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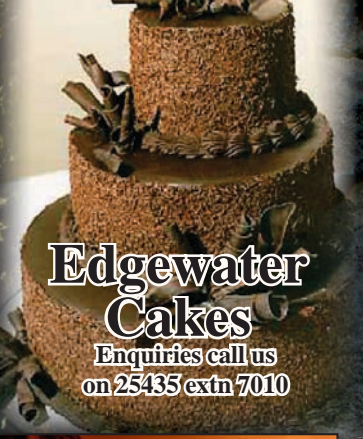
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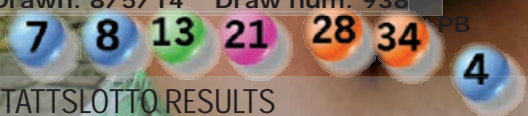
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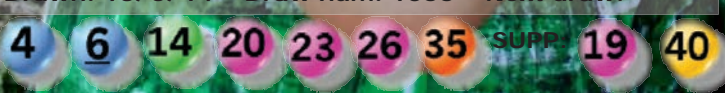
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Brown refutes Demo's fiscal scaremongering

Toagate and indecisive deferrals strained the economy

Finance Minister Mark Brown says the blame for much of the state of the country's economy can be laid at the door of the Democratic Party. "Their leader Wilkie Rasmussen's lack of commitment beyond talking cannot be excused for the financial shambles the economy was in when the Cook Islands Party came into power. The Demos were the inventors of supplementary budgets and as the Minister of Finance Rasmussen seems to have conveniently had a lapse of memory that he is the architect of the fiscal mess we are still trying to courageously work our way out of."

Brown warned it is too soon to trust the Democratic Party with the nation's purse strings, "Their unprecedented venture into the unknown world of the global fuel market has left a permanent emotional scar on the country. Every day we are reminded of their unforgiveable TOAGATE scandal."

"There is no stone Wilkie can hide under, have the Demos ever apologised to the country? Think of all the things we could do with the \$100,000 a month that we have to pay TOA Petroleum because of their \$8 million botch up," stated Brown. "How can the Demos expect to be in charge of the people's money? We have to budget \$1.5 million a year for the Demo's stupidity."

"We get constant complaints from the public that Brett Porter is being subsidised and sponsored by the public," said Brown who added it was the Democratic Party who is responsible for that. "People shouldn't be blaming Porter; it was the doing of the Demos that got the country into

this shocking mess."

"What can you see for this expenditure? What return or physical accomplishment has been achieved? Absolutely nothing."

For the money we have spent there is a tangible result, you can see something in existence for our spending claimed Brown.

Brown said the deferral legacy of Rasmussen and the previous Demos gave the CIP government no choice but to clear the stockpiled slate. Deferring crucial projects had driven the costs up presenting the government with the difficult task of renegotiating for extra funds to start and complete projects. Aid sponsors had even withdrawn their funds due to projects suffering from the Demo's stand idle mentality.

It's no secret former Aid Management staff were frustrated at the stop, start, muddling approach of the DP, for example the Mangaia harbour and wharf took nearly ten years to get finished by the CIP government after it suffered cyclone damage. Other sister islands projects left in a state of suspension, out of sight out of mind, have been engaged claimed Brown.

The indecisive deferral financial management of Rasmussen is a heavy price the CIP government has had to absorb and correct with decisive decision making that has tested Cabinet's resolve knowing many of these decisions would not be popular. If we deferred these projects further it would have a serious detrimental impact upon our economy.

The Demos were a seriously divided Party who were more concerned with trying to be

popular, any possibility that they would look bad had to avoided at all costs, they simply froze at having to make unpleasant decisions, just like they have avoided having a Party conference before the Elections. The Demos are about self preservation rather than doing right for the people emphasised Brown.

Compounded by the global recession "We had to set a prioritised direction and forge ahead knowing there would be opportunities for the opposition to criticise us, for us this has not been a popularity contest but to do what the people elected us for," said Brown.

Brown said, "The infrastructure was on life support and needed the most urgent attention, the Avatiu harbour, the roads and the water simply could not be deferred any longer. It is unfortunate we have run out of time but the public can see the logic in returning the CIP to government to complete the difficult tasks we are committed to."

Prime investment requires quality infrastructure, reinforced Brown who said a neglected Health Service was important to the Tourism sector. The next level of tourism development required a five star water and waste management system, both addressed by his government according to Brown.

"It's these focuses that lift the country's attractiveness to investors and tourists. These projects we have undertaken will in time be recognised as turning points in the growth of our economy."

Brown reiterated the Demos gave priority attention to matters of low priority and the non urgent and still stuffed that

up. "The fuel issue they created was not a critical issue, it was a whim that ended in a complete financial disaster, the Demos got side tracked by the glamour and mucked up at everyone else's expense."

"Now they want to get their noses back into the public trough, not only people haven't forgotten they certainly aren't ready to forgive the Democratic Party especially while the biggest culprit Rasmussen is their leader, they cannot cite one reason that deserves them to touch the money."

The public needs to be warned the Democratic Party will throw every negative comment at the CIP as a diversion from their political sins stated Brown, "Rasmussen is an expert at pointing the finger of fault and failure to hide his own gross shortfalls while he was the Minister of Finance, you simply can't trust the Demos with the people's money. They haven't earned the privilege of that by a long shot."

Brown claimed the CIP had earned the right to a second term because they had made the hard decisions at the expense of popularity, he added, some more politically painful than others but lessons had been learnt resulting in a recovery platform being laid to diversify the economy into a development phase based on production.

"The country will be better suited if CIP continuity was endorsed by the voters to ensure uninterrupted completion, it is then the public will applaud us for our unwavering pursuit of that which our predicament not of our making forced us to do."

- George Pitt

Bark gone from public watchdogs

By Charles Pitt

When conflicts of interest or perceptions of conflicts of interest arise, it is the duty of society's watch dogs to investigate these matters.

However, in relation to our public watchdogs, who lost their bite some years ago, now their bark has gone.

What faith is the public to have in these institutions when they fail to act? In the matter of the big water upgrade project, Te Mato Vai, concerning the ongoing allegations of conflict of interest against the Chinese Civil Engineering Company (CCECC) and T&M Heather Ltd and Minister for Infrastructure, Hon T Heather, the persistence of the allegations ought to have prompted some inquiry by the Audit Office, PERCA, or the likes of the Chamber of Commerce, the Opposition, the NZ High Commission or the Chinese, the

Chinese Embassy or the Chinese government's National Anti-Corruption Office. What advice did Crown Law provide?

The continued silence from organizations considered society's watchdogs, raises the question, what level must public concern reach before any of these agencies act? Are they waiting for an invitation?

Considering the amount of money involved in the water project, CCECC and T&M Heather Ltd and the Minister would surely welcome an inquiry if it would clear up any lingering suspicions about conflicts of interest.

All the public has received is verbal utterances from people closely associated with the project. There is no evidence of any written enquiry by any independent official body such as Audit Office. There was a time, especially under former Director Paul Allsworth, when the Audit

Office had a lot of snarl and bite. Nowadays we hear barely a whimper from the Audit Office. The Audit Office has gone from a raging bull to be feared, to a Chihuahua with a subdued yap.

If this situation had evolved in NZ, the parliamentary opposition there would be on the attack daily as well as the NZ media. Just look at what happened to NZ Minister Maurice Williamson-he had to resign from Cabinet. Minister Judith Collins is being hounded daily by the NZ Opposition and media over her involvement in the Orivida case. NZ PM John Key is strict on his Ministers. Cook Islands politicians have it so easy. No wonder international ratings agency Standard and Poors in their latest report said, for the second consecutive year, we had weak institutional settings.

Here, the opposition has largely been silent as well as the daily media. Silent that is except for Pitt Media Group. Twenty

years from now Historians will note this fact.

When allegations of a conflict of interest arose on 5 March 2014, what official body dared to be proactive and investigate?

The Prime Minister should have anticipated likely questions arising and transferred the Infrastructure portfolio to another Minister. Better still, the Minister should have offered to step down so as to avoid any public concerns. That would have been the honorable thing to do by the Honorable Member for Akaoa.

Are there any men of honour left?

As there has been no official enquiry it is unlikely this issue of conflict will ever go away or be resolved.

The only respite for a concerned public is that a new government may come into power after 9 July and conduct an enquiry.

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Local females resist friendship signals from CCECC workers



CCECC's fenced off Avarua compound where 40 imported chinese workers get locked up each night.

Men are men no matter whatever race they are, where ever they are, male hormones and physical needs can be suppressed only for so long. With up to 40 imported workers China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) are well aware these workers will crave for female company, an undeniable basic instinct and human drive.

Like the single European expats who arrived on these shores in the late forties and early fifties sent out by the New Zealand Island Territories Ministry, no amount of tongue lashing could discourage them from being attracted to the beautiful Polynesian females, nor will the Chinese contract workers be able to put out the burning fires of human passion.

Already signals of interest by high level staff of CCECC for local female contact in the hope there is some favourable interest for companionship is being tested very discretely to ensure their workers are sexually nourished. So far the responses have been stone cold but these are early

days and the Chinese are known for their graceful persistence.

Fortunately for one manager he has his wife here.

In 2012 the Samoa Observer exposed a local prostitution racket that was thriving based on a regular clientele of imported Chinese workers involved in a building project. This arrangement seemed to be a satisfied activity based upon the principles of exchange until the discrete due process became an annoyance to neighbours. The veil of concealment wasn't bothered with anymore and the obvious was being conducted in the view of the unsuspecting public.

Photos were taken then published online. For the sake of convenience a fale (small hut) was built on the empty section next to the construction site and it was used as a hangout for the workers who were being serviced by their ladies and not always during the dark of night. It was not uncommon to see according to neighbours, a queue of men smoking and chatting while waiting outside the fale for their turn. Sometimes up to three

young women were engaging simultaneously in the fale.

This adult activity was eventually pointed out to the Health authorities whom the building was purposed for but because the activity was not being conducted on their building site land there was slow response until the newspaper began publicizing the concerns of the neighbours. Arrests were made but to little effect because of the embarrassment to the Chinese contracting company.

