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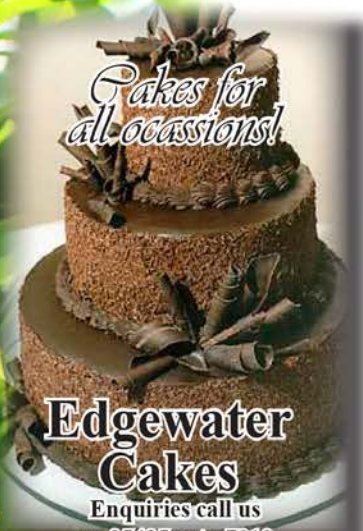
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# Asian and Pacific Countries Adopt Ground-Breaking Agenda on Population, Development and Rights

**B**ANGKOK, Thailand (ESCAP and UNFPA) – A regional ministerial conference of Asian and Pacific governments has issued a strong reaffirmation that gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights are indispensable to sustainable development, and must be a key part of the post-2015 development framework.

Ministers and senior officials from 47 countries were among nearly 500 country delegates and civil society representatives attending the Sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (APPC) in Bangkok from 16-20 September. Health Minister Nandi Glassie represented the Cook Islands and during the meeting presented a statement on behalf of Pacific Island

nations.

They reviewed progress and gaps, and identified priority actions in addressing a broad set of population-related challenges, with a view to advancing people's rights and well-being through inclusive and equitable development.

After days of intense discussions, they adopted a comprehensive Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development. The document will be the region's input to next year's UN General Assembly review of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), which in turn will inform global consultations on development priorities succeeding the Millennium



Health Minister Nandi Glassie delivered a statement on behalf of the Pacific Nations

Development Goals. and Social Commission for Asia  
The United Nations Economic *Continued on page 23*

## Campaigning CIP style food and massages *Petition likely to challenge victory*

**M**urienua's winning Cook Islands Party candidate Koata Tauriki is a cook, he has cooked at restaurants and cooked at the hospital, it is his stock and trade. But unwisely he may have cooked himself out of his new job as a Member of Parliament. At worst he faces being convicted of corrupt practises under the Electoral Act 2004. Section 87 Corrupt Practises.

Since food is his stock and trade and with him giving away meals — his work product — on the morning of the election before electors had voted constitute on face value, a violation of the Electoral Act. Well it certainly looks that way.

A team of transporters were picking up voters from as early as 4.30am and taken to the highly visible Mazel residence. From 6.am a free cooked buffet breakfast of bacon and eggs including steak. Campaign manager Patrick Arioka stated on Cook Islands Television news

screened on the evening of the bye election voters were picked up, given a free breakfast then transported to the polling booth to cast their vote.

Observers said by the look of the number of cars parked on the side of the road many attended the breakfast by their own transport.

It would be hard to imagine the drivers didn't offer voting advice while transporting voters to the breakfast or to the polling booth as well as during the meal. All campaigning was to cease at 6.00pm on the night prior to the election.

Under Section 89 Tuariki may face petition proceeding of treating for the free breakfast and under Section 88 bribery for the free massages.

Unwisely the Tuariki and his committee did not learn from the successful petitions put against the CIP candidate at the general elections in Pukapuka in 2010 when he gave free massages.

Worse it was advertised on



CIP Murienua Candidate Kaota Tuariki and his wife Poko Junior Maoate had close shaves with the presiding Judge giving them the benefit of the doubt.

How the Democratic Party decision makers respond to the talk of Murienua's free breakfast will no doubt depend as all petition do, on where there is any money left in the war chest. Petitions are costly exercises that can leave a trail of debts for years as the CIP have discovered.

In 2004 former Prime Minister Robert Woonton lost his Manihiki seat to Henry Puna as a result of being found guilty of bribery. When petitioned former incumbent MPs Robert Wigmore and Amuri's

*by George Pitt*

# Joint policy approach for Health, Agriculture?

Last week, in the first of a three part series on the future direction of agriculture, the Herald spoke with Agriculture Minister Kiriau Turepu about his vision for the future direction of the sector. The main direction was towards organic produce and value added produce. In this the second part, the Herald looks at the direct benefits to health of organic and value added produce and spoke to the Minister for Health Nandi Glassie on Monday.

By Charles Pitt

Health Minister Nandi Glassie said when he met the Director General of WHO (World Health Organisation), the Director commented on his also being Minister for Agriculture.

Glassie said this interest in him holding two key portfolios, reinforced his perception of the direction of current thinking which he saw as the need for Health and Agriculture to be more closely aligned at a high level, in terms of policies for future

direction and development.

He said while public servants developed policy for the operational level, it was Cabinet's role to set the overall policy direction that is to be implemented. It was important he said to get the policy right at the higher level and across Ministries with related functions.

This concept of closer alignment at the higher policy level, is very important for the Cook Islands said Glassie as some 80% of hospital admissions were related to NCDs (non

communicable diseases). The role agriculture played in health promotion was clear. There were major savings to be made if policies were aligned if not integrated at the higher level.

It was important to ensure that value added products not only had an economic benefit but also that they retained a definite health benefit after refinement. For example, in the production of say banana or taro chips, there was no excess salt or other additives detrimental to health.

Glassie said he would like to see Health and Agriculture establish a Joint Policy Team to

set in place and retain uniform, cohesive and seamless policies for the advancement of both sectors. Organically grown crops with high nutritional value will have major health benefits as a spin off and this will also be a marketing tool.

Glassie said as far as he knows, no other Pacific nation has such a Joint Policy Team and ours, if established, could become a model for other countries. He envisaged some expert input from the likes of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

## Stop Press :Appeal by foreign investors upheld

By Charles Pitt

A New Zealand couple who appealed a decision by the former Board of BTIB to rescind their approved application to purchase Aitutaki resort the Samade, have had their appeal upheld by the Appeal Commission set up under legislation by the BTIB Minister Hon Mark Brown.

The five person Appeal Commission made their finding by majority decision, 4 to 1, last week. The Minister is expected to release their report within the next few days.

The Commission was chaired by local lawyer Mark Short and its members were Teuira Ka, Sam Crocombe, Mike Tavioni and John Herman.

### Brief background to the appeal

On 7 March 2013 the NZ couple was advised by BTIB of approval to purchase the Samade. One day later on 8 March 2013, they were advised by BTIB that their Minister had asked the Board to reconsider their application. Apparently the Minister had done this on 7 March. The reasons were not known to the investors.

Without the investor's knowledge, Minister for Tourism, Teina Bishop and Thomas Koteka entered the picture with their offer to purchase the Samade.

