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China offers Pacific Nations US\$1 Billion

One billion US dollars in soft loans will be made available to Pacific Islands' countries by the People's Republic of China in a fresh round of development assistance to the Region.

The announcement came during the opening of the 2nd China-Pacific Islands Forum on Economic Development and Cooperation, which was held in Guangzhou last week and attended by Prime Minister Henry Puna and several Pacific Leaders, including Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Samoa, FSM, Vanuatu and Niue.

The Forum opening saw Pacific Leaders pledge their commitment to China and to strengthening their cooperative ties – as individual countries, and as a Region.

The Prime Minister reiterated the strong ties with China, which were formalised 16 years ago under the One China Policy. Since then, the Cook Islands has enjoyed many years of warm and cordial relations: characterized by an open and consultative dialogue and a constructive exchange of views.

Puna was pleased to say that both nations have a genuine interest in preserving and strengthening a relationship built on trust, friendship, and close cooperation.

Speaking on behalf of the People's Republic, Vice Premier Wang Yang announced that China would provide the one billion US dollars in concessionary loans to support the construction of major projects.

China will also provide 2000

scholarships to the Pacific over four years, help build schools, support Pacific exports to China, and encourage Chinese tourists to visit the Region.

On the previous day, the Prime Minister conducted a bilateral meeting with the Vice Premier, conveying gratitude for the assistance provided to the Cook Islands, in terms of the various building projects and the historic agreement Te Mato Vai – a trilateral arrangement with NZ as a third partner.

This discussion was followed by the signing of a cooperation agreement, securing approximately NZ\$4 million in grant funds for the Cook Islands.

During the three day visit to China, the Prime Minister delivered three key speeches,



participating in the Opening Ceremony, a Ministerial Forum, and a Seminar on Trade and Investment.

KARERE KI TE ITI TANGATA KUKI AIRANI

Auraka tatou e akatika kia tutaki te iti tangata i te vai a teia tuatau ki mua

*Na William Heather Jnr (Smiley).
Tauturu Arataki O TE Tua
Akatanoano e te Democratic
Party*

Kia Orana e te iti tangata Kuki Airani katoatoa. Mei te au tavini o te Atua i roto i te au akanoanga tuketuke, te Ui Ariki, Ui Mataiapo, Ui Rangataira e te Aronga Mana o to tatou nei basileia, n ate Atua e tautura mia ia kotou katoatoa. Kia Orana te aronga angaanga o te Kavamani, to te private e te vai atura. Kia Orana ta tatou anau mapu e te unga ma te potiki. Kia Orana katoa e to tatou iti tangata i nga pae enua ki vao mai ia Rarotonga, kia kotou i te pae enua Tokerau e pera ki te tua Tonga. Kia tae katoa te aroa kia ratou i vao mai i te Kuki Airani, ki to tatou au kopu

tangata e te au taeake i Niu Tiren e pera enua Autereria e te vai atura.

I teia nga ra i topa ake nei kua akarakara ana taou i runga i te pia tutu TV e kua tatau tatou ki roto i te nutipepa e kua akarongo tatou i runga i te ratio, te akakiteanga tuatua a te Kavamani e ka tutaki to tatou iti tangata i Rarotonga nei i te vai i teia au tuatau e tu mai nei i mua. Te kite nei oki tatou e te akamata nei te Kavamani i te tamoumou i te au mita tare i te tereanga o te vai takapini ia Rarotonga e ki runga i to tera kainga e to tera ake ei tangata kainga. Te manamanata maata nei au e te arataki o te Democratic Party i te reira. Te manamanata katoa nei te au mema o te Demo i te

reira.

I teia ra kua kite au e te rave tetai au uipaanga no runga i te turanga o te vai i te pae moana Pasifika nei. Ea'a roa ia tu? Kua oti oki iaku i te tuatau e Minista ara au i te akanoho i tetai au plan kia ko ia te vai mei roto mai i te enua. Toku manako, ko te ravenga meitaki roa atu teia, no te mea tei Mauke te akaraanga. Kare e pou akaou te enua o Akatokamanava. Inara kua titiri ia teia plan e te Kavamani ou, e te arumaki nei ratou i te au plan moni rava atu. Aue tau e. No reira ka akakoromaki tatou e me tomo mai te Kavamani Demo ka akatano i teia au mea kia tau kit e turnaga o to tatou enua, e kia kore roa to tatou iti tangata e tutaki i te vai ta te Atua i oronga mai.



Government apathy causes yet another torched house

By Wilkie Rasmussen, Leader of the Opposition

Tragedy has again been inflicted on an unsuspecting family. While asleep and after mid-night someone set fire to their home in Titikaveka. It could have been fatal had the fire not detected earlier and the occupants of the house rushed outside. Irony isn't, safety and security should be inside one's own home but not so in this case. And also, not so for people in Rarotonga, now fearing that their homes could next. Several weeks ago, two schools were torched, costing around about \$1million. Not long ago, a bakery and a café were burned to the ground, cost estimated close to \$1 million. Now a private home. What will be next? Another school, a church, a community hall, another small business premises or a motel.

I note that there is now two rewards put up for information about the low-life doing all of these dreadful acts. The Government has put up \$10,000 and now Tower Insurance has put up another \$10,000. But rightly so for Tower, it stands to pay up millions in insurance if insured properties are torched to the ground. But why it took so long for such an obvious idea to be put to the public puzzles me. This is especially when the previous round of fires were clearly blamed on an arsonist. Remember the spate of fires in Nikao, one residential house after another. The Government of course was big on promises to solve the crime and catch the arsonist. For the Government it is a legal duty to act, to empower the relevant authorities to improve their crime-solving ability but it failed because of Government apathy.

Apathy, you may ask? Yes indeed, it means that the Government or the Prime Minister shows no interest in the havoc, danger and disruption to the life's of people who are now despondent about life. In fact it is the same apathy the Prime Minister has shown towards the plight of pensioners and of members of the public. It is the same apathy he shows to the rest of the outer islands with the exception of his constituency,

Manihiki. Tongareva for instance is way off the PM's radar, nothing, not even a hint of development there. Tongareva is always last on the list of projects. To be honest, I don't really care for such mistreatment; I am used to being dealt such harsh treatment by those in authority.

The Prime Minister has just come back from China and true to form he announces a grant of several million from the Government of The People's Republic of China. There is no doubt that deep at the back of his mind is the need for him to justify to the ever scathing Cook Islands public his incessant travel and absences from our country. I know that many people are saying so what? How about doing some work at home? How about doing something substantive to catch the arsonist?

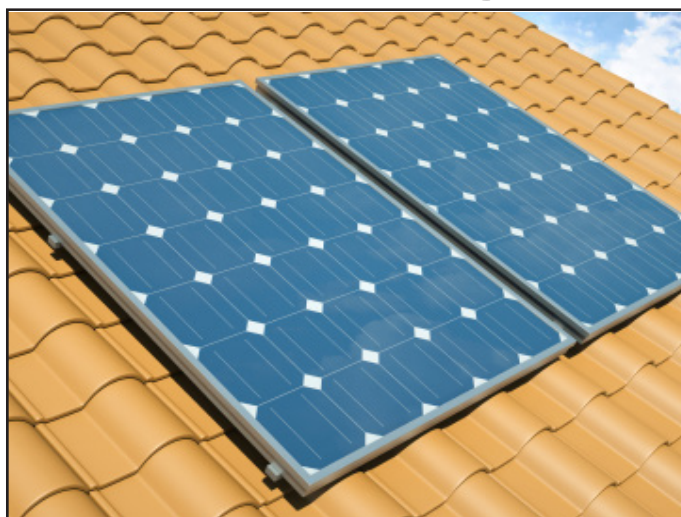
I understand the latest fire has compelled an emergency Cabinet meeting for approval of a recommendation for the establishment of an improved computer map technological gadget that could pinpoint the place where an emergency call was made from. It helps with quick identification of location so the Crash Fire people could get there much sooner. But Cabinet was told matter of fact by the Financial Secretary that there is no money – absolutely none. Well, could this have been budgetted for after the last spate of fires. Rarotonga is burning and yet the Government was dilly dallying today for what should have been matter of course last time round. Honestly this Government stinks. It is bankrupt of ideas and it is downright broke.

Many people are now asking the question; what must happen in order for Government to sit up and be smart about tackling the problem? Should someone die? Let's hope that it will not get to that point. But there are people who are now at breaking point? I have had discussion with members of the Turoa Bakery owning family who are going through hell at the moment. The arsonists have cut through their faith and love for one another and are making them claw their eyes out, literally. Sad, sad, sad. But who do you reach out to for help, certainly not the Government.



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On behalf of the Government and the people of the Cook Islands, please accept our deepest sympathies over the loss of lives and widespread devastation caused by the recent Typhoon Haiyan, in the Philippines.

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We join you in spiritual encouragement and extend these prayers to the Government of Philippines in your efforts during the difficult days that lie ahead.

Please accept Mr President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Puna'.

Hon. Henry Puna
PRIME MINISTER

PM to lead RE team North

The Prime Minister will be in Manihiki this week spearheading the final planning stages of the Northern Group renewable energy projects. This particular phase of the solar power projects will involve the settlement of the site negotiations and technical requirements for the establishment of a PV power installation on the island.

"We are at an important stage of our renewable energy programme and I am confident of making good progress despite some setbacks experienced earlier this year in terms of the processes we have been required to undertake," the Prime Minister said.

"The delays mean we now have a revised roll-out timeframe for the solar projects in the North by September next year. So the team has a great deal of work ahead."

Included in the team heading to Manihiki is a representative from the Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT) – the Australian company engaged in the design of the power systems in the Northern Group islands, as well as a land surveyor.

New Project Manager for RE roll-out

A Project Manager from New Zealand has been appointed to oversee the implementation of solar power projects on six Northern Group islands and a

1 MW installation at Rarotonga International Airport.

Under a revised RE programme and schedule with the help of the Government of New Zealand, Beca International Ltd. will manage the projects, in conjunction with the Renewable Energy Development Division of the Prime Minister's Office.