Another incident about the same time drew media attention when a Samoan woman complained to the media she had been cheated by some Chinese workers. She had been approached to service five Chinese men who offered her 50Tala (about \$NZ27). She understood each would pay her that amount, but after all five men had finished she received only 50Tala instead of \$250Tala. (Average weekly pay is \$115Tala)

There was an argument over her compensation that the Chinese refused to pay so she reported them to the media to accuse them

of being cheap rip offs and to warn other workers to beware.

The Apia seawall and the park opposite the Tannor Hotel (formally the Tusitala) are favourite places to hang out to meet and engage people. The Chinese workers are seen regularly at both these locations most nights of the week.

When a Chinese fishing boat was apprehended about nine years ago the vessel was impounded for some months and the crew about 20 were accommodated in the former Te Uki Ou school in Rangiuira. These men were given free reign and there were many complaints from females at the attempts some of the fishermen were blatantly making to engage female companionship, it did not help that only a couple of them spoke broken English.

Rarotonga is a very small community where even the most secret of secrets finds its way into the public arena for consumption, so the CCECC has to be very careful in matters of delicate and sensitive issues.

- George Pitt

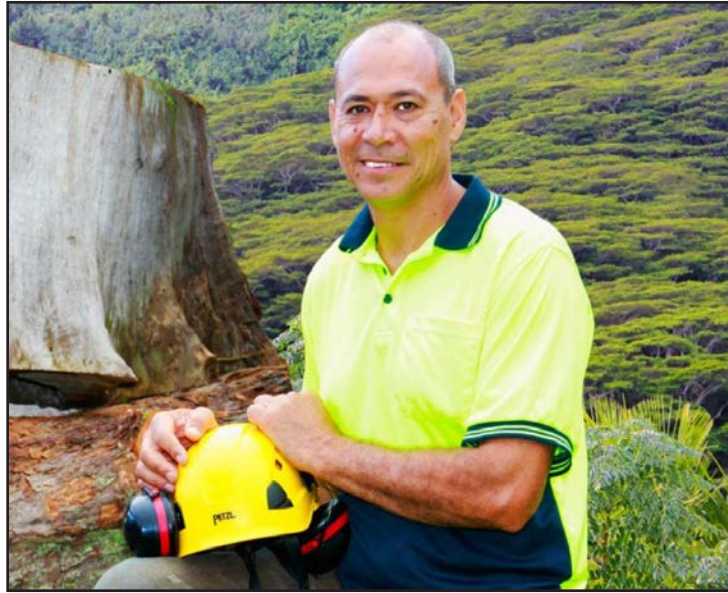
Baker committed to chopping excesses

After spending years in the arboriculture business chopping trees and vegetation Nooroa Baker wants to transfer those skills to the political arena. A fringe political dweller, 51 year old Baker has been literally tossed into shark infested political waters by the Akaoa Democratic Party committee who believe he will topple the incumbent MP Teariki Heather who sits on a slim majority.

The Deputy Prime Minister Teariki Heather will be no push over admits the novice Baker, but he is determined to win the seat for the Democratic Party. Baker admitted to being nervous after his candidacy selection and had a few sleep disrupted nights as the magnitude of the responsibility and task set in.

"I've got everything in perspective and it's rather like chopping a really big tree down, you have to have a strategy and a work plan then there's the execution," said Baker who his supporters say is growing in confidence he made a good decision.

Baker's initial concerns are the predicted state of the economy. For the last few years we have been told the economy is in good shape but MFEM's Pre-Election Fiscal and Economic Update tells a different story expressed Baker. "As a self employed businessman I am dependent on accurate economic statements and it's



Nooroa Chopper Baker - ready to start chopping Government waste to save jobs

disappointing we may have been misled by the CIP government."

It's time to tell the truth not fudged messages demanded Baker who said the predicted budget deficits for the next three years was not good news. The next government is going to be facing some lean times and the public sector is facing some serious shedding.

"This is a real concern for me because people in my electorate could be sacked and that has a downward spiral for others in the private sector that depends upon the spending power of the population." Baker pointed out 71% of the area's workers earned less than \$20,000 and about 20% depended upon government.

Baker said with conviction he would sack the public sector excesses to save jobs. The first thing that will be chopped will be the abuse of government vehicles. "I see so many GA vehicles being used after hours and in the weekends by drivers and passengers that those vehicles weren't meant for," said Baker, "in fact I will get rid of most of them, let's face it, it's those in the higher income bracket who have government vehicles so as far as I am concerned they can afford to buy their own transport to go to and from work."

Jobs are more important than vehicles, next will be the unnecessary travel by politicians

and government workers, this is a huge area of the waste of tax payer's money. Jobs will come before travel. It will be chop, chop and more chopping before anyone gets the sack reiterated Baker.

"The Democratic Party will save money the old fashioned way, we'll spend less," stated Baker, "nothing complicated about that."

Baker said agriculture production is being hampered by the lack of water. We have good volcanic soil that is unproductive because of no water. Baker said he planned to resolve this headache by opening the 10 million litre reservoir in Akaoa. "We are not going to use the same past excuses, if we have to we will voluntarily provide the labour. We build Churches and community halls voluntarily so what's the difference, we are not going to sit around waiting for aid donors, we'll make a start and that hopefully will get their attention. If all we can do is use the reservoir for agriculture then that's a good start, there is a huge potential for agriculture."

"Water turns the land into a productive vessel to sell produce thus building the economy rather than relying on a tax based economy." Baker said he wasn't an economist but a realist who believed there is a solution to the constituency's problems.

- George Pitt

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Our frontpage model this week is 19 year old Tarita Mulholland. Tarita has completed level 3 Culinary Arts in New Zealand and is back in Rarotonga for good, currently working at Anchorage and sitting fulltime Culinary Arts, level 4 and 5 at HTTC; studying towards becoming a chef. Check out our website www.ciherald.co.ck. and facebook page: www.facebook.com/ciherald

CITV to lose Australia Network

The Australian Government in the announcement of their budget cuts yesterday have cancelled the contract of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation to run Australia Network. The contract was a 10 year contract worth AU\$223 million. The contract is only in its first year. The cancellation of the contract means the Australian government will have to pay the ABC \$10.6million which is only half the full cost of running the network every year. The contract's cancellation will however save the Government \$196.8 million. CITV has shown ABC Asia Pacific since 2003 and Australia Network since 2006 for 18 hours a day. CITV is extremely sad that the entire Australia Network team will lose their jobs, and also saddened that this program will no longer be available to show in the country. We have been very fortunate to have enjoyed Australia Network for this long at the expense of the Australian taxpayer, and we are extremely grateful to have had such good quality, and diverse programming. CITV has not received any notification about when the last day of Australia Network will be, but would like to express their gratitude to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Australia, the ABC and Australia Network for a wonderful service to the Pacific.

Politicians leave Court in potential crisis



Norman George



Wilkie Rasmussen

When Anthony Brown called his regular Court appearances on Thursdays quits to become the Official Secretary to his long time friend the new Queen's Representative Tom Marsters a little hole appeared that has suddenly got a whole lot bigger.

Current Parliamentarians Norman George, Wilkie Rasmussen and Mona Ioane are all lawyers who defend clients in the criminal Court but are now preoccupied with

Election campaigning. The remaining lawyer come MP the Prime Minister Henry Puna hasn't practised law for some time.

Senior statesman among the MP lawyers Norman George, said he would not abandon his clients but will not be taking anymore cases. George said their legal absence could result in a roster system being organised by the Law Society to provide legal defence for the lower income earners.

Lawyer Brian Mason said a legal pool could be

implemented for the campaign period so there was a fair distribution of representation for the non payers. George suggested the Ministry of Justice consider importing a New Zealand lawyer as a public defender. Legal aid was financially inadequate but people brought before the Court were entitled to be represented.

Mason added the suddenness of the lawyer vacuum due to the unexpected snap election announcement was not insurmountable if the law

society members cooperated. A concerted effort would ensure cases before the Court will not be adjourned or a backlog built up causing complications and delays later in the year.

Mark Short said he couldn't take on extra clients due to being over committed with existing ones. Brett Gibson didn't do Court work anymore, three others approached for comment said the sudden elections made it very difficult to reschedule work for the Thursday criminal cases.

- George Pitt



Mona Ioane



Henry Puna

Letters to the Editor

No basis to conflict of interest claim

Cook Islands News declined to publish this letter

Dear Editor,
I reply to the letter of 10 May in CI News headed "Majority still unhappy with outcome" by the no name writer who calls himself/herself Very Concerned Citizen.

Firstly, claiming that 99.9% of the people in this country are not okay with the three points I made in my previous letter is BS. I restate the three points I made for reference:

1. CCECC is entitled to tender the works as it sees fit and seek the best price it can in order to perform its contract within budget and in a timely manner, without interference from whiners like Concerned Citizen.

2. CCECC is clearly satisfied that T&M Heather Ltd is equipped to undertake the work, so let's be grateful that at least the money for the contracted work will stay on island and not find its way offshore as usual.

3. CCECC has engaged T&M Heather Ltd to carry out the work and not the DPM, so claiming conflict of interest on the part of the DPM is an invention that has no basis, in other words a lie.

I expect Editor that Teariki Heather will win his seat in the upcoming election with a sound majority, bringing into question the 99.9% calculation by this writer on the lack of support of what I have said in support of Teariki Heather.

Secondly, this writer stated that Teariki Heather vigorously promoted his own company with CCECC to get the water contract, which is another BS. How he can fabricate such a statement for the obvious purpose of damaging Teariki Heather and how you came to print it Editor is beyond belief, because the brutal truth is CCECC tendered the works with three local companies and Teariki Heather's company, not him, won the contract on merit.

Thirdly, this writer claimed that if this occurred in New Zealand PM John Key would have terminated a Minister for this sort of practice, which is BS yet again. I've been tracking an event that involves a Minister of John Key who had dinner with a related company in China and caused Opposition to scream conflict of interest and demand that the Minister is sacked, and I've yet to see John Key buckle to Opposition demands and relent in his support of his Minister, so stop telling BS!

Need I go on Editor?

