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# PM opens Donor Round Table meeting on Renewable Energy

By Charles Pitt

The two day Donor Round Table Meeting organized by the Office of the Energy Commissioner in conjunction with NZ Foreign Affairs to discuss the delivering renewable energy programme in the Cook Islands, got underway on Tuesday morning at the Parekura Conference Centre.

Among those present were representatives from REDD, TAU, OPM Policy, CIIC, MFEM, OPM Climate Change, EU, ADB.

Following the opening prayer, Prime Minister Henry Puna delivered the opening address. He welcomed delegates and referred to the cutting edge technology in the America's Cup Yachting. He said the story of renewable energy in the Cook Islands was about leadership. Government received a clear mandate at the 2010 elections to implement renewable energy.

Puna spoke of those who criticized the move but said you had to have a dream, a vision. He then recounted the development of the vision. Puna said the most critical step was the appointment of an Energy Commissioner (Roger de Bray). Staff then developed renewable energy targets and produced a

new road map.

The PM spoke of other alternative energy generation methods which had been studied including waste energy and wind energy. He said government was in discussions with an Australian company concerning a solid waste energy system which would produce 10 hours of energy at night to compliment daylight solar energy.

Directing his comments to the NZ High Commissioner Joanna Kempfers, he praised the NZ government for its assistance.

Puna said renewable energy has a new focus in the Pacific region through Tokelau and Tonga adopting RE. He said the Cook Islands was prepared to take the lead.

Puna said there was still much to be done however the forward momentum was supported by political will and commitment.

NZ High Commissioner Joanna Kempfers spoke next and said NZ was committed to renewable energy development in the Pacific including supporting the Cook Islands goals. She said NZ wanted the Cook Islands to be showcased as a success story and to be an example of best practice.

Energy Commissioner Roger de Bray briefed delegates on the



PM Henry Puna

objectives of the meeting which were to ;

- Outline the current position and re-affirm the Cook Islands national objectives,
- Present a project and procurement plan to progress objectives in the medium term, 1-2 years,
- Develop a clear understanding of available

development partner assistance including associated timing and constraints,

- Agree and define project delivery and procurement programme,
- Define programme roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders.

Following this the delegates broke for morning tea.

## Kempfers confirmed as NZ High Commissioner



The appointment of Joanna Kempfers as NZ High Commissioner in the Cook Islands was formalised this morning with the presentation of her Letter of Introduction from Prime Minister John Key to Prime Minister Henry Puna. The new High Commissioner said she hoped to continue the close working relations, which have traditionally characterised the ties between the Cook Islands and NZ and Prime Minister Puna supported the sentiments by commenting that there was already a friendly consultation relationship in place with the NZ diplomat. The Prime Minister was pleased to receive a small gift from Kempfers, and to host the High Commissioner to a morning tea reception with officials.

A vibrant advertisement for the Tattslotto 21 Million Superdraw. It features a large '21' with a dollar sign, surrounded by tropical palm trees and flowers. Below the number, it says 'MILLION SUPERDRAW' and 'SAT SEPT 21'. At the bottom, it states 'Closes Friday 20 September 2013, 5pm', 'Available Now', and lists prize amounts: 'Minimum \$4.80 System 7 \$8.40 Full card \$14.40'. The contact information 'Tattslotto Shop p: 26991 e: citatts@oyster.net.ck' is at the very bottom.

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# Landowners query Avana Fishing Club plans

Two landowners have queried the Avana Fishing Association's plans to upgrade facilities at Avana utilizing a \$147,000 grant from the government of Japan.

The grant was formalized last Friday at Avana with Minister Kiriau Turepu representing government. The grant was made directly from the government of Japan to the Avana Fishing Association and was not processed through the Aid division at MFEM.

Dear Editor,  
It is with amazement that my aunt and I caught a glimpse of the CITV local news on Friday night relating to the donation of funds from Japan for the harbour facilities in Avana harbour. Nobody in the family seemed to know anything about this item so we waited for the Cook Islands News to see if we could find out more

details.

Then today in the Cook Islands News there was an item on the Japan Government's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) to the Fishing Association in Avana.

The amazement is because my tribal family are the landowners of the said land were consulted some months ago by the Fishing Association at a meeting held at Avana Nui meeting house in Ngatangia.

The meeting was convened and presided over by Reuben Tylor who told the family that the Association had found funding for the harbour facilities and asked if they could take over the lease currently held by the Cook Islands Government on the harbour on the land called Te Tuingara.

It is also known to the public as Vaka Village. By

the way, we were offered no financial incentive, simply asked to move over to allow total strangers to take over our historic land worth multi millions.

The family politely declined their request simply saying that we intended to ask the Government to return our land and that further dealings, if any, would need to be negotiated direct with the landowners.

So how then can the Fishing Association have gone ahead and accepted funding from the Japanese government for work for which they have no legal standing to accept?

Could the Fishing Association please explain

what is going on?

And with the greatest of respect, would the Government please explain what they are doing considering the lease documents for Te Tuingara make it clear that the prior written approval of the landowners is required for any work to be carried out on that part of harbour.

*Noeline Kainuku-Browne  
Daughter of a landowner*

Note: The Herald invites the interested parties to respond if they wish however it is anticipated that at this stage the parties will want to discuss the matter among themselves first and that this may take some time.

## Government boosts comfort ahead of cyclone season

Government has provided additional comfort ahead of the cyclone season with an approval to fund insurance cover against disaster, the Prime Minister Henry Puna has announced. Cabinet today approved a US\$100,000 insurance premium payment to secure the country in the event of a disaster this coming cyclone season. The insurance cover is part of a multi-country pilot project under the World Bank. The Cook Islands will be insured 1 November 2013 to 31 October 2014 under a scheme called the Pacific Catastrophic Risk Insurance Pilot. The insurance cover would help Government in the aftermath of a disaster, providing for faster relief against emergency losses. The scheme also complements the existing funding measures in place for immediate emergency response.

## National Rugby League to World Cup gets backing

The upcoming World Cup campaign by Cook Islands Rugby League (CIRL) will get an added boost with half of the team's funding requirements being paid by Government. The Prime Minister Henry Puna announced today that Cabinet had approved supporting the national effort with \$60,000. The funding assistance is expected to meet at least half the team's requirements, which include ground costs in preparation for the World Cup in the United Kingdom, 11-20 October 2013. The lead-up to the Cup will include a game against the New Zealand Kiwis. CIRL says it will send a contingent of 32 to the UK with 22 of those as players.



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# Fundamental changes needed in agriculture says Minister

*The future lies in organic, value added products*

By Charles Pitt

**O**rganics, island farms, lightweight value added products, revised education approach, stakeholder buy-in, and labour availability, these are the key features of Agriculture Minister Kiriau Turepu's vision for our future in this once major primary industry.

The Herald spoke with the new Minister on Tuesday about his vision for what was once our major industry. One of our most experienced growers, Kiriau said a fundamental change is needed to our approach to agriculture and to our current mindset of the industry both at grower level and government level.

In the good old days prior to the arrival of tourism, New Zealand administrators established the production of citrus fruits like oranges, bananas, taro, pineapples, paw paws and copra for export to NZ. When NZ de-regulated its market, said Kiriau, other Asian nations were able to compete against us for the NZ market but at costs much lower than ours. Over time, freight rates and later quarantine requirements added costs which made it harder for the Cook Islands to compete.

Kiriau spoke of Samoa's approach which was to add value to produce and market and export such items as coconut oil, soaps, perfumes, Taro and Banana Chips, skin products and more. Tahiti's example of what they have been able to do with products such as Noni is worth considering. Tahiti is also making a big move towards organic farming said Kiriau.

Set out below is a summary of the Minister's views on the key aspects of his vision.

## **Organics/sustainable agriculture**

Kiriau strongly believes the Cook Islands should focus

on green, organically grown produce. However, the first step he said is to achieve sustainability and this requires ensuring our soils are re-populated with the necessary organisms some which may have depleted over the years through excessive use of chemical fertilizers. Once the soil has recovered to the point that healthy, pest free growth can be sustained, then a full move to organics should be established.

## **Land availability and crop rotation**

Kiriau says it is vital government investigate the possibility of growers having access to unused land as this will assist with crop rotation. At present some growers who have insufficient plots are not able to rotate their crops as they need more land. Kiriau said both he and Wigmores are farming on borrowed land. However, this is only ever a temporary measure. He said there are too many part-time farmers who grow just one crop. He believes unused land could be made available to our promising young farmers and this would help increase production and start to ease off our reliance on imported produce. Unused land would need to undergo a soil analysis to determine any past use of chemicals.