Beca won the job as Project Manager ahead of a number of competitive local bids. The Auckland-based company has considerable expertise and is involved in RE projects in the Cook Islands as well as Tuvalu.

The re-structured programme for the implementation of RE projects in the North is the result of a high level intervention following a disappointing start

with utilisation of the Pacific Environment Community (PEC) Fund facility.

The PEC Fund was established by the Government of Japan and is managed for the Pacific Islands countries out of the Forum Secretariat in Fiji.

Two tender processes were undertaken earlier this year to access the PEC Fund for solar power systems in Pukapuka, Nassau and Rakahanga but both proved unsuccessful. Procurement rules restrict the tender to Japanese companies but high costs and technical incompatibility did not attract sufficient and adequate bids.

Discussions between the Prime Minister and NZ Foreign Minister Murray McCully have now allowed for agreed target dates

for the six Northern Group islands and the 1MW PV installation on Rarotonga by September 2014.

Both Governments agreed that the NZ-funded projects will be governed by a joint Project Steering Group (PSG) and managed by an external Project Manager.

Expressions of interest by contractors to undertake the projects closed at the end of October, and four international firms were shortlisted with the approval of the PSG. The contract is expected to be awarded before Christmas.

A representative from the Forum Secretariat is in Rarotonga this week to assist Government in the formalities of re-accessing the PEC Fund for RE development.

Reward for information on fires receives a boost

On Monday morning, Tower Insurance (Cook Islands) Limited announced that it would like to offer its support to the business community, local authority services and residence unified together in aid of the apprehension of the person or persons responsible for the recent fires in Rarotonga.

Company management said Tower would also like to extend its sincere appreciation to all those affected by the fires for their efforts, cooperation and continued patience as this important process is worked through.

Tower Insurance (Cook Islands) Limited is offering a \$10,000 reward for material information or evidence, which leads to the identification and conviction of any person or persons responsible for the fires at Avatea School, Nukutere College and Turoa Bakery. The Manager of Tower Insurance (Cook Islands) Limited in consultation with the Commissioner of Police, will determine the amount of the reward and will, if necessary, apportion payment where there is more than one claimant.

All information in relation to these fires will be kept private and confidential and can be given to the Cook Islands Police by contacting the department on phone numbers 21177 or 22499 or contact Crime Stoppers on 22200.

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Our Frontpage model Who will control and manage our water treatment and supply?



Our frontpage girl this week is Julia Evans , proud wife of John and proud full time mother of Orlan. Check out our website www.ciherald.co.ck. and facebook page: www.facebook.com/ciherald

By Charles Pitt

One of the most important questions the public should be asking government, is; once the water project is completed, who will manage and control the treatment, supply and maintenance of our water services(known as Demand Management)?

Given that charges will be introduced for treatment, supply and maintenance and the employment of those with the expertise needed to sustain these services, will government contract this work out or have MOIP beefed up to perform these functions? Establishing a new SOE (State Owned Enterprise) under CIIC, may be too costly.

It is possible government may consider contracting these services out with MOIP taking oversight for those major functions too costly for the consumer/user to pay for. Just how the various responsibilities would be divided up remains to be seen.

If responsibility for maintaining the water services is contracted out, the question is; could an overseas utility company get the contract? How would they set the charges?

It is even possible government may consider "privatizing" the service or selling off some shares as it did with Telecom.

The debate over the possibility of private or overseas control over the treatment, supply and maintenance of our water systems is likely to be lively and far reaching.

Interestingly, back in 2007/2008, the Asia Development Bank funded a technical assistance project which looked into and reported on the matter of our infrastructure.

The findings in relation to water issues, still persist today. These are unresolved issues concerning user pays, who administers "Demand Management," government's role, the lack of policy frameworks, cross sectorial issues, land ownership and management policy issues and costs.

In 2008, the ADB estimated it would cost \$47.3 million to upgrade the water system. The scale of the upgrade was not what is being proposed today where the work will cost \$60 million.

Over the next few weeks, the Herald will report on the ADB findings and costings so the public can gain some insight into the magnitude and complexity of the issues that have to be dealt with in relation to upgrading the water system on Rarotonga.



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Solar Power technical training Course certificates presented



By Charles Pitt

On Friday afternoon at the Parekura Conference Centre next to CITV, 21 course participants were awarded their completion certificates. Twelve were on hand to pick up their certificates.

The training course was conducted in two parts by SMA Australia Pty Ltd in partnership with local consultants, MV Consulting Firm.

Terekino (Tino)Vaireka of MV Consulting presented the certificates along with Mr Roger de Bray the Energy Commissioner from REDD at the OPM.

In his address, Tino said, "Today's event marks that recognition of your attendance and active participation.

I believe that this was the first time such training been offered or delivered by SMA to the Cook

Islands. Yes, you are the first graduates. "Congratulations once more."

Where to from here? We can anticipate for more advanced training being offered in the near future.

This initiative was a collaboration between MV Consulting Firm and SMA Australia Pty to offer capacity building and knowledge transfer to both the general public as well as to technical personnel in Government ministries and Private sector organisations.

A significant step forward has been offered as we strategically arm you all with the appropriate tools, skills and knowledge to contribute to achieving Government's renewable energy target of 50% by the year 2015 and 100% by the year 2020.

Lastly, there's an old saying,

"Some may say that; rugby league is the best sport, or golf is the best sport, or soccer is the best sport, well I can say that education is the best sport. We wish all you participants well."

Roger de Bray then spoke of the importance of building and strengthening capacity to ensure more of the work will be done by Cook Islanders.

The first training workshop was conducted in January by Mr. Wilhelm van Butselaar, Manager for Off-Grid/Power Plant Solutions of SMA Australia Pty Ltd. This training featured two (2) training session comprising "Introduction to Solar PV system" as well as for technical participants on Energy solutions Residential & Industrial applications. During this training, there was high interest from the general public as well as those

from both the Government ministries & Private sectors.

The second part of this training session was attended by Engineers, technicians, electricians & solar installers from REDD, Telecom Cook Islands, Andersons, MOIP, Solar Bob, Airport Authority, Brisky Services, Prime Solutions, Meteorological Services & members from the Cook Islands Electrical Workers Association.

SMA Australia Pty Ltd, a German-based company is a global leader in the development, production and sales of PV inverters and, as an energy management group, offers innovative key technologies for future power supply structures. SMA is represented in all important photovoltaic markets in 21 countries including Australia.

Kia Orana and welcome to the first edition of Te Mato Vai news. Te Mato Vai news will keep you regularly updated on the state of play for this important project.

Copies will be available in the newspapers, at the Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management, the project management office, and you will also find it on our interim website – www.watsan.gov.ck

WHAT IS TE MATO VAI?

Te Mato Vai is the name given to one of the largest infrastructure projects in the history of the Cook Islands, a Cook Islands water partnership with the People's Republic of China and the Government of New Zealand.

The goal of this unique and innovative partnership is to reliably deliver healthy potable (drinking) water to the boundary of all buildings connected to the existing water network in Rarotonga by 2015/16. As with all public fund expenditure, this must be done in an affordable and efficient manner.

WHAT WILL TE MATO VAI DO?

The Te Mato Vai project is an investment in the health of all of our people and our visitors. The biggest single benefit of this project is a healthy water supply, it will improve the health of our children (our future), our elderly (our treasures), our entrepreneurs (especially tourism businesses) in fact, all of us.

Te Mato Vai will involve the refurbishing of 12 existing water intakes, the creation of additional storage capacity, construction of treatment plants - where appropriate - and replacement of all trunk mains, ring mains and local distribution; to the boundaries of all properties served



TE MATO VAI

*The Cook Islands Water Partnership with the
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by the current network. We are not talking about a new system; it is about overhauling and improving the current one.

It is estimated that up to 70% of our current water supply is lost through pipe leakages because of it being over 40 years old.

Te Mato Vai will replace Rarotonga's aging water network, improve storage and introduce treatment so drinking water meets international health standards by 2015/16. Te Mato Vai makes good on the government's promise to deliver healthy drinking water to the people of Rarotonga.

Te Mato Vai will improve the health of Cook Islanders, safeguard the economic benefits tourism delivers, and also encourage development.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WATER WE ALREADY GET?

Quite often the quality and reliability of the Rarotonga water supply is variable due largely to the age and condition of the existing water system. Some parts of the system are over 40 years old and required refurbishing quite a while ago.

The current water supply does not serve our needs, it is porous, up to forty per cent (and even as much as 70 per cent in some places) of the water is lost along the way from the intake to the final consumer.

In terms of demand, commercial use has increased significantly, there is little incentive to conserve water and we are also experiencing changing rainfall patterns contributing to a variable supply.

Many people currently prefer to buy treated bottled water or use community filtered water stations for their day-to-day drinking water needs.

A survey undertaken by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) identified an overhaul of our water supply and improving quality was long overdue. Results of the survey published in April 2009 indicated that 97 per cent of all households said the water was brown or dirty after heavy rain. Comments include:

- We have to buy a new filter after heavy rain;
- The water is dirty, unfit to drink and not suitable to wash clothes and dishes; and
- During rainy days our water is black like dark chocolate, it's dirty and smelly.

The same survey also showed that nearly 80 per cent of households do not drink water straight from the tap because of the quality and they think it's unsafe to drink. They said:

- We don't want to get sick;
- We don't trust the quality;
- Our water intake is not clean;
- We get sick if we drink water from the tap; and
- We were told by our doctor not to drink the water.

Te Mato Vai will provide a reliable

Te Mato Vai, a water partnership delivering healthy water for all

supply of safe drinking water to all consumers in Rarotonga. The provision of quality water to everyone in the community is a human right and a key public health issue. Healthy people are productive people and healthy children are happier and learn better at school.

By improving our intakes and increasing our storage, Te Mato Vai will also protect Rarotonga from the likely future impacts of less reliable rainfall and more frequent dry spells due to climate change. Intakes are currently mostly in the stream bed and collect much debris with the water. New intakes will all be outside stream beds, facilitating filtration and reducing impact on the natural stream beds.