Just as a matter of interest, I hold PM John Key in high regard; he is pro-growth, pro-Chinese and he has developed a rock star economy for New Zealand, because he has the balls to do it despite the whining of his opposition and clearly the balls to defend his Ministers. And may I say Editor that I see a parallel in God's own; watch PM Henry Puna and his Ministers grow our own rock star economy with Chinese assistance!

Tim Tepaki

Doreen was invited

Dear Editor,
I'm writing on behalf of my father, Papa Teanua Dan Kamana with regards to the letter Doreen Boggs wrote to the Cook Islands News on the 4th May 2014. I will make as brief as I can to make it clear to the Cook Islands News readers and to Mr. George Pitt.

Everything that Doreen wrote with regards to the verbal abuse words used by George Maggie to my father is correct. Doreen Boggs is correct to state that Mr. George Pitt was sitting on his bike witnessing the whole event. All that attended the meeting saw him there, including my father and myself.

My disappointment is that, the Cook Island News that your reporter only

took the time to get George Maggie & George Pitt's version of the incident and not of the victim, which is my father, Papa Dan Kamana.

Further more and to correct Mr. George Pitt on his reporting that Doreen Boggs is a spy. This statement is totally wrong. Doreen Boggs was formally and cordinally invited to attend our meeting, by me personally and our committee members.

I and my father can only thank Doreen for standing in his defence and for the positive encouragement for our committee's to work together for the benefit of the our people in Tupapa Maraerenga.

*Yours truthfully,
Inangaro Taputapuatea
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Cook Islanders invited to major art exhibition

By Charles Pitt

The noted Cook Islands artists, sculptor/carver/painter Eruera (Ted) Nia and our leading female contemporary artist, painter Mahiriki Tangaroa have been funded by the National Gallery of Australia to attend the opening of the Atua Exhibition which opens on the 23rd May. Mahiriki told the Herald they are very excited at the moment.

Tangaroa assisted Senior Gallery Curator for Pacific Art, Michael Gunn, in the research of Cook Islands artifacts prior to the exhibition and in preparing texts to accompany the works that will be on show. The Herald reported on her work in an earlier issue. Nia has the honour of having two wooden sculptures purchased by the Gallery several years ago for an undisclosed sum. The Herald also reported on this marvelous

achievement in an earlier issue.

For its new exhibition Atua: sacred gods from Polynesia, the National Gallery of Australia has negotiated loans from more than 30 museum collections around the world. The British Museum is lending unique Hawaiian god figures and the Kunstkamera in St Petersburg is lending their precious Easter Island bird man. The Vatican Ethnological Museum is lending their great god Tu from Mangareva. Museums in Zurich, Geneva, and Paris are all lending their prized Polynesian pieces.

The exhibition explores the relationship between atua and art, between spirits and sculpture, between gods and priests, between women and men. It looks at some of the most unique works of art in the Polynesian world and tries to make sense of an enduring mystery surrounding religious



Mahiriki Tangaroa

objects and their association with belief in gods.

In developing this exhibition we have been fortunate to work with our Polynesian colleagues in Tahiti, the Cook Islands and Hawaii, helping us to understand the Polynesian viewpoint on



Eruera Nia

atua and on the many subtle aspects of the relationships between atua and art objects. Without their help we would not have been able to achieve an awareness that has enabled us to work with the presence in these objects.

News Briefs *By TeRiu Woonton*

TAU getting ready for Renewable Energy generation

Work to ready the power station to accommodate Renewable Energy (RE) began some years ago with automating the control systems, so that engines are able to respond faster than under mechanical control. This is important as RE sources are intermittent (the sun and wind go on/off, hide/unhide, blow/stop blowing) and the motors are not able to operate in that mode. The key is to keep the engines online so as to avoid blackouts.

TAU needs to build a new powerhouse and that's what they have a tender out for now. Then next phase is to buy 3 new modern engines when they have some money.

- \$20million is needed to upgrade power station to a level to work in harmony with an intermittent generator. They also need to upgrade the distribution system (cables, transformers). Overall, \$50+ million over the next 10 years is needed to modernise the power station.

- TAU currently has 800kw of PV (Photovoltaic) systems which is made up of 200 small installations of 1kW to 140kW using net metering. In September 2014, the 900kW at Airport West will come online, bringing the total to 1.6MW in PV systems.

- TAU will install a further 400kW roof mount PV systems.

- There is interest from the private sector to provide independent power supply. The current network can handle up to 3.2MW in PV systems without comprising the existing grid or requiring too much extra investment.

Deep sea mining workshop opens

During the opening address by Minister Brown at the DSM workshop this morning, he said the process of issuing exploratory licences will commence in next 12 months. The Cook Islands have also filed an application with the International Seabed Authority for an area of the Clarion Clipperton zone (NE of Hawaii) which will be heard by the ISA in 2 months time. This zone has been set aside by the United Nations for developing countries which have little or no mineral resources.

According to Hannah Lily of the Deep Sea Mineral Project, the Cook Islands is one of the most advanced as it is the first in the world to have a law for deep sea mineral activity, the Seabed Minerals Act 2009 which came into force in March 2013.

The Cooks will also establish a Sovereign Wealth Fund that will restrict and protect the use of deep sea minerals revenue.

There are so many things the Cooks needs to make sure of in its policies and legislation says Lily e.g. the need to ensure a good financial return; to have a world class environmental management regime; any steps must be taken with a precautionary approach checking the impact and trying to mitigate this; there have to be sanctions and penalties to keep people honest; there's a need to have a licensing regime so companies know who to apply to, what information to provide, and then there are steps with how to deal with requests, set up consultation events; specifies what they can do during the exploratory phase (looking); and when they move to the mining phase then things like health and safety at sea, environment protection become important; as well as, allocating marine space that can't be touched like the Marine Park.

There are 3 companies granted exploratory licences in the Pacific, they are Nautilus Minerals (in PNG), Neptune Minerals, KIOST (Korean company).

Te Aponga Power Station Upgrade

TAU wishes to inform the public about its power station upgrade and what it entails.

The power station is being progressively upgraded to maintain system integrity as well as to cater for the transition to renewable energy generation.

The plan was first unfolded three to four years ago. To date TAU has completed the upgrading of its fuel facility, replacement of cooling systems and the modernization of the control system on the existing generators. The latter replaces mechanical control systems with electronic computer systems that respond faster to intermittent generation.

On the immediate horizon are new engines, a second power house, new switchgear and fire risk mitigation measures. Each is a component of a package to support the transition to renewable energy generation.

New work will take place in the 2014/15 financial year which involves the staged installation of three new high speed engines including the associated switchgear and modern automated control systems. These engines will have rapid automatic start capability, and faster load response, to compensate for variable renewable generation output.

Two of the three engines are earmarked to be commissioned in the 2014/15 year and the third the following year although for costs benefits the procurement of the third engine will be committed in 2014/15.

A second power house that will accommodate the new engines will be constructed behind the existing power house, and will be commissioned in 2014/15 although the electrical connections will be in the existing power station.

Incorporated into the new power house is the installation of a flywheel system, a form of 'enabling technology', primarily to facilitate the transition of the intermittent PV and diesel generators but also provides spinoff capacity for the generating system. Basically, what this means is that the flywheels spin continuously, and will come on line should a renewable generator suddenly stop producing and fill in for seconds or minutes until a backup diesel generator can take over power production. The flywheel system is also designed to reduce the cost, and fuel consumption, associated with maintaining diesel-driven spinning reserve. An evaluation and analysis is currently underway that will not only specify the design parameters to suit our system but it will also provide a schedule of installation.

The overall strategy is to incorporate intermittent supplies from renewable energy generation together with diesel generation. Diesel generation will ensure there is a backstop to deliver base load power whenever renewable energy generators are unable to produce."

Price Tribunal appointments

The Minister of Internal Affairs, the Hon. Nandi Glassie, has appointed Tatiana Burn as President of the Price Tribunal and Bredina Drollet, Secretary of Internal Affairs, as an ordinary member.

The Price Tribunal is established under the Control of Prices Act 1966 (the Act) and is administered by the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The primary functions and duties of the Tribunal are to fix prices for selected goods and services (fuel, gas and bread) and to investigate any complaints referred to it with respect to trade practices or the prices charged for goods and services.

Burn has been a member of the Price Tribunal since 2010 and replaces Terry Hagan as President of the Tribunal. Drollet, in her position as Secretary of Internal Affairs has had an administrative oversight function of the Tribunal, replaces Madeilene Sword as an ordinary member.

Biodiversity photo competition

The National Environment Service will be holding a 'photography competition' based on the 2014 theme of "E Tango Maori te Ao Ora Natura - Our Islands, Our Biodiversity, Our Future" with entrants having the task of capturing through their own eyes what this theme means to them, their islands and their lives.

The purpose of this campaign is to promote different aspects of Cook Islands biodiversity to our people, by highlighting threats such as invasive species and human activity as well as promoting unique features of our species and ecosystems

There are 3 categories for this competition:

- Primary School Students,
- Secondary School Students,
- Open Section

with great cash prizes to be won for each of the three categories.

A caption or title of the photo must be accompanied by all entries, along with a description of how the photo captures the 2014 theme, "E Tango Maori te Ao Ora Natura - Our Islands, Our Biodiversity, Our Future" in your own words, and how the photo was taken whether it was by phone, camera or a tablet.

Entrants are asked to send through their best 3 shots and to ensure that your photos are image files and must be at least 72dpi and between 1MB and 4MB, and you can email your entries to the Senior Education Officer, Matthew Rima at matthew.rima@cookislands.gov.ck.

All you have to do is fill out the official entry form by contacting NES or visit our website www.environment.gov.ck for more information, and get this to NES by Thursday 29th May.

For further information, you can contact the Senior Education Officer, Matthew Rima on phone 21256.

"So get clicking!"

Nassau shelter dedication

Last week Wednesday the 7th of May the island of Nassau dedicated its Nassau Machinery Shelter and School. The projects were funded by the CIIC headed by Ripa Tauia.

According to Principal of Nassau School, Poila Poila, the machinery shelter was a dream of the Nassau people to house their 2 tractors, an excavator and the various tools like cement mixers, weed eaters etc. This was put to parliament in 2006 by the then member of parliament for Pukapuka/Nassau and was agreed, and after 9yrs that is 2014 the project started on the 27th Feb of this year and finished on the 11th March 2014.