## **Island farms as opposed to plots**

Kiriau said he is trying to sell outer island councils the idea of developing the whole island as a single farm as individual farm plots are too small. This would require the agreement and co-operation of the islanders themselves. The products for growing would need careful consideration although Kiriau has already identified Vanilla, Maire and Noni as potential money earners and products to which value can be added. He said it's up to each island what it decides



Agriculture Minister Kiriau Turepu

to do but government can suggest and offer a programme to get something off the ground. Kiriau is also keen to see more women driving projects. He said five agricultural units which is about three quarters of an acre, could provided employment for 5 women perhaps growing vanilla or maire.

## **Bulky, weighty produce versus lightweight, value added produce**

Kiriau believes it is best to convert from exporting the traditional bulky, weighty produce like bulk Noni juice, taro and bananas and develop light weight value added products. Kiriau said growers incomes are reduced by high freight costs. He said three products had good potential to add value. These were Vanilla, Maire and Noni. He said coconut oil also had potential as did a number of other crops not grown commercially for

example, Avocado. Goats he said were also another good example of a product which had many spin offs. Goat milk was more nutritious than cow milk, it did not need to be pasteurized, goat cheese and yoghurt were highly nutritious and the hide could be used for many products.

## **Revised approach to agriculture education**

Kiriau is concerned at the lack of interest on the part of students in pursuing a career in agriculture or in learning agriculture in schools. He said at Matavera Primary School an effort is being made to interest young students in agriculture. He said farming has come a long way and is no longer just about getting your hands dirty. In this modern day, a farmer must be educated in soil science/organisms, weather patterns, growing

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# Progress with energy efficiency programme reviewed

By Charles Pitt

**H**ere to review the mission under the Pacific Energy Efficiency Programme (PEEP) Phase 2, are ADB representatives Martina Tonizzo and Michael Trainor.

At a meeting with media on Wednesday morning in the Cabinet Room, both commented on progress with the programme in the Cook Islands where local National expert Terekino Vaireka (Tino) works closely with International Consultant and team leader Felix Gooneratne.

Martina spoke of the scope of the programme involving five Pacific nations funded by ADB under the Global Environment Fund and Australian and Japanese governments. The total fund is \$8.8m with \$2.3m earmarked for implementing energy efficiency initiatives. It includes data collection on energy users with the objective of making informed policy decisions in the energy sector. Awareness programmes will be undertaken after the pilot programmes are implemented.

Of the \$2.3m the Cook Islands will be utilizing around US\$600,000 to \$700,000. The plans include installing energy efficient (EE) lighting (stand alone solar) at the airport car park, the market and the



Felix Gooneratne, Martina Tonizzo and Michael Trainor

marina. Government buildings will also adopt EE lighting and replacement of lighting in households with EE lights will be promoted.

So far over 100 people have adopted the fridge/freezer upgrade to more EE models with the subsidy scheme through CITC and Motor Centre.

Felix said ADB had approved

street lights for Aitutaki and Mangaia –grid connected LED. Martina said some 30 upgraded fridge freezers had been sold in Aitutaki.

She said guides would also be published for Hotels on EE and for owners of new buildings.

Felix said there were 28 projects in the five Pacific nations and it was hoped these would be

implemented by the end of the first quarter in 2015. He spoke of running a series of seminars for the hotel sector.

Michael Trainor spoke of the societal benefits (savings) which can also be quantified from the fridge/freezer programme. He said the team will look to the media to get the message out.

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# Our Frontpage model



Our frontpage guy for Herald Issue 684 is 19 year Andre Tutaka-George is our FrontPage male model this week. Andre was back in Rarotonga for a holiday, after taking part in World canoe K1 Sprints. Andre thoroughly enjoyed the experience and is now back in Australia, getting back into training. Check out our website [www.ciherald.co.ck](http://www.ciherald.co.ck). and facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ciherald](https://www.facebook.com/ciherald)

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techniques, plant nutrition, cost projections, accounting and financial planning. Many of these functions now involve the use of computers. Then there is the area of agricultural research, pest identification, control and eradication. There is plenty of variety in the field of agriculture to interest many young students. Kiriau would like to see a school curriculum which exposes students to as many areas of agriculture as possible.

## Stakeholder buy in

Kiriau said with climate change and its likely impact on agriculture in the areas of food security and sustainability, it was important that there is stakeholder buy in to change and innovation. He saw buy in from island councils, absentee landowners, retailers, educationalists and growers as very important.

## Change of mindset

Kiriau said the lack of concern at the decline in agriculture and the potential ramifications is because we have lived an easy life. We have not had to struggle. Because we have not had to struggle, there is no incentive to grow food to survive as there is in some overcrowded Asian nations. We have not been pressured under our lifestyle. In Asian countries he has visited, every spare piece of land is utilized said Kiriau. He said our Ministry staff and school children are trained under the conventional system and there is now a need to move into biologically sustainable agriculture. Staff, said Kiriau need to re-adapt. He said a change of attitude and mindset was also needed at political level. Kiriau said that for the last two years he had been asking for a Food Technologist to be employed. There was also a need to continue research but under our own conditions. He said it was important to look at agriculture from the front to the end not from the end to the front. In other words not look at an outcome or a product and say how do we achieve

this? But to work out what you need at the start to achieve the outcome you want.

## Labour and transport

Kiriau said with wage rates the way they are, we can never prevent Cook Islanders from leaving for higher paying jobs overseas. A problem with foreign labour was outer islander's suspicions over conduct and social integration and interaction. He said there is always a solution to a problem but the solution must be acceptable to the outer islanders. He said if there was a concern over possible misbehavior on the part of young men, outer islanders could recruit married couples or church groups who were generally well behaved and non-drinking and non-smoking. Some issues with transport could be resolved with improved storage facilities such as freezers or chillers.

## The Vanilla plan

Kiriau said he has been working on a long term plan for growing Vanilla. He hopes to discuss it with growers and also Island Councils. The plan is to kick off year 1 with by planting 36 units (a unit is 600 square metres). The aim is to plant 100 units in all. After five years, Kiriau said growers will have a good idea of the potential revenue.

## Import substitution

Kiriau said there is no coordinated approach to reducing Rarotonga's reliance on imported vegetables and fruits. Local plots were small and there were many scattered units so there was little control. He said there had to be better controls to ensure consistency of supply to retail outlets which depend on a reliable supply chain and quality especially for the tourist hotels. To increase available plots he said absentee landowners could make their unused lands available to the full time farmers. You don't need many farmers said Kiriau just enthusiasm and available land. There are many locals he said who can source vegetables directly from friends and neighbours who are growers so import substitution is not an issue for them.



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# Top Chef loses top job, faces \$12,000 bill

**F**ortunate to be alive after a night of undisciplined self induced and reckless binge drinking, popular chef Sam Timoko the Head Tutor of the Hospitality and Tourism Trading Centre (HTTC) is lucky it's only his job he's lost and a hefty damages bill of \$12,000.

If there is ever a lesson to be learnt, it's simply we aren't learning the lesson without experiencing the personal pain of the consequences of excessive drinking and driving.

After indulging at the former New Zealand High Commissioner John Carter's farewell on 18 July 2013, life could have been a whole lot different but Timoko headed for home driving without the authority to, a red pickup vehicle belonging to the Cook Islands Trades Training Centre (CITTC).

However, instead of going straight home, Timoko swung by the Rehab Bar to soak up a few more for the road. Already observed to be intoxicated he continued to indulge. Concerned patrons who knew him offered to take him home. Refusing assistance, Timoko left after midnight, a potential disaster waiting to happen.

How he made it as far as Matavera unscathed is a wonder, fortunately for other road users and himself Timoko survived a crash into a tamanu tree opposite the Matavera CICC.

Police responded to the incident and Timoko was breatherlised before being transported to hospital by ambulance. He wasn't seriously injured and after being examined by the on duty doctor Timoto was discharged in the early hours of the morning and picked up by a friend. The damaged vehicle was removed to the property of the Trades Training School in Arorangi.

