareu" held at the Tupapa Maraerenga Clinic in July 2009,

the Cook Islands National Baby show held in Mangaia, all her experiences at the Netball Golden Oldies festivals and her trip to Singapore when she was a member of the Karioi Dance Troupe.

Shine strongly believes in family values, a very important key aspect in her life. She believes education starts at home with enduring support from her husband and encouragement from her children. She loves listening to the laughter of her grandchildren and appreciates advice from in-laws, extended families and friends. To top it off, having the good Lord by her side in guidance is truly a blessing to her.

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# A fitting tribute to our great scholar

By Nanette Lela'ulu

**T**his painting of Marjorie Tuainekore Crocombe was commissioned by the University of the South Pacific's (USP) Cook Islands Campus Director Roderick Dixon in 2012, and completed last week.

The painting is Acrylic and Oil on stretched Canvas, measuring 1600mm x 1000mm.

The painting will be hung permanently at USP after it's unveiling sometime in October.

With a commissioned painting I need to ensure I meet the requirements of the party who has commissioned the work. The gown was an integral part for the viewer to recognise Marjorie's academic achievements. It gives the painting relevance in regards to its intentions. The writing in the background is a couple of excerpts from the book Marjorie edited called "Radical Change in the Cook Islands CANNIBALS AND CONVERTS" by Maretu. I asked Marjorie to hand write the sentences I had chosen, which I then later enlarged and painted into the background. You can also see a selection of a few of the other books Marjorie has written on a book shelf behind her.

When I'm working on a portrait like this, I try not to dominate the choice of pose, clothes etc, by doing this it allows the painting to capture more accurately who the person is. Marjorie chose to sit in the position I've painted her in, the skirt that Marjorie is wearing is one designed and made by a friend of hers. The foot has received a bit of attention; I think it stands out because the formal robe gives the painting an initial feeling of European Academia, but the foot changes that perception. Being bare and on a woven matt places her within a Pacific context.

I began painting this work four months ago. With such a large work you can't devote all day to standing there painting, a lot of time is needed to sit back and watch the work to see what area's need to be developed or not you can only do this by standing back and allowing yourself time to process the image from another perspective, because when your painting you can only see a small part of the whole picture. I've often thought how interesting it is that I take more time looking at the painting than I do painting the painting.





# Cook Islands to host major women's conference

By Charles Pitt

**C**elebrating our progress, Shaping our World" that, according to Ministry of Internal Affairs Director for Gender Development, Ruth Pokura, is the proposed theme for the upcoming 12th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women to be hosted by the Cook Islands in Rarotonga from 20-25 October 2013.

The Conference will be held at the National Auditorium and it will be the second time the Cook Islands has hosted the event. The Secretariat of the Pacific Community is assisting with the event.

Ruth told the Herald on Tuesday morning that some 160 delegates from 22 Pacific nations are expected to attend. This includes three official reps from each country (the Minister/a government official/an NGO rep). Also attending will be observers and representatives from donor agencies such as EU, UNDP, ADB, AusAid, World Bank and CROP agencies.

So far says Ruth, 18 Ministers have confirmed their attendance. The Prime Minister of Tuvalu is attending as he is Minister for Gender development. Chairing the Conference will be Internal Affairs Minister Hon Mark Brown.

Translators will be provided to cater for the French speaking delegates.

The last day of the Conference will see Ministers considering the recommendations from Officials. This will be the 5th Pacific Women's Ministerial Meeting.

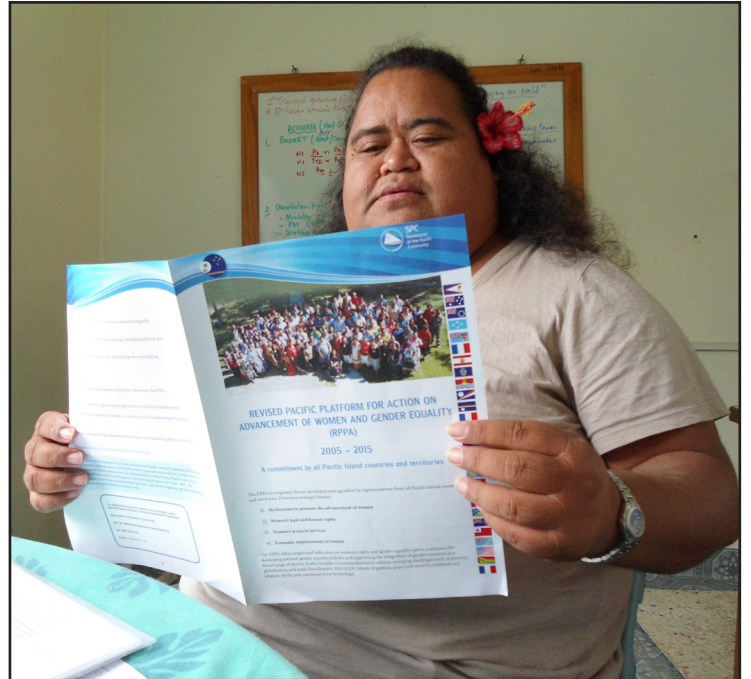
The Conference will focus on the document known as the "Revised Pacific Platform for Action on Advancement of Women and Gender Equality (RPPA) 2005-2015.