The school has a similar story. Towards the end of 2005 the contractors under Keta Williams came around Nassau and reroofed the government buildings damaged by cyclone Percy. The school was reroofed and a new wall of shadow clad was also installed but the classrooms interior and verandah floor windows doors were not fixed or replaced with new ones because they too were damaged. 2007 the new roof started to rust and holes appeared and started leaking. I managed to ask Ripa to take photos and to ask CIIC if they could help, and on the 28th April 2014 work began on the Nassau school and finished on the 9th May 2014. The new roof is thick aluminium which will not rust.

There are 36 students at the school ranging from early childhood to Year 10 (Form 5) and 3 teachers.

Poila says, "We all know that on an isolated island like Nassau, the school is crucial as its the centre of learning and it must cater to all the community academically, physically and so forth."



50 Years Ago this week ...

SOME CONFUSION EVIDENT

Cook Islands Aim is Self-Government

Internal self-government rather than independence was the aim of the constitutional reforms taking place in the Cook Islands, said the Leader of Government Business in the Cook Islands Legislative Assembly (Mr D.C. Brown) in Wellington today.

Mr Brown is leader of a delegation from the Legislative Assembly, members who have in the past four days been in Wellington for discussions on the political future of the islands group.

Next stage

The next stage, said Mr Brown, would be the tabling of a Cook Islands Constitution Bill in the Cook Islands Legislative Assembly and in the New Zealand House of Representatives. The Bill would be fully debated in the Assembly this year, but it would not be brought into force till it had been fully considered and approved by the newly elected Legislature in 1965.

By that means, said Mr Brown, it would be quite clear that the establishment of internal self-government reflected the opinion of the people of the Cook Islands.

Since the arrival of the delegation in New Zealand, he has read various opinions expressed in the newspapers about the possible effects of these constitutional moves on the Cook Islands inhabitants, said Mr Brown. The articles he had seen were written by Cook Islanders resident in New Zealand who, for reasons known best to them, had left the group many years ago.

He realised that these people could have no possible appreciation of the tremendous advances made over the last few years, and he could only suggest that they take an early opportunity of

travelling to their homeland to see for themselves the new schools, the improved shipping services, health facilities, housing conditions and general prosperity of the people.

Since 1962, he said, the Cook Islands Legislative Assembly had had complete budgetary control over the financial grants made from New Zealand, and issues which previously were decided in Wellington had been placed under the jurisdiction of the Cook Islands people.

Mr Brown referred to an article in the "Evening Post" of May 7 1964 in which Mrs Inanui Rio (Love) Nia was reported to have said that self-government in the Cook Islands would be a "retrograde step."

"While respecting the opinion of Mrs Nia, I can only say that she is one of those persons who are out of touch with Cook Islands affairs. In her view, the opinion of Cook Islands people 'resident in New Zealand must be considered on an issue of such magnitude as self-government' I cannot agree. The right to make such a decision must surely lie with the people whose interests are solely in the islands, and who actually live and work in the Group."

Mr Brown said they could not feel much sympathy for those Cook Islanders who felt they should have their feet in both camps. He said they could not expect to have the best of both worlds indefinitely, and if they were so interested in the

Cook Islands, they should return and live there and help contribute towards the economy of the group.

Links preserved

Reports appearing in the New Zealand papers had confused the issues of internal self-government with independence, said Mr Brown.

The constitutional experts who visited the Cook Islands last year at the request of the Legislative Assembly (they were not dispatched at speed by the New Zealand Government as claimed in one report) were informed in no uncertain terms that the people were fully conscious of their close and traditional association with New Zealand and that they would not agree to any proposal which would imperil their New Zealand citizenship. Those two factors alone caused them to reject independence in favour of internal self-government which, he said, would ensure that those historical links would continue so long as the islanders desired them.

Mr Brown added that during the delegation's visit, the members had met a large number of Cook Islanders at church and social functions and each and every one of those contacted not only understood the political moves in the islands, but also fully supported them.

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SOURCE : Evening Post, Wellington, 14 May 1964.

SELF-GOVERNMENT 'NOT UNDERSTOOD'

Fears Cook Group will become a Red Satellite

Because the mass of the people did not understand the ramifications or implications of the proposal, the Cook Islands would have a dictatorship in one year, and would become a Communist satellite in five years under the scheme for internal self-government, said Inanui Rio (Love) Nia, of Rarotonga, daughter of the late paramount Ariki of the group, today.

The New Zealand Government was preparing a constitution, framed by its experts, which the majority of the people did not want, said Mrs Nia.

"I do not expect that those Cook Islanders resident in New Zealand should have a right to vote for members of the Legislative Assembly in the islands, but on behalf of the 12,000 Cook Islanders resident here, I demand that all Cook Islanders should have the right to vote on whether or not the group should have internal self-government.

It must be pointed out to Mr D.C. Brown that the Cook Islands are an integral part of New Zealand, a province such as Waikato or Auckland, and there is no separate feeling among New Zealand Cook Islanders that can warrant this exclusion of their opinions in the future of their 'birthplace' and 'home district.'

"Mr Brown admits that Cook Islanders here enjoy this inter-provincial right at this moment but states that they cannot have it indefinitely. Therefore, he is going to deprive us of this right through the new constitution.

Ridiculous

"His comments that we cannot continue to enjoy the 'best of both worlds' and that we should return

to the islands to help boost the economy is ridiculous. Twelve thousand Cook Islanders, paying New Zealand rates of taxation on New Zealand rates of pay, are practically contributing on their own a large proportion of the Government's finance used to support the economy of the Cook Islands.

"The Cook Islands taxpayer will have to continue to support the Cook Islands with many hundreds of thousands of pounds in economic aid. Surely we have a right to know how the Cook Islands are spending our money and should continue to have the control of the use of the New Zealand taxpayers contributions."

Mrs Nia said it had been suggested that the Cook Islands have a representative in the New Zealand Parliament, yet her people here were to have no representation in the proposed Cook Islands Parliament. That in itself is an injustice.

Questionable

"The whole background to this present situation is questionable; the facts speak for themselves. The titular heads of the people have been slighted and ignored both here and in the Cook Islands by the so-called experts in constitutional law.

"These facts must be remembered. Only 4901 people of a total population of more than 21,000 in the group voted for the present Assembly. This figure of course excluded the 12,000 Cook Islanders resident here. This in itself displays a lack of understanding by the people and their lack of confidence in the present initial system now operating.

"No one member of the present Assembly polled more than 1000 votes and the list of occupations of those elected members illustrated to me that my contentions are valid when I state that it is the trading and business hierarchy that are endeavouring to take over the Cook Islands and the New Zealand taxpayers subsidy in the name of the Cook Islands people."

Mrs Nia said it was worthy to note that the majority of the present Assembly, 16 of 22 in all, were wealthy island traders with big business investments in the islands.

"Whose interest would you think they represent?"

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SOURCE : Evening Post, Wellington, 15 May 1964.

NOTES

1. Mr D.C. Brown, mentioned above, is the grandfather of the Minister of Finance Mark Brown.
2. Mrs Inanui Rio (Love) Nia was the eldest daughter of the late Makea Takau Ariki. When Makea Takau died in the late 1940's, the Makea Ariki Title did not go to Inanui because she was too young at the time. And so the Makea Ariki Title went across to Takau's younger sister who became Makea Nui Teremoana Ariki. She went on to hold that title for more than 40 years.



Makea Nui Teremoana Ariki and Margaret Karika Ariki
with the last Resident Commissioner of the Cook Islands Mr Ollie Dare. (This photograph was apparently taken in 1964)

Snub of Leaders Angered Islanders

Clerks ahead of Chiefs when Sir Bernard called at Rarotonga

A major clanger dropped by the Resident Commissioner of the Cook Islands, Mr A.O. Dare, during the Governor-General's visit to Rarotonga has caused an uproar in the Islands. The blunder was an incredible lapse of protocol. The hereditary chieftains and their elders were given back seats at the official reception to the Governor-General, Sir Bernard Fergusson at Avarua, the administrative centre of the Cook Islands.

At a time when there is strong feeling in the Cook Islands that the traditional leaders should be restored to their customary place in the management of affairs, the events at the official reception have had an explosive effect on the political situation.

In particular it has added impetus to the formation of an embryo political party which is beginning to coalesce around the personality of Mr Albert Henry, the son of an Aitutaki chief and previously a leader of the Cook Islands Progressive Association and the Cook Islands Producers Co-operative Movement.

At the official reception, which was held on the front steps of the administration block at Avarua, white-clad New Zealand public servants were placed in the front row of seats.

Behind them sat members of the Legislative Assembly and the members of the Rarotonga Island

Council. Far back in odd corners were the hereditary chieftains and their elders.

The whole reception arrangements were a sad blow to the mana of the Ariki (hereditary titleholders) of the people of Rarotonga.

One Ariki chieftainess, Pa Ariki, was so incensed that she walked out before the Governor-General arrived.

Another chieftainess, Mrs Poko Ingram, a member of the Legislative Assembly who bears a Mataiapo title, publicly criticised the arrangements and is believed to have protested to the Resident Commissioner, Mr Dare, after the reception.

Another incident occurred during the Governor General's speech. Many people walked out before the end of his speech in a manner that could not avoid being noticed.

They included leading Maoris with hereditary titles and some Europeans who sympathise with the traditional leaders.

Later, at a social gathering at the Residency several chieftains were conspicuously absent.

The islanders have interpreted the affair as an insult by the New Zealand Administration and the Legislative Assembly not only to the hereditary chiefs, but also to the traditional values of the Rarotongan community.

It has also intensified the dissatisfaction felt by a growing number of Cook Islanders over the constitutional proposals for a ministerial system of Government next year.

The constitutional proposals, which are expected to become law by an act of New Zealand Parliament this year, are believed to make no provision for the leader's tradition of hereditary leadership.

The result of the "official reception affair" has been to increase the political standing of Mr Albert Henry, who has been campaigning, in spite of the opposition of the Legislative Assembly members, for a constitution which places greater emphasis on traditional leadership.