The Education Ministry was relieved when Timoko managed to escape being named by media court reporters when on 29 August he was sentenced on charges of driving with excess breath alcohol (\$500) careless



driving (\$100) with Court costs (\$30) and a Medical report (\$150) and his driver's license is disqualified for 12 months after appearing in the High Court before Justice of the Peace Bernice Manarangi.

Despite the disqualification Police have received two separate reports Timoko has been driving putting himself at risk of a custodial sentence if caught.

Before he was sacked Timoko resigned from his newly appointed job as Head Tutor at the HTTC in Ngatangia. He continues to retain his position as President of the Chefs Association.

Seeking restitution for the damaged pickup vehicle the Ministry of Education has received two quotes of about \$12,000 each.

Ministry of Education's Tertiary Director Owen Lewis said losing Timoko left a big gap as he had been doing an excellent job

over the last three years. "Sam is a very popular mentor and it's with sadness of staff and students he's resigned."

Police Officer Martin Iro a regular media presenter on CITV's weekly Police Report said it's disappointing that after the public impact and reaction to recent alcohol related road accident fatalities there was little evidence of attitude changes. "People's actions change as a result of changed attitudes," commented Iro. In the cold face of human tragedy every weekend Iro said the reality of the carnage escapes the view of public visibility.

"Unless a person is directly involved either as a casualty or loved one the general public aren't affected enough to change," said Iro who was at a loss at what else could be done to reduce the alcohol related destruction of people and property.

"The 'don't drink and drive'

message has to be a constant media message, the repetition is needed to drive that value."

Across the Pacific divide in Samoa two years ago, the frustration at the concentration of Police and Health resources being absorbed by self inflicted alcohol related personal damage provoked enough political will to impose a 10pm curfew on licensed premises.

All the screaming over civil liberties and commercial losses were ignored by the Samoan Prime Minister for many months along with Police check points at unannounced locations and times. Before the early closure order was lifted liquor outlets embraced a greater responsibility for patron behavior.

On Rarotonga, the former defunct Road Safety Council is in the process of being reformed. What strategies they come up with to ram home the "don't drink and drive" message remains to be seen.

-By George Pitt



## Deep Sea Minerals National Youth Debate launched

The Cook Islands Seabed Minerals Authority (SBMA) together with Te Ipukarea Society (TIS) is delighted to announce the launch of a National Youth Debate on Seabed Minerals.

With financial support from SPC-EU SOPAC (the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Division), the search has begun for up to 12 young Cook Islanders (14-19 years) interested in participating in a national debate. They do not have to have any knowledge of Seabed Minerals – although it is expected that they will learn a lot about the topic during the process!

The aim of the debate being co-ordinated by Teina Mackenzie

(TIS) and Alex Herman (SBMA) is to increase public awareness on deep sea mining issues and how these issues might relate to the Cook Islands and also to encourage youth to engage and develop a better understanding of deep seabed minerals. "It's important to hear from our youth because, as our future leaders, young people should have an understanding of development issues affecting our country and be given the opportunity to contribute through a forum such as the debate" said Alex Herman.

"This debate will challenge our youth to extend their understanding of the potential effects – both positive and negative – of this pioneer

industry; and to voice their opinions in a public forum" added Teina Mackenzie.

The Debate will be run along the lines of a competition. Once up to 12 entrants are identified, the organisers will disseminate a comprehensive set of papers and workshop material that have been previously published and shared within the seabed mining community. This information will allow the debaters to gain knowledge and will prepare them to debate the issues relating to the Cook Islands seabed minerals.

The aspiring debaters will also have the opportunity to participate in further information gathering, field trips and training sessions prior to the final debate early October.

As part of the generous sponsorship that the SOPAC Deep Seabed Minerals (DSM) Project are providing is the opportunity for the overall winner of the debate to accompany the representatives from Te Ipukarea and Seabed Minerals Authority

in attending the next SOPAC DSM Workshop taking place in Fiji in early December. Return flights, meals, accommodation and travel insurance will be provided. As such, those who wish to enter the debate must have parental consent to travel and will need a valid passport.

"This prize is ideal in that it celebrates a young person who is able to understand the various issues and who can articulate their views well, regardless of which position they advocate," said Teina.

The winner will meet regional decision makers and have the opportunity to contribute at the workshop in Fiji.

A brief submission on why you would like to participate is required. For more information please contact:

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## News Briefs *By TeRiu Wootton*

### Trainee teachers in China

Twenty participants from Pacific Island countries, including Rarotonga's Tania Akai from Titikaveka Preschool, Pirianga Puna from Nikao School, Rimaati Moekaa and Tupuna Vaireka who are fast track teacher trainees are currently in Beijing, China taking part in a Seminar on 'Chinese Culture for young teachers from Pacific Island Countries'. The seminar includes lectures, meetings and discussions and tours. The participants are expected to partake in lectures on the basic condition of China, Chinas reform and opening up policy, Chinese culture, Chinese paper cutting, Tai Chi and Chinese knot-making. They will visit famous universities, sections of Chinas Government and a number of major companies. The more entertaining part of the seminar will see the young teachers tour the Great Wall of China, the Temple of Heaven, the Forbidden City, West Lake in Hangzhou and Nanjing Street in China. The Seminar is organized by the Beijing International College in order to develop a better co-operation between China and Pacific Island countries. The seminar commenced from the 10th of September and will conclude on the 23rd of September.

### Coastal clean up

After Environment Service's successful clean up the world event, another rubbish roundup event, organized by the Pacific Islands Conservation Initiative focusing on coastal areas will be taking place this weekend. The Rubbish Roundup annual event starts this Saturday the 21st of September at Muri, volunteers interested in lending a hand are asked to meet at the sorting station at the rugby field in Muri from 12 to 2pm. Another coastal rubbish round up session will be held the following Saturday in Avarua, volunteers can meet at Trader Jacks at 12pm and start from there. Last year, the Pacific Islands Conservation Initiative collected over 1.5 tonnes of trash. Bananas, nu and trash bags will be provided.

A Trash Art Sculpture Competition will also take place next month, Wednesday the 2nd of October at the National Museum. There are 2 divisions; junior and adult entry and prizes include a stand up paddle boarding lesson courtesy of KITESUP, lagoon dive by Pacific Divers, lunch at the Tamarind, Cocoputt vouchers, Reef Sub tour, Whale and Wildlife Centre voucher, Muri Beach Club Hotel Spa voucher and Island dinner voucher. There is no theme to this year's competition and those interested in participating must get their sculptures in to the National Museum by 5pm Wednesday the 2nd of October.



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Literacy Week a success...

by Apii Napa

Another year and another week of literacy was held at Tereora. Last week, Tereora students responded well to the week's program held during lunch break. Activities such as quizzes, presentations by writers and or poets from the community, canteen lunch vouchers encouraging students to borrow a book from the library and return them. A poster competition depicting their favourite book character and book review competition were just some of the activities students either vied for or participated in. To wrap the week, a parade by students dressed up as book characters was the highlight of the week activities and thoroughly enjoyed by the school. The schools librarian Mrs Norah Duthie was the kind woman behind the organizing and with the support of the schools management and faculty, literacy week was a success.



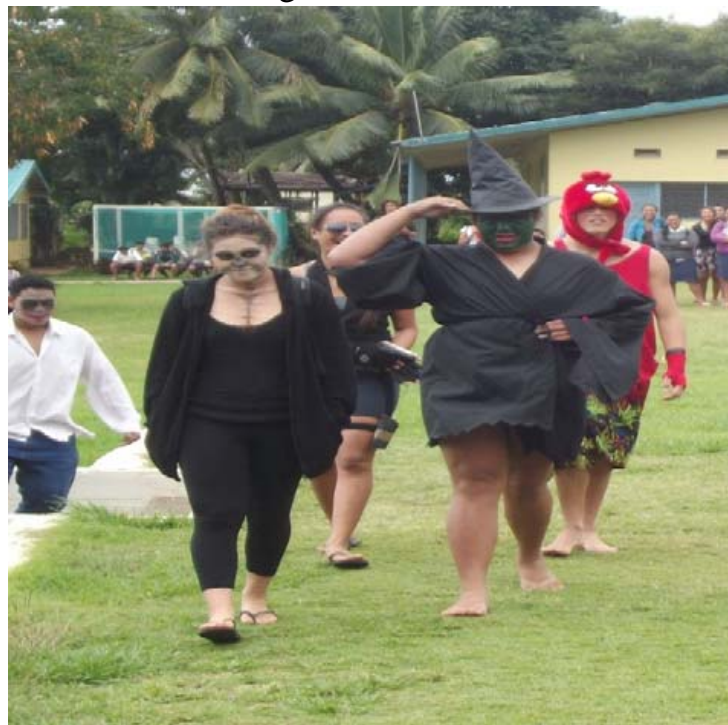
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# Inclusive Economic Growth in Cook Islands to improve with ADB Loan

**R**AROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS (17 September 2013) – The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Government of Cook Islands have signed the second policy-based loan worth \$6 million to boost economic activity in the Cook Islands supported under the Cook Islands Economic Recovery Support Program totaling \$16.0 million.