The BTIB advised the investor's lawyers on 23 March that their application was rescinded (but not declined) while the BTIB waited to see if Bishop and Koteka finalized their offer to purchase.

As Cook Islanders had entered the frame, the investor's lawyers were advised that priority under the investment policy, lay with locals.

Bishop and Koteka secured the Samade and the investors were advised of this on 1 May.

Very concerned and unhappy, the investors lodged an appeal on 20 May with the Minister as required under the legislation, the Development Investment Act 1995-96.



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# Did Tourism head Fua mislead the public?

After he received a copy of an article titled "Tourism rejects locals in \$280,000 stuff up" for comment three days prior to being published in this publication on 5 September 2013 Cook Islands Tourism Corporation (CITC) CEO Halatoa Fua stated he would make a response before the printing dead line.

Tourism Board Chairman Ewan Smith also received a copy for comment by he replied stating Fua would do that. Fua even contacted the Herald by phone to enquire as to the dead line and he maintained he would make a response.

Neither Fua or Smith made any attempt to comment on the intended article which was critical of CITC's awarding of a New Zealand Government funded "film and photographic" contract to an Australian production company in preference to substantially lower tenders by qualified local bidders.

Brave New World Communications Ltd is yet to provide CITC with an acceptable product according to the 22 page tender document.

Fua made a response after the article was published by writing a letter to the editor of the Cook Islands News then to the CI Herald. Was his response a deliberate move to mislead the public as well as an attempt to discredit the writer of the article?

Fua wrote "The Cook Islands Herald did not seek any information from the Tourism Corporation which would have corrected significant factual errors contained...." Fua did not state what those significant errors were but continued to discredit the article.

The writer has since become

aware of further information that deserves a response from Fua for the purpose of accuracy and transparency. Any attempt to mislead the public is serious and amounts to lack of good governance. The matter should be addressed by the Chairman Smith or by the Minister Teina Bishop who himself is currently under the cloud of a Police investigation for corruption.

Historically CITC is shrouded with allegations of conflicts of interest and criminally questionable financial management involving millions of dollars of public funds. This continued abuse of public trust has to be uprooted or the loss of confidence by the public will become unredeemable. Current chairman Smith needs to ensure a culture of accountability or resign or be immediately replaced.

Smith and Fua are invited to answer the following questions:

1. Brave New World (BNW) commenced onsite production in February this year, is it correct they had 90 days to complete the contract and have you received the finished product?

2. Your media comment stated there was ongoing post production work with BNW. What has been completed to your satisfaction and what remains to be done?

3. How much money has been paid to BNW to date? Are funds being withheld?

4. Did BNW take legal action against CITC in Australia to force payment for work completed?

5. The maximum budget in the tender document was \$250,000 so why did BNW receive two payments of \$249,650 and \$27,204.16 for a total of \$276,854.16?



Halatoa Fua and Ewan Smith

6. Was there an extra \$30,000 not specified or mentioned in the tender document for aerial filming and photos? If so, why wasn't this amount included in the tender document? Was this what the lesser additional amount of \$27,204.16 was paid for?

7. Was the recipient of the \$27,204.16 CITC Chairman Ewan Smith's company Air Rarotonga?

8. Did CITC try to buy film footage from a failed bidding local production company because it was needed to enhance or replace the footage filmed by BNW?

9. Was the contract awarded to BNW before local bidding production companies had even submitted their tenders? Are you aware there is email evidence to suggest this happened?

10. Who were the

individuals who eventually awarded the contract to BNW?

11. Why did you publically lie saying CI Herald did not seek any information re the previously published article? Was your response directed by your Chairman Ewan Smith?

12. Is it correct CITC has \$30,000 allocated for a Tourism photo archive? Will this be tendered or has this already been earmarked for CITC chairman Ewan Smith who has already compiled an archive of Cook Islands photographs? Is this a blatant conflict of interest?

13. Will CTIC also set up a film archive?

14. Were any local production industry personnel employed by BNW?

15. Could you forward your responses to the CI Herald and not the CI News?

-By George Pitt

# Youth for Sea Bed Minerals debate named

The Cook Islands Seabed Minerals Authority (SBMA) together with Te Ipukarea Society (TIS) is delighted to announce the 12 successful student applicants for the upcoming National Youth Debate on Deep Sea Minerals.

The first event is taking place on Friday, Sept 27 after school. The students will be collected and taken to the Seabed Minerals Office where they will have presentations from members of that office and from a representative of MFEM. The students will then be transported to the Te Ipukarea Society (TIS) office in Tupapa where there will be presentations by TIS and the National Environment Service (NES).

The students are;

Dylan Giva	Nikao	Nukutere	Male, 15yrs
Hareta Passfield	Matavera	Tereora	Female, 15yrs
Heleina Strickland	Takuvaine	Tereora	Female, 17yrs
Maine Upokokeu	Nikao	Tereora	Female, 17 yrs
Marise Noovao	Vaima'anga	Papa'aroa	Female, 14yrs
Matthew Atuatika	Turoa	Papa'aroa	Male, 14yrs
Moana Fukofuka	Titikaveka	Papa'aroa	Female, 13yrs
Myria Rongo	Tupapa	Tereora	Female, 15yrs
Nick Henry	Avarua	Tereora	Male, 15yrs
Teau Puna Vano	Matavera	Papa'aroa	Female, 14yrs
Teeu Metuakore	Takuvaine	Papa'aroa	Male, 14yrs
Teiva Teaurere	Nikao	Rakei Toa	Male, 15 yrs

The event has financial support from SPC-EU SOPAC (the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Division).

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. 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.

TEINA MACKENZIE (Ms)

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## News Briefs *By TeRiu Woonton*

### Team USA wins America's Cup

The Team USA catamaran Oracle has won the final race in the 34th America's Yachting Cup to successfully defend the Cup after being down 8-1 to the NZ Team earlier in the first to 9 series. The final race took place on Wednesday morning Cook Islands time. Although Team NZ led early, Team USA showed its boat was faster and it overtook the Kiwis and held the lead until the end. Team USA won by some 44 seconds. It took 19 days to decide the winner.