This document was adopted as a living document in 2004 when the Pacific Platform was reviewed at the 9th Triennial Conference in Nadi, Fiji by 20 Pacific nations.

The RPPA offers targets and indicators on women's rights and gender equality and is a reference for developing gender equality policies and supporting the integration of gender concerns in a broad range of sectors. It also includes recommendations to address emerging challenges such as poverty, globalization, trade liberalization, HIV/AIDS, labour migration, peace and security, tradition and religion, media and communication technology.

The RPPA has four strategic themes which are;

1. Mechanism to promote the advancement of women
2. Women's legal and human rights
3. Women's access to services
4. Economic empowerment of women.



Ruth Pokura

Ruth advised that a draft agenda had been prepared which provides for reporting on key gains and challenges, panel discussions, identifying gaps and key issues such as violence against women, maternity leave and equal opportunity.

Working groups are planned to discuss specific issues relating to the four strategic themes and emerging issues.

Several side events are also planned for the lunch breaks and evenings, to discuss a range of issues including the cost of Domestic Violence, Sexual and

Reproductive Health Rights.

Special presentations of interest will be a costing on domestic violence in Kiribati and the launch of a gender and climate change toolkit.

Ruth is hoping to organize a display outside the National Auditorium to showcase Cook Islands arts and crafts.

Ruth Pokura has been Director of the Gender Division for the past seven years. Prior to that, she was the Programme Research Officer in the Division. She has just one staff member, a Programme Research Officer.



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# Happy Birthday Terito

By Apiti Napa

It's been a while, busy driven by small goals I simply make to achieve. But sometimes these goals we don't have control over.

The date September 11th will always be remembered and noted down in the history of the world and most importantly the United States of America. The Twin Tower tragedy that shocked the whole world as we watched helplessly the televised tragedy, the terror unfold before our eyes.

However, what's more significant is that this date '9/11' will remind me of another story, a beautiful kind.

Two years ago another kind of history was set for me and family, a happy ending kind.

It was the best ever homecoming welcome and news I will not change for anything else in the world. I was coming back from the Pacific Games held in New Caledonia, of that year 2011.

I was exhausted and not looking forward to the ride home. I had just had a great weekend with my husband in New Zealand enjoying the opening of the World Rugby Cup. But for some reason we were booked to travel home separately. I was homeward bound alone.

I really wished someone or anyone was at the airport to drive me home to an empty abode.

At home, I caught a glimpse of my son trying to get my attention, a good sign. I wasn't going home alone. He looked anxious and gave that look to say "hurry". He signaled the cradling arm gesture, okay what did that mean? Oh to hell with weary and tired – I was out of there. I was greeted not only by the warm breeze but by two excited women; mum and sister. They too had the same look as son. "So, what's wrong?" I asked.

There was so much 'gibberish' talk on the ride – everyone

was so excited, I tried to be but remained silent to gather my strength to expect what was to come.

As we ascended the ride up hill– I wondered seriously about what to expect and how to approach what was to come. Was I happy, tired or was I been too thoughtless to think of what was to come.

I stepped into the cool corridor only to realize that everyone present were excited of my presence.

There it was, the buzz that everyone on the ride was on about. I peered into the bundle to grab and hold closely. I said a little prayer and felt a twitch to acknowledge amen.

Tears of joy trickled down my face acknowledging the things we cannot control.

Henryna Terito Kapi Napa was born Friday 11 September 2011 and just hearing her parents share their experiences of her



Henryna Terito Kapi Napa – Character Day at Nikao Maori School

birth almost similar such as how the date represents itself but not as traumatic as the Twin Tower tragedy.

So don't think the numbers 9/11 is just another date – think

of all the drama that can come with the date.

Today she is my healing, our happiness and everyone who loves her – joy.

"Happy Birthday, Terito".



Four generations



# Learning from the master

By Charles Pitt

In Rarotonga for 10 days of work experience, is 17 year old Zativa Nathan who is from Helensville, New Zealand.

Zativa is in his final year at Kaipara College and this trip was arranged by his school's careers advisor in conjunction with Tattooist Inia Taylor.

The Herald caught up with the pair on Friday afternoon at master carver Mike Tavioni's workshop in Atupa.

Inia said the objective was to expose Zativa to various forms of craft within Cook Islands culture. For example, tattooing with Croc and carving with master carver Mike Tavioni.

Inia said he had heard of Mike years ago through NZ film maker Mike Beecroft who also did the tattoos on actors in the movies, Once were Warriors and The Piano.

Zativa, a polite and well mannered young man, has no problem negotiating Rarotonga's uneven topography in a wheelchair, having lost both legs due to meningococcal infection at 13 months of age at a hot pool in Rotorua.

Inia said a request will be made to keep Zativa in school for a further year with special leave for work experience.

Tavioni has had Zativa working on a carving of Tangaroa and has invited him to return if possible as he feels Zativa should experience another five weeks of carving to develop his carving ability further. Continuity, Mike feels, is important.