Mark Brown, Finance Minister of the Government of Cook Islands and Adrian Ruthenberg, Regional Director of ADB's South Pacific Sub-Regional Office in Fiji, participated in today's loan signing ceremony. The Ministry of Finance and Economic Management is the executing agency for the program.

"I am very happy to see the ADB has faith that our budget and financial systems can deliver," Mr. Brown said. "The Cook Islands Economic Recovery Support Program is a good example for other development partners to follow, as the money isn't tied to projects. The program assisted the Government in being able to reclaim land for the Pununga Nui market place, subsidize household watertanks across Rarotonga, and assist the Government in developing a procurement website."

"We congratulate the Government for its commitment to embracing reform and boosting inclusive economic growth through this program," Mr. Ruthenberg said. "This is strengthening the partnership between ADB and the Cook Islands by reinforcing progress in areas in which ADB has been traditionally active: infrastructure, public financial

management, and public sector reform."

The first \$10 million subprogram, approved in 2009, focused on public sector reform, public financial management, and social welfare in the aftermath of the 2008 global economic crisis. This subprogram will see ADB support a growing need for investment in infrastructure at a time when weakened global economic conditions are creating pressures on revenue. The Government has prioritized investment projects including the main airport, roads, key buildings, and water supply.

Through the latest Cook Islands Country Operations Business Plan, 2014-2016, ADB is assisting with improving public infrastructure to promote environmentally sustainable private sector-led growth, reforming agencies responsible for delivering infrastructure services, and improving public finance management and public service performance.

Since joining ADB in 1976, ADB has provided Cook Islands a range of development assistance in the form of loans, grants and technical assistance. At year-end 2012, 18 loans (\$65.71 million) and 32 technical assistance projects (\$11.40 million) have been provided to Cook Islands.

ADB, based in Manila, is dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth and regional integration. Established in 1966, it is owned by 67 members – 48 from the region. In 2012, ADB assistance totaled \$21.6 billion, including cofinancing of \$8.3 billion.



## News Briefs *By TeRiu Woonton*

### The grand final draw

This Friday the 20th of September in the Senior B grade, the Titikaveka bulls will be playing the Avatiu/Nikao Eels. On Saturday the 21st of September, at 11am on Field A, the U12 Avatiu eels will be playing the Arorangi Cowboys. On field B, the U12 Takuvaine Reds will playing the Ngatangia Dragons. At 12 noon, the Avatiu Eels U14 grade will be playing the Arorangi Cowboys U14. At 1pm, the U16 Arorangi Cowboys will be playing the Tupapa Panthers. At 2.15pm, the U19 Avatiu Eels will be playing the Arorangi Cowboys. At 3.30pm, the golden oldies will be playing- Mongoose vs The Rests, this match is a tribute to the late Navy Epati. At 4pm is the grand final match of the day, the Senior A grade- Titikaveka Bulls vs. Takuvaine Reds. This will be a historic match as both teams haven't played in a grand final match for over 20 years

### Over \$80,000 raised for Manea Games

The Mauke Manea Games Organizing Committee raised over \$80,000 in their efforts to raise funds to host the Manea Games to be held on the island of Mauke next year. Over \$20,000 was raised on Radio Cook Islands through pledges, over \$20,000 was raised from the sale of food and \$40,000 was raised from the raffle. The Manea Games committee's target is to raise \$300,000 by October next year. This cost will cover accommodation, food and prepare the sporting venues. More fundraising activities are planned leading up to the Manea Games.



## Letter to the Editor

**D**ear Editor  
The Leader of the Opposition states on the front page of the CI News that our watchdog bodies are suppressed. My response is that his comments are absolute rubbish! He further states that I, as Minister of Finance, have my thumb firmly on the work of Audit and am in fact suppressing their work. Again he utters a false statement made with the deliberate intent to deceive the public.

I invite the Cook Islands News or any media organization to freely speak with the Audit Director, Mr Allen Parker, or any of his staff and ask if I have in any way obstructed or suppressed their work. I am quite confident that the media will find that the opposite of Wilkie's claims are in fact the truth.

On Monday morning I listened to him talking on Matariki FM. He stated that he wants to get rid of Allen Parker as the Audit Director because he is not up to the job. He also does not want John Tangi to apply for the position of Clerk of Parliament. He does not want the Hon. Nikki Rattle as Speaker of the House.

For the information of our readers, Allen Parker is a highly qualified Auditor that the Cook Islands was fortunate enough to lure back from the regional Audit Authority (PASAI) that he was working for. The Audit office is on a mission to catch up with unaudited crown accounts that are a legacy of the previous Demo government. When we took over government the audits were 4 years behind, this year the audit office will complete two years worth of work in

one year. Our people in the Audit office are not sleeping they are slogging their guts out to get things back on track. The PERC body now has a chairman with the recent appointment of Terry Hagan after Marie Francis stepped down after holding the fort for a period of time (of which I am grateful) after the end of her term. They are also working to implement the government initiative to allow Audit reports to be released to the public after 30 days and not have to wait for Parliament to sit as has been the case in the past. That is transparency and progress.

The Opposition Leaders comments on qualities and capabilities of the Speaker of the House (along with comments made by Hon. Norman George) are an absolute disgrace. Here we have an internationally renowned and respected Cook Islands woman holding high public office being casually described as incompetent and out of her depth by the opposition as it tries to milk public sympathy for the sacking of Puna Rakanui. The current Speaker if anything has brought back a level of dignity, grace, evenhandedness and genuine affection for her country that has been lacking in a number of members of the house.

The Leader of the Opposition seems intent on sacking Cook Islanders that he feels do not have the right qualities to hold certain positions, all because they were appointed by this government. On his radio show he further intimated that there are a number of HOMs he feels should be removed. I was waiting for him to name names. In his letter to the editor he

claims that the Public Service Commissioner has been corrupted. I do not know of anyone less corruptible than Russell Thomas, a Cook Islander who has worked his way through the Public Service system from Parliament translator to Policy officer at PSC to CEO of PSC and now to Commissioner.

The Leader of the Opposition has been intent on a crusade of casting suspicions and aspersions on

all and sundry and trying to pander to public opinion and the media. I am no doctor but this sounds like a person with a paranoia complex. An obsessive paranoia over the achievements and the work of the government. There may indeed be a case for Norman George claiming to be the de facto leader of the Democratic Party.

*Regards, Mark Brown  
Minister of Finance  
16 September 2013*

## News Briefs By TeRiu Woonton

### Pukapuka fundraiser

The next big fundraising event will be held in 2 weeks time; on Friday the 27th of September for the Pukapuka Community. A radiothon will be held on Radio Cook Islands and spin the wheel and plates of food will be on sale at the Pukapuka Hostel. At 4pm that evening, the Pukapuka Monster Raffle will be drawn. Makirere Poila, president for the Pukapuka Community here in Rarotonga asks those who are holding onto unpaid tickets to please come forward and pay and to those wanting to buy a \$50 ticket to call the Pukapuka Hostel on 27222. All funds raised will go towards the completion of the Pukapuka Hostel.

### Young reporters sought

Next year is the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games and the Cook Islands Sports and National Olympic Committee is looking for persons aged between 18 and 24 years who have already made a career choice to work in the media, either studying or working in the media to apply for the 2nd International Olympic Committee's Young Reporters Programme. The Young Reporters Programme will see young aspiring reporters representing Africa, America, Asia, Oceania and Europe take intensive class and field training in written, photographic, television, radio and news media reporting of sport. Those interested in applying must call CISNOC, deadline for CISNOC to submit names to the Continental Association is before the 1st of November.

