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One Cook Islands to contest Mitiaro By election

With the Mitiaro seat declared a 50 all draw and a by election date to be announced, One Cook Islands Movement (OCI) is signalling their intent to contest the seat. The Democratic Party candidate is likely to be the 20 year veteran politician Tangata Vavia with the Cook Islands Party being represented by builder and surprise second time contender Tuakeu Tangatapoto.

Both candidates do not reside in Mitiaro therefore are unable to vote for themselves. The vibes coming out of Mitiaro is there is a strong preference for their Member of Parliament being a local resident in the cold face of the community.

OCI has confirmed an earlier indication to field a candidate in the Mitiaro by election.

While there was some interest prior to the 9 July Election after the snap election announcement in April, there was inefficient time and limited resources to field a candidate from Mitiaro. The lead time to select candidates before the closure of registration was very narrow and inadequate for the selection and preparation of a candidate. OCI did not exist prior to the April snap election announcement and this reflected in only four candidates standing.

The outstanding polling results of the two OCI wins caught the attention and interest of the fence sitting politically marginalised. One strong supporter of OCI described the Movement as a new birth that would need nurturing for a long life. Several times OCI spokesperson Aitutaki MP Teina Bishop said OCI was here for the long term with the objective of becoming government in their own right.

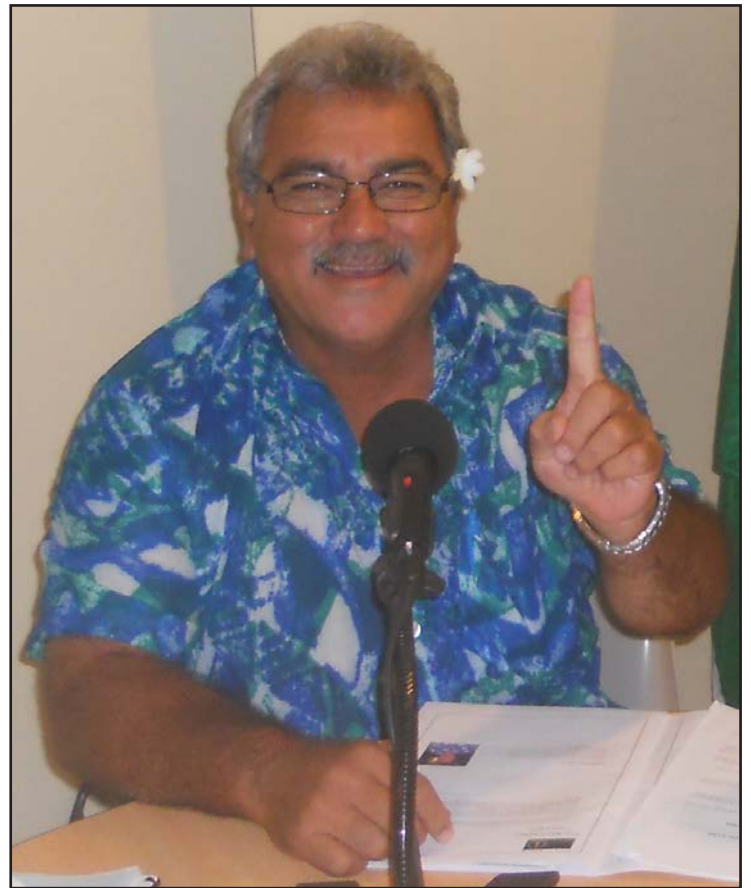
In the mean time with only two seats, OCI could still feature in government as a coalition partner. It's been no secret while the two major Parties have been

embroiled in petition battles the OCI has been making hay while the sun shines, with preparations for the next elections kicking in straight after the Election results were declared, two months ago Bishop said, "People have seen our success and commitment to being another political choice that has a distinct policy portfolio that separates us from the sameness of the CIP and Democratic Party. We kept getting asked 'what happening next?'"

According to the Movement's President George Turia, OCIM is here to stay not with the intent of making up the numbers but to be the Government one day. "The two Party era is over, it's very clear the record result in Tupapa indicates the Rarotonga voter is looking for a change beyond swapping one party for the other," said Turia. "The writing has been on the wall for some time and the OCIM fits the bill of people's expectations and hopes, we are being proactive and will be preoccupied with our own development rather than wait around to see what the other two are going to do".

The next phase for OCIM is to bring an administrative structure to the organisation, a Conference is planned for next year to confirm the known or selected candidates and two fund raising activities are also being prepared.

Right now being fluid has its advantages but once the Rarotonga held Conference formalises the OCIM road map a major membership and policy awareness drive will be launched. Historically in Cook Islands politics, coalition governments have a limited shelf life with a budget on stability cautioned Bishop. "We are committed to honouring our obligations if we are a part of being government, but I can't speak for the others that's why OCIM will be election prepared and ready in quick



Teina Bishop - One Cook Islands Leader

time."

With the level of interest high from right across the demographic spectrum to the point of being over whelming, Bishop said, "we will be a serious contender, the advantage for us is that in a General Election, the outcomes are unknown and voters can be manipulated but in a by election the government is generally known so it is an influencing factor on the voter," said Turia, "but in the current scheme of things the only certainty of being in government is to vote for OCIM who will hold the balance of power".

Any opportunity to test the viability of OCIM is welcomed according to Bishop, he explained as a new political identity; by elections was the means to establish a support base for future general elections. "Of course we will

be doing everything possible to win any by election we contest but failing that we will establish a foundation to build the movement, in Mauke for example, in a three way contest our candidate Tungane Williams polled 63 votes (32.6%) in coming second. This is a platform that we can build on for the next elections."

Concerning Mitiaro, OCI has a short list of three interested possibilities. According to Turia a by election for Mitiaro is a welcomed opportunity that has always been one of the scenarios that OCI have proactively been preparing for. "All three possibilities are candidate worthy but we will do our due diligence and select one of them for the long haul, it's just a matter who ticks the most boxes."

Turia said OCI candidate inquires and new members are welcome. - George Pitt

Diversions for youth offenders

By Charles Pitt

History was created on Wednesday 24 September 2014 at the Sinai Hall when interested parties met at 9am and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to create an alternative for youth offenders other than passage through a judicial system towards prison and be a diversion away from a possible career in crime.

In a nutshell, young offenders are to be given a second chance to turn themselves around thanks to a new initiative which enables the Court to divert them from the judicial system to a more community based system revolving around rehabilitation.

To be referred to this new system, youth must be capable of being rehabilitated as this will be a one shot chance to redeem themselves albeit under the guidance of their peers in the community.

Signing the MOU were the President of the House of Ariki, The Chief Justice, The Solicitor General, the Secretary of Justice, the Commissioner of Police and the Secretary of Internal Affairs.

As mentioned above, youthful offenders will now have a second chance to turn their lives around with support from those in the judicial and welfare systems including community groups such as traditional leaders.

This new diversion system which is along the lines of that in New Zealand, will be known as Te Koro Akaau and will be administered by the Ministry of Justice and will come under the legal frame work of the High Court and Children's Court.

What was noticeable at the signing ceremony for the MOU was the lack of members of the public. Those present seemed mainly to be public servants from the Ministries involved.

Details of the new system and how it will operate are set out below in the MOU.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Te Koro Akaau

Parties

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into between

1. The House of Ariki by the President



2. Cook Islands Police Service by its Commissioner

3. The Crown Law Office by the Solicitor-General

4. The Ministry of Justice by its Secretary

5. The Ministry of Internal Affairs by its Secretary

6. The Judiciary of the Cook Islands by the Chief Justice

Background
1. We, the parties named above, are desirous of implementing some changes in the format of courts convened under the Prevention of Juvenile Crimes Act 1968 (the Act). These changes are based on a more community involved form of justice and rehabilitation of young offenders who have acknowledged their transgressions and are referred to the Children's Court for the monitoring of their supervision orders and diversionary plans.

2. The Children's Court will remain the primary Court for dealing with Children and Youth Offenders referred to it by the High Court. Where a child or youth offender has acknowledged his/her transgression he/she is then referred to Te Koro Akaau.

3. The prime philosophy of Te Koro Akaau is to see whether the offender appearing before the Court can receive a discharge without conviction by having performed all aspects of a diversionary plan that has been agreed to at a Uipaanga Kopu Tangata (conference) and sanctioned and monitored by Te Koro Akaau.

4. These changes are not meant to replace the Courts that are currently convened under the Act, but are to offer alternative methods of dealing with juvenile and youth offenders.

5. Many of us have experienced Te Kooti Rangatahi

and Pasifika Children's Court procedures in New Zealand and, without departing from our Cook Islands customs and heritage, we wish to introduce similar inclusive and community justice options into the Cook Islands

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Shell Shocked Demos dithering over Leadership and election result scrutiny

Within a few days of New Zealand and Fiji holding General Elections, winning Leaders are announced and activated but in tin pot Cook Islands a caretaker Government has been operational since mid April this year, the Elections on 9 July has come and gone and nearly five months later the country is in a governance void with restrictive spending powers not there is money to splash around except for frivolous travel by prodigal politicians.

The charade of High Court petitions dramas have served the Democratic Party well in that they mask their serious leadership deficiencies and an diversion to desperately avoid a Party Conference that will put all leadership and Executive positions on the table and be contested. The Democratic Party is now suspended in a space of compromised integrity regarding their Constitution; it is now over three years since the Demos have held a Conference that included position contestability.

Quick to claim the high ground on political morality and point the finger at the Cook Islands Party leadership for corrupt Constitution failure, the Eddie Drollet driven Demos under the Leadership of Wilkie Rasmussen have mirrored the arrogance of their opponents and failed miserably to project a defining difference between the two Parties.