Zativa returned to NZ on Sunday.



Above: Zativa Nathan

Below: Inia Taylor with Zativa with carving.





# Suwarrow and the curse of plastic trash

By Nina Nilsen

Suwarrow is a popular landfall for sailboats from all corners of the world who cross the South Pacific Ocean every year. The natural beauty and alluring remoteness of the atoll makes it an instant favourite for these seasoned travellers. For what is there not to like about Suwarrow? You find crystal clear turquoise waters, gliding frigate birds, scurrying coconut crabs, and patrolling reef sharks. Add the pleasant company of Tuakeu Harry Papai og Ngatupuna "Charlie" Poiri, the two semi-resident national park rangers, and the camaraderie among the visiting sailors, and you have an unfailing recipe for good times and lifelong memories. Anchorage Island, where the rangers have their cabin and the sailors their safe harbour, is kept neat and clean by Harry and Charlie. They sweep the trails, gather fallen coconuts and palm fronds. And they pick up trash. For there is actually one thing to dislike about Suwarrow. The trash. This trash is not from the rangers, not from the sailors. It is from the world. From cities and villages along distant shores. From you and me. We toss our wrappers and bottles,



our sigarett butts, our endless variations of plastic trash, onto the ground. The trash soon finds its way into rivers and seas. It floats and drifts with ocean currents from Asia, America and other Pacific islands, all the way to idyllic, uninhabited Suwarrow. Harry and Charlie do a weekly plastic trash beach clean up, but the shores fill up the very next day.

I had the great privilege to visit Suwarrow in July this year. I walked the beach one afternoon, marvelling at the birds, the sharks, the views of the endless ocean. And I picked up what I found: bottles and jugs; caps; fishing nets and floats; flip flops; toothbrushes; combs; CD covers; forks; spoons. Cigarette lighters. A doll's head. Pens and markers. Synthetic rope. And tiny plastic

fragments that once were any of these. Plastic trash is choking our oceans. Do your part. Don't litter. Pick it up.

Note: Nina Kristin Nilsen is a Norwegian sailor and environmental engineer, with a special interest in the environmental effects of marine plastic trash. She visited Suwarrow in July 2013 on her sailboat "Bika".

## New Women's Side - Packed with Youngsters

New Avana women's side 'Te Ava Rau' had their first introduction to women's cricket last weekend when they took on Matavera in The Edgewater Resort and Spa Eastern Conference.

Te Ava Rau is an exciting prospect, a side jam packed with talented youngsters with a couple 'senior' players lending some experience and guidance. Eight players in all are under 19 including Memory Kauvai (14 years), Moeara Joseph (15), Jazmanda Tuaputa (12), Memory Varu (14) and skipper Margaret Tuaputa (19).

Crickets CEO Alister Stevic is excited about the mostly junior side "most club sides have experienced an increase in junior players this year, which is exciting for the future of cricket and is reflective of the success of the ANZ junior cricket programme".



Some of The Te Ava Rau Players in an U19 match for Ngatangiaa earlier this year. In their match against Matavera, Te Ava Rau managed just 67 runs with the bat, which Matavera knocked off without losing a wicket. But despite the loss the young side from Ngatangiaa are as keen as ever. A few more matches to build confidence, more training under their experienced coaches Arthur Emile and Tereinga Maoate and Te Ava Rau could be causing opposition sides plenty of headaches very soon.





### SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified/experienced individuals or firms to become a preapproved consultant for short-term consultancy services.

Services will be called upon as and when required by various government agencies including Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning, Cook Islands Investment Corporation, Ministry of Finance and Economic Management, Office of the Prime Minister, and Pa Enua Island Governments.

Common services include feasibility and design studies; project and procurement management; engineering (civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, water and sanitation) designs, advice and reviews; quantity surveying; architecture and drafting; project reporting; and secretarial services.

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Applications will be open for an initial period of one (1) month from 12 September to 11 October 2013. Applications will be assessed during and after this period to allow for contracting of urgent work before the date of closure.

For further details please contact Anne Taoro, Cook Islands Investment Corporation, Tel: (+682) 29391 or by email (as above).

### REGISTRATION OF TRADES AND SERVICES – RAROTONGA AND PA ENUA

Registrations of Interest for small-works contracts are invited from building-related trade and service providers (individuals and businesses) on Rarotonga and Pa Enua.

Trades and services include, but not limited to, carpentry (repairs and construction), electrical, plumbing and drainlaying, painting, block-laying and concrete work, tiling and carpeting, joinery, landscaping and cleaning.

Other trades/services not mentioned are welcomed.

The database containing trade and service providers will be updated and will be accessible to Government Ministries and Agencies.

Services or requests for quotes will be sourced as required by the individual ministries/agencies for work valued less than \$30K.

There is no deadline for registering interests. Registration forms can be obtained from the Cook Islands Investment Corporation office, MFEM Building, Avarua, by email to [anne.taoro@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:anne.taoro@cookislands.gov.ck), or downloaded from [www.procurement.gov.ck](http://www.procurement.gov.ck).