Several hereditary leaders have visited Mr Henry since the reception and are believed to have told him: "At first we doubted you when you declared that it was the intention of the Europeans and the Legislative Assembly to obliterate out 'aronga man' in the Cook Islands.

What has happened now has utterly convinced us that you are absolutely right."

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SOURCE: The "New Zealand Truth", 26 May 1964.

Wave Soaks Lady Fergusson

Rough Vice Regal Entry to Island

Mauke (Sthn. Cooks), May 16.- The Governor-General (Sir Bernard Fergusson) had his roughest rowing boat approach to any island yet when he went to Mauke, the most easterly part of New Zealand territory, today.

Fairly large waves were breaking at the reef and as Sir Bernard's boat went through the 15ft channel it veered sharply left, bumped into the reef edge and then swung sharply to the centre. Full control was regained at this point and the boat landed safely.

The first boat to come ashore was that with the Resident Agent (Mr S.G. O'Brian) and he was soaked because water poured over it after it had nearly been up-ended.

On the way back to H.M.N.Z.S. Royalist Sir Bernard's boat had a 20-minute wait until there were suitable conditions in the channel for the boat to proceed. When the series of right waves did come the rowers worked furiously and pulled the boat clear of the reef.

A little way out there were some eight-foot waves. One broke over the boat and Lady Fergusson was soaked.

In his speech of welcome Mr O'Brian said the tour was far too short but the island looked forward to some further time when Sir Bernard could return.

One of the memorable moments for Sir Bernard was to be greeted by Samuela Ariki, the island chief

and the one who greeted his father in 1926 when he toured as Governor-General. Sir Bernard's only regret was that it was not possible for the Ariki to meet a third generation Fergusson because Georgie was unwell and stayed on the Royalist.

During the entertainment Samuela Ariki, now 87, danced for the visitors.

The visit was for only a few hours. A similarly short visit was later made to Mitiaro, just a few miles away. Total population of the two islands is about 1100.

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SOURCE: Evening Post, Wellington, 17 May 1964.

Inspectors to take sanitation to next level

As part of the continued improvements for sanitation in the Cook Islands, WATSAN, the Ministry of Health and the National Environment Service have combined forces to deliver an approach that offers advice, monitoring and enforcement of regulatory standards for the up keep of livestock.

"The partnership signifies an innovative approach maximising co-operation between central government agencies to better coordinate and deliver programmes; a move that is fully supported by the Honourable DPM and Minister of Infrastructure, Teariki Heather and the Honourable Minister of Health, Nandi Glassie" said WATSAN Director Tekao Hermann.

Over the coming months two newly appointed Sanitary Inspectors, Royston Jones and George Teiri will visit all animal farms and sites in Muri/Avana area. The aim is to make sure that all waste from animals and the animals themselves are managed in accordance with the law, so that pollution of streams and the lagoon is prevented. Once their work in the Muri/Avana area is complete, Royston and George will begin visits to animal farms and sites more widely around Rarotonga.

All partners are working to ensure that our farming and domestic livestock owners are aware and responsible under the regulations of the Public Health Act 2004, the Ministry of Health Act 2013 and the Environment Act of 2003

The rules and regulations for the keeping of livestock varies depending on the size of the operation and intended use of the livestock for commercial or subsistence living. The overarching goal is to ensure that the all livestock waste is managed properly and does not affect our waterways.

The Sanitary Inspectors will also focus on a number of future projects including the Sanitation Upgrade Programme and the Commercial Warrant of Fitness scheme soon to be launched in partnership with the Cook Islands Tourism Industry Council.

Royston Jones has over 20 years work experience in the water and sanitation sector in New Zealand. Royston's recent attachments have seen him work in the Cook Islands since 2009, initially as a secondment from Manukau Water to project manage the Mauke Water Supply upgrade programme then onto a short term stint with Rarotonga Plumbing Contractors Ltd as Wastewater Technician and subsequently taking on the Senior Water Technician role with the Design and Planning division of ICI in October 2012.

George Teiri is a returning Cook Islander who has worked in the wastewater sector in NZ for the last 12 years. In 2002 George formed his own company, Ace Drainlaying and Excavation Services Ltd primarily responsible for the design and installation of on-site primary and secondary wastewater treatment systems in Auckland.

Royston and George bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to deliver the responsibilities expected of Sanitation Inspectors with sound and practical understanding of compliance and regulatory requirements

They will be spending much of their time in the field over the coming months, working with owners and operators of wastewater treatment systems, and with animal farmers, to find ways in which water pollution can be prevented or minimised.

Anyone who would like to discuss any aspect of animal waste management or of the wider area of sanitation and wastewater can contact the WATSAN Unit on 20321

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MEDIA PLAYER

Why should I get one

At this point, some readers may be asking what's wrong with simply plugging in a laptop or PC to the TV? This is certainly an option, but compared to using a media player, it is often a less convenient and more complicated approach. Cables are usually not part of the typical living room decor, and are often hidden to the greatest extent possible. Another drawback to connecting a PC to the TV is that navigation can become a frustrating matter. In order to change movies or load another episode, one has to use the computer mouse and operating system, browsing through folders and files as if sitting by a work station. In a media player, all features are easily managed using a single remote control, avoiding the hassle of having to switch between the computer and TV, which can easily distract from that cosy "movie time ambience" that viewers like.

There was a time when people dedicated whole sections of the living room to display their collection of CDs and DVDs. Alternatively, particularly in households with children, the living room became a storage room in itself, with plastic discs spread out all over the place. Thanks to the introduction of the media player, the CD/DVD shelf can be taken down to make room for something else. Whole libraries of different media, be it music, videos, or photos, are stored locally on the media player itself or on a PC that connects to it wirelessly. Instead of getting up and walking across the room to change discs, all one must do is push a button on the remote control. And where the CD shelf used to be, you can now install a cool minibar.

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Tēta`i Au Kōrero Pakari ā tō tātou `Ui-Tūpuna

Some Wise Sayings of our Ancestors

E mānganui `uātu rāi te au Kōrero Pakari, te au Tuatua ta`ito `ē te au Mānakonako`anga `o`onu ā tō tātou `Ui-tupuna te kā riro `ei tauturu i tō tātou au `akakoro`anga `ē te kaveinga tau tā tātou e umuumu nei. Te vaī ra, te vaī ra `ē te vaī ra kia māro`iro`i tātou i te kimi makitoro atu.

Tātā`ia e Rutera Taripo

`Utia te kura-ora, avai`o te kura-mate

Pull up the sacred emblem of life, but touch not the sacred emblem of death

Kano e, kanokano atu ki te paerangi

Move, and move onward steadily to the horizon

Kaura! Kaura! Kaura tapu vananga

Reveal! Reveal the sacred teaching

E ra kurakura teia, kua nakenakea mai

This is a bright clear day; it makes one cheerful and happy

Mātiketike! Mārangananga! Ka roko`ia koe `e te pō kino, `e te pō `ara, `e te pō tapu, `āitu ē, e ara!

Arise! Be alert! Lest you be tempted by the evil night, the sinful night, the sacred night! Take care! [A saying of Encouragement]

Tēnā pa`a tei i ā koe, `akiā mai! Tikiri-rī!

Perhaps you have it! Give it your all! Tikiri-rī

`Ei tō rima rāi te rapa i tō `Oe.

In your hands is the blade of your oar

Korokoromaki, E aruaru mārie atu rāi

Persevere and strive on relentlessly

Pākau rikiriki tei tae ki Ārangi-Rea, ākā `ua ia

What little that arrives at Ārangi-Rea is totally adequate (Arangi-rea is a marae)

E kariko pao ngatā

A shell in the sea that is very hard to crack –representing:
A very stubborn person

Moemoeā panako

The small fish which never properly goes to sleep
Be wary, watchful, wide awake, hard to beat

A`aere marie e aku pōtiki kia kite koe i ngā inapōtea

Go quietly my sons, so that you may see many moonlight
Go slowly and be careful so you may live longer

Chinese wedding

This column is written by Tangaroa & Lavi Vakalalabure, Cook Island residents who are in Jiangsu, China

This week we attended a Chinese friend's wedding (Sarah to Jason – their English names!!). It was our first taste of a wedding ceremony without any religious rituals, it was different experience. It is customary that before a Chinese wedding is approved by the bride's father, the groom needs to have an apartment first before he asks for her hand in marriage and if there is a new car, this is a bonus. The apartment, car and cash are the standard dowry payment in China. Even though some Chinese try to have a westernized way of thinking, the dowry tradition still lingers in most of their minds. Apart from the cash payment which ranges from 20,000 RMB to over 100,000 RMB, an important aspect of the Chinese wedding is the grandness of the wedding reception. Brides need to prepare the furnishings for the apartment, all the wedding day clothing and accessories, special beddings, cutlery for the tea drinking ceremony, chocolate gifts for each guest, cigarettes provided at every table during the wedding reception and jewelry bought by the groom's parents as gifts for their new daughter-in-law.

Other aspects of the wedding that I found intriguing were the use of the match maker to confirm if the couple make a suitable match by using their birthdates, the picking of the most suitable wedding date by the match maker, the match maker deciding the best time for the wedding reception to start and taking wedding portraits a month prior to the wedding.

There were few wedding portraits taken and these portraits were displayed at the wedding reception. I told Sarah that taking the wedding portraits before the wedding takes away the excitement of the wedding day. Well, she said that it is a tradition that has been practiced for many decades. There were 3 dresses that Sarah wore for the portraits and these were actually hired from the photography company. I have seen a lot of these wedding portrait companies around the city but never knew that they have an integral part in a Chinese wedding.

The first ritual for the wedding day is the tea drinking ceremony



where the new couple prepared and served tea to their parents in law. This tradition symbolizes that they are now joined as one family and would do anything for their in-laws. After this tea drinking ceremony, there was an official family lunch that was hosted by the parents of the new couple before the wedding reception in the evening. There were at least 25 people at this family lunch.