With 24 hours of Labour leader David Cunliffe's defeat at the polls in NZ, his position was expected to be

reviewed and put back on the table. That process is now being implemented. Calls for Cunliffe to step down and an immediate evaluation of the Labour Party's defeat are being echoed throughout the Party, confidential Labour Party pre election polls are being demanded for the evaluation of Cunliffe's leadership.

Compare this with the losing Cook Islands Democratic Party (CIDP), an evaluation of their heavy defeat at the polls is the

Demo Party Leader Wilkie Rasmussen

last thing they appear to want to do. With two defeats in a row there should be some immediate brutal soul searching going on and with lessons recorded to guard against a threepeat. Firstly the architects of the Demo's rounding defeat, Rasmussen, Heather, Drollet and Willis must be replaced much sooner than a dithering later.

The sad reality for Rasmussen is that he was party to his own demise and was one of many MP's who in 2003 made a

Constitutional amendment that removed the interpretation of "reside" that today in 2014 has ended his political career, his appeal is pointless unless he can change the Constitution on his own, and make it retrospective to before 9th July, not a chance of that happening.

No one is more to blame for his loss than Rasmussen himself, he the wishful thinking first to be Penryhn Prime Minister. Anyone would be extremely
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interested to ask the many travelling Penryhn Islanders who participated in these elections just why they did not vote for Rasmussen?

He had the same opportunities to work on this travelling flock of Australian based Penrhyn Islanders when they came through Rarotonga and he indubitably did. Rasmussen entertained this lot from Cairns, spending days doing his bit as MP dancing his way he thought to victory.

Rasmussen himself thought he had this election over and won, not until it seems that the news came back that these travelers were extremely disappointed to see the lack of development and the state of their island that they decided that if Rasmussen after more than a decade as their MP even some as Minister hadn't done anything then it was now no longer the time for Penrhyn to have any grandiose and grand idea of having a PM who simply did not live with his people and showed what would come their way if the last decade as MP was any indication - Nothing.

One thing's for sure, the Demos have now mastered the ability to snatch election defeat from the jaws of victory.

The CIDP need new leadership and they need it quickly; in addition they need a clear vision and immediate regrouping with a quick response mentality to launch a proactive contingency plan in case a 12, 12 scenario fails to produce a government. With the inept self absorbing Drollet pulling the strings the Demos are capacity deficient and hardly likely to think that

strategically.

Further rehearsed emotional outbursts over delaying a Conference date must be challenged for what they are; just stalling tactics while the existing incompetent leaders can lobby and delay their replacements. While the \$1,134 a week Drollet pontificates unproductively in the Opposition office in between making cameo appearances, he should earn his

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hefty salary organising at least four small groups to evaluate the campaign, the outcomes and the personnel involved.

Drollet needs to start being honest and transparent in his financial reporting to the Party delegates and members. His pathetic excuses the media might get a printed copy of financial reports must be challenged and corrected.

Had they won and won well as they arrogantly predicted, Drollet and Rasmussen's penchant for secrecy would have

been overlooked by the euphoria of victory, but with the expense and the huge financial cost of the failed petitions the false hope propagated with talk of more debt accumulating through wishful appeals, detailed written transparent reports are not negotiable.

For Rasmussen, to stand before the Punas and members verbally promoting himself as having a good chance of

saving nonsense deserve to be called for what it is.

Drollet's political cognitive ability falls far too short of being able to offer accurate political currency, after being instrumental in two heavy defeats at the costly expense of self funded candidates and sacrificial backers, and he must be replaced immediately with an organised, visionary practitioner who isn't driven by self enrichment and self preservation motives.

Having the backing of a multi pronged anti CIP momentums courtesy of the Grey Power movement, the Te Mato Vai petitioners and the anti Digicel brigade on Rarotonga, the Demos had the CIP government against the ropes by the scruff of the neck but in the isolated and distant outer Islands the political landscape was a level playing field.

Realising the Demos had no focused strategic plan to capture the outer Islands vote, the Teariki Heather led CIP turned up the heat with an X factor campaign that pulverised the Demos and paid huge dividends. A merited view based on past outcomes, that winning Rarotonga meant winning the elections was completely overturned by the politically savvy Heather, for the first time all four Northern Group seats were won by the CIP.

The defining difference between winning and losing the Elections was determined by the outer Islands voters. What answers do the Demos have to ensure a Rarotonga victory can be replicated in the out Islands in the future? - George Pitt

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Niua School: "Clean Up the World Day"



Niua School took the hands on approach to clean up the world day that saw students and staff set out on the inorganic rubbish collecting activity hauling in a massive 25kgs worth of plastics. Splitting primary and secondary students into groups, students and teachers hit both the western and eastern sides of Wale lagoon beach armed with black garbage bags and the incentive to pick up as much inorganic waste as possible.

In the short span of one and a half hours, and only working from

the western and eastern side of the lagoons foreshore, students and staff were shocked at just how well they had completed the task and the sheer amount of inorganic rubbish they had collected.

Returning back to school to sort and tally their findings the students and staff of Niua School had collected a total of 110kgs of metal, plastics, paper and glass.

Principal Roboam Wiriton says the days cleaning activity was a success and, "Will be used in subjects to exhibit the importance of protecting the environment."

RECORD OF THE DAY'S CLEANING	
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Plastics	= 4.8kg, 0.6kg, 2.5kg, 11kg, 1.6kg and 2.8kg = 25.1kg Soft and hard plastics, 5 Garbage bags
Paper	= 3.7kg, 4.8kg, 1.1kg, and 6.6kg =16.2kg Soft and hard papers, 4 Garbage bags
Glass	= 6.4kg, 4.2kg, and 5.2kg = 15.8kg Bottles, louvers, makeup bottles, etc..., 3 Cabin Bread Tins
Batteries	= D-size 3, C-size 2, AA- size 4, AAA-size 0, 12V green top wet-cell .1.

Our Frontpage model

Our frontpage model for this week is Moari Allsworth, who is a Business Development Executive at the Business Trade Investment Board. Moari was born and raised on our beautiful island Rarotonga and has represented the Cook Islands in various sports codes.

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CORRECTION

Sorry! We got the surname for last week's male model incorrect. His name is Glenn Bullivant, not Glenn Bulliva like mentioned. Our apologies.





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Murienua Growers rally to launch agriculture initiatives

One thing is certain, people eat and Cook Islanders love their food. In the Cook Islands particularly in the outer islands consumers are not spoiled for choice. There is very little variety in the way of fresh healthy fruit and vegetables. On Rarotonga the problems are not as obvious as they are in our outer islands but there is plenty of room for improvement.

Out west in Arorangi, Murienua Democratic Party MP James Beer is keen to develop agriculture and take the steps to change what he sees are necessary for community and national survival. Beer a long time agriculture tinkerer and hobbyist isn't prepared to sit around waiting for something to happen, armed with the accumulated knowledge of horticulture a subject he researches and trawls the internet for Beer says it's time to turn learned knowledge into practical experience.

Recently he met with a small group of farmers who are keen to get the acreage of Murienua and overall Arorangi that are lying fallow productive again, "we had a growers meeting where the youngest of the growers was 57 years young, it is obvious that there is a dearth of younger growers coming through and this is a very worrying sign, the shining light out of all of this is that despite the age constraints of these growers they are certainly enthusiastic about production and simply want the support", said Beer. "It is exciting to see the synergies are there as is the commitment to incorporate the beneficial outcomes to all contributors".

One thing we've got straight is dependence on government to set the direction and agriculture road map is futile, Beer said the private sector needs to drive the economic thrust with clear intent and frame work with a cohesive infrastructure before expecting government



assistance. "The country needs more than tourism and with the right agenda agriculture can make a significant contribution to the economy".

It is unfortunate agriculture isn't perceived by the younger generation as career options probably because its returns are labour intensive and irregular. Many are engaged in non commercial self sustaining planting as an after regular work hours necessity, but as permanent employment it's just not appealing.

The labour shortage is a real concern to the farmers said Beer. "If a new generation of farmers fails to mature, agriculture is destined to become virtually extinct". The new technology and the global expanse of things related to agriculture are phenomenal says Beer. "Embracing new practices and smart strategies will reduce

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Exotic Fruit Mangosteen

the hardship and significantly increase production”.

Beer is convinced there is a huge experiential library in intellectual storage and combined with new technologies the local agriculture sector can become an economic bonanza with the reduction of imports and niche exports to New Zealand.

Immigration may need to come to the party and assist with imported labourers to allow the ageing planter demographic to be supervisors.

Beer has some firm ideas on where and how that support should come, “there is plenty of land ready for growing, so getting access isn’t an insurmountable objective but finance and market accessibility along with regular expertise to assist in soil testing and pest control are areas where the greatest challenges exist.

Growers also want certainty, they live in a market where there is no consistency, prices fluctuate, and weather patterns rarely remain the same year in year out, it’s either a drought or a flood. So having a national plan where they can expect some certainty at least from our government agencies on agriculture policy will go a long way towards giving our growers and their families the direction they need to get more heavily involved”.

To keep farmers interested and to stay in the industry we need to have diversity in production and access to both local and international markets, if we can make growing exciting and rewarding we will go a long way to dealing with some of the biggest issues being faced today, like food security and youth non participation.

On the ground in Murienua James Beer has the following plans in place, the development of a seedling and fruit nursery coupled with a community compost station are areas that are being designed. The community has been asking for a nursery for some time and getting this up and running will be his priority in the next eight months.