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#### Stitcher Radio

While there are a number of apps to keep your ears full of music, fewer focus on radio and podcasts. Stitcher is one such app, which lets you organize channels of content based on interests. It's even clever enough to notice what you like and dislike, and will assemble "Smart Stations" based off your preferences. If you're a podcast junkie, this app is essential.

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## TAMA LAVALAVA 2013 O TE KŪKI `ĀIRANI

na Rutera Taripo

I te pō Varaire rā 6 o Tepetema, ki ko i te Staircase Bar & Restaurant, kua rave`ia te tārērē`anga o te TAMA LAVALAVA KŪKI `ĀIRANI 2013.

Kua tae mai ki Rarotonga nei, mei Aotearoa mai, te pupu-nene`i o te porokarāmu *Fresh TV* no te neine`i atu i teia porokarāmu. Kua riro oki `e ko te kūtōroroi (host) o teia porokarāmu i ko i te Staircase ko te ngā purotu rongonui i te tamataora ko Pani & Pani mei roto mai rāi i te porokarāmu *Fresh TV* o Aotearoa.

`E ta`i-nga`uru au tama-tāne `aito no te ipukarea tei piri atu ki roto i teia tārērē`anga o te TAMA LAVALAVA 2013 o te KŪKI `ĀIRANI.

Kāre `oki teia tārērē`anga i `aite ki te `akateretere`anga o te karanga `ia nei `e ko te Beauty Pageant māri ra kua `ākara`ia no runga i tō`ou tu-toa, tō`ou tu tiratira-tū, tō`ou tu emi-kore, tā`au tārēni, tō`ou tu-parau i tō`ou tūranga Kūki `Āirani `ē te vai atūra, mē ko`uko`u`ia i reira tēia au tu, koia i reira,...ko tō`ou tu nātura .

Kua riro rāi `oki `e na te au mātakitaki i `iki i te tama tei `autū i tēra pō, `ē i te `openga o te pō kua peke atu te korōna o te TAMA LAVALAVA 2013 O TE KŪKI `ĀIRANI kia Petero Teio, rē 2 ko Rex Atirai, `ē te rē 3 ko Brian Rongo.

No reira, a teia mata`iti ki mua, ka rere atu a Petero Teio o te Kūki `Āirani nei ki Aotearoa no te tārērē atu ki te pae i te au aito o Samoa, Tonga, Niue, Tuvalu, `ē te vai atūra no te korōna o te TAMA LAVALAVA International.



Pani & Pani. Petero. Toa no Mr Lavalava Cook Islands 2013



Mr Lavalava 13 Petero Teio



Rē 2 Rex ATIRAI



Rē 3 Brian RONGO



# “Taku Reo Māori– Taku Pare Kura Kia Vai Motukore...”

tātā`ia e Rutera Taripo

Tupu mai au i te itingā rā...

Tē takoto nei taku Reo Māori, i te miti o te kiriā-tai

Tē tito`uto`u`ia nei ē te reo-pōrena `ē te reo-mārora

Auē... te tangi e...

`E... taku iti tangata ē..

E... ara... e..ara E... ara!

Kāvea ia te kura ki Orongo

Auē, tē tangi nei au `iākoe `e taku Reo Māori, taku Pare Kura.

Kua marere `ē kua pere`uti`uti ia koe

Tō `uru-kura `e taku Pare Kura

Tō `uru-kura, tāku e parau nei, tāku e umuumu nei no tōku tupuranga Māori

Tō `uru-kura, nō tāku peu Māori

Tō `uru-kura, nō taku karakia

To `uru-kura, nō tōku nei Reo tupuna Auē...

Manotinitini te Kī, kua `uri ki te moana

Tē ngaki nei kia tongi ake i te `uare a tōku nei ui-tupuna

Kua kai i te roimata tei moe

Ranga`ia! Taka`ia ki roto i te vari

Vekuveku ei, kia mātiketike, kia mārangaranga

`Inainatea, taupepere o te rauti-para

Rere `ua i te po te Etukura, tokotoko ō te ui-tupuna

Ē taku Pare Kura e...

Ē taku Reo tūpuna e....

`Oki mai... `oki mai... `OKI MAI...!!! 2x

Tō `uru-kura nō taku Pare-kura, nō taku Reo Māori

Kia kitea..., nga `inapōtea ō tāku nei korero Ai... ia....