HOW MUCH IS TE MATO VAI GOING TO COST?

The final costs will be confirmed once the master plan is approved. The master plan is currently out for consultation and is expected to be approved in early 2014.

Consultation meetings will be publicised in the coming weeks.

WHO IS PAYING?

The New Zealand Government will provide \$15 million in grant funding. The Cook Islands Government has borrowed the equivalent of NZ \$23.5 million from China at two per cent over 20 years to finance the ring main.

The remaining funds will come from the Cook Islands Government; including funds from the ADB's Economic Recovery Support Programme, (a general budget support loan), some of which has already been used to rebuild part of the water network.

WILL I BE PAYING FOR WATER?

Supplying safe, reliable and affordable water for our people is the

overarching goal of this water partnership. This comes at a cost.

Currently there is no charge for the public water supply in the Cook Islands.

The possibility of charging for water that meets international quality and health standards and is reliably delivered, is being considered by the Cook Islands Government.

An option likely to be implemented is one where a 'free amount of water' is determined, and a 'user pays' system is applied to domestic, small business and large commercial operations once the 'free' amount has been used.

In addition to providing funds for new employment created to operate and maintain a treated water system, a cost places a strong incentive on consumers to conserve this valuable resource.

WHO IS GOING TO DO THE WORK?

Recognising the scale of this project, the three governments identified the need to have a professional engineering/project management body oversee the construction process, and at the end, handover an asset that will serve the community well.

AECOM, a global engineering company is developing the master plan for the Cook Islands Government. This will set the overall water system concept for Rarotonga including design scope, standards for contractors, the level and type of water treatment and revise the total estimated project cost. The master planners started in May 2013 and have reviewed the detailed engineering designs for the ring main as a priority. The draft will be made available for public consultation over the coming months. During this time, recently installed meters will also be record-

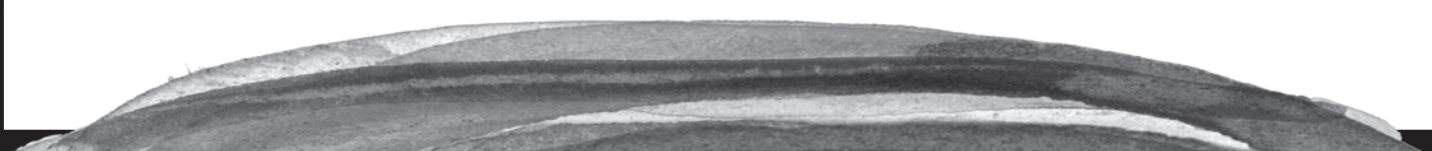
ing data to check key assumptions about water flow and rainfall rates used by the master planners. The master plan is due to be finalised in early 2014 and will inform final designs for treatment and intakes.

Kupa Engineering and Water Consulting Limited (KEW) was recently (26 September 2013) awarded a contract following a robust and thorough procurement process that began with a Request for Proposal in April and included due diligence on their capacity to successfully deliver this project. No Cook Islands firms bid for this work, however, there are Cook Islanders working for KEW as there will be for the Chinese Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC), which will replace the remaining ring mains from January 2014, KEW is currently working through the registration process with BTIB as any overseas company is required to do.

KEW will form the Project Management Unit which will oversee the daily operations of upgrading the water supply network. The Chinese Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) has been chosen by the Government of the Peoples Republic of China to rebuild the ring mains, outside of what has already been done under the auspices of Project City.

About forty Chinese employees of CCECC, which is an internationally recognised construction company, are expected to arrive in early January. They will be highly skilled, many of them engineers. CCECC will be hiring local people and businesses to complement their workers.

The construction of the treatment plants and intakes will be tendered by the Cook Islands government using national systems. Local contractors will be able to bid for this work.





The Cook Islands government will own and establish a water provider and fund the organisational development program necessary to ensure that staff are equipped to operate the new system to the standard required by the end of the construction and transition period.

WHAT'S ALREADY BEEN DONE?

Preliminary designs have been done and government took the prudent measure to undertake work on a master plan for the entire network. This master plan has recently been drafted by AE-COM, a reputable multinational engineering consultancy firm with a base in New Zealand. This master plan provides much needed detail to enable KEW to start consulting and engaging widely on a range of issues, including land access, disruptions, environmental impact, water treatment options and local business and employment opportunities. A copy of the most recent draft can be found on www.watsan.gov.ck

WHAT ARE THE LINES OF REPORTING FOR TE MATO VAI?

The Te Mato Vai project was announced at the Pacific Islands Forum hosted here in August 2012. Cabinet has endorsed the overall structure for the governance of the project. This involves the project Governance Group, a Project Steering Group, a Stakeholders Group. The project management group (KEW) report to the project steering group.

The Governance Group comprises:

- The Deputy Secretary of New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade – Mr Craig Hawke
- The Economic and Commercial Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Wellington – Mr Zhang Fan; and
- The Cook Islands Financial Secretary – Richard Neves

The Project Steering Group comprises representatives from:

- China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation
- Cook Islands Investment Corporation
- Ministry of Finance and Economic Management
- Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning
- New Zealand High Commission

The Stakeholders Group is open to new members with a significant interest and representing key constituencies, it currently comprises representatives of:

- Koutu Nui
- Cook Islands Chamber of Commerce
- Cook Islands Council of Women
- Cook Islands Tourism Council
- Members of Parliament representing Rarotonga constituencies

- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Internal Affairs
- National Environment Service
- Office of the Prime Minister
- Ports Authority
- Te Aponga Uira
- Te Ipukarea Society
- Telecom Cook Islands

The KEW project management group will largely be the public face of Te Mato Vai.

You will find a brief introduction to the team at the end of this document.

WHAT NEXT?

The Government's primary goal is to ensure that the parameters underlying this project are robust and transparent, so that when it consults with the community it does so from an informed and detailed position. There are aspects of the project which still need community input, and one aspect is to what degree the water should be treated. This will be one of the issues KEW will be seeking your input on. Over the coming weeks and months public consultation meetings will be held around Rarotonga and you are encouraged to attend, to ask questions and provide your views.

In the interim, if you have any queries, please contact a member of the KEW team on ph 28 851 or email: info@kew.com.ws

Kia Orana. Ko teia te tuanga nuti mua o Te Mato Vai e ka tuku'na atu na roto i nga nuti peapa e rua ite au marama ravarai.

Ka rauka katoa tetai kopi ki ko ite Minitiri ote Pae Angaanga ete Paranianga, te Minitiri ote Tuanga ote Moni ete Akaaere Puapinga, te opati akaaere i teia tuanga mekore ki runga ite website www.watsan.gov.ck

EAA TE MATO VAI?

Kote Mato Vai te ingoa i topa ia note akakoroanga maata rava atu ka rave ia kite Kuki Airani nei i rotopu ite Kuki Airani rai, Tinito e Nu Tireni note akameitaki atu ite turanga ote vai.

Kote akakoroanga maata o teia taokotaiana angaanga koia kia rauka te akatae ite vai-inu ma kite au ngai ete au ngutuare i Rarotonga nei ite mataiti 2015/16. Mei tei matau ia note au akapouanga moni ate katoatoa, kia rave ia teia mate mama ua ete tu papu.

EAA TA TE MATO VAI KA RAVE?

Ko Te Mato Vai e akakoroanga teia ei akameitaki atu ite oraanga o to tatou iti-tangata e kote puapinga maata rava atu te ka rauka mai koia, kote vai ma, ei meitaki ote oraanga o ta tatou au tamariki (te uki note au tuatau ki mua), to tatou au metua pakari (to tatou taonga), to tatou au tangata akatupu puapinga, (pera tikai to roto ite tuanga ote turoto) e no tatou katoatoa.

Na Te Mato Vai e akaou ite au pia-vai e 12 e vai nei, te akatupu i tetai akaou mai au ngai vairanga vai, te akatu i tetai au tuanga note tama mekore tavai-rakau ite vai – me ka anoano ia – ete mono ite au paipa mamaata i runga ite mataara taka-



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Te au tuatua akapapu ete au Nuti

poni ite enua, te akataeanga ite vai kite au ngutuare tei runga takere i teia au paipa. Kare matou e tuatua atu nei e kia akaou takiri ia te tuanga ote vai, inara kote akakoroanga maata e akameitaki atu ite turanga e vai nei.

Na Te Mato Vai e mono ite au paipa vai taito i Rarotonga nei, aka maata atu ite vairanga-vai ete akamata ite au ngai tama vai kia rauka te turanga vai ma kia tau ki to teiane i ao ite mataiti 2015/16. Ta Te Mato Vai teia ka rave ei akatupu ite taputou ate kavamani kia rauka te vai ma note oraanga note iti-tangata o Rarotonga nei.

Ka rauka i reira ite Te Mato Vai ite aka-meitaki atu ite oraanga ote iti-tangata Kuki Airani, paruru ite kimi puapinga e rauka mai ana na roto ite pae ote turoto, ete akamaroiroi rai ite akatupu kimi puapinga.

EAA TE MANAMANATA OTE VAI E RAUKA NEI IA TATOU I TEIANEI?

Kote turanga ete raukaanga mai ote vai i Rarotonga nei i teia tuatau, e tuketuke note takere ote au paipa e mei tetai 4 ngauru patene mekore ka taena rai kite 70% e ruti ana note taetae ana ki vao mei runga mai ite pia-vai kite au ngutuare. Tapiri atu kua maata atu i teiane i te taangaanga ate au pitiniti ite vai, te paruparu ote tangata ite taporoporo ite vai ete tauiaanga ote tuatau uaua e akatupu nei i teia au tuke.

I teiane i maata te au tangata e irinaki ana kite vai moina i tama ia no roto mai ite au toa ete au ngai akakianga vai i roto ite oire

Kua rave ia ana tetai kimikimianga nate Pangika Akapuapinga o Atia (ADB) e kua kite ia mai e ka anoano ia rai tetai akameitaki atu anga ite turanga ote vai e kua roa te tuatau ite vai ua anga.