### Fundraiser for Youth Ambassadors

The Cook Islands Youth Ambassadors are holding a movie fundraiser night on Thursday the 26th of September to the movie PLANES in aid of their trip to the Pacific Youth and Sports Conference held in Noumea later this year. Tickets are selling at \$10, you can contact Char on 56625 or Maria 57643 for tickets.

### Junior Spring Ball

In an update from the Rotaract club, Rotaract will be holding its annual Junior Spring Ball next month Friday 11 October at the Ngatangia Clubhouse for youngsters 5-12 year olds from 6.30pm to 9pm. The theme of this year's Junior Spring Ball is Cartoon Characters. Christmas in the Park will take place on Wednesday 18 December, venue is yet to be confirmed. The theme this year is 'Fairy Tales'. Members of the Rotaract is seeking for sponsorship for this major annual event and those who wish to perform at the Christmas in the Park please contact Maru Mariri on 79545 or Pauline Dean on 71002. The Rotaract Club of Rarotonga meets every Wednesday fortnight at the Fishing Club Deck at 7 pm, new members are welcome to attend.



# Reporting back by the Ministry of Education

An overview on the progress against the national goals for education was presented to stakeholders at the Ministry of Education (MOE) last week.

The Ministry of Education recognises that education is not the sole responsibility of any one group, but through collaboration with stakeholders the education sector will be able to make the most of opportunities to develop new ideas and initiatives.

The stakeholders included managers and directors from government organisations, private businesses, public enterprises and civil society groups.

The report is on the work of the Ministry, including schools, and is focussed by the Education Master Plan including the output areas;;

1. Takulpukarea Kia Rangatira
2. Learning and Teaching
3. Learning and the Community
4. Infrastructure and Support

Takulpukarea, Kia Rangatira is intended to strengthen a learner's identity as a Cook Islander. It mandates the MoE to provide quality programmes that promote Maori language and culture, research and use appropriate learning, teaching and assessment techniques for Cook Islands learners including our young people. Learning and teaching is about educational success. This output focuses on improving teaching and learning across all aspects and levels of the education system and for all learners. In particular the Ministry focusses on improving the core skills of literacy and numeracy and on lifting the achievement of those groups of learners who are not achieving as well as their peers. Learning and the Community considers both the role of the community in education, especially that of parents as an important stakeholder, and the involvement of the wider

community in lifelong learning and participation in ongoing educational opportunities. As well as quality learning and teaching requiring quality infrastructure, support and assurance systems, as one of the largest government employers, the development and management of Human Resources plays a considerable role in the successful achievement of the Ministry's annual and longer term goals.

The presentation identified achievements for the past 12 months as well as challenges, issues and opportunities and the strategies that can be taken to address them so that we continue to work towards successfully achieving national goals and positive outcomes for individual learners.

"I thought that the tracking of progress showing the Ministry of Education meeting its targets before 2015 was promising, and that the highlight for me was that there were incentives for resources to be directed at schools for Maori as well as direct budget support for funding for 'isolated schools' in the Northern Group as well as the Southern Group. I think that the biggest highlight for me was the use of ITC in school environments as well as the integration of technology into learning," said Maria Tuoro, from the Policy and Planning division of the Office of the Prime Minister.

A copy of the presentation is available to anyone who would be interested to learn more about how education is progressing and can be found on the ministry's website; [www.education.gov.ck](http://www.education.gov.ck)

We encourage any members of the public who are keen to learn more about what education and what we are doing to drop in or call in – our doors are always open.

For more queries please contact the media unit on [media@education.gov.ck](mailto:media@education.gov.ck) or call in on 29 357 to speak to Anaseini Pokino.





# “E tumu au no te Enea, E toketoke au no te Enea” Our Indigenous voice

By Thomas Tarurongo Wynne

Ngati Arera, Ngati Ingatu and  
Ngati Io

Thomas is a Counsellor at  
Tereora College

**K**ia Orana tatou katoatoa i te aro'a maata o to tatou Atua.

In Tahiti we read that government workers are organising a protest as the Tahitian government, seemingly time and time again overlook Indigenous Tahitians for jobs and government appointments and put instead French Nationals and expatriates in those very roles. A demonstration is planned outside the French High Commission as expatriates are seen as being continually hired for key positions. This action was brought about by the Government hiring a retired French High Commissioner in the role of CEO of Air Tahiti.

Protest? We here in the Cook Islands have never been ones for vocal protest. I would suggest that with each other and in our short history with the outside world and especially the New Zealand Government and its affairs with the Cook Islands, protest of any kind has been a misnomer. If one was to look at the history of the Cook Islands since the 1880s, voice, and especially that of the indigenous voice has been muted, stifled and often dismissed.

The time is 1887 and The “Hervey Islands” or Southern Cooks as they would come to be known, are led by Ariki, Makea Takau. Self-imposed or by decree she is considered the “Queen” of Rarotonga, and becomes the point of contact for New Zealand’s colonial, sub imperial pursuits in the South Pacific. New Zealand under Seddon’s government has decided to colonise the outer Islands and farthest reaches of the South Pacific and WH Gudgeon will become the agent for New Zealand’s ventures into what would become the Cook Islands.

Gudgeon, a man of his time and aspiring diplomat, may well have read British Liberal J.A. Hobson’s endorsement of the validity and virtues of sub imperialism, a thinking at the time that was very populist. He may even have shared at least in theory, Hobson’s belief ‘that the progress of world-civilization is the only valid moral ground for political interference with the “lower races”’ and only if evidenced by their ‘political, industrial, and moral education.

Hobson’s “interference” was actualised in the Cook Islands as imperialism and racial paternalism that allowed one country to think it knew what was best for another. Interestingly Makea Takau, Gudgeon’s tool for annexation and the woman he must convince to bring his task to completion, he in time goes on to describe as, “a mere mission fake”, and her agency and enterprise obscured in allegations of tyranny and greed.”

In April 1900 the Rarotonga Ariki consent to annexation, but to Great Britain and not New Zealand. A decision based on a perceived sense of mistrust due to the New Zealand governments engaging with the concerns of a group of businessmen and settlers. A quickly arranged visit a month later in May 1900, by Seddon ‘for health reasons’, who made promises of aid, and some fast talking by Gudgeon persuade the Ariki in September 1900 to agree to be annexed to Great Britain and federated with New Zealand. In reality, the island became New Zealand territory. And for the “iti tangata”, little if any consultation or consideration by the New Zealand government or the Traditional Leaders here in Rarotonga.

It is now December 1960 and nearly 60 years have transpired since the Cook Islands became a colony of New Zealand. The General Assembly of the United



Thomas Wynne

Nations of which New Zealand is a member, adopts Resolution 1514 (XV), better known as the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. Four years from this date the Cook Islands will be thrust into a need for New Zealand to relinquish itself from its colonies and the Cook Islands will be driven towards “independence”.

Lindsay Watt, a senior New Zealand diplomat with extensive experience in Pacific Affairs at the time said ‘Both New Zealand’s mixed but less than satisfactory pre-war record, and the changed international environment, demanded more coherent and consistent policies in the post-war period. New Zealand in any event wanted to be seen to be upholding its international obligations, and certainly had no wish to be arraigned before world opinion indefinitely as a “colonial power”.

New Zealand’s decolonisation in the Pacific was certainly propelled by a mixture of United Nations pressure and democratic idealism – how much of each is a matter for debate. What is clear is that in our dealings as a nation and as a people in the space of 60 years, two decisions that had the greatest impact on our sovereignty, our alliances, our

unenviable choice of coloniser and our identity as a people and as a country were not decisions that demanded the indigenous voice of the many as opposed to the few.

There was no call for referendum when we were annexed to Great Britain and to New Zealand, and from a country that lead the world by giving women the vote its seems inordinate that such a freedom was not offered to the people of the Cook Islands. Not even 60 years later under the pressure of a world that had now decided that colonialism was a dirty word, was referendum given to the people so the people could decide what they did or did not want. A referendum was mooted by the opposition at the time but this recommendation was not followed through. Self-Government was the overriding idea and this with New Zealand’s willingness to be free of its colonial pursuits made it mandatory.

Whether the Cook Islands people were ready for self-government is debatable. That they should have been working towards self-rule is not. What we do know however is that the people of the Cook Islands were not a vocal part of this



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process for whatever the reason. From its inception as a colony of New Zealand to its inception as an independent state, the peoples voice, or the indigenous voice of Cook Islands people have been overshadowed by colonial powers, New Zealand Government officials, at times our own Traditional Leaders, Legislative Assemblies and our own lack of engagement with the processes of change.