### School raises over \$32,000

Te Uki Ou School raised between \$32,000 to \$35,000 during last Friday's School gala. Principal Simon Drewery tells Radio Cook Islands that there was great effort from the students and it was a fantastic turnout. Funds raised from the gala will go towards a variety of needs from Te Uki Ou School's learning programmes to school resources. Throughout the year Te Uki Ou school have also been fundraising leading up to years 7 and 8 (form 1 and 2) trip to Mitiaro. 24 students and 5 staff including the principal will leave Rarotonga next Monday to participate in a cultural exchange trip to Mitiaro. They will take tours and learn about the caves and lakes of Mitiaro and visit Mitiaro school. Tomorrow Tuesday the 24th at 1pm at Te Uki Ou School grounds, Tereora College principal Bali Haque will also be visiting the school to talk to parents, teachers and students, specifically those who are in their last year at Te Uki Ou to enlighten them on what Tereora College has to offer. Parents are most welcome to attend the event.

### New water dispenser

Action Man and MP for Tupapa-Maraerenga George Maggie is in process of setting up a water filter system at the O'oa Clinic in Tupapa. Maggie said the water filter system should be completed by the end of this week. He says he is aiming for 10 water filter systems to be set up in the village of Tupapa, and is looking at placing 1 in Kii kii, 1 at the Tupapa Victoria Park rugby field, and a water filter system each at the Manihiki, Rakahanga, Mangaia and Aitutaki hostels. Maggie says the main purpose of setting up other water filter systems is to make it easier for those who stay further away from the main one, which is situated near his residence.

### E- learning for outer islands

Te Kura Uira is a brand new initiative to the Cook Islands that targets children in the outer islands to receive numeracy, literacy, health and social science educational learning programmes all through the internet. Mitiaro, Rakahanga, Penryhn, Manihiki and Atiu will have the opportunity next year to receive the full digital learning programme whether it is through Skype conferences, videos, all online programmes. A facilitator will be on each island to help students set up, help them log in and support them in their learning course. The Manager for Te Kura Uira Kristina Crouch will be working with schools and developing online courses and will be supported by a full time online teacher. Kristina says the initiative is in hope of providing the best E-learning in the Pacific, which will also create easy access to education for all Cook Islanders.



### Cook Islands Herald goes QR

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# The pride of being part of Prince of Wales

By Apii Napa



St Joseph practicing the march past...

Come Wednesday 25 September, 2013 the BCI stadium will be filled once again with live madness from supporters both school and the community. Most of term 3 would have included in each primary schools term plan, preparation for this annual sports event. Teachers of all schools turned coach to gear and better prepare their children for the ultimate prize – beat Avatea School. What's the secret? Simple, big schools have the advantage over the little populated schools. Their advantage is that they get to cover practically all events. There's a child to every event and that's why Rutaki will not be able to win unless they join forces with Arorangi School and the same for the rest of the small schools.

Unless, we change the rules and categorise the winnings.

I know how this day eventuates – because once upon a time I was this Avatea pupil marching proudly pass the podium in purple 'rumpus' and proud to be part of this days event. Parents cheering on, even running alongside feeling their days of running come to live again. Only exciting thing missing that I rarely see today is, gone is the brown twistie box full of food for lunch later. Money is the treat of the day to all you can eat. Like every year I hear proud parents, aunties, uncles cheer their young ones on, "Even if you don't come anywhere, we're still proud of you." Best of luck to all schools to this year's Prince of Wales.





## Te Ipukarea Society Nuti Pepa

September 2013

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# Start your own worm farm



*Worm farms need crushed egg shells to counteract the acidity of the fruit waste. So, if you are able to save your egg shells and drop them into TIS, the worms, could they talk, would say "thank you"!*

Te Ipukarea Society was fortunate enough to receive a donation of a worm farm that was used for demonstrations over the 2 days of Lagoon Day. Our farm is manufactured by HungryBin in NZ, but there are a variety of worm farms and you can DIY a farm using things like stacked tyres or plastic containers (for more info and ideas go to <http://www.working-worms.com/>)

We only have a "starter pack" of maybe 200 worms so far, so cannot put too much of our waste into the bin yet, as the worms cannot process it all. The full capacity of the farm is reported to be up to 12,000 worms, and they can handle up to 2kg of organic waste per day.

Much like we do, worms produce solid waste called castings and they also produce liquid waste (sometimes referred to as worm tea), from what they eat. These are both great fertilisers, and collect in the bottom of the worm farm from where they are easily extracted.

While the exact type of worms that are used in New Zealand might not be easily found here, apparently the worms that you find under the puru (coconut husks) and around pig dung in the pig pens are just as good.

If you would like more information on the worm farm, or would like to know how to order your own, look online at <http://www.hungrybin.co.nz> or come into the TIS office in Tupapa and take a look at ours.



*Most organic waste can be put into a worm farm, but don't include onion, meat, citrus, dairy, fats/oils, and limit breads and cooked food.*





Cook Islands University Students with Prime Minister Henry Puna during a recent visit to Waikato University

# Palau delegation visits



# Palau delegation visits



**O**n Thursday 19 September, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management hosted a delegation of elected officials from the Republic of Palau. The Delegates and Senators (from Palau's lower and upper house's respectively) were here to learn about the VAT system of the Cook Islands – a system widely regarded as one of the best in the Pacific.

Palau and the Cook Islands share many similarities and can learn a lot from each other. We share a similar economic structure, population size, and relationship of free association with a partner country. In the past, officials from the Budget team at MFEM have travelled to Palau to share their knowledge about health related tax policy and multi-year budgeting. Going back further, the Compact of Free Association that Palau has with the USA is based on the

same agreement that the Cook Islands has with New Zealand. During their visit, the delegation met with officials from the Revenue Management Division in MFEM, the Budget and Economic team, the Prime Minister, Cook Islands Tourism Corporation, Telecom, the Chamber of Commerce, BTIB and the Tourism Industry Council.

*James Webb | Economic Advisor*

## Letter to the Editor

**T**o Cook Islands High Commission  
Hi Folks,  
Recently we visited your beautiful country. It was my second visit and will not be my last as I now have a 10 year driver's license!!!

I went with family we stayed at Te Akapua Holiday Villas run by Mary and Charlie Hosking who were superb hosts, wonderful lovely people who made us so welcome. They are fantastic ambassadors for Rarotonga.

The trip left a huge impression on my granddaughter Ava who is 8 years old. While there on the last day she penned this poem. I had tears in my eyes when I read it. It just epitomized the wonderful, beautiful memories we have of Rarotonga and I thought I would love to share it with you.

Thank you, thank you for sharing your beautiful people with us, I cannot wait to go back in 2 years time.