- Ka anoano ia kia oko ia mai tetai tuanga tamaanga i muri ake ite uaanga pakari;
- E repo te vai, kare e meitaki note inu e kare katoa e tano note tama kapu ete pua kakau;
- Ite au ra uaua e vari te vai meite tiakoreti, e repo ete aunga kino.

Kua kite katoa ia mai i roto ite kimikimianga e waitata atu kite 80% ote au ngutuare kare e inu ana ite vai no roto mai tikai ite paipa note turanga e kua irinaki ratou e kare e meitaki ite inu. Kua akaranga ratou e:

- Kare matou e inangaro kia maki ia matou;
- Kare matou e irinaki ana ite turanga;
- Kare te au pia-vai e ma ana;

Te Mato Vai, e taokotaiana angaanga kapiti kia rauka te vai ma note katoatoa

- Ka maki ia matou me inu ite vai paipa;
- Na to matou au taote i akaranga mai auraka kia inu ite vai.

Na Te Mato Vai i reira e rauka mai ei te vai ma note inu kite katoatoa i Rarotonga nei. Kia rauka ite katoatoa te vai meitaki ete ma e tuanga tiikaanga ete maata teia note oraanga meitaki note katoatoa. Me meitaki te oraanga ka matutu katoa te kopapa e me e oraanga meitaki tote tamariki ka mama ua te apiiaanga.

Me akameitaki ia atu te au pia-vai ete akamaata atu ite vairanga-vai, ka rauka i Te Mato Vai ite paruru kia vai papa ua mekore e rava te tuatau ua mekore ka putuputu te maro note tauiaanga reva tikai. I te ianei kote maata anga ote au pia-vai tei roto ite kauvai e te maata nei te tita ite artu mai ite vai. Kote au pia-vai ou ka akatu ia ki vao ake ite kauvai, kia rauka te tamaanga mama ua e kia kore e tamanam-anata ite taeanga ote kauvai.

EAA TE MAATA OTE AKAPOUANGA MONI ATE TE MATO VAI?

Ka akapapu ia atu rai te akapouanga moni me akatika ia ana te Parani Maata. I te ianei te akarakara ia mai nei rai note Parani Maata e kua irinaki ia e ka ariki ia ite mua mataiti 2014.

NAAI E TUTAKI I TEIA MONI?

Nate Kavamani Nu Tireni e \$15 mirioni, moni oronga ua mai. Kua tarau mai i reira te Kavamani Kuki Airani e \$23.5 mirioni mei ko mai ite Kavamani Tinito te ka anoano ia kia tutaki e rua patene moni na runga ake mekore initireti i roto i tetai 20 mataiti ara atu note akapouanga moni note paipa mamaata.

Kote toenga ote moni nate Kava-

mani Kuki Airani rai, kapiti mai te moni mei roto mai ite Porokaramu Tauturu Akatupu Akaou ite Puapinga ate ADB, e tetai atu moni tarau takake, tei taangaanga takere ia note akameitaki mai ite tuanga ote vai.

KA TUTAKI AINEI AU ITE VAI?

Kia rauka mai te vai ma e ka irinaki ia e pera te rauka mama ua no to tatou iti-tangata kote mea maata rava atu ia i roto i teia angaanga kapitiana. E no te reira e au tutakianga rai tetai.

I te ianei, te uriuri mai nei te Kavamani Kuki Airani penei kia tiati ia te vai me rauka te turanga meitaki mei to te ianei ao ete mama ua ite rauka ite iti-tangata.

Ko tetai tamanakoanga kia akarakara ia koia “tetai tuanga vai kare e tutaki”, ete tuanga “tutaki rai me taangaanga” note au ngutuare, te au pitiniti rikiriki ete au kimi puapinga mamaata me pou ana te tuanga “kare e tutaki”.

Tapiri atu, kia rauka mai tetai moni note au angaanga ou ka rauka mai ei akaaere ete akono ite tuanga vai i tavai-rakau ia ka anoano ia rai tetai tutakianga nate katoatoa kia pakari mai ite taporoporo ite vai.

NAAI E RAVE ITE ANGAANGA?

Note maata o te turanga o teia akakoroanga kua kite ia mai e nga kavamani e toru e ka anoano ia tetai kopapa akaaere kite-marama ei akaaere ite au angaanga akatuanga, e ite pae openga, kia oronga katoa mai i tetai meitaki maata note iti-tangata.

Kote kamupani AECOM o te ianei ao te angaanga mai nei ki runga ite Parani Maata note kavamani Kuki Airani. Na teia e akaari mai ite katoanga ote turanga ote vai

no Rarotonga nei, te akanoonoo anga, te turanga nate au pupu rave angaanga, te maata ete tu ote tavai-rakau anga ite vai ete akara akaou ite akapouanga moni no teia akakoroanga. Kua akamata te au tangata parani ite angaanga i roto ia Me 2013 e kua oti te akarakara oonu akaou ite akanoonooanga ote tuanga maata koia kote au paipa mamaata takaponi ite enua. Kote akapapaanga mua ka akari ia atu kite katoatoa i teia au marama e tu mai nei. I te reira tuatau, kote au mita i tamaoumou ia na te reira e rekoti ite maata ote vai i tamana-ko ia e taangaanga ia nei e pera te putuputu ote ua e aru nei teia au tangata ote parani. Kua irinaki ia e ka oti mai te Parani Maata i roto i nga tuatau mua ote mataiti 2014 note akaari mai ite akanoonoo anga tavai-rakauanga ete au pia vai.

I roto ia Tepetema i teia mataiti rai kua oronga ia atu kite Kamupani Kupa Engineering ete Water Consulting Limited (KEW) te koromotu i muri ake i tetai Tamana-koanga Patipati i roto ia Aperira e kua kapiti ia mai te irinaki papu e ka rauka ia ratou ite rave ite angaanga. Kare e kamupani Kuki Airani i tuku atu i tetai tamanakoanga no te rave i teia angaanga, inara e au tangata Kuki Airani tetai e angaanga ana nate KEW e ka angaanga katoa nate kamupani Civil Engineering ete Construction (CCECC) o Tinito te ka rave ite maataanga ote au angaanga teiaa kopapa.

Nate Taokotaianga Akatu (CCECC) e rave ite monoanga ote au paipa mamaata akamata i roto ia Tianuare 2014.

I te ianei te rave ia mai nei te retitanga ate BTIB ite kamupani KEW mei te ka anoano ia tetai uatu kamupani no vao ake ite basileia kia rave.

Ka akatupu te KEW i te Tuanga Akaaere no teia Akakoroanga e na ratou e akatere i te akameitaki atu anga i te tuanga o te vai. Kote kamupani Civil Engineering Construction (CCECC) o Tinito tei i ki ia note akaou i te au paipa mamaata takaponi i te enua i runga i te mataara, takake mai i tei tamoumou takere ia e te Project City.

Mei tetai a-ngauru tangata angaanga no Tinito mai note CCECC, e kamupani teia e rongo tona i roto i teiane i ao note angaanga akatu, i irinaki ia e ka tae mai i roto i te mua marama ia Tianuare. E au tangata kite-marama teia, e te maata anga e au tangata akaaere angaanga matini. Ka i ki mai te CCECC i tetai au tangata angaanga no konei rai e pera katoa tetai au pitiniti ei tau-turu i tana au tangata angaanga.

Kote akatuanga i te au tuanga tama mekore tavai-rakauanga nate kavamani Kuki Airani e tarau ki vao na runga i te au tuanga i roto nei i te basileia. Ka tika ia te au tuanga akatuanga kia tuku atu i ta ratou tamanakoanga note rave i teia angaanga.

Nate kavamani Kuki Airani e akaaere e te akatupu i tetai tuanga e rauka mai ei te vai e te raukaanga mai te moni akaaere i te porokaramu ei akapapu e kote aronga angaanga ka rauka ia ratou te akatere papu i te tuanga ou o te vai kite turanga ka inangaro ia me oti te akatuanga e te tuatau e tau i ei.

EAA TEI OTI TAKERE I TE RAVE?

Kua oti takere te au parani aka-noo-nooanga e kua rauka i te kavamani i te rave i tetai au tuanga o tetai parani maata note tuanga katoatoa o te vai. Te akanoonoo meitaki mai nei te kamupani AECOM i teia parani maata i teiane. E kamupani rongonui tei i Nu Tireni no teia tu angaanga. Me oti i te akanoonoo ka

riro teia parani maata ei kaveinga note KEW i te akamata i ta ratou au tuanga meite kake ki runga i te enua, te au manamanata ka tupu mai, te tuanga o te taporoporo, tetai atu au ravenga note tamaanga i te vai e te au pitiniti pera kia rauka mai te angaanga nate i te tangata o konei.

EA ATE AU AKAAEREANGA NOTE RIPOTIANGA NO TE MATO VAI?

Kua akakite ia te akakoroanga no Te Mato Vai ki roto i te Uipaanga Pa Enua Pasifika i rave ia ki konei i roto ia Aukute 2012. Kua ariki te Ruru Minita i te akanoonooanga o te akatereanga o teia akakoroanga. Kua akatupu ia tetai Pupu Akatere, pupu akateretere i te au tuanga rikiriki, e tetai pupu e au tuanga ta ratou i roto i teia au tuanga. Kote pupu akaaere o te akakoroanga (KEW) kia ripoti ratou kite pupu akaaere i te au tuanga rikiriki

Kote Pupu o te Akaaere koia e au akaaere mamaata no roto mai i te au kavamani o te Kuki Airani, to Nu Tireni e te Basileia Ite-Tangata Tinito.