The wedding reception was held at the city's Exhibition Centre ("Centre") and it was grand. First and before I forget, the wedding was to officially start at 18:18 hours. Yes, at 6:18pm. We wandered about the very awkward time in the invitation card and our dear superstitious friend said that the time (or the number 8) means good fortune in Chinese custom. The other interesting thing is that Sarah and Jason had signed their marriage certificate a few weeks earlier. The Chinese tend to think that the "official signing" ceremony is not the real wedding but the reception is the "real wedding".

After our arrival at the Centre, we had photographs taken with the new couple then were ushered to our table.

There were 55 tables that sat 12 people at each table. We sat with other friends that we knew. There were fine Chinese ware and crystal glasses for "baiju" (Chinese wine), water and milk. Yes, expensive milk was the favored drink for the non-alcohol drinkers and each guest had a beautifully decorated bottle of chocolate varieties to take home with him or her.

Another impressive item at Sarah's wedding was a big screen about twice the size of the Empire

Theatre screen that was at the stage. It seemed like we were also walking onto a movie set because there were ceiling video cameras and cameras on wheels rolling within the Centre and once the formalities started, cameras were shooting and the videos were instantaneously shown on the screen. It was indeed magnificent. As we sat at our table, the wedding video was played on the screen for the guests to watch. The video included the tea drinking ceremony, portraits of the new couple, arrival of the bride and other tradition rituals conducted prior to the reception. This was a great way to witness the other wedding rituals that were conducted prior to the reception.

At the table, were cold entrées of vegetables, sea food, pork, lamp and beef. The ceremony started with the official giving of the bride by the father, the exchange of wedding vows (that was officiated by the master of ceremony) thereafter, the guests started with entrées. Oh, we had not eaten seawater fish since our arrival in China until Sarah's wedding. ☹ We were thrilled to be served a rock cod. It's a little smaller than the once that we usually catch around Black Rock, Nikao. (We are assuming that a single fish must cost 100 RMB or thereabout)

With the different dishes being brought to the tables after every 10 minutes, entertainment was provided for the guests. Entertainment included, dancing, singing and a magician's act. All the performances were held during the entire meal time. There were no speeches from the father of the bride or the best man. There

was no first dance too or dancing for that matter. At the end of the performance, the new couple with the parents in law then went to each table to toast good wishes with the guests. When they completed the rounds of the 55 tables, the ceremony was over and the Centre was almost empty with just the last of the friends and families leaving to continue their party elsewhere.

For the final rituals of the Chinese wedding traditions, there were 2 other lunches that needed to be hosted by the parents-in-law of the new couple before the "wedding rituals" were finally completed. Accordingly, on the day after the wedding, there was a lunch party for about 30 people and the final lunch party (which was on the 2nd day after the wedding) had only 10 family members.

A Chinese wedding is something to experience, I think it is full of superstition, some semblance of traditional rituals and it is a very costly affair that lasted for only 3 hours. Sarah's wedding reception cost the new couple (and their parents) a whopping 250,000 RMB. This amount also included the costs of the food, wedding portraits, hiring of the wedding planner and the hiring of the make-up artists. In our mind, though the experience was enjoyable, It does not rank anywhere close to our wedding celebrations and festivities back home. We know we sound bias but then again the Chinese might find our Cook Islands wedding celebrations and festivities too noisy for their liking.

This was indeed grand and expensive. Till the next time, Zaijian.

The name above every name

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

The well known William Shakespeare said 'there is nothing in a name!' Yet there are known tyrants or dictators in certain countries around the world even now-a-days who are regarded as 'monsters!' There are also individuals in the scripture who are regarded as 'traitors'. During the days of Jesus the Emperor Caesar was regarded as the 'lord of lords!' Even Saul before he was converted by the Power of God, was a man greatly feared by all Christians because he crucified and killed them. But when Saul was converted to be the Apostle Paul, he realized that there is a name greater than any other name which is the name of Jesus Christ! Paul said in Philippians 2v.9-11 "God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name...that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow...and that every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." When we mention the name of Jesus, the devil will flee; God open doors of opportunities; the sick will be healed. When we mention the name of Jesus, Forgiveness will take place for the un-forgiven! Love for the unloved! Hope for the hopeless! Our sorrows will turn into joy! Tears into laughter! Pain into peace! Because Jesus Christ is the name above every name! and because there is power in the name of Jesus! Jesus said in John 16v.33 "...in Me you may have peace.

In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Too often people rely on their own human knowledge, understanding and wisdom to try and resolve their problems. Jesus said in John 14v.13-14 "...whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." The condition to this is that we must believe in faith and recognise that Jesus Christ is the name above every name, and that He died for your sins, and receive Him as Lord and Saviour of your life. Having done that, then we should turn to Jesus for help regarding our challenges or problems! Psalm 46v1 reads "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." In Jeremiah 33v.3 God said "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." When we mention the name of Jesus it will open the gates of heaven and closes the gates of hell! It will draw us out of darkness into the light! It will maintain our relationships with one another, even in the family and also with God! It will bring peace and joy to the home! Because Jesus is our joy and salvation! In Acts 3v.6, Peter, one of Jesus disciples, said to the lame man, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." This lame man was healed and

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could walk normally. In Acts 4v.12 Peter also said "...there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.", except the name of Jesus! People have been to the tomb of David; the tomb of Isaac; tomb of Joseph; tomb of Muhammad; and others, they're still there! But when they visited the tomb of Jesus, He

wasn't there because He has risen and is in heaven with God the Father being our Intercessor, our High Priest, and our Advocate. The name of Jesus is above every name because He is The First and The Last! The Alpha and The Omega! He is from Everlasting to Everlasting! Praise be His Holy Name! May you have a God blessed week!

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Week 14 Fantasy Odds on who might Score the LAST TRY

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Any Other	\$8	Any Other	\$8

New fantasy odds on who will SCORE the LAST TRY of the PREM game. This will give tipsters and fanatical league followers more options when going to a LOCAL league game. Follow your teams' fortunes every week on the Fantasy Odds score board.

The Fantasy Odds column is a hypothetical scenario based on the writers opinion. This is NOT real.

RUGBY LEAGUE.. IS IT TRUE?

IS IT TRUE

Arorangi Bear Reserve grade will rewrite history and win this week and next weeks grand final

IS IT TRUE

Arorangi's Alex Kermode is doing night classes to pass the Bar. - * Legal bar or Hides Bar??

IS IT TRUE

After last weeks referees performance many people are asking - "Has the original referees problem been solved?"

IS IT TRUE

A Fijian player will score the last TRY in this weeks Fantasy Odds and pay no more than \$3.00.

IS IT TRUE,

Prominent Bulldogs supporter has ditched the club for next year.

IS IT TRUE

During the reserve grade game last Saturday an excited player dives and dots the ball down. Elation turns to humiliation when told he scored on the 20 m mark. (Flags were placed on wrong position).

Official Draw

Draw Wk 16 Semi Finals

SAT 10TH MAY BCI STADIUM, NIKAO

12.30pm	U9 Mini Mod Kuki Tag
1.00pm	U12 Mini Mod Kuki Tag
1.30pm	U19 Eels v U19 Panthers
3.00pm	Res Eels v Res Bears
4.30pm	Prem Bulldogs v Prem Panthers

Simple Simon says....

We Need A Clock And a Scoreboard

You got to ask yourself what was going on inside the head of Arorangi's Peter Kermode when inside the last 2 mins of the 2nd half and hot on attack, Kermode dropped a field goal to advance the score by 1 pt. At the time the Bears were behind 10-12 add the field goal (11-12)...What was he thinking? The end result meant a 1 point loss and all hopes dashed to advance. They need a scoreboard even better a clock that works.... even better how about someone to man the scoreboard so not just the players but also the spectators can keep up-to-date with what's happening. It is a major handicap for all concerned when a scoreboard such as the one in the BCI stadium is available yet not used by organisers. Could someone please ensure that this doesn't happen for the next 2 weeks. To not know the score is a major handicap.

So says SimonSimon the Tick Tocker

Who Played Well

Panthers -, Seruvi Ralulu, A A, Maurona Ioane, Teina Savage

Bears - Stephen Willis, Turori Matutu, Andre Iro

Half time - Panthers 8 Bears 0

Full time Score - Panthers 21 Bears 20

Sin Bin -Knickers 'n a Twist Naughty Seat - Andre Iro (Bears) Turori Matuto (Bears,) Ngatamaine Rongo (Panthers)

MY Predictions for Semi Final Winners

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1.30pm U19 Eels v U19 Panthers.....U19 Eels

3.00pm Res Eels v Res Bears.....Res Bears

4.30pm Prem Bulldogs v Prem Panthers.....Prem Panthers

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Opinion...

Who will win

Match Ups in the Semi Finals at BCI stadium

Bulldogs 2nd) v Panther (4th) - loser out, winner plays Eels (Final)

After losing last week in the major ¼ finals against the Avatiu Eels, 2012 champions the Bulldogs risk everything when they take on the Tupapa Panthers this Saturday. The game will be fantastic, full of excitement and bound to be loaded with drama. The referees will hope not to dominate the games proceedings because they need to almost be invisible. The standout players from both teams need to raise their hand and play with the confidence and skill we have come to expect from these two teams. Central to the winning team will be the ability of the imported player to front again this week as they have done for the last 15 weeks. Folklore stories could be born from this weeks performance as like last years grand final "a Fijian was born". "LG" the Panther winger who rejuvenated the stutter step and ignited the rugby league fraternity here on Raro, didn't return this season but he has not being forgotten. May his brothers in arms keep the spirit of Suva alive and well in the sport of League.

Txt Winners Wk # 15

Fijian in Paradise - T-shirt
League Fan - Karaoke Hire
The Corporal - Meat Pack

Week 16 Who they picked!