Best wishes, kind regards

Gus Evans  
Waikanae  
New Zealand  
28 August 2013

**Rarotonga**

Roosters crowing,  
Wild dogs howling,  
The beach filled with treasures  
and shells to keep,  
People out feeding the pig's raw  
coconut for them to eat,  
The flowers hibiscus frangipanis  
pick them and they are yours to keep,  
Palm trees swaying in the  
Rarotongan breeze,  
Slicing dicing putting on black pearls,  
This is Rarotonga bright and enchanting,  
This is Rarotonga.

*By Ava Evans  
8 years old  
Waikanae*

# Tropicool Aitutaki

By Charles Pitt

**N**ane Purea who operates "Tropicool Tours" with a 15 seat mini bus in Aitutaki conducting tours and transfers for visitors now has something else for her visitors to remember her and their experiences by.

It's a CD, "Tropicool Aitutaki" with her tour commentaries and songs she sings to her clients.

The CD was formally launched on Radio Cook Islands on Monday during announcer Ru's morning show.

Although she has operated the business for a while with her daughter Chloe, the idea of a CD is a recent one suggested by Sean Willis who is the producer and distributor for the Cook Islands and Tahiti through "Undercover Agents." The worldwide distributor is Log Drum Productions Ltd. Sean sent George Moeka'a to Aitutaki to record what has turned out to be a "cool" CD.

The CD contains 21 items, from commentaries to love songs and costs \$20. A first run of 50 CDs was produced for a soft launch in

Mauke last week during a family gathering.

Nane who celebrated her 60th birthday in Mauke last week, was born and raised in Mauke and she credits her father the late Tangi Taerikiou Purea for her cultural talents. He was a "Taunga and Tumu Korero" from Mauke. Her mother was the late Chloe Itirangi Purea.

Nane moved to Aitutaki on 29 March 1971 for work and has lived in Aitutaki since then-42 years.

Those who inspired her and imparted to her their knowledge of the history of Aitutaki, were the late Papa Solomona Tetevano, the late Papa Tuakeu Puna, the late Papa Tepaki Mokotupu and all the Pa Metua.

She thanks to Sean and George for making the CD possible and also thanks her children James and Chloe and well as her family members, her brothers and sisters-for their love and support.

She also thanks all her tourist friends.

Nane says the CD dedicated to her dearest Dad. She returns to Aitutaki on Thursday.



Nane Purea

# Josephine a golden champion

By Charles Pitt

**J**osephine Lockington of Aitutaki has been declared the Cook Islands Golden Community Development champion by the Community Education Training Centre (CETC) of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).

Josephine graduated from the Training centre in 1984 and was nominated for the CETC Pacific Golden Award by the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Josephine has been invited to attend the regional celebration which is planned to be held on the week of 14 – 18th October 2013 at the CETC, Narere, and in other venues around Suva, Fiji. This week long celebration will include:

- the opening and launch of the CETC 50th anniversary on Monday 14th at 5.30pm in SPC Nabua; three days training at CETC on craft recycling of Plastics and food processing and flour

production of our local crops and vegetables for interested graduates;

- the graduation ceremony on Thursday 17th at 10am for the final group of Pacific women who are currently undertaking the final offering of the regional community development training programme;

- and the graduation and Golden Champion award ball at the Holiday Inn, Suva on the evening of the 17th. This is where the Golden Champions awards will be announced by Her Excellency, Adi Koila Nailatikau who is chief guest for the night.

CETC is meeting her airfare and accommodation costs.

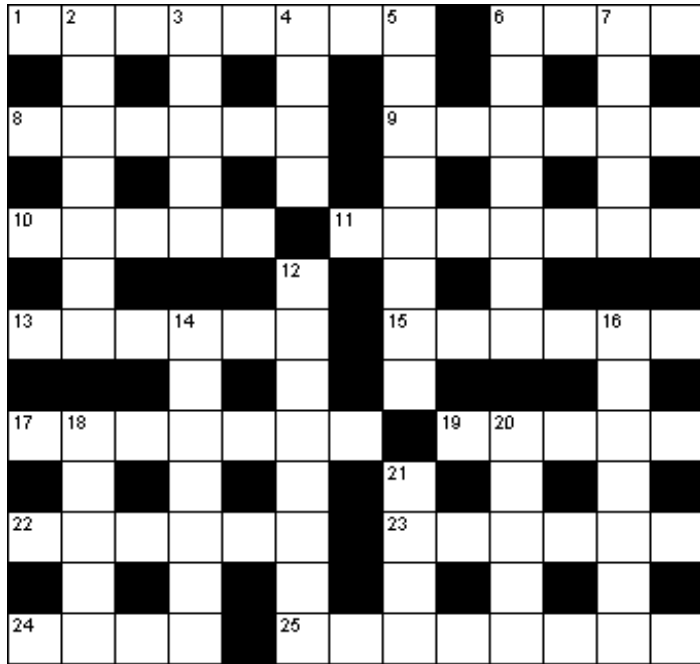
The award will include the presentation of a cash prize, and a certificate of recognition presented during the Award Ball ceremony.

Congratulations to Josephine for her achievement.



Josephine Lockington

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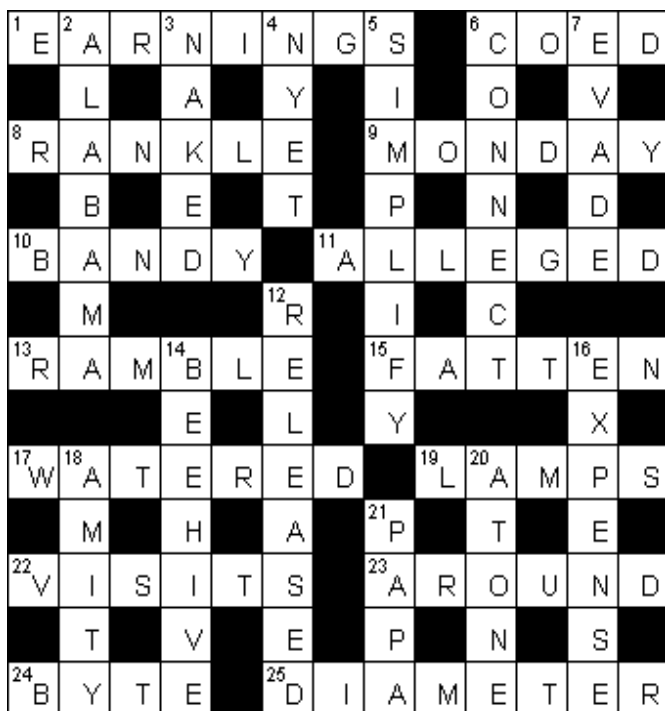