Kote Pupu Akaaere o te Akakoroanga e au mata no roto mai i te

- Kamupani Tinito Taokotaianga Engineering e te Construction
- Taokotaianga Inivetianga o te Kuki Airani
- Minitiri o te Tuanga o te Moni e te Akaaere Puapinga
- Minitiri o te Pae Angaanga e te Paranianga
- Te Komitioni o Nu Tireni

Te tuera atu nei note pupu o te au TuangaTiaki kite au mema ou e au tuanga maata ta ratou ei mata note au tuanga oire, e i teiane koia kote:

- Koutu Nui
- Chamber note Kimi Puapinga o te Kuki Airani

- Konitara i te vaine o te Kuki Airani
- Konitara o te Pae Turoto o te Kuki Airani
- Kote au Memamarama o te Rarotonga nei
- Minitiri o te Pae Tanutanu
- Minitiri o te Pae Apia
- Minitiri o te Pae Rapakau Maki
- Minitiri o te Tuanga Ropianga
- Tuanga o te Pae Taporoporo
- Opati o te Parai Minita
- Te Tuanga Akaaere i te Ava
- Te Aponga Uira
- Te Ipukarea Society
- Totaiate Te Ipukarea
- Telecom Kuki Airani

EA ATE KA TUHU A MURI AKE?

Kare e au apinga muna, kare e au akavareanga, e kare e au akakoroanga unaia. Kote akakoroanga maata o te Kavamani koia kote akapapu e kote au tuanga no teia kia ketaketa e kia maoraora ua, e me akamata ana i te uriuri kite i te tangata kia na roto i te marama pu ua e te oonu. Te vai nei tetai au tuanga o te akakoroanga te ka anoano ia te manako o te katoatoa, e ko tetai eaa te pakari me tama ia mekore tavai-rakau ia te vai. Ko teia tetai ta KEW ka inangaro kia tuku mai kotou i to kotou au manako. I teia au epetoma e te au marama e tu mai nei ka rave ia tetai au uipaanga nate katoatoa takaponi ia Rarotonga nei e te akamaroiro i te atu nei koe kia tae mai, note uiui manako e pera te oronga mai i toou uaorai manako.

No teiane me e au uiaanga taau, tuku atu na runga i te roro uira ki tetai mema o te KEW - info@kew.com.ws or phone 28 851.

INTRODUCING THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM



**PROJECT
MANAGER |
LATU KUPA**

Latu set up KEW Consult Ltd. in 2003, focussing on providing consultancy services in water and wastewater projects, after ten years of working as the Samoa Water Authority's first General Manager. Latu will draw on his extensive experience of managing pacific water and wastewater projects to provide overall management to the project. His project management role in the recent Samoa Sanitation and Drainage Project particularly highlights his in-depth knowledge and insight of managing water projects and issues associated with the installation of the system. Moreover, his ability to analyse design options and make solid technical recommendations has been demonstrated through his various project roles.

Latu currently heads the Pacific Water and Wastes Association Secretariat Office in Apia, which provides capacity building assistance and support to 24 Pacific Island Water and Wastewater Utilities including Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning. Latu gained a Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) from Canterbury University, NZ in 1989 and is currently a member of the Institute of Professional Engineers of Samoa and the Institute of Professional Engineers of NZ.

**DEPUTY PROJECT
MANAGER |
DARYL RAIRI**



Daryl has vast experience in managing infrastructure projects both here in Rarotonga and in the outer islands

from the initial phase of project proposal development, project implementation document preparation, and the preparation of tender documentations for the procurement of services in accordance with the Cook Islands (CI) Government Financial Policies and Procedures Manual. As a former Public Servant with over 17 years' experience working for the CI Government, Daryl has been involved with many infrastructure projects ranging for harbour construction works, water supply upgrade works and building construction works in the areas of design, preparing of schedule of quantities and supervision.

**PROJECT DIRECTOR AND
QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) REVIEW |
KISA KUPA**

Kisa is a professional in KEW's consultancy team and leads technical and client development aspects of KEW's water business in Samoa and recently NZ. She is a Town Planner by profession and is currently completing her Masters of Engineering Management at Auckland University (end of 2013). She has extensive experience in implementing community awareness projects and conducting monitoring and evaluation activities throughout the region. Her recent project was the Kiribati Adaptation Project II, engaging the whole community participation for the Kiribati Water project at South Tarawa. Kisa has also conducted Environmental Impact Assessments projects and very familiar with the climate changes fluctuation in the region. Together with Dr Martin O'Dell, she will be responsible for Quality Assurance review of the project.

**CONSTRUCTION ADVISOR | ALBERT
(MIKI) SCHMIDT**

Albert holds a New Zealand Certificate of Civil Engineering. His work experience is predominantly infrastructure design and supervision type work including roading and water supply schemes. He has also obtained relevant experience on water and wastewater, telecommunications with some experience in civil and geotechnical design. He is currently working in Samoa on a water project that will be completed in August 2013. The project involves the construction of two rapid filters and reticulated water systems at Vailele and Aleisa, Samoa.



**FINANCE
ADVISOR |
TA'ATELE
TOFILAU**

Ta'atele gained various certificates through the Samoa Chamber of Commerce vocational training on Financial Accounting and Project Management, Annual Accounting & Auditing, and Business Financial Sustainability.

Ta'atele was the Project Accountant for the Samoa Sanitation and Drainage Project under KEW Consult Ltd as the Project Management Unit. She has experience in preparation of project accounts for reporting and audit purposes to the Ministry of Finance in Samoa.

She has lived in NZ and has over 20 years' experience in Administration and Finance with the NZ Inland Revenue Department and is familiar with the NZ tax system. She is currently the Corporate Manager for KEW Consult (Samoa) Ltd and manages the administration and finance operation of the parent company.



**PROJECT
ADMINISTRATOR
| SARAH YING
DING**

Sarah joins the project team having recently gained her Post-graduate diploma in Commerce with Distinction from the University of Auckland.

Sarah has administrative experience in both multinational companies (e.g. Johnson & Johnson Medical China) and China State Owned Enterprises and spent four years working at HSBC as Project and Operation Development Manager in their global processing centre in Shanghai and as a Project Manager and Global Center relationship coordinator (working with other global centers in Sri Lanka, India and Hong Kong).

**LEGAL ADVISOR |
REBECCA PUNI**

Rebecca Puni (LLB, LLM Hons) is a New Zealand trained lawyer of Samoan and New Zealand Maori descent. She moved to Rarotonga in 2011 with her husband Dr Teariki Tupa Puni and their three children. Rebecca's areas of expertise include contracts, drafting and negotiations. She has extensive experience working with and for government ministries and public bodies. More recently, Rebecca was employed with Southpac Trust Limited as a legal counsel.



**COMMUNICATIONS ADVISOR |
JAEWYNN MCKAY**



Jaewynn McKay is the principal of Woven Pacific Communi-

cations a company she established earlier this year. A Cook Islander and resident here Jaewynn may be known to you as the overall logistics co-ordinator of the highly successful Pacific Islands Leader's Forum hosted by the Cook Islands last year.

Jaewynn has a background in all aspects of strategic communications, event, stakeholder and issues management, public affairs and as a communications director in New Zealand.

Prior to moving to Rarotonga last year, Jaewynn spent 20 or so years working with and for the New Zealand government in Wellington.

Joining this team further into the project will be:

**INSTITUTIONAL & WATER SPECIALIST
| DR MARTIN O'DELL**

A Fellow, Institution of Civil Engineers; Fellow, Institution of Engineers Australia; Medal of Recognition for services to the water industry in Viet Nam.

Dr. Martin O'Dell has extensive experience in Water Supply & Sanitation consultation, design, planning, technical/corporate management, and project management. With over 40 years' experience, he brings to the table invaluable knowledge that makes him a key asset to the team. Dr. O'Dell has a lot of experience not only in Asian countries but the Pacific Islands as well.

The key responsibility of Dr. Martin O'Dell, Water & Institutional Specialist, is to provide Quality Assurance check for the entire project duration intermittently once it started. He is one of KEW's long term affiliated expert. He will also assist in giving guidance and extra expertise in addition to the Project Manager expertise on Institutional

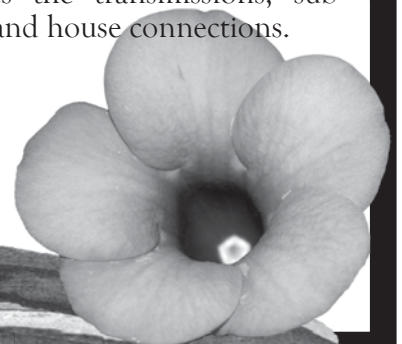
arrangement matters especially towards the end leading to hand over to new and proposed SOE.

**PROJECT ENGINEER / GIS SPECIALIST
| JOY (HUIFEN) CHEN**

Joy has 26 years of engineering experience in various water supply and flood mitigation projects. She has lived in Auckland since 2000. Her particular technical skills are in hydrological and GIS projects including modelling, spatial data management, manipulation, and analysis, visualisation in local government, forestry, asset management and infrastructure. Her practical experience has her focused on catchment studies, asset data management and project quality assurance control (QA\QC), GIS based infrastructure corridor analysis, map design and various cartographic maps, 3D visualisation, spatial data management.

**DESIGN AND AUTOCAD ADVISOR |
BETHANY MANN**

Bethany graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Design (1st Class Honours) from the University of RMIT Melbourne Australia. She spent 2011 working in Shanghai, China with a company called Hassell Studio Beijing and Shanghai. She returned to Melbourne in 2012 and just recently moved to Samoa on a short-term basis. She is currently working for KEW Consult Ltd., assisting with the supervision of three rural based water projects in Samoa. The projects involve the design and construction supervision of water intakes, sedimentation tanks, storage tanks and the installation of pipelines to approximately 20km of length that includes the transmissions, sub-mains and house connections.



Poetry

By Tiarn Brown

Tiarn Brown is a student at Nukutere College.



We Are Who We Are

We all are'nt perfect, we never are
We've all worked to come this far
You can't be known for "almost great"
We should aim to succeed before it's too late.
We all share a bond that we trust not to break
Friendship is shared, it's like give and take
You have to think deep, beyond is where you go
You settle for something high, not something low
You look beyond the lines. Go beyond the sandy beach
The sparkly stars in the sky are what you should try to reach
For one to succeed, we must aim to strive
Whether we make it out dead or alive
To prosper and excel in order to be great
That's all decided by the thing we call 'fate'
Along the way our paths may change
Our options may increase, becoming a range
But we will never fall far from what we know
Because planted in us is a seed that will grow
The memories we share, precious like gold
Our friendship is something that can't be sold
It'll never change, whether we all be near or afar
No matter what we do, or where we go we are who we are

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Best Windows 8 Apps

Violet Storm Lite

Violet Storm has been one of the best games on Windows 8 since the operating system's launch, but it's now available as both a free Lite version and a Pro edition that you can upgrade to if you like what you see.