“The community composting station is a good partner for a nursery, food scraps and bio degradable garden or yard waste will be shredded and composted, once we have the composting station completed which will include some heavy machinery



Lychee

to shred large branches and coconut fronds we will develop some worm farms to assist in the decomposition process further. These projects will provide at least four full time jobs these will be long term jobs and will go a long way to supporting some of the

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neediest families in our district.

Revenue will be earned from the sale of bags of compost, worms and seedlings. Many other opportunities will come as a result of this.

One exciting development

to look forward to is a 10 to 12 acre fruit orchard that is in the initial design phase, Beer disclosed “I’ve been meeting with a family who own large tracts of land in the district, this is a great opportunity to utilise some expertise in the area and

underground water and a market that is craving for healthy exotic fruits. All we need is a good plan and support both policy based and financial incentives and the agriculture industry of yesteryear will be back here again, it’s not going to be easy but our people are more than willing to do the hard work for as long as there is compensatory revenue from it”.

Beer agreed a National agriculture strategy for export would be helpful to focus productivity for overseas markets with minimal waste. “We are going to start with what we have from where we are and make consistent small smart steps based upon a long term plan”.

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Apī Te Uki Ou Gala bigger and better this year



L to R: Chantelle Napa of Chantel's Rarotonga Living with her daughter Desiree, and Betsy Eisler of Palm grove with her son, Reed. Both are major sponsors of the gala.

Preparations for the Apī Te Uki Ou gala are well underway. The gala is being held on October 3rd - the last day of the school term - to allow all students, parents, and visitors to the island, be a part of this fantastic event and celebrate the beginning of the holidays.

A core group of dedicated parents working with the fundraising committee are making sure that this year's gala will be the very best one yet. Donations from parents and sponsors alike have been pouring in over the last two weeks, making sure there are

some amazing prizes up for grabs.

Each classroom is in charge of two stalls – a food stall and an activity or game. Food stalls include plates of umu food, a range of curries, Bahn mi Vietnamese pork wraps, candyfloss and shave ice, desserts, and even a high tea tent selling cakes and hot beverages for parents needing a break. Activities include a haunted house, horizontal bungee, monster garage sale, treasure hunts and quick-fire raffle etc. Plus face painting, bouncy castle and a range of activities for the smaller kids.

There are a range of one-of-a-kind things for sale at the gala, including pillowcases and a range of other bedding made by Chantal Napa of Rarotonga Living, in conjunction with Shona Pitt, with the material donated by Polynesia by Design.

Live entertainment will also be on hand, with items performed by the students of Te Uki Ou, along with several guest artists such as the Triggerfish, HH4K hip hop group and DJ Eddie-licious. Also, the drumming team from the school, which placed first in the recent School

Cultural Competition, will be showcasing their winning numbers.

Towards the end of the evening, our Monster Raffle will be drawn, with first prize of \$3,500 up for grabs, along with just as impressive consolation prizes – there will be 10 ticket winners.

There is truly something for everyone at this event, and all students, parents, and staff members of Apī Te Uki Ou look forward to sharing the excitement. The fun starts from 2pm, so head to the gala for a great afternoon out.

Apīi Te Uki Ou Gala 2014

Friday 3rd October 2pm - 6pm

Entertainment



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Rehab Rarotonga's biggest concert for the year, with of course more to follow in the future, is only two days away!

To those of you who don't know (it happens), Rehab is bringing to our beautiful island a group of talented musicians to perform for us, namely Stan Walker, Barry Southgate, Emmanuel Rodriguez, Vince Harder, The Levites Band and even Triggerfish will make an appearance, opening up the night, before the concert starts at 10pm.

We have to give it to the Rehab management who has been super busy with the preparations for the Stan Walker concert over the past four months, from the renovation of the venue to the sale of tickets.

For those of you who haven't been to Rehab in a while, the club has extended into its old entrance and it now has a new access point-where the Rehab bus usually makes its entrance into the club. The extension of the club has not only made it very spacious for the crowd (got to make space for the mad dance techniques expected from the crowd), but also the brand new massive outdoor stage, completed with a cover; put over by event sponsor Raroxpo.

All VIP tickets to the gig have sold out and there are only a few standard tickets left, but do not fret; in the event that you miss out on purchasing a ticket, you still have time to enter the two competitions to go into the draw to win yourself a free ticket.

You can enter the Reefside Rarotonga Competition by buying two drinks from the coffee cart, completing the loyalty card or buying a ticket to the concert from Reefside (market cart only) to go into the draw to win one free VIP pass to the concert, a Reefside pack which includes a Reefside t-shirt, a reusable cup and a \$20 voucher or a Rehab bar card. The competition will be drawn on the day of the concert, on Fri 26th at 10.30am on 88FM and presented to the winner at 11pm at the Reefside cart by the man himself,

Stan Walker. Reefside held the same competition in July, which Makai Savage proudly walked away with one free ticket to the concert.

The second competition is the Rehab facebook competition. All you have to do is share the Stan Walker video from 'Rehab Rarotonga's' facebook page (and like the page if you haven't already done so) and go into the draw to win 2x tickets to the gig. The winner will be drawn at Rehab nightclub tonight (Weds 23rd Sept) at approx 10pm by Stan Walker. If you, for some reason don't make it to Rehab on Wednesday night to mingle with the stars and watch the draw, a video will be posted on Rehabs facebook page of Stan drawing the winning ticket.

So it's been a long three months of prepping and waiting around, only a few more days left people and no doubt it is going to be one epic show! And of course without the sponsors, this wouldn't be made possible. Jane and Scotty would like to thank the kind sponsors: Te Akapuao Holiday Homes, Charlies Paddle-boarding, The Bond Store, Koka Lagoon Cruises, Akura Fishing Charters, Prime Foods, Vaima Water, Polynesian Car and Bike Hire, Reefside Rarotonga, Raroxpo, Highland Paradise, Edgewater, Varo Media and 88FM for their generous sponsorship and support.

Here's a bit of back-ground information on some of the music stars.

VINCE HARDER

Vince Harder is no stranger to Rarotonga, he absolutely loves Rarotonga and after performing at Rehab in 2011 he has been looking forward to returning ever since!

Originally from West Auckland, the singer also spent some time and schooling in South Auckland and Melbourne, Australia. He comes from a musical and sporty family so he knew he was always going to do one or the other as a profession.



Vince Harder



Stan Walker

Since attaining the lead role as Simba in the Australian stage production of *The Lion King* in 2003, Harder has been making a living in the music industry and now runs his own studio; HMGStudio.

He has been a dancer for various shows, released and toured his own music and is now working as a songwriter/producer in Sydney, where he is now based. "Living in Sydney and running my own Studio Space is a big highlight for me right now, it means I can be as creative as I want in a space that's dedicated to music", he says.

Although Harder specializes in urban music, he will always be open to other genres and production sounds as an artist, "music constantly changes in this industry and it's always good to keep up as a creative, producer and artist".

Harder came 3rd in the Australian TV show of the music talent show 'The X Factor', beating over 100,000 people who auditioned for a place in the finals.

His most prominent song to date is 'Everything' which actually made it to the top of the New Zealand Singles chart in 2008. Although he hasn't put on an album of songs in four years, the last track he released was a collaboration he put out with 'Moorhouse' called "Lonely Road".

Harder recently performed at the Ray of Hope Benefit concert in Samoa, sharing the stage with other music stars, including Savage, Scribe and Aaradhna.

Up next for him is a ceremony; he's getting married! "That's the next big chapter in my life", he says.

STAN WALKER

So we all know Stan Walker as the winner of the Australian Idol in 2009 and is actually the first person of New Zealand descent to win Australia Idol. Walkers debut single, 'Black Box' was released following his win from the Australian Idol and peaked number one on the New Zealand Singles Chart.

At only 24 years of age, Walker already done so much, including touring with Beyonce, and opening up the stage during the 'Mrs Carter Show World Tour' in Auckland, this of course has been his biggest highlight since being in the music industry.

He hails from a little village called Tamapahore and was bought up on the marae with all his Tauranga Moana whanau,

however Australia has been his home for the last 9 and a half years.

The singer specializes in all kinds of music, mainly based around pop, "I'm inspired by so many different styles that I am constantly changing and evolving in my music," he says. His most recent track is 'Aotearoa' featuring Ria Hall, Troy Kingi and Maisey Rika.

Not only is Walker a remarkable singer, he's also quite the actor, who made his acting debut playing the lead role in the NZ film Mt Zion, which was release early last year.

This is his first time to Rarotonga people so let's make this a memorable trip for him, before he returns to NZ to film a new movie called "Born to Dance".

BARRY SOUTHGATE

Barry Southgate is a singer/songwriter, vocalist and is no stranger to television. He was born in South Africa and currently lives in Australia. He has African, English, German and Indonesian blood running through his veins.

The multi-talent started out a shy kid singing in church and trying in his luck in school talent quests and wrote his first song at the age of 15.

Southgate has featured in a number of commercials, landing a role on FOXs Power Rangers: Ninja Storm and then onto the The Sapphires, a no.1 box office hit.

He has opened for his musical heroes Brian McKnight and Eric Benet, Craig David and K-Ci & Jojo and has been a background vocalist and songwriter for singers to the likes of Stan Walker and Jessica Mauboy. "I write pop music with soul, I'm a real sucker for great melodies, great stories and great vocals so I do my best to fuse the three in my own music," he says. He is inspired by his own experiences, situations people surrounding him go through, movies and even going outside for a run, "life inspires me", he adds.