1. A.W.R – U19 Eels, Res Sea Eagles, Prem Panthers
2. BCI Caretaker – Eels, Bears, Bulldogs
3. Joe the Plumber – Eel, Eel, Panther
4. Rupe the Sparky – Panther, Bear, Bulldog
5. Sam Kaiporo - Eels, Bears, Panther
6. Daniel R – Eels, Bears, Bulldogs
7. Noo – Eels, Eels, Bulldogs
8. League Fan – Eels, Bears, Bulldogs
9. Akanoa Tuakana – Eels, Bears, Bulldogs
10. Mum & Dad Tou – Panthers, Bears, Bulldogs
11. Lydia the Barman – Eels, Bears, Panthers
12. Rangi Luke – Eels, Eels, Panthers
13. Allister @ Motor Centre – Eels, Eels, Panthers
14. League Nat – Eels, Eels, Panther
15. Rob Matapo – Panthers, Bears, Bulldogs
16. Simi's Back – Eels, Eels, Panthers
17. Phillip Strickland – Panthers, Bears, Panthers
18. Henry Hoff – Eels, Bears, Panthers
19. Café Salsa' Terry – Panthers, Bears, Panthers
20. CITV Tereapii – Eels, Eels, Bulldogs
21. Sean Willis – Eels, Bears, Bulldogs
22. Mr "X" – Panthers, Bears, Bulldogs
23. Pam Brider – Panthers, Eels, Panthers
24. Ake Tangapiri- Panthers, Eels, Bulldogs
25. Jeff the Ref – Eels, Eels, Panthers
26. 10 cent Aussie – Panthers, Bears, Bulldogs
27. Anthony Brown – Eels, Bears, Panthers
28. 3T3i2U2A + 1R - Eels, Bears, Bulldogs
29. Born a Kingfisher – Eels, Eels Panthers
30. Hurricane lam I – Eels, Eels, Panthers
31. Hot Eyes – Eels, Bears, Panthers
32. K Corner – Eels, Eels, Bulldogs
33. Smith Family – Eels, Bears, Bulldogs
34. Poko – Eels, Bears, Panthers
35. The General – Eels, Eels Panthers
36. The Corporal – Eels, Eels, Panthers
37. The Sargent - Eels, Bears, Panthers
38. The Cook – Eels, Eels, Bulldogs
39. Fijian in Paradise – Eels, Bears, Bulldogs
40. Kikau Broom Maker – Panthers, Bears, Panthers

PRIZE - 1 x FREE t-shirt, 1 x Karaoke hire & 1 x Meat pack for person who correctly picks 3 winners from this weeks draw.

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Te Mire Ura

By Norma Ngatamariki

Kia Orana! You may not have seen my article in the Herald last week and for that, I apologize. I was really stuck with what to write about. In the end, I just couldn't do it. But I'm here now with a brand new topic (well, not really).

Last Friday night at the National Auditorium, the Te Mire Ura was held for the Senior Division. The most talented senior dancers gathered under one roof to show off their skills in front of eight judges, as well as the public.

Mum had managed to get two complimentary tickets and two VIP tickets, thanks to her boss. I wasn't about to turn down a free ticket to watch a show. We decided that we would give the VIP tickets to my "other mum", Tania, and my little brother, Samuel (it didn't really bother me. Except for missing out on

the free food) I would settle for the complimentary ticket. It took me an hour to get ready and it took both my mothers' even longer. I just realized how difficult it is, having a five-year-old running around the house with your favourite perfume.

At long last, we were on our way. When we arrived, I was surprised at the turnout. There were a lot of young people (as expected). I didn't see anybody I knew, which was kind of sad, but hey. I was with my family. We were the early birds, so we got seats right in the front. The auditorium wasn't that full but man, there were heaps of kids on the loose! When Samuel decided to join them, I really got a good workout, trying to run after him. Gosh, what a shaming experience! I finally got a hold of Samuel and sat him down.

And then it was time. The MC for the night was Sonny (from

the Ministry of Culture). I reckon he was entertaining. The dance began with Mona Taio, who swooped the stage with her stunning, yellow costume. She was incorporating her dance movement with the beginnings of man. All the girl dancers stood out for me: Aloma Moore, Kristine Tangipiri and Mary Taio. They were all simply amazing. They were so good that I got the sudden urge to dance. At the moment, I wished that I had a body for dancing. Bleh!

Then it was the boy's turns. I forgot to mention, people, that the speakers introduced each contestant with a bit of background about the dancers and the purpose of their dance. There were four male dancers in total: Matthew Pierre (his dance was dedicated to his brother, Tamarii Pierre), Samuel Nga, Akiona and this other guy (I'm sorry, I'm terrible with names).



But they were all manly in their chanting and prancing around. Drum roll, please! Kristine Tangipiri came 1st placing, Mona Taio came 2nd placing and Mere Taio 3rd for the female division. For the male division, Matthew Pierre came 1st, Akiona came 2nd (I think??) and 3rd was Samuel.

Mothers Day

By Nadia George

Two long weeks off of school and I did nothing. How sad is that right? I guess that's what happens when you get a part time job. Holidays don't become holidays anymore and kids like myself, don't get to relax and enjoy the freedom of the two weeks that we are given. Instead it's the same old routine. Get up early, get ready and go to work, come home and do your chores. Day in and day out. Only difference with it is that at the end of the week, you get a nice wad of cash to soften the blow of having spent a whole week working hard.

The first week of my holidays started off awesome. I spent most of the Easter holiday with my friends and family. A few kaikai's here and a little late night there. It was a great way to start off my holiday. Then came Tuesday and the inevitable reality of having to go to work, had slapped me in

the face. What bothered me the most was that my fellow colleague Norma didn't come into work for the first week, but I am grateful that Chelsea did though.

The first week of the holidays went by painfully slow, with each day becoming even duller than the last until finally Friday came along. TGIF! Friday was spent decorating our truck for the fun run our junior paddling team had done as a fundraiser for their trip to Australia later on in the year. Saturday was the day of the run, which turned out to be very successful. Our team raised a grand total of \$2500.00. On that note, I'd just like to say thank you to all those who had helped support of junior team of Ngakau Toa.

The weekend was pretty norms, not much happened with that. Then came Monday and the cycle repeated itself. Work chores, training. Only this time Norma had finally come back to work! She's says

that I am or was, a constant distraction to her while she "attempted" to work; I guess she calls Facebook, work? However, when we weren't busy with Herald stuff, we'd spent most of our free time fixing up our essays and applications for the scholarships that the Ministry of Education is offering. Oh the pressure.

The final weekend of the holidays ended with me finding a new part time job with my two pals Otea and Tehere, and also our failed plan of spending our last few days/hours of freedom, having a night out.... that is until it decided to rain (boo!). Instead, we enjoyed a "quiet" night in with a few of our other friends and crashed at our coach's house and raided their kitchen. Shot aunty lol.

I think it's safe to say that my holiday was an epic fail of boredom and that it didn't turn out to be the glamorous two weeks I envisioned it to be. But oh well, I guess that



what I get for growing up to fast. YOLO!

Bugger public opinion according to the CIP cabinet, with a lot of push and shove from the neneva wombat they have agreed and signed off with Telecom NZ for the Digicel take over. BTIB's unexpected steel balls interception to extend the local expression time for another 60 days has put a spanner in Neves' sales close. BTIB Minita Mr Turepu's intervention will be given a sharp kick in the behind. Now watch the stressed out little Aussie put up a "The Consequences fear tactic" fight with BTIB with the help of the clawless dragon from Crown Law. Even if Digicel lodge an application for a Foreign Enterprise License from BTIB it will not be endorsed until a full due diligence is completed and that could take several months like our wait for our tax returns from MFEM. And after it's all done the answer will be deferred. Congratulations to the new Chairman and the directors for upholding the BTIB mantra of locals first, locals second, third, fourth and fifth.



Minita Brown's prediction political reform will be a major campaign issue could be a little over stated. His own CIP Minita Mona Ioane the Aitutaki MP was dead set against it as was the Amuri MP Toa Izzymala. If they were in support they would have followed the Bishop to One Cook Islands. It's obvious they see themselves as the two of the island's MPs when reform chops one off.



It's political Christmas time, plenty of cheap food or if no one is looking free food, just check out the political launch dates and blend with the crowd and join the queue. Best deal last week was the \$1 sausage sizzle at the Rakahanga Hostel for Raro's One CI candidate



George Maggie, the little man with the big heart of love on call 24/7.



Since when did the Police Ministry do private work delivering Court summons for the Legal profession? Last week the uniformed officers were observed at the domestic arrivals to present an outer island returnee with the papers after they disembarked the plane. Not complaining just asking.



One crystal ball prediction of successful candidates has all four lawyers being tossed from office. In 2010 it was the Doctors who got erased from political life now they predict it's the lawyer's last waltz. Their other from behind the veil revelation is two of the seven women candidates will win seats.



The NZ Army was once suspected of putting a chemical suppressant (Bromide) in the mashed potato to curb certain male urges and this may have been why mashed potato was served with every meal in camp. The NZ Army did not want men on parade with their trousers sticking out! Likewise, the Chinese workers on the water project

may need a similar suppressant to curb their manly urges. We don't want our innocent, young gals to see construction workers with their trousers sticking out do we? The Chinese workers will daily witness our gals ride past on their bikes wearing the traditional get up of tee-shirt and short, shorts. It will be a wonder if the job is completed on time!



Since when did waving to people from the roadside as they drive by, constitute "bribery" under the legislation? Seems some papa'a are trying to wind up one candidate who looks like a certainty. They must be so desperate to unsettle the one person who has worked hard for the last four years and not hidden under a rock like some MPs.



Some public service bosses are going to ridiculously childish lengths to ensure their adult staff obey the law laid down by Marshall Russell Earp Thomas, not to be involved in politics during taxpayer funded time. Word has reached Big Red of desks and computers being searched and monitored for incriminating evidence. Luckily these rules do not apply to Minister's hand picked staff in

the Ministerial Support Offices because they are political appointees not Public Servants!



There's been a Heavenly message that the Leaders of both political parties will not win another term in their northern electorates! Speaking from the Heavenly realm through a local conveyor of spiritual matters, one of the senior Archangels communicated the outcome of the polls!