In both versions the aim is to blast your way through as many enemies as possible across a mesmerising, never-ending solar system backdrop. It's easy enough to navigate your spaceship around the galaxy, and a lot of fun to play.

Twitter

The official Twitter app for Windows 8 doesn't do much beyond the basics of displaying your timeline and your mentions, and it could certainly use a fresh lick of paint in the interface department.

However, what it does do well is dock to the side of the screen - you can view your tweets while working on the desktop or running another Windows 8 app, and for this feature alone it's worth installing on your Start screen.

Adobe Photoshop Express

It's a little basic at the moment, but at least Adobe has got its foot in the Windows 8 door with the free Photoshop Express app - you can easily crop pictures, adjust brightness, contrast and colours via on-screen sliders, and add a range of instant filtered looks to your photos.

Everything is mapped out to make the most of a full-screen touch-enabled interface, though the reduce noise tool is a paid-for upgrade, which is a shame. You can import pictures from disc or sync them over the web.

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Fish Aggregate Devices (FADs) deployed around Rarotonga

Fishers on Rarotonga will be pleased to know that the Fish Aggregate Device (FAD) in Black Rock area and a FAD off the Rarotongan Beach Resort have just been deployed by Ministry of Marine Resources (MMR).

Both FADs are approximately 5 km offshore and set at depths of 1200 metres deep.

A FAD committee regularly meets to advise MMR on FAD issues and the deployment is assisted by the Ports Authority.

Last month the MMR officers were alerted by fishermen that the Black Rock FAD had been lost and provided evidence that a vertical longline had been entangled around the FAD rope causing the breakage.

Senior Fisheries Officer, Sonny Tatuava is urging fishers to take care around the FADs and abide by the rules that are in place

“we ask the fishing boats to stay a reasonable distance away from the FAD float to ensure mishaps do not occur”, he says.

The Ministry is planning to deploy a shallow-water FAD around the Arorangi jetty bringing the total number of FADs around Rarotonga to a record number of 11 FADs.

The MMR believes the concentration of FADs around Rarotonga is contributing to the increased catches of tuna. According to their records the total catch for the year in 2012 was 57 tonnes compared to 61 tonnes already caught by September in 2013.

The MMR is appreciative of the fishers who are providing catch data.

Ben Ponia, Secretary of MMR, advised “we are grateful for the positive support of the fishers but there are an increased



number of FADs to maintain and we are also seeking their assistance to help out to replace aggregate and so forth, where possible”.

The location for the Black Rock FAD is 21°11.800 S, 159°51.570

W and the Rarotongan FAD is 21°16.972 S, 159°50.687 W.

MMR are requesting fishers to contact Sonny Tatuava if they have any ideas on best location to deploy the Arorangi Jetty FAD.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Glossing over Sam Napa's letter in the Cook Islands News of 30 October (couldn't be bothered reading all of it) and seeing my name pop up from time to time it occurred to me he feels intimidated by me, which I found strange given that I am not a hotel operator, never has been, never will be and obviously no threat to his operational prowess. It also occurred to me he was just a mouthpiece for others with self-interest lining up behind him, mainly of foreign extraction, and may well be the ones intimidated by me.

On his wanting me to explain why my hotels failed, the answer has been public knowledge for some time; I didn't operate them, I engaged Cook Islanders to operate them and they failed!

By way of evidence, I have a copy of an email from my last CEO and operator of my hotels, which speaks for itself;

that my CEO and his staff were colluding with predator unit title investors to take over my hotels without my knowledge. It goes without saying that not knowing what was going down left me defenceless. It also goes without saying that retribution on my part will follow, soon enough and through court, when I am good and ready.

CI News will recall that it emailed my equity financier saying that CI News was aware they and investors involved came to Rarotonga and seized my hotels with the intention of suing me, to which my financier responded that all my loans were up to date and they had no reason to seize my hotels, and went on to suggest that CI News should do its due diligence properly. I didn't fail in my investments, I failed because I trusted my own people to operate them.

The joke is the predator investors my CEO and his staff conspired with gave me the email and blamed collusion

on my CEO and staff when I eventually found out and confronted them, in other words they preyed on the stupidity of locals and chewed them up and spat them out.

That said, I also put up my hand on stupidity because I believed these predators when they offered me some \$1.2 million a year to go and sit on the beach while they operate my \$12 million investment in hotels, which turned out to be another failure and story to be told another time, in a courtroom.

My purpose in disclosing this matter at this time is that young Sam Napa appears to have the same trait as my rogue operator in colluding with others to take over Vaimaanga from his mother, Pa Ariki, and I also sensed predatory thinking when he mentioned in his earlier letter that his mother as lessor was compelled to assist the lessee under the provisions of lease. In any case it's time to set the record straight and

satisfy young Sam's curiosity about me; I am a developer, not an operator!

And talking about Pa Ariki, I am disappointed to see text commentators passing comments such as airing dirty laundry in public when it is plain enough that she didn't start any of this, and that she was compelled to correct her son in public. It seems to me if anyone is to blame it should be those colluding with Sam and pitting him against his mother, and me for that matter.

If anything, I would have thought commentators would complement Pa Ariki, as she is proactive as ariki go in serving her people and she has already delivered a palace for them without the need for fundraising. I predict she will also deliver Vaimaanga as a 5-star flagship resort that we can all be proud of, given the chance!

I will leave it at that and see what happens on 15 November!

Tim Tepaki

A Researcher's Experience

By Tait Brimacombe

As I near the end of nearly two months research around Rarotonga, I take the time to reflect on my experiences, and the insight I've gained during my fieldwork. First and foremost, I think it is important to acknowledge the immense kindness and hospitality that I have experienced since my arrival in Rarotonga in September. Over the past few days I have been reading about the recent increase in theft around the island, particularly that which is directed at tourists. While I don't doubt that this is a risk for any tourist or visitor to the country, and that certain precautions should be taken to safeguard ones belongings; I am also pleased to hear about the positive experiences and support that has helped visitors overcome these setbacks. On a personal note, I have experienced a great deal of kindness during my fieldwork in the Cook Islands, as I have in all my fieldwork sites. I have been lovingly taken under the wing of many strangers, soon to become friends; and I have been shown unimaginable hospitality and generosity. I have been entertained, educated, and protected from harm. Despite struggling to find my way around Rarotonga in my first few days, trying to track down contacts and informants, and negotiating various forms of transportation during my stay; the kindness of the strangers who have intervened in these situations has rendered possible setbacks and struggles into exceptionally memorable and positive interactions.

In the past couple of months I've been lucky enough to participate in, and observe, a number of events taking place in Rarotonga for the purposes of my research. At the centre of these events was the four-day Triennial Conference of Pacific Women, representing the biggest intergovernmental forum for the discussion of gender equality issues in the Pacific region. In addition to this event, however,

a number of intersecting events were taking place including a pre-conference media consultation, a three-day pre-conference dialogue for members of the Pacific Young Women's Leadership Alliance (PYWLA), and the Pacific Ministers for Women Meeting held as a flow-on from the conference itself. One of the key themes that emerged from these events for me was the increasing potential of social networking and social media platforms to facilitate access to information and provide new and varied spaces for women, particularly young women, to have their voices heard. The use of social media such as Facebook and Twitter not only allowed the media team covering the conference to send out regular updates, but also enabled a range of NGOs and CSOs to contribute their voice to the conference, and stay abreast of conference discussions without necessarily being in attendance.

However, perhaps the best way of highlighting the value of this platform is through an explanation of the PYWLA process. The young women's pre-conference dialogue saw 26 young women, from 14 Pacific Island countries meet in Rarotonga to discuss and prepare their outcome statement and platform for engagement with the conference proceedings. However, these 26 women in attendance were representing over 100 women that had participated in PYWLA online dialogues conducted through Facebook. These online dialogues had served to identify the key issues and stories of young women throughout the Pacific facilitated by a host of online mediators, and it was through these online platforms that young women were able to contribute their voice to discussions, and ensure that their issues received adequate attention during the conference, and were reflected in the final recommendations. Throughout both the pre-conference workshops and the conference itself, those

participants who were not in attendance were able to receive real-time updates and offer feedback and support to their young women representatives at the event itself.

This is just one example of many that I have come across during my research serving to highlight the emerging use and importance of 'new technologies' such as social media in facilitating voice, and dialogue. However, this is by no means a full proof solution, as internet connectivity is still beyond the means of many grassroots women in the Cook Islands, and the Pacific region more broadly. Furthermore, it is important to acknowledge both the positives and the negatives of new technologies, the risks of which are often under researched in comparison to the benefits. Many of my contacts and participants throughout my research have expressed concern with the rate at which new technologies are being taken up in their communities, with little regulatory framework or understanding of the risks associated with online harassment and cyber security. It is examples such as this that highlight the value that new technologies such as social media can play in advocacy and information dissemination campaigns. However, it is also important to note the risks associated with such an approach, something that young women throughout the Pacific are beginning to negotiate.