One of his biggest highlights since being in the industry is making the top 10 on The X-Factor last year and since then has been one of Australia's biggest talents. Southgate has toured the globe and a few favorite gigs he's performed at include The Staples Centre in LA, Gelredome in Netherlands, Olympic Park Stadium in Korea, Café Wha? In NYC and The Basement in Sydney and after coming to Rarotonga, he can add onto his favorite list,



Barry Southgate



The Levites

Rehab, Rarotonga.

Something to listen out for this Friday night is his brand new track, yet to be released internationally, which we will have the pleasure of hearing it here first.

EMMANUEL RODRIGUEZ

Although former leader for Justice Crew, Emmanuel Rodriguez has recently gone solo this year, it hasn't come to a complete stop for him.

Better known as E-man, he led Justice Crew, an Australian dance group formed in 2009 to win Australia's Got Talent in 2010, before Sony Music Australia signed the group a record deal, prior to becoming recording artists.

The group has represented Australia in a number of dance championships and E-man himself has also taken the stage and was placed in the final 20 for 'So You Think You Can Dance Australia' in 2009.

His biggest highlights include being signed to RCA/Pitbull's label '305' in 2012, touring with Pitbull, Chris Brown and even Janet Jackson.

After going solo, the Filo/Spanish dancer finds his interest in funk, pop, electro, dance and is definitely looking forward to coming to Rarotonga, "I heard Rehab is the place to be, I just can't wait to be on the island, kicking back with the locals and having an



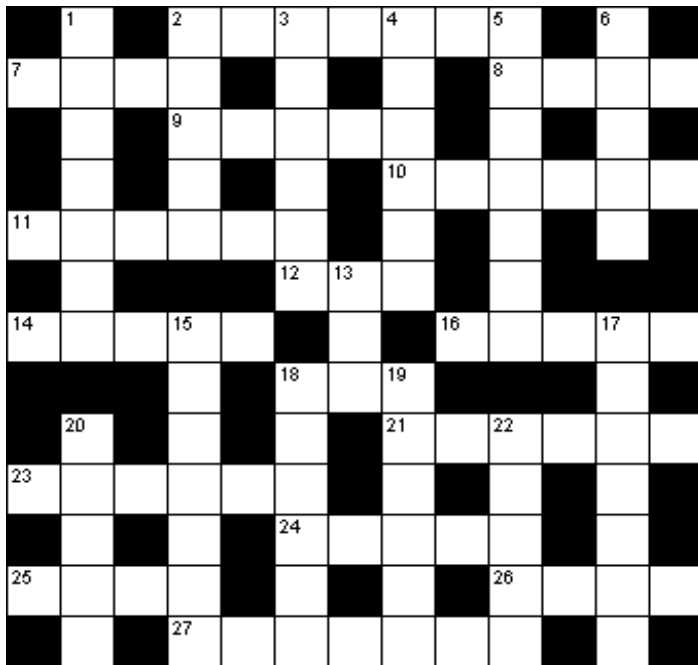
Emmanuel Rodriguez awesome time!" he says.

THE LEVITES (BAND)

The Levites is a 4 piece band made up four brothers, Jacob (pianist), Junior (bass) and Ross (drummer) Nansen whom have Samoan heritage. They cover all genres of music, from R&B and soul to rock and have collaborated with Vince Harder, Fiji, Erakah, J Williams and Spawnbreezie. Since forming in 2007, they have played at some of New Zealand's biggest events, such as Raggamuffin and Parachute.

The next best thing to having them perform for us is that the four main artists, Stan, Vince, Barry and E-man will be performing to the live band, supported by backup vocalists and dancers. In saying that, there will be a mixture of genres, a mean sound system going on and a spectacular dance performance all in one!

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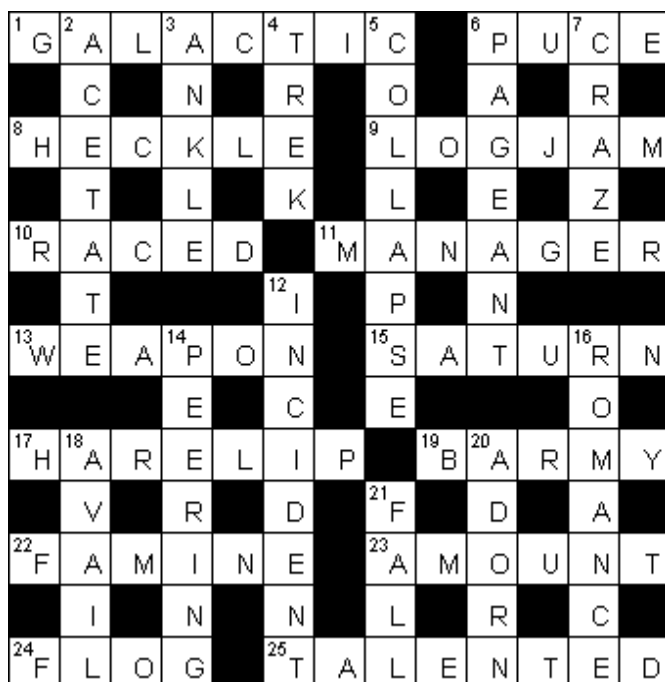


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- 12. Turf (3)
- 14. Infested with lice (5)
- 16. Tree covered land (5)
- 18. Pigpen (3)
- 21. Superior of a convent (6)
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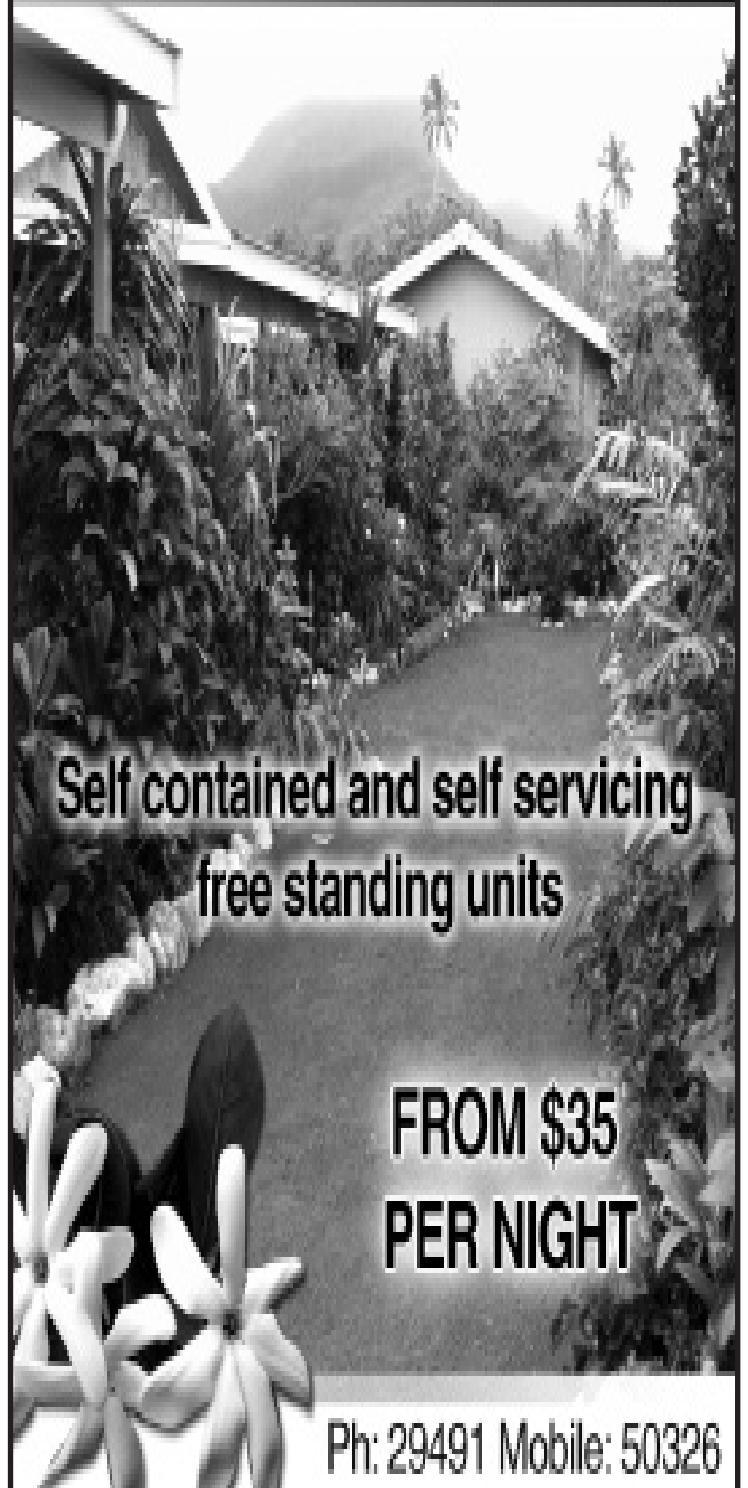
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- 13. Often (3)
- 15. Ultraviolet lamp (7)
- 17. Garbage can (7)
- 18. In a simple manner (6)
- 19. Federal soldier in the US Civil War (6)
- 20. Purchaser (5)
- 22. Rupture (5)



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Handball: Update of competition Round 4 on Tuesday 16th September

Recapitulating our results from Tuesday 16th September 2014 Round 4 of the social mix handball competition. Before we do we would like to acknowledge all players and supporters who contribute to our GOLDEN COIN door takings. What we generate from the door is put back in to the TSA Complex for it's hire-age. No reira kia maringi mai te aroa o te Atua I runga ia tatou katoatoa.