One has to wonder, whether such treatment has created a default setting amongst indigenous people here with regard to their views and opinions and thoughts. Or is it as some say a cultural predisposition? Have we so often allowed others to speak on our behalf, that our own voice is muted when it comes to issues of National and International importance? Have we defaulted so often to what others decide that there is no drive against or for the rapidly changing world around us?

Here we are in 2013, nearly fifty years since self-government; a Marine Park burgeoning, Sea Bed mining at its very early stages, Fishing rights and EEZ's as well as the ever impending effect of Global Warming literally on our sea shores. A Pacific conglomerate coming together more often with a real sense that possibly a Union very similar to Europe's could be forged by Island States. Working together for a common Pacific good in a world that is becoming more and more globalised, connected and vocal.

And amidst all that can I suggest a desperate need for those of us indigenous Cook Islanders to find our voice, other than over the kitchen table, muted in coffee shops, and spilt over dinner tables and informal gatherings. An indigenous collective that says it's not ok when scholarships are set aside for indigenous cook islanders and given to others.

A voice as is the case now in Tahiti, when positions are given to others and indigenous people are overlooked. A voice when our own population is diminishing

and other people groups grow each year. A voice when Land Tenure as it stands looks to be debated and the way of life we enjoy on the precipice of change. Unfortunately it would seem, the only voice we demonstrate is with our feet as each year more indigenous Cook Islanders leave never to return.

In discussions with other indigenous Cook Islanders, I am not alone in my concern for our place in this world and our home. There is plenty here for everyone, that much is evident and is a part of what it means to be a Cook Islander and for anyone else that chooses to live here. I have also had the pleasure of meeting many good people from all parts of the world that contribute and have contributed to the quality of life we all enjoy here.

I do believe however that this should never be at the expense of indigenous Cook Islanders or create a situation where we are ever strangers in our own land, bereft of the goodness that can be produced here, can be developed here or can be created here and enjoyed. Be it decisions made by others or sadly by our own people.

God has allowed us to traverse vast expanses of ocean and conquer a blue highway and a mass of ocean that was larger than Russia which for most was an obstacle where we only saw opportunity. We have prevailed despite climate, seasons, wars, industrialisation, immigration, migration and a climate change brought about not by ourselves but a legacy of industrialisation we were not privy to.

We have as indigenous Cook Islanders the where for all within us to venture out again, that much should be clear. To plot the course for a new destination into the 21 century and all its challenges. If ever there was a time for indigenous Cook Islanders to take the Oe, and steer our Vaka into a future determined, because that is what we have chosen and determined by our collective voice; it is now. "E tumu au no te Enuu, E toketoke au no te Enuu".

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#### Cut the Rope

An addictive casual, physics game, Cut the Rope has players solving dynamic puzzles that sometimes feel more like obstacle courses. It's a family-friendly game, the kind you definitely want to have preloaded on your phone if you have yackety kids who miraculously become quiet when engrossed in a good game.

#### Draw Something Free

Draw Something, the latest app craze, pits iOS and Android users in simple gesture-based drawing competitions. Pick a word from a list of three, draw it on your screen with your finger using a variety of colors and brushes, and then send it to your friend to guess what you've drawn. You win coins if your friend guesses correctly. It's very simple and, like Words With Friends, the addiction lies in the robust social aspect.

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# Titans on top of Computer Man Conference!

The Titikaveka Titans made it two from two in the weekend after defeating Turangi CC in The Computer Man Eastern Conference cup. Titans skipper Hori Miller led the way top scoring with 39 to chase down Turangi's total.

Muri CC kept their The Computer Man Eastern Conference hopes alive after scoring 179 to beat Davana ending Davana chances of an Eastern Conference title. Even if Davana pick up wins against their next two The Computer Man opponents Turangi and Titikaveka, it won't be enough to go top of the table.

Matavera had the bye in the weekend and are sitting close to the Titans on 6 points. With an extra game in hand, two wins for Matavera in their next two matches (against Muri and Turangi) could see Matavera



Titikaveka Titans - 2012 Runner Ups

win the Eastern Conference. way tie at the top of the Eastern Conference Points: Mathematically a loss for table with The Computer 1st Place Titans (with 10 points), 2nd Matavera (6), 3rd Matavera and Titikaveka in Man Eastern Conference Cup Muri (6), 4th Turangi (2) and any of their remaining two winner decided by net run rate and 5th Davana (0) matches could see a three calculations.

## Back to back half century's for National Skipper



National and Tupapa CC Captain Toala 'The Tank' Teianki batting during CI Twenty20 Domestic League

National captain Toala 'The Tank' Teianki backed up his 52 not out half century against Takuvaine during round two with another half century last weekend

to help get his Tupapa side past Nikao to go top of the table.

Tupapa sit comfortably on top of The Computer Man Western Conference table with 10 points – 6 ahead of

joint second placed Arorangi Redbacks and Nikao (4 points respectively). Nikao's loss to Tupapa means Nikao are out of contention for the Western Conference cup championship.

Teianaki's back to back half centuries push him to the top of The Computer Man run scorer's table with Nikao's Melody Melota in second and Titikaveka's Chauncy Flay in third place.



# Redbacks back in the hunt!

The Arorangi Redbacks collected their first points of The Computer Man Western Conference in the weekend when they recorded a 42 run victory over Tupapa 2 at Raemaru Park. Talented youngster and national cricketer Pokelea Yeutu was Tupapa's standout performer with 29 runs off 23 balls however it was performances from Redbacks Apii Mamanu (44 runs) and Akshay Singh (3 wickets from 4 overs) that led the victory for the Redbacks.

Toala Teinaki's Tupapa 1 lead The Computer Man Western Conference with ten points however the Redbacks are close behind on four with an extra game in hand (having already had the bye round). The Redbacks will need to collect wins in their next two The Computer Man matches (against Tupapa



Arorangis Apii Mamanu vs NDT 2012 The Computer Man

and Takuvaie) if they want to head to the top of the Western Conference table.

Tupapa have just one match left in the western conference cup to stretch their lead, and it's against the Redbacks. If

Tupapa defeat Arorangi they will be crowned The Computer Man western conference champs and with it the title of the best team in the west. If Tupapa lose to Arorangi it could mean a four way title race

between Tupapa, Arorangi, Tupapa 2 and Takuvaie. Western Conference Points: 1st Place Tupapa (with 10 points), 2nd Arorangi (4), 3rd Nikao (4), 4th Tupapa 2 (2) and 5th Takuvaie (2).

## Arorangi women squeeze by to take top of the table spot

It was a hard fought battle at Raemaru Park in the weekend in a top of the table clash between Arorangi and Takuvaie. Batting first Takuvaie were restricted to just 70 runs helped in part by great bowling from national cricketer Marg Dean (3 wickets). It was a slippery run chase for Arorangi who lost wickets regularly until Kat Ma steadied the ship with 27 runs.

New The Edgewater Resort and Spa western conference side Nikao took to the field like seasoned professionals employing some big 'Wale style' hitting against their Tupapa sisters however Tupapa were too good for the new Nikao team who narrowly lost by 20 runs (93 – 73).

Out East Avana drew a sigh of relief collecting their first points of The Edgewater Resort and Spa women's season beating opposition Turangi by 23 runs. The win comes too late for Avana who cannot secure enough points in their remaining match to go top of the table.

Muri smashed their way to a third consecutive win with another standout performance from opening batting combination Makiroa Mato (68 runs) and Matina Pittman (62). 193 runs was always too much for the new young gun Te Ava-Rau side however Margaret Tuaputa's team can take plenty of positives out of the match with their performances gaining strength each week under coaches Pavai Taramai and Arthur Emile.

Eastern Conference Points: 1st Place Muri (with 12 points), 2nd Matavera (8), 3rd Avana (4), 4th Te Ava-Rau (0) and 5th Turangi (0). Western Conference: 1st Arorangi (12), 2nd Takuvaie (4), 3rd Tupapa (4) and 4th Nikao (0).

## All good things come in threes!

They say good things have a habit of coming in threes and that's certainly the case for Cook Islands netball fans and players!

The netball family is in for a feast of international netball starting in November.