Alongside new technologies such as the internet, and social media; my research has also explored the role of the media in the promotion of gender equality, as well as the ways in which NGOs, women's groups and government departments engage with communications platforms and tools to disseminate information. The role of a diverse, critical, and gender sensitive media is often ignored in discussions of gender equality. The reality is that the media serves as a major source of information for individuals



Tait Brimacombe and communities throughout the Pacific. It is through the media that audiences learn about upcoming events, major news stories, deaths and much more; and similarly it is through this media that many people obtain information about gender equality whether they are aware of it or not. On an immediate and obvious level, the media is responsible for distributing content from NGOs and women's groups designed to promote gender equality – a documentary on women's lives, an advertisement for an organization, or a newspaper article on human rights. However, alongside this, the media also plays a subtler role in the promotion of gender equality on an everyday level – taking steps to acknowledge and avoid the stereotypical portrayal of women, the celebration of women's diverse achievements alongside men's, investigating stories from both a male and female perspective and the different impacts and opinions that result, and sensitive reporting of issues such as violence against women without the language of victim blaming or sensationalism. Without everyday steps such as these being taken by media institutions, it is possible for more obvious messages of gender equality to be regularly undermined by the stereotypical depiction of gender roles and norms. Indeed, it is the more subtle messages, when consistently applied, which often have the greatest impact.

How to enjoy the people in your life

part 1

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

Now-a-days we see on television and read in newspapers about problems people are facing. Many of these are to do with our relationships with each other. In the Book of Philippians written by the Apostle Paul it deals a lot with the problems in life that we all face. The words "joy" or "rejoice" or "be glad" are used 17 different times. Therefore I want to speak on how to be joyful in spite of circumstances or problems we face.

In Philippians 1v.3-11, Paul starts talking about people. The question is "Do you enjoy the people around you? the people that you work with? the one that you're married to? the people in your family?" The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 9v.9 "Husbands [men] enjoy life with your wife whom you love." The problem I find is that many marriages are more of a matter of endurance rather than enjoyment. We don't really enjoy the people in our lives, we tolerate them, we put up with them, we endure them. The question is 'What does it take to enjoy the people in your life?' There are four points I want us to look at. We will look at 2 in this article and 2 next week:

1. Be grateful for the good in people. v. 3. "I thank my God every time I remember you." Paul said I like to remember the good things about people, focus on the good times, remember the positive experiences. What do you remember about people? The good experiences or the bad experiences. When Paul said this he had not had an easy time in Philippi. Acts 16 tells us the background of this story. When he went to Philippi he was arrested illegally, whipped, humiliated, thrown into prison. While in prison there was an earthquake. He was asked to leave town. Paul did not have a good time in Philippi, he had a bad time. Yet he says, "When I think of you I remember the good

things." "I thank God every time I remember you." Paul chose not to remember the negative and painful memories, but rather he focused on the things he could be grateful for. Maybe you have been hurt in the past by your parent or your partner and you're still holding on to that hurt. As a result you can't enjoy them today. You're still focusing on the bad and the negative. Be grateful for the good in people. Pleasant memories are a choice. You can choose what you're going to remember about your past.

LESSON #1: Remember the best, forget the rest.

I hear people say "He's a good man, but ..." Anytime you hear "but" it means the emphasis is on the negative not the positive. Be grateful for what you've got! Mr Perfect does not exist! Be grateful for the good in other people. Paul appreciated people's loyalty. v.5 reads "You have helped me from the very first day until now." Who has been loyal to you? Maybe somebody at work, a friend, a husband or wife. Maybe they didn't do anything really spectacular, but time and time again, when they had every opportunity to walk out on you, they didn't. They hung in there. When you were going through a crisis in your life, they stayed with you. You ought to appreciate that! If you want to enjoy others, you have got to focus on their strengths and not their weaknesses. You can find something good in everybody.

2. Practice positive praying. v.4 reads "In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy." Isn't this encouraging knowing that people are praying for you when they are remembering you?

LESSON #2: The quickest

way to change a relationship from bad to good is to start thanking God in prayer for people.

This will do two things: change your attitude and change them. Positive praying is much more powerful than positive thinking. People may resist our advice and reject our suggestions and not listen to our help, but they are powerless against our prayers. Most of us are good at praying in a crisis but on a normal basis what do you pray? "God, bless them?" That's too general. The more specific you are in prayer the more specific you get an answer. This is how Paul prayed for people. In v.9-11 it reads "And this is my prayer, that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight so that you may be able to discern what is best and be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes

through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God." There are four things Paul prays for other people. You can pray these for people in your life and they will be answered because they are God's will.

1. Pray that they will grow in love. "... abound in love ..."
2. Pray that they make wise choices. "... discern what is best..."
3. Pray that they will do the right thing. "... be pure and blameless."
4. Pray that they will live for God's glory. "... the fruit of righteousness."

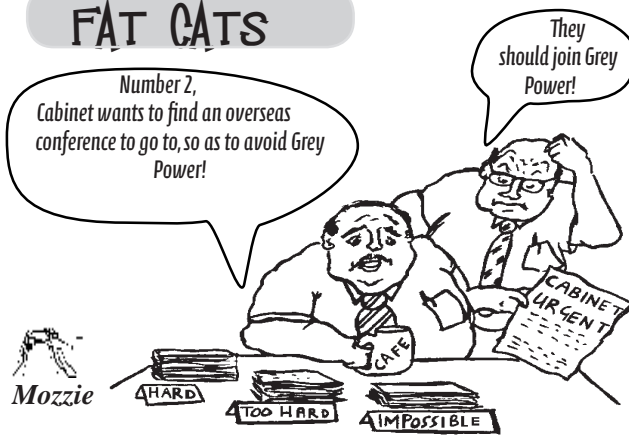
Paul says if you want to enjoy people in your life, first You must be grateful for the good in people; and secondly You practice positive praying. I will continue with Part 2 of this article of Encouragement next week. May you have a God blessed week. Te Atua te aroa.

Encouragement Column

With Senior Pastor John Tangi



FAT CATS



Trickie Dickie has become government's "one day wonder!" Take note all you other travelling balladeers! Our Dickie flew to Kiwiland upon the morn for a pow wow, had the chin wag then it was back aboard the big bird and home! All in a day! No wonder, he's the one day wonder! And he saved us, the long suffering tax payer, a small fortune by not staying in an expensive hotel overnight, not having extravagant meals and drinks, not paying to take a large suit case!

The Lord High Mandarin chooks will be filing into their palace next month to chin wag and lay new laws. How about these laws? "The Anti-MP Travel Act 2013?" or the "No More New Taxes Act 2013?" Or the "MPs Work Harder Act 2013?"

Maybe the Ministry for Growing ought to take closer stock of the fruit and crops being grown at home by people. From this, the Ministry for Growers should estimate quantity and value of the produce and incorporate it into GDP calculations! A quick gander by one chook at his neighbour's quarter acre revealed he was growing his own; mangoes, bananas, maniotia, taro, sugar cane, custard apple, lemons, limes, Guavas, paw paws, lettuce, star fruit, beans.

Oh dear chooks, unless the keeper of the money bag can drum up some dosh from somewhere pronto quick, the Lord High Mandarin's grandiose plans



for a souped up electronic, high speed broadband emergency services locator network will fail to materialize! The Lord High ones must learn they cannot free wheelingly broom stick their way around the world then expect dosh to mysteriously materialize! Woe to the keeper of the money bag! Woe to the serfs being robbed by the Sheriff!

Big water promotion in the media gives the impression only one company tendered for the job of managing the water project. While it correctly mentioned no Cook Islands company made a bid, It failed to mention another overseas company also put in a bid and that company also had Cook Islanders involved in it. As Chartered Accountant Mike Carr would say, "Get your facts right!"

Local chook lambasts the smoke signaller in the Monday's Daily who reckons Grey Power people who don't pay tax should leave. Chook says such comments are nonsensical because the Grey Power lot bring in over \$5 million to this country which is more than what we make from the export of

black pearls, paw paw, taro and Noni. Grey Power people spend their money in local shops and the markets and help to support their relatives. Would you rather they pay tax to government so Ministers can continue to enjoy overseas trips and perks? That's what that writer is inferring says the chook. Must be a CIP supporter! A Demo government never needed to tax the NZ pension because the Demos were careful. After 16 years of not taxing the NZ pension, we now have a CIP government so desperately short of cash they have been forced to grab money from where ever it can! Don't forget their silly withholding tax on our bank accounts! The CIP are suffering from Doctors call TMD,-Taxa-Mobility Disorder. In other words, "If it moves, tax it!"

What's all the fuss over the Indian's celebrating Dewillieillie? It's part of their culture. They have been doing it in Raro for years so why the protest now by the Bishop? And here's a few questions for the Bishop. Did you complain this year about the Paganistic Halloween? Did you complain this year when the Sultan of Brunei introduced chopping off criminal's

hands as punishment for theft and stoning people to death for adultery?

Notice chooks how when demand for a certain product wanes, the price plummets. Take the case of a certain brand of pie where the price has dropped from \$5 a pie to \$3.90. Reason? The old age pensioner who was buying 7 pies per week (spending \$35 each week of his NZ Pension), stopped. Why did not the retailer toss in the odd freebie for the old codger? Mean that's why.

If the Chinese fishing boat can donate 100kg of free tuna regularly to our resource dry hospital, why can't the other boats do likewise? Say thank you maata to the tremendously kind generosity of our dear friends from the land of the great wall. Shame on you others! And the Chinese seem to be more Christian than the rest of us!

Big bird spotted circling over the Foreign Affairs Office, no, not the big silver bird that flies to the outer reaches but a big white stork with what looks like a little bundle dangling from its beak!

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Oe Vaka Art Show

The annual Oe Vaka Art exhibition will be held on Tuesday the 19th of November at 6pm at the Art Studio in Arorangi. The annual event sees a lot of interest from different people and artists, and with the timing of the Oe Vaka Art exhibition set near the annual Vaka Eiva event, Kay George says many paddlers take time out to attend the exhibition. Wooden paddles are distributed to different artists in the community who do the paddles up however they want and return them to the studio for the exhibition. This year 20 paddles have been distributed and each paddle will cost \$500. This year is the 10th year anniversary of the event and the exhibition will run through until Friday the 29th of November.

Now there are four

Where once stood 7 coconut trees in a cluster; one surrounded by 6 others about 50 metres east of the roundabout in Avarua, now only 4 remain. One coconut tree was cut down on the 4th of May 2006 because it started to rot and posed a danger to the public and another was cut down in 2009 for the same reason, leaving behind 5 of the coconut trees. On Monday the 11th of November, another tree was cut down, as it started to rot. Baker Tree Services were called in to cut the rotting tree down as it posed a threat to the public. In an article from Gerald McCormack, it was claimed that these palms developed from a single seed nut brought from an outer island in the early 1990s and planted in the grounds of the administration building. The building became the courthouse that was destroyed by the fire in 1992. Although only 4 remain, the clustered coconut trees remain to be a popular landmark in Rarotonga.