Game 1- PJs 9 vs Justice League 14 saw the first goal being scored after 8 minutes in to the first half of which is 20 minutes. It took a while for justice league to settle as its trio were not present but was not a problem for team captain Wayne Robati to round players to cover. The return of mighty mouse Eddie Parker lifted the superheroes as he was top scorer on 5 goals. It was an overall team effort and seeking more players actually shooting for goals is awesome. Terrance Maruariki, youngster Belma Ngatokoa, James Webb, William Tuao, Tangi Mataiti and Eleanor Goodwin all contributed a goal to nail a win. Organised and ready to play PJs lost much ball to bad passing and missing crucial goals. They had plenty opportunities but lots of wasted possession that could not be converted in to goals. Alfred Marsters and speedster Brendon Turepu contributing a good 3 goals each. Justice League winning 14 to PJs 9.

Game 2- Game of the Night Legends 22 vs Avengers 22 saw full concentration of both teams with good substitution of players on their bench. It was good to see each side defending as a unit and not as individuals. Both goal keepers had their defensive walls working the overtime. Although good team work from both sides in offense and defence ensured everyone was sweating. As a result Cruz Robati and Richard from Legends nailed 6 goals each from the top of the circle in the Pivots position. Stand out was the amazing youngster Tearatoa Tupuna as a left hander winging the ball from the 45 degree angle proved to be unstoppable 4 times and he just learnt the move from practice the week before during our national teams training session in Avatiu who will be travelling to Oceania Qualifiers in NZ December, amazing for some it takes a while to master that skill. Legends and Avengers drew 22 goals each.

Game 3 – No Experience (Telecom) 7 vs TMKz 10 as they say "kua ngaa te uamoā" Tonight TMKz Catholic Youth team won their first game of the competition. This team have recalled veterans such as Ting Ting Rairoa, Kiki Tamangaro and Skunky Andrew Reremoana who have come back to play. With young Edmond Tupuna top scorer of the night on 4 for TMKz and seeing the young female player Demzelle Rongokea strong and not afraid to take on her male counterparts TMKz were leading 4 – 2 at halftime. As full-time score was 7 points to 10 to TMKz. Low scoring games in Handball mean that the whole team is working harder on defence and offence. Substitutions are probably every 3 minutes on average for all players and goalkeepers are blocking more ball than ever. This was quite evident in the Yellow cards that were dished out to No Experience TCI players Striker, Romeo and Storm (the 3 amigos). It was good to see their return to the games. But also good to witness the promising Finlay Munro a future Cook Islands prospect for Goal Keeping. Well done everyone.

Before we conclude our report we would like to wish our Referees Commission headed by Wayne Robati assisted by Jesse Totini all the best with their Introductory to Handball lessons at Tereora College commencing Monday, Tuesday and ending Wednesday. Happy handballing Everyone.

Games scheduled for Tuesday 23rd September 2014 are as follows

5.45pm to 6.30pm Game 1 Avengers vs No Experience Telecom
6.35pm to 7.20pm Game 2 Justice League vs Legends
7.25pm to 8.10pm Game 3 PJs vs TMKz

A hectic week

By Nadia George

What a hectic week I've had. I don't even know where to begin really. Well I guess I'll start from the beginning, chronological order is always the way to go.

Well it all started with the exam stress right? As some of you may or may not know, the mid year exams or "mock" exams, help the teachers determine which students take out the top spots or prizes at the end of the year. So in a way, I had to try extra hard to get good marks for this exam because to be honest, I want to take home some trophies. Not only that, but also because I need to see where I'm at with my studies. We'll imagine my surprise when I received my scores back from my teachers and had found out that I had actually gotten merits on all three of my exam papers! Not that I wasn't expecting it lol I joke of course, not bragging yall, just saying. After all the studying that I hadn't done, I was glad to see that all my hard work had paid off. Yes that's right, I didn't study, not because I thought I was "boss" but because it's one of the many terrible habits that I still carry with me today. Glad that stress bomb is over for now of course until the real "make it or brake it" exams kick in next term. I'm sure my hair will start falling out before then lol.

Next on my list of "crazy" things that had happened during the week was my speech assessment. There's nothing more terrifying than standing up in front of a group of people you may or may not know and speak to them about issues or topics of interest. I bombed out on my first attempt, partially



because the slide show wasn't working properly, but mostly because I was a nervous wreck. Fortunately enough for me, my teacher gave me another shot and I wish I could say I breezed through it but that's a lie. My body was going into shock, my face was heating up and I felt like the class was totally hated on me. But like the champ that I'd like to think of myself as being, I powered through the shame and torture and had come out with a pretty good grade.

And last but not least my trip to OZ. Finally after seven months of sweat, hard work and tears, we've reached our target of fifty two thousand dollars and are finally on our way to the Sunshine Coast to compete in and hopefully place in the paddling sprints competition of Gubbi-Gubbi. Praise The Lord. I'm actually quite terrified to go because I know that we'll be up against some pretty stiff competition but I'm gonna give it m best shot. Knowing that I had tried my hardest is all the satisfactory I need, because in the end it's all about having fun and enjoying the moment, .

Nikao Maori School Fundraiser

On Thursday the 18th of September the Nikao Maori School held a Fundraiser Buffet Dinner at the Nikao Hall. The students entertained guests while they had dinner. Funds raised were to help the school.





Raui in Ancient times

By Noeline Browne

In ancient days, the punishment for breaking a Raui was death or the lesser penalty of banishment from the tribe. The modern day Raui is a reworking of the traditional conservation tool used by the high chiefs of old, where they would declare an area to be under Raui or taboo, where nobody was allowed to gather any of the bounty of nature, whether on land or in the lagoon. In modern parlance, they were 'no-take' zones but in fact were more than that, they were also 'no-go' zones and the tribe were prohibited from going anywhere near the area at all.

Nicholls said the penalty of death was strictly adhered to and tells a legend of a man who broke the rules. The person took his canoe to one of the small motus and began fishing with the intention of heading back to the mainland before the break of dawn and thus avoid detection. After filling up his canoe, he noticed that the sun was beginning to rise and then to his horror noticed a war party of

canoes coming toward him.

Knowing that his life was in danger, he rushed over to the marae on the island and offered all the bounty that he had to the gods. He fell to his knees and beat his chest and called out to the deities to save him. He called out that if the gods were there, to come and take their man. With that, a great commotion occurred in the lagoon and suddenly a huge blue marlin whooshed into the lagoon coming between the fleet of canoes bearing down on him.

The marlin invited the man to come with him and the transgressor jumped on the marline which then swept out through the passage to the deep blue sea. The tumu korero said nothing further was known of the transgressor. I wondered aloud whether the transgressor had drowned in the ocean or whether he had been like the whale rider and had been saved? Whatever his fate, the price to be paid for breaking Raui in those days, was to forfeit your life.



Tumu Korero Ben Nicholls



The controversial Avaavaroa beach development in progress: the metal framework of two-level residence and separate one-level guest wing built right on the edge of the beach. Neighbouring landowners say it is apparent that proposed position of the septic system will not comply with the minimum Public Health requirement of being at least 30 from the mean high water mark. They would like to see new septic systems at least 100 metres from the lagoon protection zone. They also say the strip of beachfront land is so narrow that the outer walls of the house are less than 2 metres from the sandy beach. Apparently, during the first days of construction, there was some sea surge that reached halfway across that land. - By Noeline Browne

Showing fairness

part 1

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

This article is intended to encourage us to build our lives on one of the important values that have lasting positive impact on our lives which is "FAIRNESS"! There are those who ask the question of "Why should I be fair when everybody else is living for themselves, why shouldn't I just look after myself?" The truth is most people in society are not trying to be fair. They're thinking "How can I get what I need for my life the most?" The Bible is very clear that life itself is unfair. And because of sin, there is Unfairness! Injustice! The Book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible written by the wisest man who ever lived - Solomon. Solomon goes through life and looks at everything. Then he said, "Here's my conclusion. Life is UNFAIR." Then he gives five common occurrences of unfairness.

First, Solomon said that he noticed "People are being let off!" that CRIMINALS GO UNPUNISHED. Ecclesiastes 3v.16 (LB) "Throughout the earth justice is giving way to crime and even the courts are corrupt." From the time of King Solomon till now nothing much has changed. Many criminals don't get what they deserve. Ecclesiastes 8v.11 (NLT) "When crime isn't punished, people feel it is safe to do wrong."

This verse is so relevant for us today. Just watching what happens in the world on TV, in the newspapers, you can figure out three or four things:

1) If you commit a crime, it's very unlikely that you're going to go to jail for it. Given enough money, all you have to do is hire the right lawyer and they'll find some technicality in the law to get you off the charge.

2) Often it's going to be years before you go to trial. A crime is committed and then

you find out the verdict years later.

3) During that time you can sell your story to book writers and movie rights if you're in the United States of America - especially if it's an interesting and highly publicized crime. e.g. a couple in Australia claim their baby was killed by a dog (dingo).

4) If you do get convicted, you probably will not serve a full sentence because of the likelihood you'll get off in a few years on parole and you can go out and do it again. Solomon says I see all this happening that criminals go unpunished and at the same time the victims and the victim's families suffer and that's not fair. And Solomon is right!

Secondly, Solomon says, THE OPPRESSED ARE NOT BEING HELPED IN THE WORLD. Eccl. 4v.1 (GN) "I saw all the injustice that goes on in this world. The oppressed were crying and no one would help them. Their oppressors had power."

Solomon is saying that it is human nature for human beings to try to dominate each other. One nation tries to dominate another nation, or one race tries to dominate another race, or the rich trying to dominate the poor, or the powerful trying to dominate the weak, and men trying to dominate women.

Even in some countries Christians can be killed for claiming to be followers of Jesus Christ. This normally is the trend almost every year around the world where thousands of Christians were killed! Solomon is saying this is not fair. And he is right.