First up is a test series against Singapore, who are now coached by former Silver Ferns coach Ruth Aitken. Ruth has been very supportive of Cook Islands netball in the past and has played a major role in ensuring that this visit by her new team takes place.

The three test series will be played on the 18th, 19th and 20th of November.

Hot on the heels of those games will be our annual Telecom Netball in Paradise Tournament with under 13, 15, and 17 divisions, along

with social and open divisions too. The tournament will give our national side more opportunities to compete against open sides from New Zealand and Australia.

And as if that isn't enough, planning is well underway for the Pacific Netball Series, which will be held here in the middle of next year.

Old rivals Fiji, Samoa and Papua New Guinea are coming, and teams from South Africa and Northern Ireland have been invited too, but yet to confirm.

All in all the three tournaments will give the Cook Islands much needed international game time and experience, all of which will help our development.

There'll be plenty for the fans to see too.



# Is romance dead?

By Carmel Beattie

There are two definitions of romance. The first - 'a feeling of excitement and mystery associated with love' and the second is 'a quality or feeling of mystery, excitement, and remoteness from everyday life.' I find it ironic that our visitors flock to this country, in virtually every case to experience the second and in most cases the first, while we here long for the opportunity for either!

To be fair, I guess that it is a challenge to find mystery and excitement on your own island where you live and work every day and while we certainly understand remoteness, it is usually the 'waiting for the boat' kind rather than 'yours are the only footprints on an empty beach' kind. Maybe Rarotongans can take off for Aitutaki or one of the other sister islands but where do outer islanders go? Where else is more remote for Pukapukans, for goodness sake? OR, do I hear Pukapukans laugh at this silly romantic notion? I probably do because for all its romantic appeal to the rest of the world, circumstances here have made us depressingly practical and have stifled our romantic souls!

We may have to fly away to experience romantic foreign climes - Cook Islanders travel on a regular basis so many have realised this - let's face it, you have been doing it for millennia! So that leaves us with 'the feeling and excitement associated with love' to be conquered. At this stage, there may be a few men reading this who are alternately rolling their eyes while their palms sweat or feeling slightly confused

- 'what is this romance of which she speaks?' but the women will agree, I am sure.

The truth is, for all of our crystal clear waters, swaying palms, fabulous climate, stunning beaches and gorgeous looking people, there is a dearth of romantic love and courtliness here. What happened? Is it something that has been lost or is or was it never really part of the Pacific soul? Is everyone too busy being practical to spend the time for romance? I am sure that it can be remedied and I can assure you that the rewards are great!

Now, this isn't about sex, this is about relationships - two very different things that sadly, in this modern age get muddled. Neither is it about boyfriends and girlfriends or husbands and wives - both of these groups are the main offenders in the lack of romance because life and familiarity seem to kill the romance. I say, fight against it! Fight for your right to be swept away! There is no better feeling in the world!

It isn't actually that difficult - the entire Latin world does it easily and regularly especially those in Latin America where it is a way of life - ok, maybe you don't want to marry that Argentinian Lothario but it sure is fun to be whisked across the dance floor in a strong pair of arms! It is showing appreciation for the other person - with a warm smile, the touch of a hand, a thoughtful gesture, an unexpected hug - they are all romantic gestures that warm the recipient's heart and strengthen the connection and they are the very things that we often



forget to bestow.

This isn't having a go at men and it isn't about candlelit dinners and Valentine's cards - they can sometimes feel contrived. I know guys, you are saying - how do I win?! Women have to make a stand for the type of relationship and treatment that they want and they also have to show the same consideration to their partner or object of interest. I was having a discussion with a group of gorgeous young women who were asking me about 'the men in my life' (it wasn't a long discussion) but when I told them about some of the romantic 'adventures' that I had had in my past, they all sighed with longing for that indefinable thing that pushes a date over the line into something that still makes you smile about it years later - the relationship may have died but that warmth of the connection

remains.

So, can I ask that we all think about our romantic lives as well as our relationship, work, the kids, the parents, the boss etc? Spend time seeing each other in a different light - throw practicality out the window, be like my friend who runs away with her husband for the weekend, expect more and you will get more and if you don't then maybe you had better talk! Gentlemen, we love the fact that you are wonderful providers and good fathers, can fish, can sail, can play rugby etc but we would also love to be swept off our feet every so often and ladies? men like to feel that they are being courted too - maybe not the flowers but maybe it is just telling him that he is appreciated instead of expected to be all of the above.

Let the hand holding and dancing in the dark begin!

# How to succeed in life

Part 2

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

In Part 1 of this theme last week I said that many people wanted to live a successful life, but the problem is that they don't know how to achieve this. In the letter of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3v.12-21, Paul explains 4 main points to successful living!

The first point is EVALUATION. You must admit that you not perfect. 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 is saying "I'm not perfect, I'm still growing." The point is, successful people never stop growing. They are always developing, growing, and learning. The beginning of Successful Living is to know our Faults to be Honest and 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, "I'm not going to waste anymore time on yesterday." "My past 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..." Don't let the past affect you anymore... Don't let it control you. Jesus

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has eliminated your past on Calvary. Successful people learn from the past without dwelling on the past.

The third point is CONCENTRATION This is to do with 'focusing on the future.' v.13 reads "But this one thing I do...straining toward what is ahead I press on toward the goal." Too often we tend to do so many things. We become 'jack of all trade' and 'master of none.' Paul is saying, concentrate or focus on the important thing(s). Professionals focus on one thing. In I Corinthians 9v.24 Paul says "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to win the prize." There is a certain way to run, and that is, running the professionals way. Paul said in II Corinthians 5v.9 "...so we make our goal to please Him." There is no better rewarding goal in life than to please God. Paul wanted to stand at the end of his life and hear Jesus say "Well done thou good and faithful servant, you were faithful in a few things, come into the joy of your Master." This too should be our goal.

Finally, the fourth point is DETERMINATION This means, fight to the finish, be persistent. Paul is saying "I fight to the finish!" Great people in life are just ordinary people with extra-ordinary amount of determination. They don't quit. They keep on, keeping on. They never give up. In v.12-13 Paul says "I press on, straining toward the mark...I press on to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." "Press on" in Greek means to over extend



yourself. Paul is saying 'That's the way to live.' Paul also said these words in Acts 20v.24 "But I reckon my own life to be worth nothing to me, in order that I may complete my mission and finish the work that the Lord Jesus gave me to do, which is to declare the Good News of the grace of God." Paul is saying, No quitting. No giving up. I'll finish what God called me to do. Paul wanted to finish what he started. God saved you and I for a purpose. Paul's last words

were in II Timothy 4v.7-8 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord will award to me on that day..." I want these last words of Paul to be your last words.

Galatians 6v.9 reads "Let us not grow weary in doing good. For at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." May you have a God blessed week. Te Atua te arua.

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# My attempts for the perfect one



**H**ave you ever felt the expert at cooking only to forget the important bits of the recipe but it still comes out looking like the one in the cook book?

A friend and colleague offered to teach a few us to bake carrot cake. I don't fancy the cake but I like watching people indulge their taste buds into the vegetable cake itself. Topped with the cream cheese icing – wickedly thick and smothering the top.

After many attempts, I can say I can bake it with my eyes shut, maybe.

First attempt and mistake I did was I forgot to put the rising agent (baking soda) into the cake mixture. Ten minutes in the oven, I realized I'd forgotten something, I quickly pulled out the cake

tin and what do I do? I sift and mix the baking soda in the cake mixture. Yes, what was I thinking? I thought as long as I had the two teaspoons of the soda in the mix – it should do the trick. Fingers crossed, it was okay for my first time.

Next time around – I wanted to cook the vegetable cake for a friend's birthday. What was I going to forget to mix into my cake mixture this time? The after ten minutes in the oven routine, I saw the cup of sugar staring at me on the table. Quick instincts, again I take cake mixture out of the oven and – mixed the sugar whilst stirring through the cake mix. The cake came out okay but crystallized to the sides.

Then there was the full of confidence attempt, I was

going to bake two, one for my class for been wonderful all term and staff end of term morning tea. It was the cake I cooked for my colleagues I forgot to put the crushed pineapple in and the students cake I forgot its' essence.

Out came the cake tins from the oven, pineapple mixed in one and vanilla essence in the other.

My friend who taught me noticed both cakes texture

was one too moist and the other over mixed. I tried to reason with her but she rebutted "when are you going to get the perfect one done like mine?"