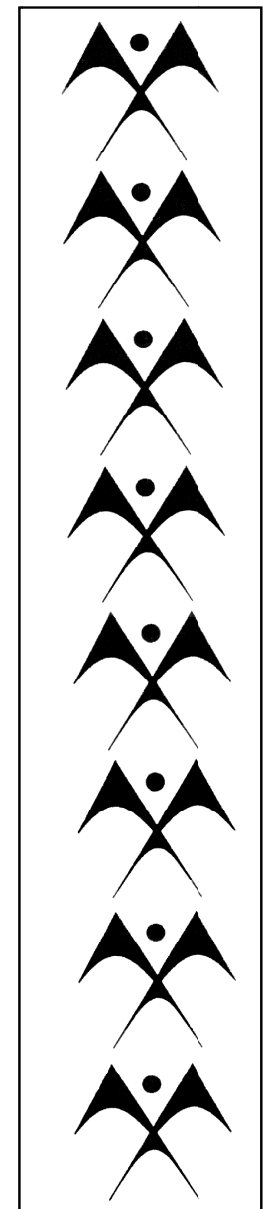
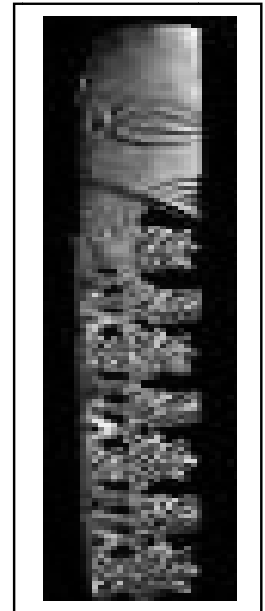
Kā tū te `īī, kā tū te vanavana

Taku reo Māori, tātakina ki runga

Taku reo Māori, taku Pare Kura e

Kā tū, kā tū, **A E I O U** Ai a...

E taku Reo Māori e ...`Oki mai, `Oki mai `Oki mai ...!!!





## TE REO MĀORI



na Rutera Taripo

### Kia Ūpoko-tū!

Ta`i, rua, toru, `ā!  
Ngō`ie `ua kia akatātā  
`Ō atu tātou kī mūa  
Rima, ono, `itu, varu!  
Aru mai `a iva `ē ta`i-nga`uru.  
Nā rira `ua rāi te tatau  
Ma te mā `ē te `ē ki rua-nga`uru  
Te reo ō tātou kia ūpoko-tū  
`Ē rau, `ē mano, te tuātau!

### Let it flourish!

One, two, three and four!  
It is simple to recite  
Let us forward to advance  
Five, six, seven and eight!  
Followed by nine and ten.  
Continue counting in this way  
With conjunctions to two tens  
Flourish on our language  
For hundreds and thousands of years!

### Nō te Ora/Taime, `ē te Tuātau

- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. `E ora tēia                      | 1. This is a clock                                     |
| `E uāti tēia                        | This is a watch  |
| 2. `E a`a tēia/tēnā/tērā?           | 2. What is this/that(near you)/that<br>(away from us)? |
| 3. `E ora tēnā.                     | 3. That (near you) is a clock.                         |
| 4. <u>`E a`a te ora i tēia nei?</u> | 4. <u>What is the time now?</u>                        |
| 5. `E ora `ā te ora (i tēia nei)    | 5. It is 4 o'clock (now)                               |
| 6. `E ta`i-nga`uru-mā-ono meneti    | 6. It is 16 minutes <u>past</u> 7                      |
| <u>`i pāti i te ora itu</u>         |  |
| 7. `E `āpa tēia no te ora iva       | 7. It is now half past nine                            |
| 8. Kua vaitata i te tuaero          | 8. It is nearly 12 o'clock                             |
| 9. <u>Ā`ea koe e `akaoti ei?</u>    | 9. <u>When are you finishing?</u>                      |
| 10. Ākonei ake i te ora rima        | 10. Later on at 5 o'clock                              |
| 11. Āpōpō i te avatea-pū            | 11. Tomorrow at midday/noon                            |
| 12. Ā tērā`o atu pōpōngi            | 12. On the morning after tomorrow                      |
| 13. Ā tēia Varaire ki mua           | 13. Next Friday  |
| 14. Ā tēia mata`iti roa ki mua      | 14. Until next year                                    |
| 15. Ākōneinei ake!                  | 15. Just a little, wee while yet!                      |

### Te au rā o te `Epetoma: Days of the Week

Mōnitē	- Monday	Ru`irua	- Tuesday	Ru`itoru	- Wednesday
Paraparau	- Thursday	Varaire	- Friday	Ma`anākai	- Saturday
		Tāpati	- Sunday		



# How to succeed in life

Part 1

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

**M**any people want to live a successful life, but the problem is they don't know how to achieve this. In his letter in Philippians 3v.12-21, Paul speaks about "succeeding in life." Although our primary model is the Lord Jesus Christ, we will look at the Apostle Paul as our next example. Paul is an incredible person. He lived life to the full! In v.17 of the above reading Paul is saying "Join with others in following my example, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you." The question is, "What is Paul's pattern?" In the above reading Paul explains 4 main points to successful living!

The first point is EVALUATION. Admit that you have a long way to grow! You're not perfect! Look at your life! Know your situation before you move on. Know the areas that need improvement in your life. Paul was honest about his faults. In v.12-13 Paul said "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect. I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it." The Good News Bible reads "I don't claim that I have already succeeded or become perfect." Paul at this stage is an old man, yet he never claimed to have it all. Yet Paul wrote most of the New Testament. He single handedly spread Christianity throughout the Roman Empire, which eventually impacted the whole world. Paul is saying "I don't have it all together, I haven't arrived, I'm not perfect, I'm still growing!" The point here is, successful people never stop growing! They are always developing, growing, and learning! Too many people including some Christians have this mentality - "No problem!" They think of themselves as Mr or Mrs Perfect! Friend, the more we grow, the more aware we are of our limitations, and our weaknesses! The beginning of

## Encouragement Column

With Senior Pastor John Tangi

Successful Living is to know our Faults! To be Honest! Evaluate ourselves! We're always good at evaluating others faults, but never ours. Proverbs 28v.13 (GN) reads "You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. Confess them and give them up, then God will show mercy to you."