Thirdly, Solomon says, MANY RULERS OR PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY ARE UNETHICAL (CORRUPT). Ecclesiastes 5v.8 (LB) "If you see miscarriage of justice throughout the land, don't be surprised! For every official is under orders from

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higher up. So the matter is lost in red tape and bureaucracy."

One of the things about the Bible is that it always tells the truth. Ecclesiastes 10v.5-6 (GN) "Here is an injustice... Stupid people are given positions of authority..."

The Bible says when ungodly people hold positions of authority they are going to abuse it and Solomon says that's unfair. And he's right.

Fourthly, Solomon says, GOOD PEOPLE GO UNREWARDED while evil people often prosper. Ecclesiastes 8v.14 (GWT) "Sometimes righteous people suffer for what the wicked do, and wicked people get what the righteous deserve!"

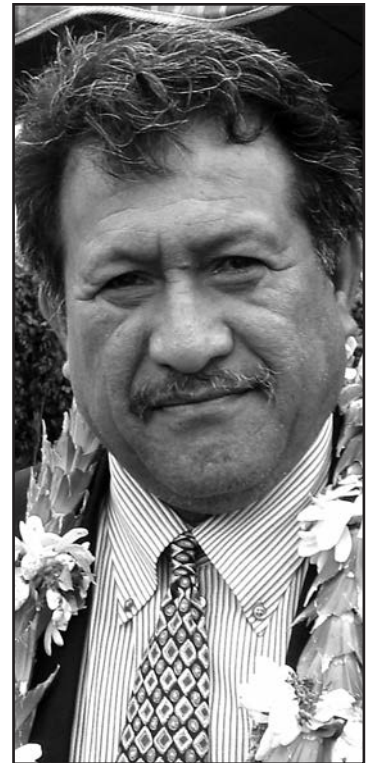
Solomon is talking about good things happening to bad people and bad things happening to good people?" It doesn't seem right. There are also times when dishonest people get promoted while honest people are overlooked. Solomon says that's not fair.

Have you ever been to a funeral of a good person, a young person and think, "Why did they die?" when you could think of a dozen other persons whom you'd rather see in the casket?

Solomon says in Ecclesiastes 7v.15 "It's unfair that some good people die young while some wicked people live on and on and on." And it's true.

Fifthly, Solomon says, CAPABLE PEOPLE ARE OFTEN UNSUCCESSFUL. Just because you've got talent doesn't mean you're going to succeed. The good guys don't always win in this world. Eccl. 9v.11 (GN) "In this world fast runners do not always win the races."

Wise men do not always earn a living, intelligent men don't always get rich, and



capable men do not always rise to high positions." He says, "fast runners don't always win the race". Sometimes at the Olympic Games we hear stories like, "on the day of the race, they sprain their angle; or they have an accident; or they get the flu; or they missed the race because they were late." After all that effort they've put in training for years, something happens and they miss it?

Solomon says, "Intelligent people don't always get rich." In some cultures Boxers are paid more than what the Accountants or Chief Administration Officers gets. Even Rugby or Soccer players are paid more than the Teachers who train children. Solomon says, the bottom line is life isn't fair!

Solomon gives us five examples of what to do because of the unfairness of the life we live in! I will cover these in Part 2 of this article next week.

God bless! Te Atua te aroa!

The Big One-Eight!

By Norma Ngatamariki

Hey everyone! Before I get into it, I'd just like to apologise to my readers for not putting in a column last week. I was studying so hard for my exams that I completely forgot to write an article for the paper. But, here I am once again, so there's no need to worry. End of year exams are finally over and done with, so I can move on with my life (Yesss!) and get straight into the good stuff. Just letting you know, I turned eighteen last week! I'm finally flying like a legal eagle and experiencing the night life.

I turned eighteen last week Tuesday (Smack bang in the middle of exams, so nobody remembered. Sucks, right?) ,but decided to celebrate it on Saturday, a day where everybody was free. It was a good time too, because after the stressful period of studying, everyone was keen to party all their worries away. I couldn't have picked a better time. So, I did my usual work routine at Foodland before I headed home to get ready. Getting dolled up isn't really my thing (I leave that bit to my kuzzins, Nga and Justin) but I thought what the heck? I'll throw on my pink, open-back dress.

To be honest, I wasn't really expecting a huge turnout. I was starting to have second thoughts about celebrating my eighteenth, but my parents had put a lot in arranging it, so I couldn't just brush everything off. When I saw people waiting for me at the Staircase entrance, I was like, "OMG! I actually have more than two friends!" We made our way to the restaurant, and I was amazed at what I saw. Balloons, flower decorations and a lovely table setting were situated in the middle of the



dance floor. My dad gave a wonderful speech (something about shackles and getting him beer at Super Brown) then we ate. People were trying to tell me not to eat too much, but it was really hard not to with all that delicious food surrounding me! But, with all my strength, I managed to resist and tried telling myself that mum would make a plate for me.

What followed afterwards seems like a blur. I distinctively remember loud music, laughter and flashing lights. We walked all over town because no one was in a condition to drive (for which, I am grateful). My friends really made it a night to remember, taking me from one place to another. But, alas, one drink became too many and we had to head on back home. We crashed at Nga's place for the night (a big thank you to Jaemal, Nga and her family for the use of her house!) In the morning, I woke up with a massive hangover, but the memories of a good night helped me get over it. I just want to thank all the people who took the time to celebrate my eighteenth with me, as well as the people who made all of it possible (Mum and Dad, of course). A big thanks to the staff of CITV and Staircase for the generous gifts!

Chooks extra

Captain's log, vessel SS Daily, reports Commodore Henry Tuna swimming in northern waters around New York City to establish diplomatic relations with Tonga and FSM. New York? All that way to see those two? Why can't he just do that down here? After all they are our Pacific neighbours. Perhaps the PM Tuna will travel all the way back to NY to establish diplomatic relations with Tuvalu?



And the whisper on CNN- Coconut Network News, is that the trip north to NY was the Great Nandi's trip! PM Tuna tagged along!



Demo Party has now jumped on the Ecuadorian Tuna boat controversy over illegal fishing after a local man of laws raised constitutional issues! Question is, why did the parliamentary opposition not speak up before? Why did they wait for someone else to blow the issue up? The Demos have demonstrated they are "followers" not "leaders!"



Oh dear chooks! News bulletins over Coconut Wireless FM report that our pals from the land of the great wall have been taking liberties with our natural resources! A contingent aboard a foreign licensed fishing vessel in port decided on a bit of recreational fishing, which is not a category on their company license, and hauled up some of the local giant trevalli inhabiting our harbour waters! Needless to say, those involved who tried to consume the evidence, fell ill with fish poisoning! That's justice for you!



And chooks, word is the same company was seen fouling our waters at harbour's entrance! One of the vessels released the contents of its sewerage tanks into the water at the entrance to the port! Talk about fouling the nest! One keen local who observed said doing of the doo dahs, reported it to several local authorities before striking the agency of the State responsible for laying down the legislature!



Spotted at the Nikao end of the International Airport chooks, by an eagle eyed local motoring past, at the storm water culvert leading to the lagoon, a group of visitors from the land of the great wall, presumed to be part of the fresh water pipes installation team, with fishing rods over the side! Are not these workers adequately fed in camp? Local fish are for locals. As there are not recreational fishing licenses required under European imposed law, visitors must have regard for local custom and tradition regulating fishing within the 12 mile limit!



The Mitiaro Demos are making it very clear, don't send Drolley over for any by election campaigning and replace Smilie on the radio broadcasts. With big guns Aunty Mau the undisputed political heavy weight the first volunteer to step up to the blue corner for two trips in support of Vavia, he's got to be the favourite with the bookies but then with rank outsiders Teina and Maggie on board with a One candidate anything can happen.



Someone has done wonders with those monster forwards at Takuvaine, gone are the overhanging beer guts and the boys are trimmed up and mobile. Even the invincible Arorangi forwards from back in the day may have caved in to 46 year old Vase's mob. What's the bet there will be a couple more Manu lads added to the team next year.

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Some very senior government officials have a great life, one such fat cat after a lavish nosh up with some overseas roosters at one of the Islands top eateries, when he went to sign off the bill he ordered two bottles of wine both unopened then he took them home. The cashier whispered to a bystander that he does it all the time. Not bad when the tax payer is paying for it.



Another indulgence the tax payer is taking care of is the use of government office computers for down loading and watching porn. One HOM gets to work before six, locks his office door and surfs the net for porn, the same fat cat was in the office after hours and didn't hear the cleaner who could see into his office through a gap in the door way of a partially closed door, the HOM was making noises and engaging in a physical activity. She had to slam a few doors to let the boss know someone was in the building.



Good news for the cash strapped Treasury fat cats, after the petitions being successfully processed with the great assistance of Skype, the devious 75 vote PM Elvis won't need to travel so much, he can attend his numerous overseas meetings via Skype. The unpopular CIP pretender can even make his key note speeches by Skype seeing he is very proficient and familiar with the technology. What a saving to the country, let's see if neneva Neves can put his wombat paw down.



The devious Skyping Puna could not help himself; unable to resist the smell of first class seats he tagged along with Nandy Glassy to the USA last week to baby sit the ready to jump Atiu PM. The trip was Nandy's not the Pretenders hence a new title of 'tagger' for the travel addicted unpopular leader.



Apparently he's running the country by Skype both from in the air and wherever in the world.