**Across**

- 1. Careful (8)
- 6. Type of gun (4)
- 8. Install new wiring (6)
- 9. Take into custody (6)
- 10. Breezy (5)
- 11. Against (7)
- 13. Grow teeth (6)
- 15. Remove silt from river (6)
- 17. Flightless bird (7)
- 19. Away (5)
- 22. Pertaining to the Alps (6)
- 23. Musical dramas (6)
- 24. Yorkshireman (4)
- 25. Singer (8)

**Down**

- 2. Anthropoid (3-4)
- 3. Next after the second (5)
- 4. Augury (4)
- 5. Frenzied rush (8)
- 6. Miserly person (7)
- 7. Result (5)
- 12. Tutors (8)
- 14. White ant (7)
- 16. Rubbish (7)
- 18. Spread out (5)
- 20. Poetry (5)
- 21. Connect (4)



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# America's Cup live blog

By Apii Napa



I sit anxiously at my desk reading this prestigious race on NZ Herald online blog. I've been following the races since it's been exciting to. Nowadays, America's Cup and I are friends.

Come Wednesday 25 September, 2013 another date to note down in the America's Cup race history. The score 8 all and race 18 is the deciding race. "Who will take the auld mug?"

Is it coming down to us in the Southern Hemisphere or will America be able to keep their grasp on the cup? Today, I stand by Barker and Team NZ in all my black wear, supporting her no matter the outcome.

Truly Team NZ has given US Oracle and those following the races an awesome race to watch and read about. Its winner takes all in today's race and I have been beating myself in silence at the thought of Team New Zealand doing this to my ECG.

Throwing tantrums with legs in the air and almost letting out the worst unkind words you could think of when Team NZ trails behind Team Oracle. What do you do, but read in despair as the blog commentates detail by detail as to how far and how long to go to finish line? I tried sparing wind and all kinds of cheering only to be heard by colleagues and a few of my lovely students.

Interestingly, I'm not the only one who thinks like some of the bloggers on the site – just like rugby, why don't American's get their own sailors? Or, what's it to be? Red Socks or Black Socks day – come on New Zealand. "I'm wearing black". Go Team NZ, from sunny Raro.

## Te Ipukarea Society Nuti Pepa



### What to do...

Recently a crew member aboard Marumaru Atua was stung by a jellyfish close to shore. After this incident we were given cause to think – “what would I have done?”. Hence this advice and the beginning of a regular feature - “what to do...”.

#### Jellyfish Stings

Jellyfish are found in large numbers in most oceans of the world. Generally jellyfish stings are non-lethal.

Treatment is not clear cut, particularly for the Bluebottle (pictured), our most common jellyfish-like marine creature. The Bluebottle is in fact *not* a jellyfish, so treatment is a bit different - do not do steps 3-4 below; go straight to step 5. For jellyfish stings, follow this current guide of what to do.

1. Safety – do not jump into the sea full of jellyfish – **STOP, THINK then ACT.**
2. Pick off any visible tentacles with tweezers or gloved hands (tentacles can keep stinging even separated from the body) and wash the rest off with sea water or hot water if available.
3. Spray/wash the area with vinegar for 1-5 mins.
4. Follow up with shaving foam or a baking soda paste for 1-5 min.



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5. Finish with an application of hot water (no hotter than 45 °C) for 15 mins – this will help with pain relief. Repeat every 15 mins until pain subsides.
6. Be aware of signs of anaphylaxis; a severe allergic reaction that can result in itching, hives, shortness of breath, wheezing, tightening of the throat, flushed skin, weakness and dizziness; in extreme cases it can cause a drop in blood pressure. Seek medical attention if this occurs.

NB Urine is generally no more effective than sea or hot water in treating a jellyfish sting.

This guide was collated using information from *Medical Emergency* a first aid guide for yachties and [www.firstaid.about.com](http://www.firstaid.about.com)



Patrick Simona was the “finder” of a washed up FAD in front of the Fishing Club



The ocean is our life support system, without a clean ocean the world cannot survive. So much of life on earth is reliant on our oceans being healthy and clean. As Pacific Islanders we should know better than most how important the ocean is to our survival and way of life. But the task of keeping our oceans clean and healthy seems so huge that we as individuals find it daunting and wonder what we can possibly do in the great scheme of things. Well helping to clean up the coast is one such small step, and as we all know, every journey begins with a single step.

That's why the Cook Islands Marine Park project is absolutely supportive of Clean Up the World Day; together with some TIS members, we did our bit on Friday 13th September.





# Cowboys U16 Champs 2013

By Apii Napa



You will have noticed by now that all I've been writing about this week is – sports or generally around it. I had the opportunity to clear out my lungs and put spirit into body when the Arorangi U16 rugby team came out victors against Tupapa at last Saturday's rugby finals held at the BCI stadium. I cheered on with supporters of these young men to see them score an awesome game 22 – 21. I love watching our young and upcoming development team's play. The talents displayed on the day are nothing compared to our senior teams. There's speed, there's technique, there's skills and all the tactics that come with a good game to watch and no scientist.

Then I thought, whom of these young men fathers are watching them? Because I take it that so and so made that try and it reflects back onto whether their fathers were legends too. I heard the other night on TV a player say that he loved to play rugby and he played because to keep the family legacy going. So I watched sternly around to see whose father was there on the day and asked how much time in our lives do we put aside for our children? Who cares about your days, you had the whole village behind you. Let's talk about the future of your son and the game rugby that was once the utmost sport in this country.

It's not the same as how it used to be, villages going out in full force, like I had mentioned before village behind fathers. What of today? "I see too many bloody sports today and on the same day!"

Congratulations you young cowboys – see you next year again in pink apparel, choice; it sells.

# Making the most of it

By Carmel Beattie

As I sit cross-legged on my gorgeous big day bed, on my fabulous deck looking out to a wild yet still amazing lagoon and ocean, I have decided that I should make the most of this wonderful moment instead of thinking about all the things that I have to do, places I should be and disasters that I have to overcome. It's not easy is it? Yes, I mean life but more so, the making the most of every moment of life – that is one of the hardest jobs we have.

Now, it is unrealistic to assume that we can appreciate every single moment of every day. That smacks of skipping through fields of flowers with an idiot grin on your face and quite frankly apart from weird, it is just not practical! No, I mean that we need to live a little more in the 'moments' and appreciate the good things in our lives.