The second point is ELIMINATION Forget the former things, let go of your past. In v.13 of the above reading Paul said "This one thing I do, forgetting what is behind." Paul is saying, if I want to be what God want me to be, then "I'm not going to waste anymore time on my past, it is gone, I'll get on with the present." Success involves learning 'to forget!' Isaiah 43v.18 reads "Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past..." ".to forget.." means...Don't let the past affect you anymore... Don't let it control you.! Jesus has eliminated your past on Calvary! Successful people learn from the past without dwelling on the past! When babies touch the fire for the first time and it burns, then next time round, they don't touch it.

There are 2 things we need to forget if we're going to follow Paul's pattern. (a) Our failures. Too many people including some Christians rehearse things in their hearts that God has long forgiven and forgotten! Paul said "I've learnt to forget the past!" Everybody makes mistakes! We have mistakes in the past we regret doing! We need to forget it and move on with life! (b) Our Successes. It is easy to 'rest on our past successes' and to think of "Those good old days!" Let it go! 'Success' if not handled carefully will bring 'pride' and then, you will stop growing



and learning, then you will fail. Jesus said "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." (Luke 9v.62). This article of encouragement in the next issue of the Cook Islands Herald. May you have a God blessed week. Te Atua te araoa.

I will continue with Part 2 of

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# Music makes the world go round

By Norma Ngatamariki

I just realized that a lot of kids were born in September, including me! Happy belated birthday to all of the peeps who were born in this lucky month (I won't mention any names because they're shy guys). You're all old now.

Anyway, back to the topic at hand. A friend named Nadia (I'll acknowledge her because I know she likes her name being mentioned in the paper lol) did a documentary about this particular topic, music. She talked about how teenagers used it to cope with their problems and expressed their feelings. It was really interesting because heaps of kids came up with some really great responses. Some say they use music to "escape the harsh realities of life". Others

simply listen to music while relaxing. Whatever the reason, music will always play a large role in a teenager's life.

Music has been around as long as...humans have been around, I guess. So, it's not surprising that adolescents use it for their own purposes. You know that Justin Bieber dude? He got famous for singing a single song on YouTube. One Direction? They showcased their lovely singing talent on the infamous show, The X Factor. Look how well it worked out for them. It was all because of their passion for music. So, besides being relaxing, music can also make you rich and famous (if you get it right).

There are a lot of teenagers on Raro with that kind of ambition. They use music to communicate

with their audiences, to reach out and touch their hearts with the lyrics and tunes. Ever get a chance to listen to the sweet, soulful voices of Emile Rima or Jaik Berg? That's local talent. Emile had gotten his very own album and Jaik made it big in Australia. They are living proof that music can take you anywhere you want to go.

Prior to this year, Tereora College didn't have a music class. Thanks to the efforts of one particular teacher, that has all been changed. There is a course which offers actual credits, which really attracted the senior kids. They go up to the Drama class and have a "jam session", which sounds really cool. We have some uprising stars at our school with some promising talent (Again, I won't

mention any names because I haven't gotten their permission, but you guys know who you are). Music has really given them an opportunity to shine and to show off their stuff. Now the students of Tereora College know that, besides being academic, you can be artistic too and still make a decent living from it.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that whatever music you listen to, whether it be hardcore rock, meaningful rap, soulful reggae or modern day RNB Hip Hop, like the boy band One Direction (if that's your thing) then...go for it. Don't let anybody diss your "jam". Just plug in your headphones and turn up the volume to block them out, which is another advantage of music.

## Don't cry

By Hareta Tiraa Passfield

"Don't cry you say as I sit beside you. But I can't stop crying. "You can cope, I know you can" you say. But I just sit there weeping. "No matter what just keep smiling, don't let anyone bring you down," you say as you smile at me. I try to fake a smile back. "Don't change" you say. I carry on sobbing. "You make me cry, you make me laugh but most of all you make me smile" you say.

I still continue crying uncontrollably. "When you laugh, I laugh, when you cry I cry, when you smile, I smile back," you say. I stare at my hands, my heart is breaking. "If you stop smiling the world will never be the same, always be positive, think of all our happy

memories" my tears pause and all our happy memories come flooding back.

I was 12 and we walked all the way from my house to your house in the pouring rain. Stopping only to jump in puddles. Dancing and singing the whole way. I laughed you smiled.

I was 10. It was school break, like most school breaks we spent at least one day at one of the resorts on the island. The pool was so cold, I was shaking. I laughed, you smiled.

I was 6; we spent the day at the beach collecting sea glass. We built sand castles, we had our picnic. We swam for hours in the blue lagoon trying to chase fish and jump over waves on shore. I laughed, you smiled

I was 8, you had this idea to write down all our deepest darkest secrets and wishes and bury them in your backyard. It was like a time capsule. We planned to dig it in 2014, next year. We both knew you would never make it that far.