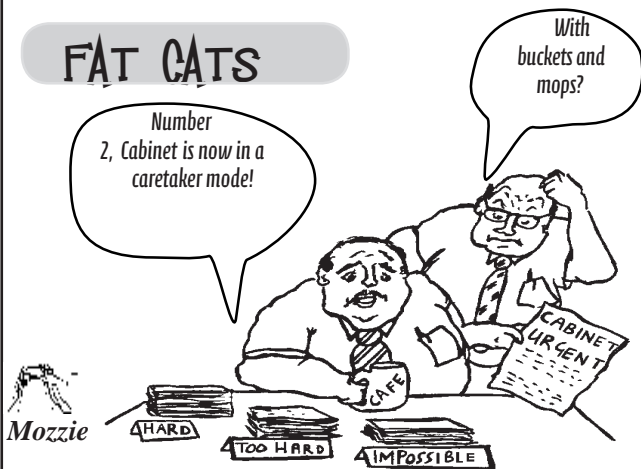


What a coincidence some outer island projects just happen to near completion right about election time! A good reason for senior MPs to travel to attend ceremonies and politic at the same time! The DPM heads north to Pukapuka to open the upgraded airport along with the CIP MP for Pukapuka but lo, there's no room for the Demo contender for Pukapuka! All the seats are taken!

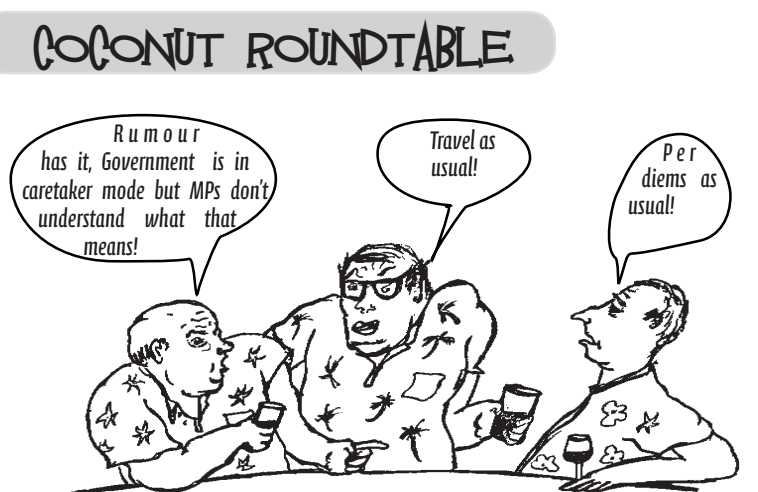


Perhaps the real reason the PM dissolved parliament and called an early election for 9 July is because he could see the economy was in a real mess. With a budget deficit for the next three years and therefore no spare money for any new initiatives, the CIP would not be in a position to offer any promises. It would merely be more of the same unpopular medicine. More taxes and taxes upon taxes. The PM probably hopes the Demos will win and endure three unpopular years trying to balance the books. In other words, the Demos would face the public's wrath over cuts to money, resources and staff. On the fourth year, the cunning plan would be for the CIP to return like Saints from Heaven in a blaze of glory to put things right! Oh yeah?

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TE REO MĀORI



Tātā`ia e Rutera Taripo

Tēta`i Au Kōrero Pakari ā tō tātou `Ui-Tūpuna

Some Wise Sayings of our Ancestors

Kia Orāna, tēia `akaou tēta`i au Kōrero Pakari tei vai`o `ia mai e tō tātou pā-metua kia vai mā`eu`eu `ua nā tātou i te tā`anga`anga `anga ma te inangaro `ē pērā katoa kia parau `T`T`ē te vanavana i te tuatua i tō tātou Reo mānea, te reo o tō tātou tupuna-vaine. No reira, tautā, tautā, tautā `uātu rāi. Pēnei tēnā tei ia koe. E mānganui `uātu rāi te au Kōrero Pakari, te au Tuatua ta`ito `ē te au mānakonako`anga `o`onu ā tō tātou `Ui-tupuna te kā riro `ei tauturu i tō tātou au `akakoro`anga `ē te kaveinga tau tā tātou e umuumu nei. Te vaī ra, te vaī ra `ē te vaī ra kia māro`iro`i tātou i te kimi makitoro atu. Kia Upokotū `uātu rāi.

Kia mau te Selenga, Kia mau te napenga

Hold on to your identity, hold on to your heritage

Me mawutu, ka tungakilu Me waletiko ka wakayapi

Me kite koe i toou kāpua`anga e toa koe

Kia `aite taku ki te pē`au ō te tavake, i te akatika`anga i tō tātou rere`anga ki Avaiki

Let us be like the wings of the white tropic bird coordinating our flight home.

[Let us be in harmony]

Kōkiri kai ate

A small fish which eats its own liver

A person who is always angry and who does not try to get rid of it

Hot temper

Kia pupuru ō vaevae, kia mokorā ō kakī

Your legs like the *pupuru* and your neck like the ducks

Be wise, be steady and cool/ Stand firmly and be alert

A te kerearako `ua koe

You are like a kerearako. You are a big talker

A person who makes a lot of noise

Akara ka ve`u te punā vai

Be careful or the clear pool might become dirty

Be careful that your cleverness does not turn into foolishness

Aue te kakara i angi mai mei silo, kua topa kina tapatapa o te ao nei Kua uiui te no`o o te henua E oue...eaha teia?

`Ānau`ia i te piriau matangi, aaki te tōrea i tāna putarananga

Performed like their mighty mother who laboured to bring one to this world

Tāupeupe te `uru... – e A-Tangaroa

Display thy glorious feathers – oh A-Tangaroa

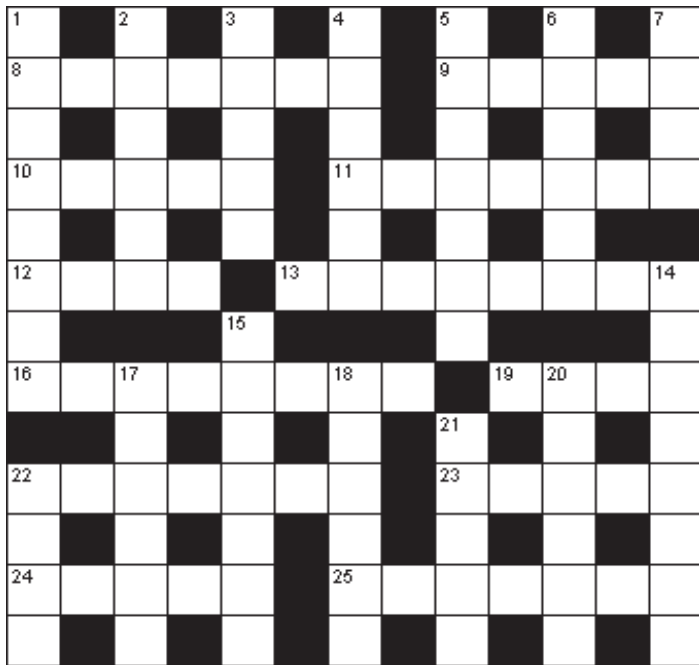
`E rā au te `opu atū ra, `e rā koe te `iti māi ra

I am the setting sun, you are the rising sun

An older person advising a young person to learn as much as he can, the future is in his hands.

Tātakitaki mai ana i to `ina ki te `Are Karioi ei kai-monomono no tō`ou tuātau

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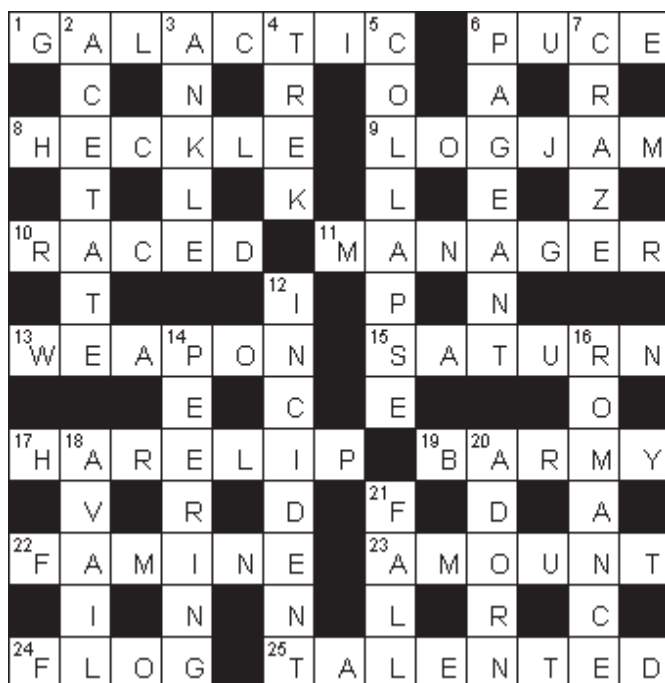
- 8. Inspiring awe (7)
- 9. Guides (5)
- 10. Honeybee (5)
- 11. Bear witness (7)
- 12. Cry of a goose (4)
- 13. Wife of a prince (8)
- 16. Sweat (8)
- 19. Republic in W Africa (4)
- 22. Palm seed (7)
- 23. Injury (5)
- 24. Martial art (5)
- 25. Mitigate (7)

Down

- 5. Shutting (7)
- 6. Literary ridicule (6)
- 7. Wan (4)
- 14. Superficial (4,4)
- 15. Personal view (7)
- 17. Retract (6)
- 18. Go back (6)
- 20. Entertains (6)
- 21. Reside (5)
- 22. Half burnt coal (4)

Down

- 1. Deprivation (8)
- 2. Scag (6)
- 3. Crates (5)
- 4. Superior (6)



TENDER

EIA STUDY TENDER FOR NEW POWER HOUSE

Te Aponga Uira (TAU) is inviting suitably qualified consultants, companies or joint venture companies to submit a bid to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment study for the purpose of construction of new housing for new generation plant and equipment within the existing Power Station site, Avatiu Valley, Rarotonga.

TAU has developed Request for Proposals Documents and Terms of Reference (TOR) for the associated tasks and now invites interested consultants, companies or joint venture companies to submit their proposal for this assignment.

Tender Documents can be requested and or uplifted from the following contact details:

TAU Project Manager

Te Aponga Uira, Rarotonga, Cook Islands

Fax: (682) 21-944

Email: alex.napa@electricity.co.ck

The proposed timeframes for the bidding process are set out below:

Deadline for submission of questions:

3pm Friday 16th May 2014

Deadline for submission of Proposals:

3pm Friday 23rd May 2014

Notification to preferred Consultant:

Week of 26th May 2014

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From the week 26th May 2014

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