I actually sat down on the day bed to contemplate the loss of this incredible view and lovely house as I am only renting and after 3+ plus, I now have to find a new home. When I heard the news, I was rather devastated as I love my piece of Paradise but sadly it is actually somebody else's piece and they want it back! A little scary when you consider the dearth of similar rentals on the island and rather ironic that I am competing with the very people that I work to bring to the island – those visitors!

At times like this it is kind of easy to get buried in the worry and to stop 'seeing' your life for the wonderful thing that it is. We all have

worries and often very big challenges but in that case, I think it is even more important to savour those special moments in every day when the good things happen. It doesn't have to be a Lotto win (although Lord, that would be nice now, please!?). It is actually the little things like a shared laugh with a friend or a beautiful sunset but they are precious because they wipe away stress for just a moment and renew the spirit.

It is so important to savour our lives in all its glory because our time is limited and there is so much to enjoy even when times are tough. The stopping and savouring then serves to renew and fortify us for the 'next exciting adventure' whatever it may be. Hard to do in our busy lives, I know, but don't we all say things to ourselves and to others like "where did the day go?" "How could it be September already?"

I am so grateful to have a mother who insisted that no matter what we were doing, we had to go out on the verandah to enjoy a beautiful sunset (or the not so popular, sunrise) which taught us to savour the beauty of those moments and to leave the rest of the world behind for that time.

Too often we shut out the joy in favour of the struggle and choose to bury ourselves in the difficult without adding the loveliness. No matter what our circumstances, we are blessed to live on this island, in this ocean, so let's make the most of it! So, I chose to stop strategising about how to get into new housing and



decided to enjoy 'my place' while I can which will ensure that I'll have lots of gorgeous memories to take away with me.

Amazingly, that break renewed the

cells and the hope and I now have lots of ideas.

I know, I'll marry a handsome man with land on the beach and live happily ever after! Any offers?

offers?

## The Chook that got away

The rugby final between Ngatangia and Takuvaine last Saturday had another reason to be memorable. The final saw 12 Samoans take the field. In one team, Samoans made up most if not all the backline! Next season it may be an all Samoan final or could there be a Samoa vs Fiji final? It seems just one Fijian took the field last Saturday.

# The loving and Caring hands of God

Part 2

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

In recent times and even the present moment many families have been devastated for the lost of loved ones. Even parents are hurt for the wrongs their adolescent children have done that led them to stand before the Judge in court and then into prison. So many negative things have impacted our lives. This article of encouragement is purposed to encourage you to know that regardless of the situation and challenges we face in life, the loving and caring hands of God is always there to lift us up and to encourage us to move on in life.

In the Book of Jeremiah 18v.1-6 is the story of the Potter and the Clay. The Potter is symbolic of God and the Clay is symbolic of you and I. v.4-6 reads "And the vessel that he made was marred (ruined) in the hand of the potter, so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the Lord, "Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!" The focus of this article is in v.6 where God says "...so are you in My hand..." The word "...hand..." refers to the nature of God. It means 'what God do.' We see in the Bible that the hand of God is Powerful. We also see the Healing hand of God. The Loving hand of God. The Skillful hand of God. The Gentle hand of God. The Kind hand of God. The Saving hand of God. In

## Encouragement Column

With Senior Pastor John Tangi

Psalm 31v.5(Message Bible Version) David said "I'm safe in Your hand." David is saying "I deliberately put myself in Your hand, I purposely put myself in Your hand God." The question is "Whose hands are you deliberately or purposely putting yourself in?" We can either live in the hand of God, or outside God's hand. When we look at the above reading, the question is "What does this mean, to be in the potter's hand?" We are like a clay in the potter's hand. Like a potter, God is Shaping us. Molding us. Fashioning us. The potter starts working, shaping, molding and fashioning the clay according to the plan and purpose he has until that plan and purpose in his mind is completed. Friend, God is molding you & shaping you. We have the choice of either putting ourselves in the Potter's hands or not! David said "I'm going to put myself in Your hand." God can only do what He desires for us if we put ourselves in His hand. God can do His best once we put ourselves in His hand.

In the Old Testament Noah put himself in God's hand and was saved. David the shepherd boy put himself in God's hand and he defeated Goliath. Moses while in Egypt put himself in the hand of God and he was led into the desert to be reshaped by God and he eventually became a great leader in leading God's



people out of slavery. When you put yourself in the hand of God, He gives you the best. God's plan for your life is the best plan. God said in Jeremiah 29v11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and

a hope."

Regardless of the situation that you are in I encourage you to put yourself in the hands of God to guide you, to care for you, to protect you, because He loves you. I will conclude this article next week and may you have a God blessed week – te Atua te aroa.

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HEART FOUNDATION

# Exams are done and dusted!

*By Norma Ngatamariki*

Hello there, dear reader! It feels good to be back at the computer, typing up my weekly story for the Herald. I took a break last week, due to the exams. Did you miss me? I know you did.

Anyway, last week was Tereora College's Senior End of Year Examinations. Teachers had been telling students (those of us in Year 11, 12 and 13) to study for weeks, prior to the exams. I think the message just went "in one ear and out the other" with a few of us. We, teenagers, tend to think that we have all the time in the world, especially when we are given a deadline that is weeks away. I will give you a little advice, learnt from personal experience. Do yourself a favour a start studying early. Break things down into manageable

pieces and learn them bit by bit. Don't wait until the night before the actual exam, when you are trying to cram everything into your head. Your brain will suffer and so will your grades. So, even though exams may look as if they're a long way away, they really aren't.

Usually, when exams are on, friends will start texting each other like crazy. Stuff like "Did you study last night?" and "I don't understand what that means! She didn't teach us this!" It's funny how we put all the blame on our teachers, when we really weren't listening to them in the first place. I remained totally calm and collected for the first exam, which just happened to be English. Although, to be perfectly honest, I wasn't too sure of myself when I caught a glimpse of the exam questions. I just answered

what I could to the best of my ability and got out of there as soon as I could.

Same thing happened with the rest of my exams. I found Maths a bit difficult because there was this one subject that I didn't quite touch up on (darn Algebra!), but otherwise, everything went smoothly. I was so relieved when exams ended on Thursday, because it meant that we'd have Friday off! Yeah, starting the weekend early, y'all! I still had to come to school to finish an internal, but other than that, I had the whole day to relax and mentally prepare myself for next week, when the results would be out.

Monday came by so soon. I was ready for the 'Nearly Achieves', that the teachers would surely announce when they called out my name. Surprisingly though,



I managed to score four Excellences, four Merits, two Achieved and one Not Achieved. The last two grades really spoil it for me, but hey, they're only mock exams. They give you an indication of what you are doing wrong and what you are doing right. I'm really proud of myself for the Merits and Excellences that I got this year (in last year's school exams, I only managed to get one Excellence), so it's a big improvement.