I visit you everyday, but you still don't get better. Sometimes I'm not even allowed to see you. I think about what you said all the time. I try my best to smile and be optimistic but the thought of your suffering just tears me up inside

My visiting time is coming to an end. I'm not allowed to see you anymore today. You're getting worse and worse. I can't cope. I'm afraid, I'm afraid of the future.

I'm taken out of school to

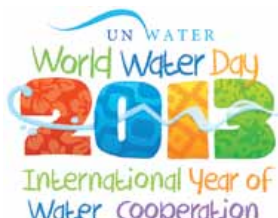
see you. I sit beside your bed. You look faint. The sparkle in your eyes has faded. Your encouraging smile has departed from you mesmerising features. Your fun, cheerful personality has left, making you empty.

I see a tear rolling down your once colorful cheek. "Don't cry," I say. You can cope, I know you can. Always smile and be positive". You laugh at the familiar lecture. I smile.

It's hard not seeing you but then again it's hard seeing you. One day you are at your worse. I want to cheer you up. I don't want to see you suffer.

Your sunken eyes meet my sad eyes. I begin to cry and so do you. "I love you," I say. "I love you too," you say. You close your eyes.

**You can make a difference! Do Your Part**



**OFF THE TAP!!**

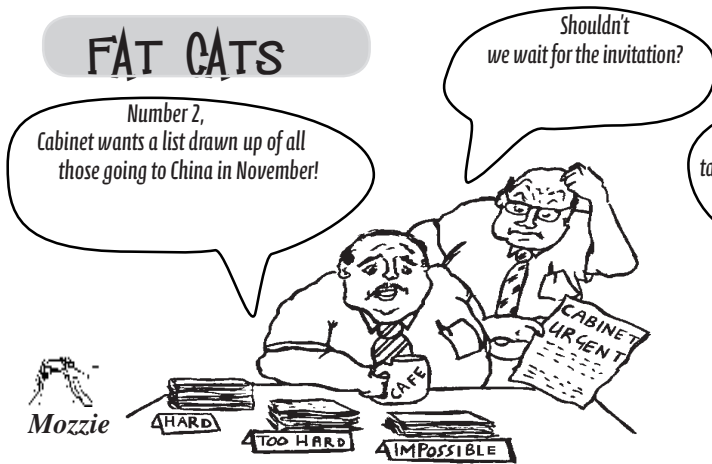


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## FAT CATS



## COCONUT ROUNDTABLE



Forget the new coinage idea says one traditional chook! Go back to the old days of using "traditional" currency! In Melanesia, sea shells are used or stones. Other countries pay with animals like pigs and cattle! Why not use some new form of currency particular or peculiar only to the Cooks? It would be a world first! With the western system of finance crashing all over the world, why stick with a method of finance likely to take us down with the rest of the heap? Let's have a currency that won't crash but which other countries will treasure-something made of a manganese nodule!

Our globetrotting PM will soon be off up east and some say, with a tour group of some proportions! Backing singers and a big swing band? What instrument will Big Mac be playing? The violin?

Well done our Cookie athletes in the Wallis and Fortuna Mini-Games! Our medal haul must be the biggest when the count is done on a per capita basis! Of course it was the Herald which was promoting the young Luisa Peters and the young sailors when they first began and started coming up the ranks! The Herald identifies the future champions!

Ahoy me hearties! The Mutiny on the Bounty is being re-enacted in

# CHOOKS CORNER

WITH BIG RED

one major government agency! A modern day Fletcher Christian and Captain Bligh are having a right ding dong go at each other in front of the bewildered crew! While the cross dressing Fletcher claims kinship protection of the Admiral of the Fleet, Bligh claims career tenure from the Navy! The seas are getting rather choppy and it would come as no surprise if Bligh hops in the long boat, hoists the Jolly Roger and leaves de Fray!

Remember the invasion at the "Bay of Pigs" in Cuba chooks? When ex-pat Cubans living in the USA invaded Cuba in a plot to overthrow Castro? Fast forward to 2013 and the "Invasion by the Pigs" of the plots in the Cooks! Yes chooks, in the outer reaches, the pigs have invaded agricultural plots and decimated the crops of hard working growers! Having increased their numbers, the pigs have become bold and now seek to overthrow the human population! A twisted version of "Planet of the Apes!" The solution? Cruise missiles? Nope! A pack of snapping,

snarling dogs have been called in from Rarotonga to carry out a pre-empted strike against the oinkers!

Cookie stood in the Aussie elections for the Holt electorate in Melbourne under a new political party called the "Rise Up Australia" (RUA) party. Cookie was not elected and polled well down the list. What if a Cookie branch of the RUA party was formed here? "Rise Up Cook Islands" party!

Why should the PM appoint a Deputy PM chooks? The Constitution does not even provide for a Deputy PM to be appointed. Big Red says "Don't bother!" Let the PM rotate the responsibility around the others as he sees fit!