Rooster Weston's big crow from the judiciary bench about being criticised by the Demo petition losers when reported in the media was totally over the top. He made a big mistake in asking the Demo mob if they knew anything about the article only to get denials, he should have put them in the stand under oath. If the denials continued he could listen to a recording of a recent Demo talk show on Radio Cook Islands, it would jog Rasmussen's momentary loss of memory.



There were plenty of listeners who got bored with Rassie's petition up date speech a couple Tuesdays ago at a Puna meeting, many heard him clearly blame JC Western for being biased, otherwise why the expensive appeals? You make appeals because of new evidence or you believe the Judge has erred or made a mistake, there is no new evidence. Rassie mucked up in leading the emotional bagging of the JC now he's trying to cover his tail.



Rassie's cry baby letter's headline in the daily dribble last Saturday heading was a crow, if anyone was blowing the

horn before the bread was cooked it was himself, who said more than once he would get the seat unopposed and to get the seat based on being the first Penrhyn to be the PM is very self centred, what about because of policies and achievements to warrant a further term?



If the Demo's Radio Cook Islands programme last week is an indication what they are going to dish up to the public, God help us all. Acting leader Smile Heta came across very much unprepared and anything but Prime Minister material, now exposed in the frontline of politics he needs to be a lot more convincing as being capable of leading the country, where was his overpaid CEO Drolley, why hadn't he briefed the new leader with at least a bullet point outline of the issues? The Demos are starting to look and sound dumb.



The Demo letter to the Editor of the sagging daily paper last Saturday was signed by the new leader Smilie, why didn't they say on behalf of Smilie, talk about competing for Puna's Pretender title. We all know Smilie isn't a blatant liar nor can he write such eloquent letters. To say the Demos weren't hacked off about their petition results is a

lot of emotional manure. Talk about fighting spirit, what a load of nonsense, it's the media, the Grey Power, the TMV Petitioners and others that have been doing the Opposition fighting while Drolley and Rassie have been collecting the big bucks. Fighting spirit, what manure, Drolley has been trying to put the fires out to protect his wife's boss, neneva Neves.

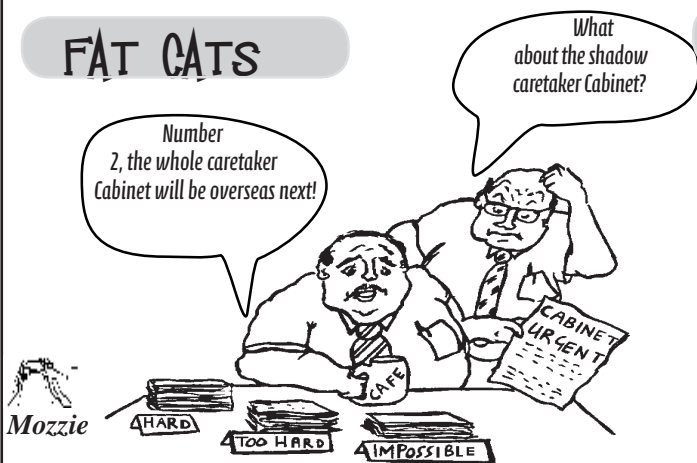


Who's going to take a pay cut in the Opposition office so Smile can appoint the defeated Rasmussen as his advisor on a retainer of \$40,000 when his three month severance minister's pay runs out in October? It's no wonder those feasting off the opposition budget don't want a Party Conference that will see Drolley sent packing along with his mate Rasmussen. With Opposition chief advisor Drolley on \$1,134 a week plus expenses, one would think he could give Smile the same dumb advice he gave Rasmussen and the former leader can get a job in the real world. Talk about multiples of dumbness.

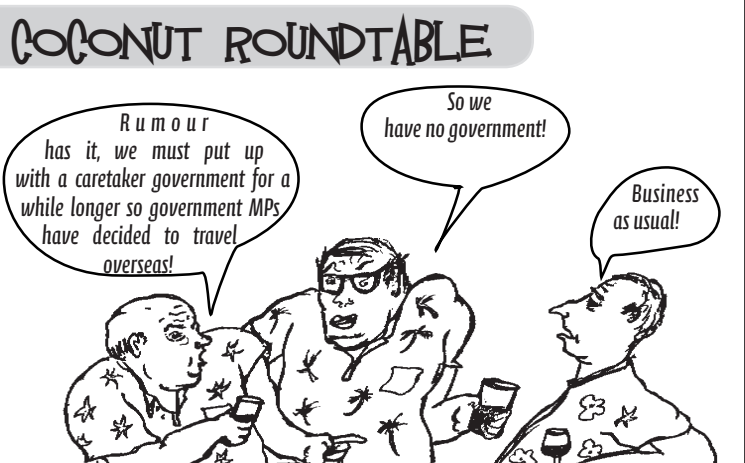


The slippery CIP spin doctors are wasting no time in pumping the publicity out in the daily dribble, last week's front page the \$1 million Atiu airport up grade and photo of Team Atiu, then on page 2 of the same edition, big photo of Health Minister Glassie with more good publicity, then another day again front page, the victorious full of new ideas Willie John comes out with his innovative projects for Penrhyn earning the CIP more points which they desperately need to have in the bank because their devious 75 vote leader will continue to do stupid things to embarrass the Party. And what is the new Demo Leader doing? He's driving his flash expensive red pickup around showing off in competition with his brother the X factor.

FAT CATS



COCONUT ROUNDTABLE



Mozzie

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and more particularly Rarotonga.

6. As with the New Zealand models it is intended that this Court would involve, to a much larger degree than currently, the family of the offender and support for the offender and his/her family through government provided social services and monitoring agencies; advocacy either lay or professional or both; and community (village, oire, tapere, etc.) support through aronga mana and religious leaders. Most importantly, the opportunity for victims of offences to participate in the process must be made available.

Operative Part

Entry into Te Koro Akaau

1. Child or Youth offenders' matters shall be referred to Te Koro Akaau after process in the Children's Court and High Court. The overall process shall generally be that set out in the flow diagram attached as Schedule A hereto (and as further described below).

Judicial Officers

2. Justices of the Peace who are appointed under section 20 of the Act are able to preside in Te Koro Akaau.

Location

3. It is the intention that Te Koro Akaau will be convened in the Vaka where the youth offender resides and at such locations as are approved by the Registrar.

Frequency

4. As determined by the Registrar.

Who attends

5. Section 24 of the Act provides:

"Proceedings not open to the public -

(1) No person shall be entitled or permitted to be present at the hearing of any proceedings in the Children's Court, save the following:

- (a) Any officer or member of the Court;
- (b) The persons immediately concerned with the proceedings;
- (c) The parents or guardians of any child in respect of whom the proceedings are taken, or any other person whom the Court may admit as the personal representative of the child;
- (d) Any community youth officer;
- (e) Any person representing a social welfare agency engaged in work for the benefit of children;
- (f) Any other person specially permitted or required by the Court to be present.

(2) Save with the special consent of the presiding Judge or Justice, it shall not be lawful for any person to publish a report of any proceedings taken before a Children's Court; and in no case shall it be lawful to publish the name of any child, or any other name or particulars likely to lead to the identification of the child.

(3) Every person who commits a breach of the subsection (2) of this section shall be guilty of contempt of Court, and shall be liable accordingly and in addition shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars."

6. It is envisaged that people permitted under s24(1)(f) shall include, but not be limited to, Traditional Leaders, Vaka/tapere Elders and any other person whom the Court considers able to assist in the resolution of the matter before it. Rights of address shall be as determined by the presiding judicial officer.

Role of the Ministry of Justice

7. The administration and operation of Te Koro Akaau shall be the responsibility of the Ministry of Justice.

Relationship of Te Koro Akaau to conventional court

8. Te Koro Akaau operates and exists within the legal framework of the High Court and Children's Court.

Uipaanga Kopu Tangata (Conference)

9. Purpose of Conference:

- (a) Any Conference must:
 - (i) discuss the circumstances of the offending; and
 - (ii) seek the views of those in attendance; and
 - (iii) consider whether a reconciliation or other outcome may be arrived at by the parties affected.

(b) A recommended outcome may include payment to any victims for reparation, property loss, medical expenses incurred or any other reasonable loss suffered by the victim as a result of the young offender's actions.

10. For the avoidance of doubt:

(a) There may be one or more Conferences as required in each case;

(b) The individual file may be referred back to the Children's Court at any stage if it is no longer appropriate to utilise the procedure recorded in this MOU.

11. Principles to consider at a Conference. Any recommendation determined at a Conference shall have regard to the following principles:

(a) The accountability by the young offender for the wrong that has been done;

(b) The rehabilitation of the young offender including an assessment of the suitability of his or her current living arrangements;

(c) The involvement of the young offender's family, church, chief, and village;

(d) The protection of the community;

(e) An acknowledgement of the views of the victim and to restoring the position of the victim in accordance with the Cook Islands custom and tradition;

(f) The putting in place of a plan for rehabilitation of the young offender that fosters responsibility by the young offender and which promotes the young offender's self-esteem, cultural awareness and understanding.

12. The Community Youth Officer is to chair and then record any recommendation agreed at the Conference.

Guide to procedure

13. Te Koro Akaau shall be convened once there is a rehabilitation plan (containing a recommendation) agreed at the Conference.