## Jennifer's house

*By Hareta Tiraa Passfield*

The house was new to Jennifer. Her family had moved in the previous week and she still hadn't got used to it. It was a very old house, with a basement and an attic. The rooms inside the house were big and dusty, with hard wooden floors. A new house also meant a new school and she hadn't quite fitted in yet, so she preferred to come home early instead of hanging around in the playground with the other kids.

Jennifer let herself in to the house. Both her parents had jobs that meant they worked long hours. And anyway, she was thirteen – she could look after herself.

As the door shut she walked into the kitchen. She

picked up a magazine on the side and began to read it. After a while, she played on her Nintendo DS but she soon got bored. Her parents should have been back thirty minutes ago. She decided to make herself some tea but, because she wasn't a very good cook, she just had biscuits and fruit.

By this time, her parents were an hour late. Jennifer was getting worried, so she tried the phone but there was no answer from any of the numbers she tried. She thought about going round to the neighbours' houses but she realized she hadn't met any of them yet and remembered what she'd been taught about strangers.

At half past nine she went to bed. The house felt creepy

and outside the security light went on. She peered out but there was nothing there. She drew the curtains again and rested her head back onto the pillow. A couple of hours went by and Jennifer began to cry. She wondered where her parents were. The hours seemed to drag on for longer in the dark.

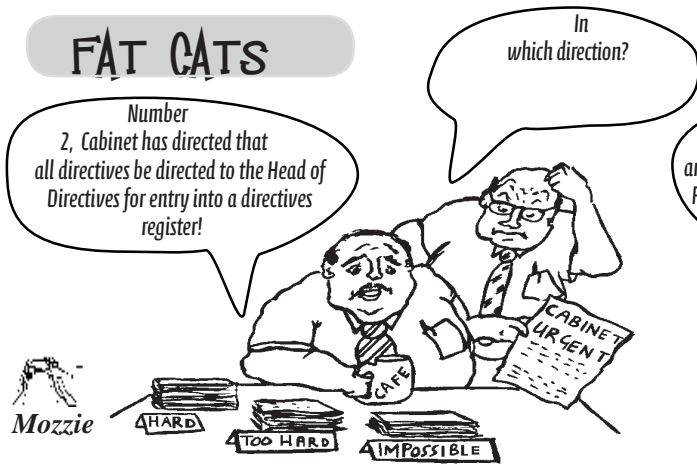
She must have fallen asleep because she was woken by a loud banging noise coming from downstairs. She looked at her alarm clock – 3:02 a.m. By now she was really scared, but yet she couldn't resist going to see what it was. Jennifer quietly crept out of her bedroom. As she stepped down the stairs, they creaked. She cursed herself. Then the banging noise stopped. Jennifer crept into

the living room. There was nobody there. The empty house was silent.

To try and fill the house with noise, Jennifer picked up the remote and switched on the T.V. All she saw on the screen was a picture of her house. She could see herself standing in the living room, watching the T.V. Jennifer tried to change the channel but everyone was showing the same picture of her house. She changed it one more time and this time she swore that there was something different about the picture. Then she realized. She could still see herself on the screen, but behind the image of the girl was a man.

Jennifer turned around. The lights went out and she screamed.

**FAT CATS**



**COCONUT ROUNDTABLE**



The infamous Pothole family has returned to the Rock for another holiday and locals are upset! The Pothole clan has even visited the Lawn Bowls Club in Moss Road much to the dismay of locals who have been in for a bumpy ride! And locals better watch their way along the main road through Tupapa as the Pothole clan line the road there! Watching and waiting.



Hard to believe both political parties had members who didn't vote for their own candidate. Heather MP voted with a photo shoot for the media but residents say he might have a house in the constituency but doesn't actually live there. All those living there on his payroll got the very clear message to vote for Kaota, giving him another vote for in caucus when he challenges Henry for the leadership of the CIP. A few CIP restrained from voting because their candidate wasn't a real CIP. Former Minister of Finance Tapi Taio now a resident in the constituency along with most of his family didn't vote at all leaving on wondering if the rumor he wants to stand as the Demo candidate next time around. A loss to Beer will make it easier for him to get the nomination.



Celebrations in Happy Valley lasted till the break of dawn on Monday resulting in a few unsteady at the wheel as they drove home. One

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unlucky young motor scooter rider was unfortunate to get knocked off his perch on the back road in Nikao. The young fella needed hospital treatment and to the amazement of observers the Police let the unsteady intoxicated looking driver continue driving home without carrying out a breathalyzer test. Then others weren't that amazed at all, he was a former Minister of Police.



Bet all the money in the Demo Party bank account self confessed wonder boy Drolly won't be claiming responsibility and ownership of the Demo loss in Murienua. Then again he was crowing his lack of master mind control would be at the detriment of a possible victory for Beer.



Question arising following the recent passing of an old ager on the Kiwi pension. Will the tax man relentlessly pursue the deceased's estate for payment of the 4 grand or so? And another question, if Kiwi PM John Key has said NZ will tax the pensioners if the Cookie Tax man does

not, why has it taken the Kiwis more than 10 years to point this out? It re-affirms that PM Key probably said no such thing and it's another excuse for the government fast running out of cash, to get more blood out of the stone!



Oh dear chooks! The widely vaunted tri-nation funded water project has come unstuck at the final hurdle! The last link up with the customers! Some customers piping systems can't handle the increased water pressure! The result is leakages! The word from the masterminds at the Ministry is that it is an unforeseen hiccup which those homeowners affected will have to foot the bill to fix!! That is balderdash chooks! The project head honcho also headed up the water division for many years! Had the men from the Ministry sat down and intelligently considered policy issues right at the very start of the project, this issue would have been identified and after adequate public discussion, a policy developed to deal with it! Once again an ill prepared public service has failed its

clients-the tax payers!



Chook observes how Usain Bolt like the grumpy ex-pats fly out of the closet when a small TV station running on the whiff of a bony maroro can't deliver All Black hoochee coochee! Having fanciful expectations of a small developing island like Raro with only 6,000 adults to have a first world quality TV station with all the bells and whistles like in Kiwiland with nearly 4 million population, reveals some grumpy ex-pats to be no better than a bunch of wet dreamers! Who do they think is going to foot the massive satellite fee let alone the high cost of supply from the overseas company holding the rights to the games? They expect some other hard working locals to fork out just so they can experience a footballing organism! In case the ex-pat brigade hasn't noticed, the majority of the people in this country get slack all wages and are victimized by being forced to struggle to pay obscenely astronomical interest rates imposed at the whim of an overseas banking vampire.