PM is stopping off in the City of Sails for a few days after enjoying the Honolulu sunshine, to hold a chin wag with Batson Line. What's all that about you ask?

Recent serious and fatal accidents to young people involving motor vehicles, seems to have had no impact on other

young people whatsoever. Young people are still riding their iron horses at full tilt oblivious to the consequences should they crash off and hit the deck!

Local Rooster reports he is forbidden to mutter directly to worker bees in the Treasury Hive and must channel all his utterances to the Queen Bee! A cone of silence? Or in this case, a comb, honey comb!

Local chook reports a small army of State ants are assembling in preparation to march off north to the land of the Great Wall to exchange pleasantries with the mighty Presidential Beetle! The Presidential Beetle has just flown back from Calypso Land where in June he presented a loyal band of ant royalty with US\$3b worth of gifts. What surprise has he in store for the Pacific cousins?

It's war chooks! But it's not the Mau Mau on the warpath but the Mai Mai! Watch for local "chook with a hook" to release an army of the fishy lot for snapping up by recruiters at a bargain price!

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Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning

**VACANCY – WATSAN TECHNICAL  
COORDINATOR**

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning invites applications for the posts of WATSAN Technical Coordinator in its Water, Waste and Sanitation (WATSAN) Unit. This is an exciting opportunity to work with a new team, tasked with making improvements in infrastructure, policy and practice that will contribute to protecting and enhancing the lagoon and ocean environments around our islands.

We are seeking a suitably qualified, experienced, highly motivated and enthusiastic person to assist the WATSAN Unit Manager and WMI Programme Manager in coordinating implementation and delivery of tasks and outcomes across a number of critical work programmes.

The role will involve day to day administration and project management, as well as requiring liaison with relevant government agencies, local communities and the private sector. Specifically the scope of tasks for this position will not necessarily be limited to the following but shall include:

- Provide technical input to the implementation of a programme of upgrading onsite sanitation systems on Rarotonga and Aitutaki, including participation in sanitation systems' site inspections and assessments, review of wastewater plans and designs, coordination with Public Health Inspectors, coordination and oversight of works carried out by third party contractors engaged by the Ministry, and attendance at related meetings, discussions and workshops
- Prepare such technical, project management and progress reports and associated documentation as are required by the Programme Manager for implementation of the programme
- Undertake such additional tasks as may be instructed from time to time by the WATSAN Manager and/or Programme Manager in connection with the work of the WATSAN Unit

In addition to relevant qualifications, the successful applicant will have a demonstrable track record of work experience in a relevant trade or professional field, with emphasis in the sanitation/wastewater sector being an advantage, strong communications skills and an enquiring, analytical mind.

For this position, an interest in or understanding of water, wastewater and environmental protection will 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:

Secretary  
Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning  
PO Box 120  
Rarotonga

The closing date for applications is Friday, 20 September 2013. For more information please contact Tangi Taoro by phone on 20-321 or by email at [tangi.taoro@moip.gov.ck](mailto:tangi.taoro@moip.gov.ck)



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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](mailto: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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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Cook Islands Chamber of Commerce will be held on:

Date: Thursday 26th September 2013  
Time: 4.30 p.m.  
Venue: Trader Jack's Restaurant, Avarua, Rarotonga

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome by the President
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
3. Matters arising from these Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Auditor's Report
7. Sub Committee Reports
8. Nomination and approval of Auditor for 2013 – 14
9. Election of Officers
10. General Business

All members and intending members are urged to attend.  
Enquiries to the Chamber office: phone 20 925 or e-mail [chamber@commerce.co.nz](mailto:chamber@commerce.co.nz)



**PRICE ORDER 10/2013**

**PURSUANT** to the Control of Prices Act 1966 and the powers delegated to me as provided under section 30 of the said Act, I hereby make the following Order:

- 1 This Order is cited as Price Order 10/2013 and shall come into effect on the 29th day of August 2013 for **TRIAD PACIFIC PETROLEUM LTD.**
- 2 Maximum selling prices for fuel imported into the Cook Islands shall be at a rate specified in the schedule below except the island of Aitutaki.
- 3 For the Outer Islands, prices established have been reviewed and updated to include freight, wharfage, boating, reefing, drum/container cost, evaporation and cartage costs.
- 4 Value Added Tax is included in the prices herein set. Import Levy is exempt for Outer Islands excluding Aitutaki as per Exemption Order 03/09/2010.
- 5 All previous references in any Price Order as to the selling prices listed in this Order are hereby revoked upon effective dates above.
- 6 The prices herein set are the maximum that may be charged although less may be charged if so desired.

Given under our hand this 29th day of August 2013

Brian Terrence Hagan  
Chairman for the Price Tribunal

Madeleine Sword  
Member for the Price Tribunal

**SCHEDULE OF PRICE ORDER**

ITEM	WHOLESALE TO Retailers/Bulk Users	RETAIL PRICES TO CONSUMERS IN			Effective Date
		Rarotonga	Southern Group	Northern Group	
PETROL	2.31	2.59	2.86	2.92	August 29, 2013
DIESEL	2.08	2.36	2.67	2.73	August 29, 2013