Look think of it this way, I haven't killed anyone yet, I still have all year and all the time in the world to get it right – it's been almost a year. I guess it takes a lot of attempts to get the perfect one. "Sorry carrot cake."

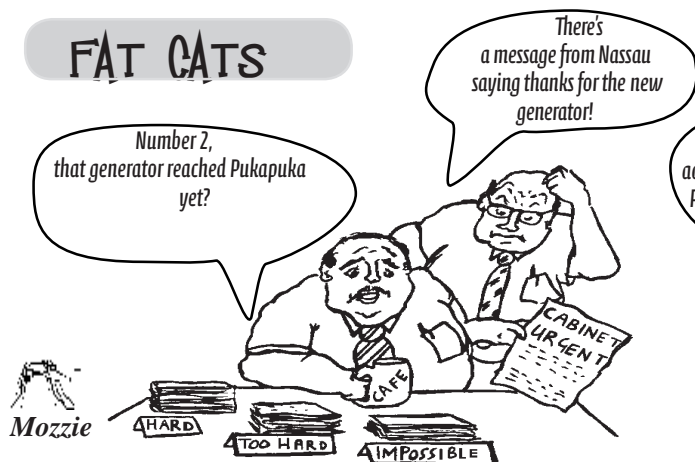
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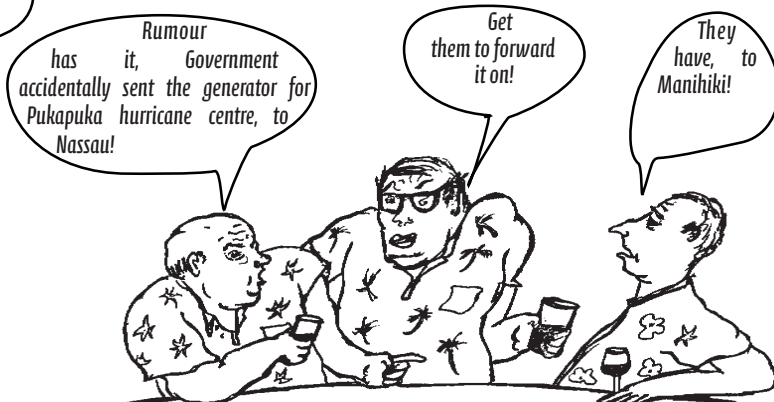
Seems a high powered, high soaring group of senior Commanders of the State got a tad off course after dinner during a recent get together! It appears some 11 Gs crossed the bar as the amber fluid flowed freely and speedily! However, all things must come to an end as the merry makers discovered when the Hotel's Bar Boss insisted on turning off the taps around the witching hour!

Whisper is MMM-Mighty Maggie Man plans to set up another free treated water station at the O'oa Clinic! Just as at the Tupapa meeting house, will this come complete with Las Vegas type flashing lights, signs, a marquee, chairs and a water tank? Nearby residents will probably want to know if it will suck up more water from the mains and keep them awake at night!

Rarotonga chooks are keen to find out how the outer islands spent their ten grand from the tax payer to hold their celebrations! Word is on Mitiaro the money was split between the two main villages who then spent their share as they decided. Whisper is their costumes came via their MP's wife's retail outlet! Word is Aitutaki got \$30,000 from sponsor Matson Line and \$15,000 from the tax payer. On top of that Aitutaki is selling a DVD of their celebrations to make even more moolah!

The Matavera rumour mill is grinding

## COCONUT ROUNDTABLE



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away flat out chooks churning out whispers that the new policy person for the Ministry of Agriculture could be a political appointment! Whispers are it will come down to a choice between the Arioka man and the Mataio man and it won't be a case of eenie, meenie, minie mo, but who will be more favourably disposed to the Minister! What say ye PSC man?

The words on lips are will the Toti man get the nod from the CIP faithful and head off MMM-Mighty Maggie Man, to stand in Tupapa-Maraerenga or will it be the ex-Demo MP, the Senior Pastor? Who will the Demo camp put up? Will it be the other Tupa? Imagine it, Tupa vs Tupa! Or will Toti try to move in on Kiriau territory?

FinSec Tricky Dicky has become the Flying FinSec-FF-He raced into Auckland then on to Wellington for a chin wag before racing back to Auckland and on to Raro where following a quick dip he had both feet tucked under his desk and all within 24 hours! Take note HOMs, this was all

accomplished flying cattle class! The Boys in Blue are always on the goggle-box pleading with the common folk to phone in if they see perps in action and that proved fruitful recently when people reported a banned driver, twice, on the road going from A to B! How alert is that?

Oh dear chooks! Panic in Pukapuka as the power goes down! Taxi-driver MP frantically enquires as to whereabouts of new generator! It's on the high seas but destined for the Pukapuka indoor sports stadium err, Cyclone shelter! The embattled island needs a massive power installation exercise carried out!

O'oa residents anxiously await the installation of the new free treated water dispenser outside the O'oa Clinic! Well done MMM-Mighty Maggie Man! Now if only the water pipes could have been positioned near that shop in O'oa! Bit slow there Jimmy!

Local fisherman is near his wits

end as the low prices on Chinese frozen fish continues to undermine his livelihood! Not only was his recent big sale trumped but the Chinese boat is due back in a tick! To put the final boot in?

Scenes on the goggle-box of the sumptuous, mouth watering coconut crab harvest in Manihiki should not be allowed as it indicates to possible predatorial outside entrepreneurs, the extent of the delicious resource!

Our folk on the low lying outer islands susceptible to rising sea levels as a result of climate change can take some comfort in knowing that the perpetrators of this approaching calamity also stand to suffer badly as well. A large part of Europe is already below sea level (Netherlands), Florida USA and New York's coastline will be under water as well as parts of China's coast. There will be no winners in this race. Expect large shifts of population in the northern hemisphere and the unrest that will cause!

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## Confirmation.... By Apii Napa

Last Sunday's mass at St Joseph's cathedral was celebrated with the sacrament of confirmation.

This is confirming 34 young people into the faith and whom are from St Joseph parish.

The confirmation was presided by Bishop Paul Donoghue and attended by families, sponsors of these youths and the church congregation.

For 6 weeks these young people have been under the guidance and teachings of the Catholic faith by Father Freddy, Sister Lusi, Rosa Henry, Tatari Mitchell, and Anna Rauru and supported by the church and their families.

Each one receiving confirmation came forward with their sponsors and the Bishop calling each candidate by their Confirmation name such as one of the canonized saints or someone from the Bible. After mass everyone, candidates with family and the congregation celebrated some more with shared lunch.



The confirmed candidates



Louisa Pura – singing the Psalms



Paiera 'Francis' Tangata



Leaders & teachers to the candidates

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

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– 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.

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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.

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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.

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- 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)





On Tuesday afternoon Agriculture Minister Kiriau Turepu hosted members of the Mauke Island Council on visits to vanilla plantations on Rarotonga. The aim was to show the Island Council examples of crops that could be grown on Mauke.

# Boxing news

By Doreen Titoa

**1** / CI Champs on October 10th 2013 featuring our local boxers from Rarotonga and hopefully Atiu or Aitutaki based boxers. We will also use this as a tribute to 3 great contributors to CI Boxing who have passed on this year – Piri Purotu III, Jim Little and Navy Epati. This will also serve as a final trial for 5 nominated boxers to attend the Oceania Tournament held in Auckland on November 8 2013.

2/ Raffle tickets to be released next week \$2.00 tickets fundraising for 2 international tournaments coming up in Oct & Nov and much needed equipment for our local clubs.

3/ Tahiti has invited 2 heavy weight boxers, 1 is Mathew Titoa and 2nd ( pending athletes availability ) Gideon Dolan. 3rd option Jubilee Arama.

4/ nominated boxers are currently preparing for Oceania trials in November, Mathew Titoa, Jubilee Arama, Gideon Dolan, Pinoi Crocombe, Phillip Roi and Eli Daniels.

November events will mark the end of the boxing season for 2013. So this CI champs will be the final fight night this year.

Anyone interested in participating in the CI Champs is welcome to contact Tom Masters National Coach, Mathew Titoa Assistant National coach or Ringiau Anguna from the Waltingo Boxing Club in Titikaveka, Osolei Hagai Pue club, Phillip Strickland for Tupapa and Graeme Taylor for Muri Ngatangiia, Mapu Tetava for Arorangi.

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