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# Asian and Pacific Countries Adopt Ground-Breaking Agenda on Population, Development and Rights

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and the Pacific (ESCAP) organized the Conference in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

At the closing, Noeleen Heyzer, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ESCAP, commended governments for their forward-looking agreement: "The Declaration is a new milestone and a blueprint for continued Asia-Pacific leadership, on issues of population in the next phase of development, with sustainability at its core, benefitting both our people and our planet."

"Addressing one of the most important parts of our unfinished business, it affirms the importance of non-discrimination, of ending violence against women and girls, and of universal sexual and reproductive health, services, and rights. It affirms the importance of national laws and policies which respect and protect the reproductive rights of every person, and enable all people to exercise them without discrimination on any grounds."

The Declaration reasserts key principles of the ICPD Programme of Action, stressing States' responsibility to protect human rights for all without distinction and to address the root causes of poverty. It calls for universal and equitable access to sexual and reproductive health services, to further reduce maternal deaths, ensure access to family planning and prevent the spread of HIV.

There is a strong emphasis on promoting gender equality, including calls to end violence against women and girls and early and forced marriage.

Reflecting the findings of a survey on countries' implementation of the Programme of Action, the agreement also highlights

actions essential to further progress. A central focus is on the rights of young people and their needs, including comprehensive sexuality education, access to contraception including for the unmarried, education and employment opportunities.

The Asia-Pacific's changing demographics are addressed with recommendations on countries' need for rights-based policies that effectively respond to population ageing, urbanization and migration. In the region with the most rapid pace of population ageing worldwide, the Declaration calls for strengthening health and social protection systems that address the vulnerability to poverty and social isolation of older persons.

Governments adopted the Declaration by an overwhelming 38-3 vote with one abstention.

Some governments (including Iran and Russia) recorded reservations on references in the agreement to "sexual rights" and "sexual orientation and gender identity."

Remarking on the Conference, UNFPA Deputy Executive Director Kate Gilmore said, "This meeting has once again affirmed the ICPD consensus as a document for our time, pointing the way to the future we want: one in which human rights are upheld for all of us, with the exception of none of us."

In making a statement on behalf of the Pacific nations, Minister Nandi Glassie spoke of the commitment to reshape the ICPD beyond 2014. He said the ICPD review process by 12 Pacific nations identified that significant progress had been made but there was still much which needed to be done. The Minister referred to the key elements

for attention including ensuring access to sexual and reproductive health rights and services without discrimination on the basis of gender, religion, sexual orientation, etc. He mentioned the cross cutting effects of climate change, environmental change and globalization on internal and external migration and living standards. He mentioned the need to increase young people's participation in all levels of politics. He spoke of the high levels of all forms of violence against young girls and women and spoke of the need for an integrated response to gender based violence across all services. The Minister also touched on the need to establish mental health services, the commitment to address HIV/AIDS and the economic risks of NCDs which had a significant impact on Pacific nations.

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## Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor,  
I would like to express my concern and amazement with the Avana Fishing Club and Governments plans relating to the donation of funds from Japan for the harbour facilities in Avana. My mother, is one of the landowners on the neighbouring land, Matoteare & Areporia which is directly adjacent to the land called Te Tuingara. My mother also holds a lease on Matoteare & Areporia since 1974.

This land is also known to the public as Vaka Village and in 1990 parts of this land was reclaimed by Government as the location for the 1994 Festival of Arts. The use of this leased land for the 1994 Festival of Arts was given by my mother on the condition that

the reclamation of part of this land was not to be a burden nor a cost to my mother who was the leaseholder and also one of the tribal landowners.

My point, Mr Editor is that, since the 1994 Festival of Arts access to Te Tuingara where the Avana Fishing Club, Mooring Cafe, Mokos Fishing etc is located has been via my mother's lease land. In other words there is no legal public access to Te Tuingara except on the Avarua side of what used to be John Abbotts homes near the Ngatangia CICC Church.

My mother has been very patient and has expressed to us her children her "Maori Aroa" and to leave the access to Te Tuingara via her leased land in the meantime and for the Ngatangia people to access the area for swimming,

Kai moana etc.

In light of recent events, with the Avana Fishing Club plans with their Japan funding, the Mooring Cafe owners outright disrespect for my mother and the lack of consultation from outsiders with the whole of the tribal landowners of Matoteare & Areporia, it is now becoming very difficult for us as the children of the leaseholder and landowner to have the "Maori Aroa". My mother is well within her legal rights as a leaseholder and tribal landowner to block the road that is currently being used by the Avana Fishing Club, the Mooring Cafe, Moko's fishing etc to access Te Tuingara.

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For enquiries contact:

Elena Mataora Property Officer Phone (682) 29391

Email [elena.mataora@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:elena.mataora@cookislands.gov.ck)

Tenders close 3.00pm Wednesday, 2 October 2013.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**“APII TE UKI OU RAFFLE RESULTS**

Drawn Friday 20th Sept at 6.30PM at Apii Te Uki Ou under Police supervision.

Prize	Ticket	Name	Phone
1st \$7,500	0214	Marino	23333
2nd \$2,500	2587	Josanna Okirua	74647
3rd \$1,000	0480	Pat	20108
4th \$500	0181	Rob Young	26025
5th \$500	0158	Brett Hooker	28030
6th \$200	2049	Teresa	51687
7th \$200	2427	Aunty Kathy	21802
8th \$200	1391	Roimata	21066
9th \$200	2033	Phillip Roi	57938
10th \$200	2200	Vero Papatua	29410
11th \$100	2065	Zema	56102
12th \$100	2034	Mama K	57938
13th \$100	0651	3JD	
14th \$100	1358	Iona Taiki	57556
15th \$100	0843	Nanai	
16th \$100	0975	Kau Henry (Atiu)	50512
17th \$100	2529	Puna Kamana	77315
18th \$100	1213	Teiotini Luke	51557
19th \$100	0906	Eddie	
20th \$100	1544	Benjamin Tuteru	20630

Congratulations to all the winners. Please contact Tracey on 54665/23509 to collect your prizes on presentation of your winning tickets.

We also like to extend our thanks and gratefulness to the school community, friends, tourists and supporters who purchased the raffle tickets in support of the school fundraising raffle. May God Bless you all.

Meitaki Maata  
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