Local Filipinos seek information

The massive storm that approached the Philippines on Thursday the 7th of November has left many people without

homes, many families missing and thousands dead. Although the Philippines Government and disaster agency haven't confirmed the latest estimate of deaths from the storm, it was reported that the super typhoon Haiyan has killed 10,000 people and displaced more than 600,000 people. The super typhoon has destroyed about 70 to 80% of structures in its path as it tore through Leyte Province last Friday. After weakening the storm then headed west towards Vietnam. Huge waves from one of the strongest storms recorded swept away coastal villages. The biggest challenge now is to accommodate the thousands that have survived but are without food, water, shelter or medication and prevent looting. Julian Perla president of the Filipino Community here in Rarotonga says there are a few Filipino workers here that have family living in the affected areas and their houses were damaged by the storm, "Until now it is hard to contact our families due to power failure and cut off communications in several provinces but we will continue to pray for the victims and their families and all those places affected by the monster typhoon", he says.

Ex pupils in Australia raise funds

The ex-pupils of Nukutere College, the Catholic community & the Cook Islands community living in Townsville, Australia will be having their fundraising for Nukutere College on Saturday, 23rd November 2013 (Australia day). Head of their fundraising is Mr Henry Haupini a former student of Nukutere College now permanent resident of Townsville, Australia, for the past 14 years with his wife Poko and their two children. Already they have had a great response towards this fundraising. Funds raised will be deposited directly into the Nukutere College Westpac account here in Rarotonga.

A year of ups and downs

By Hareta Tiraa Passfield

Finally the school year is over! Well for seniors at least. Sucks to be a junior right now. I'm sad to say that this will be my last year here in the Cook Islands, actually I'm not all that sad, three years in a row is long enough for me, for now at least.

This year has been full of ups and downs, not just for me but for everyone. Last week's prize giving would be one of the ups for me. It was the last time that all the seniors would be together before the year thirteens embark on their own journey. It was a day of mixed emotions, some were happy that the school year was finally over but then for some it was a sad day of goodbyes.

Tereora is farewelling many great students and teachers. It was also a day to celebrate everyone's achievements for 2013. I would like to congratulate all the prize winners for 2013 you all deserved the prizes you won, not only at Tereora but all the schools in the Cook Islands. One of the downs of the year would be having the new Anau system introduced. I know a lot of people that are still finding it hard to adjust to the new system. But I guess if we hadn't tried out this system we wouldn't have known how annoying it is to be in a room mixed with people aged between 12 and 19. It wasn't the worst experience I had in Raro. Lets just say it wasn't the best one either. Another good thing that has happened

this year was the constitution, I know it happens every year but it's always a fun filled week. Everyone got to meet new people and embrace their culture. I know I got to meet some great people from the outer islands and from overseas. It's always amazing to see communities coming together as one to celebrate their culture.

Vaka Eiva will be another week of fun. Teams will be coming from all around the Pacific to compete in Vaka Ama races. It will be another chance to meet new people and to learn about other people's cultures. One of the downs would have to be the all the fires that have happened this year. It's knowing that there is someone out there making

people's lives miserable and they don't even care about what they are doing. Kids that go to Avatea and Nukutere School have to see their ruined school every day. People could have died in these fires. It is horrible that this person or group of people are going around and doing this.

Before I finish this article I would just like to congratulate all the year thirteens for making it through their school years and I wish you luck for the future. I hope you all go on to do great things in life. Thank you for being great role models for us younger people and to all the year thirteen boys, your performance was amazing. Wishing you all the very best for the future

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Te Aponga Uira (TAU) invites tenders from qualified companies for fuel hosting and delivery services.

The tender documentation is available from TAU offices during business hours, and can also be emailed out on request.

Completed tender forms and templates will be accepted by mail, email or hand delivery until 3pm, Monday 25 November 2013 Cook Islands time.

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**IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HARBOURS IN MANIHICI
CONTRACT No. C13/03.1 & C13/03.2**

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning seeks tender proposals from Contractors for the Improvements to the Harbours in Manihiki.

A copy of the Tender Document including specifications can be collected during work hours from the MOIP office in Arorangi. A non-refundable deposit of \$200 will be required before the tender document is issued.

Tenders close at 3pm on Tuesday, 26th November 2013, and must be submitted to the MOIP Office in Arorangi and in accordance with the requirements of the Tender Document.

Tenders must be submitted in two sets hard copies inside a sealed envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" and addressed to:

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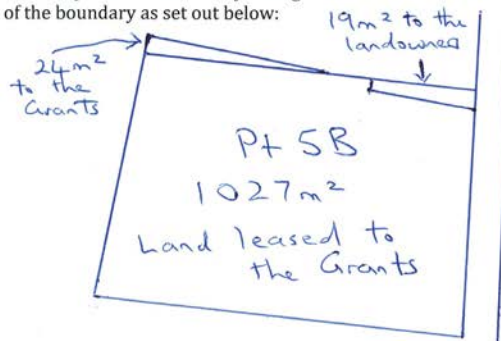
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO LANDOWNERS OF VAIMAANGA SECTION 5B, TAKITUMU

Robin Grant and Deborah Grant who are the current lessees under a Deed of Lease dated 23 August, 2007 originally granted by the Landowners to Taratoa Metuariki for sixty years over 1027m² commencing 1 February, 2007 have applied to the Land Division of the High Court to extend the boundaries of their lease at the northern boundary by 5 square metres by adding 24m² to the lease at the northwestern boundary of the lease and by taking off 19m² from the lease at the northeastern end of the boundary as set out below:



The application has been made because the original lessee, Taratoa Metuariki, built a house on the lease but part of the house extends beyond the northern boundary of the lease and on to the neighbouring land.

The Grants' application will be heard before a judge of the High Court in Rarotonga on Thursday 5 December at 1.00 p.m.

If you would like a copy of the application to the Court please contact Brian Mason:

- (a) by telephoning 26608; or
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News Brief By TeRiu Woonton

U19s to bat it out this Saturday

Cook Islands cricket launch their new ANZ U19 girls and boys competition this Saturday. Eight teams jam packed with future superstars will take part in the ANZ U19 Rarotonga Round Robin Cup; Turangi Boys and Girls, Nikao Boys and Girls, Matavera Boys and Girls, Te Ava Rau Girls and Tupapa Boys. Crickets CEO Alister Stevic said that both local and international support for the programme has meant that each ANZ junior team will be provided with equipment, balls, gear bags and uniformed playing bibs. Stevic said that while local and international corporate support is key, most essential is having passionate volunteers "there certainly hasn't been a shortage of volunteer cricketers at these clubs keen to give up their time to support the growth of ANZ junior cricket in their villages". "I would like to say thanks to those initially involved in establishing teams, including Turangi's June George and Vane Tangimetua, Tupapa's Nauma Atiau, Mataora Toru and Anka Atiau. Nikao's Tinka Elikana, Helena Paulo and Melody Melota. Matavera's Ray Roumanu, Iro Maroroa, Moni Uini and Amelia Moetaua and Te Ava Rau's Josie Maoate, Tereinga Maoate and Arthur Emile". Furthermore the men's and women's national teams are committed to assisting in running the ANZ junior round robin cup acting as scorers, grounds-people, umpires and providing expert coaching at the venues. This weekend's draw sees the ANZ U19 junior teams playing at the same venues, against the same opposition, as their senior club sides. The Nikao Girls U19 side will host Te Ava Rau Girls U19 at Nikao while Matavera U19's will play Turangi U19's at Turangi. The Nikao Boys U19 unit play Tupapa at Nikao and Turangi have home field advantage against the Matavera Boys. The ANZ U19 girls start at 9am and the ANZ U19 boys at 10:30am. If you have a youngster keen on playing in the ANZ U19 league please do not hesitate to contact Alister Stevic on 55740.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
I have with interest followed the Grey Power movement and wish to advance my thoughts and some potential remedies to quell the disharmony among those Cook Islanders who are collecting the NZ Superannuation or other overseas schemes for that matter (I will refer to NZ super to include these other schemes). Given the Government have requested them to pay tax owed on this income back dated from what I have read to two years.

The obvious issue here is whether those who were collecting the NZ Super should be paying tax backdated to two years ago. I wish to give my thoughts on both sides of the coin, Government and Grey Power.

The law is set out that unfortunately tax has to be paid on such income. For Government tax is a form of collecting revenue to support its administration, commitments, and governance. The only reasons in my mind that Government would seek to now administer this law on NZ Super payments is either there is a shortage in funds for its operations and commitments, Government just wanting to cover these areas to maximise its revenue, or there are future commitments it has planned so requires more money to contribute for whatever these may be.

For Grey Power members one must ask should a portion of the Cook Islands society who have worked in NZ, taxed in NZ be taxed on this income in the Cook Islands having returned. Tax should be fair for all, and as set out by the law, one would think the answer is yes. Two years backdating can be a stretch for those who have worked hard in their working life overseas which is the issue they are frustrated at. They come home to retire and enjoy paradise including the facilities, roads etc provided by the Governments of past through taxes paid by the residential Cook Islands people, who too have worked hard at home although their income is not comparable to those who have worked overseas. Having returned to live in paradise a common person would now say they should now contribute like the rest of us in the Cook Islands to pay their fair share of tax. If they were informed by the Government from day one they needed to pay their taxes on such income, then one would expect them to pay their fair share, if not here then lies the issue.

To summarise Grey Power being part of the Cook Islands society have remedies as follows, firstly a democratic choice to vote in the next elections and continue to lobby Government to exempt them from paying tax back dated to two years. The Government can elect to stay as is with the current position or pass an amendment bill in Parliament to exempt the back dating and specify a date to effect this from as a one off only.

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