14. The procedures of Te Koro Akaau should be along the following lines:

(a) Judicial Officer already seated at bench, with Traditional Leaders Representatives, Social Worker, Community Youth Officer, Probation Officers, victim and Police already seated before young person and his support group enters the court area and sits with lay advocate and lawyer;

(b) Elder speaks and offers a prayer;

(c) Judicial Officer introduces self and young person introduces family/supporters to judge;

(d) Rehabilitation plan (plus recommendation) tabled;

(e) Direct discussion between Judicial Officer and young person to discuss reason for appearance, monitoring and progress. Up to a 40 minute very interactive discussion and quite personal;

(f) Youth advocate speaks and refers to report and tasks undertaken and those yet to be undertaken

(g) Lay advocate speaks on how relationship with young person has gone and offers insights into personality/character;

(h) Judicial Officer offers victim the opportunity to address the court/gathering (if needed);

(i) Social worker invited to comment;

(j) Judicial Officer invites family or other community support to comment;

(k) Judicial Officer asks police to comment especially as to disposition - for instance a section 25 discharge or section 26 Supervision Order;

(l) Judicial Officer offers young person the opportunity to address the court/gathering;

(m) Judicial Officer discusses next event or, if all tasks completed, disposition;

(n) Closing prayer and address by elder;

(o) In the event of a discharge a ceremony is undertaken and, if appropriate, a song is sung.

Commencement

15. It is envisaged that the commencement of the Te Koro Akaau be on or about 1 October 2014.

TENDER



**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL STATIONERY AND CONSUMABLES
TENDER NOTICE**

Tenders are invited for the bulk supply of School Stationery and Consumables for the 2015 school year. Stationery and Consumables quality and specifications can be uplifted from the Ministry of Education office or download from MOE website: www.education.gov.ck or contact Terangi Charlie of Finance Management Division on phone 29357, fax 28357 or email terangi@education.gov.ck

Tender submission will close @ 4.00pm Wednesday 1st October 2014

Tenders shall be in a sealed envelope
MOE Stationery and Consumables Tender15
Secretary of Education,
Ministry of Education, PO Box 97
Rarotonga, Cook Islands

VACANCY



COOK ISLANDS RED CROSS SOCIETY

The Cook Islands Red Cross Society would like to invite applications for the following positions:

National Coordinator Global Environment Facility – Small Grants (GEF-SGP) Programme

As a full time position the main role of the National Coordinator is to effectively manage the GEF-SGP programme in the Cook Islands and also give secretariat support to the National Steering Committee. The CIRC is the National Hosting Institute for the GEF-SGP programme in the Cook Islands and the role will be based in the CIRC with a reporting line to the CIRC Secretary- General and also to the UNDP office in Samoa.

Your advanced university degree in a relevant field and at least 5 years experience including programme management in environment and sustainable development in the Cook Islands will stand you in good stead. As will excellent analytical and writing skills, coupled with sound people management skills and good negotiation and problem solving skills.

All applicants are expected to have a high proficiency in standard computer software (word-processing, excel, presentations, databases and internet) and fluency in Cook Islands Maori as well as English and/or a second language is advantageous. A police report will also be required of the successful applicants.

Applications may be lodged at the Cook Islands Red Cross office in Kiiiki or by email to ihl@redcross.org.ck by close of day Friday 26 Sept 2014.

PUBLIC NOTICE



**2014/2015 COOK ISLANDS GOVERNMENT
TERTIARY STUDY & TRAINING AWARD**

Expressions of interest are sought for the following award:
2014/2015 IN-COUNTRY TUITION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP (ITAS)

Cook Islanders who are pursuing tertiary studies privately in-country can now apply for the In-Country Tuition Awards Scholarship.

Applicants must have successfully completed at least 4 courses at an approved tertiary institute. The study award is to be completed in the Cook Islands.

Scholarships are offered in specific areas that are relevant to the development needs and employment opportunities of the Cook Islands. Applications will be prioritized according to the following HRD priorities for 2014/2015:

Agriculture, Education, Finance Management, Health, ICT, Marine Resources/Fisheries, Renewable Energy, Trade and Waste Management although other areas may be included (excluding Aviation, Civil Engineering and Architectural studies) All applicants must meet the General Eligibility criteria on the application form.

Application forms are available from the Ministry of Education in Nikao or ring Anna Roi on ph: 29357 or email scholarships@education.gov.ck. Application Forms must be received no later than 12pm Friday 26 September 2014



Business Trade Investment Board
Cook Islands



"Farming Supporting Program"
Business Trade Investment Board Invites expressions of interest from farmers who would like to participate in this program. Tentative dates from 6th - 16th October 2014.
Topics covered and venue will be advised at a later date. For more information contact:
Lydia Tararo-Marsh, Phone: 24296
Email: lydiamarsh@cookislands.gov.ck
Closing date for expression of interest is Tues 25th September 2014

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COOK ISLANDS MEDIA ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (CIMA),
TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2014**

Notice is given to the Cook Islands Media Association Incorporated Board and Members and intending Members that the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of CIMA will be held on Tuesday 7th October, 2014 at 10am.

The meeting will be held at The Café, Beachcomber.

The key tasks/deadlines for the AGM are:

1. Chair's Report
2. Items of AGM Business
3. Election of new Executive Members

If any Member wishes to submit any proposed motions or other items of business for consideration at the AGM these must be received in writing by Charles Pitt email pittc@oyster.net.ck no later than 5.00 pm on Monday 6th October, 2014.

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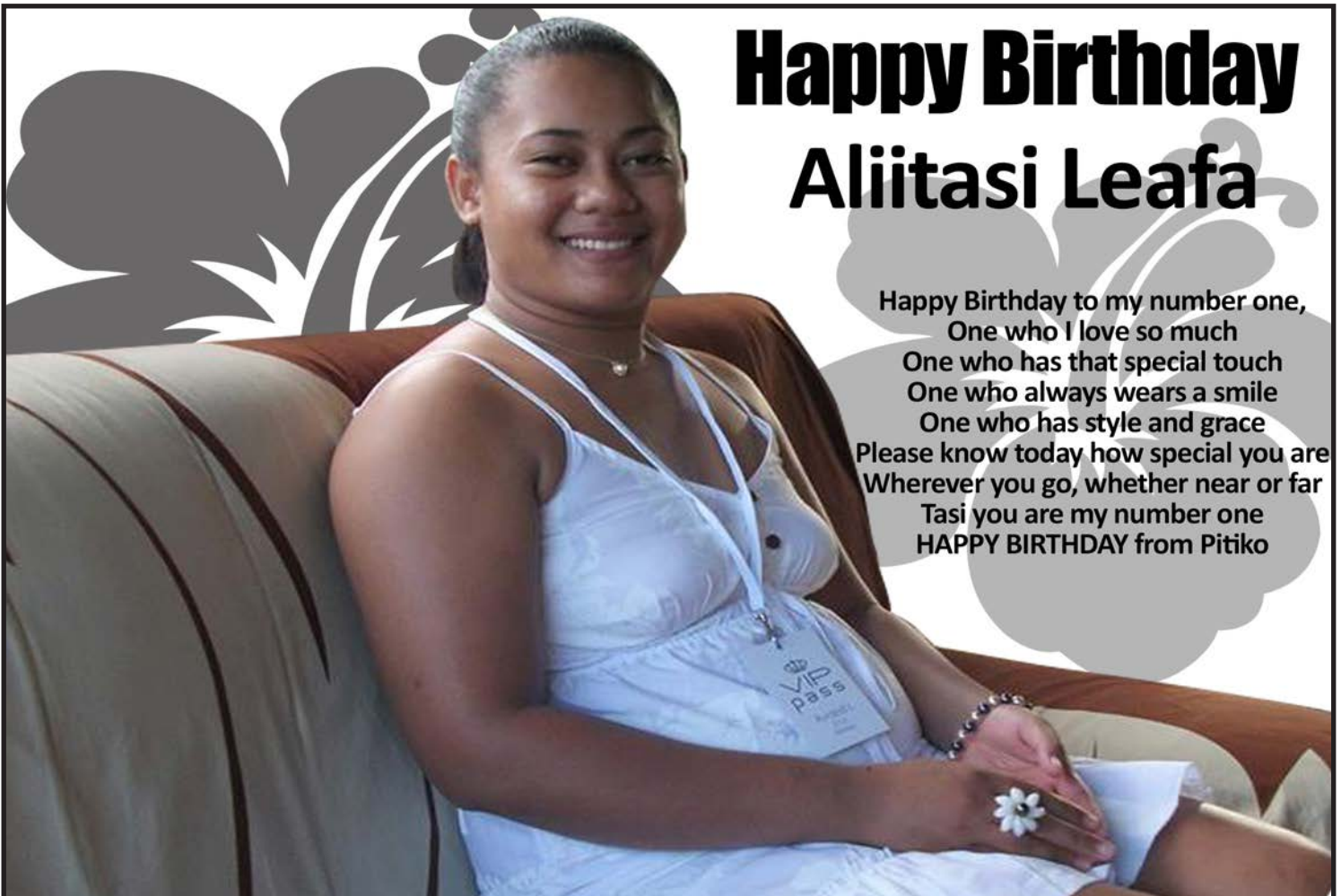
The Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa & Sanctuary Rarotonga on the beach have a wide range of employment opportunities seeking enthusiastic, motivated staff on a part time basis such as;

- Housekeepers: 9am - 1pm
- Restaurant Servers: 6am - 10am or 5pm - 9pm
- Bar Staff: 5pm - 9pm
- Grounds Staff: 9am to 1pm
- Maintenance "all rounder" Handyman: 9am - 1pm or 1pm - 5pm or 5pm - 9pm.
- Security Staff: 9am - 1pm or 1pm -5pm or 5pm - 9pm or 9pm - midnight.

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**Happy Birthday
Aliitasi Leafa**

Happy Birthday to my number one,
One who I love so much
One who has that special touch
One who always wears a smile
One who has style and grace
Please know today how special you are
Wherever you go, whether near or far
Tasi you are my number one
HAPPY BIRTHDAY from Pitiko