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# Is history about to repeat itself?

## Introduction

Is history about to repeat itself? The PM has indicated he will approach the QR to have parliament called on Wednesday 8 October 2014. Priority will be given to passing a Supplementary Budget to guarantee supply to keep the essential operations of State continuing until there is some certainty concerning stable government. While the CIP hold 12 seats, that is no firm guarantee the CIP can hold onto government. Should the backroom wheeling and dealing result in the CIP not being able to govern, there still needs to be a guarantee of supply for maintaining public services. The current situation is beginning to revive memories of November 2006 when Jim Marurai's government consulted Constitutional Lawyer Alex Frame over a means to maintain supply. Frame's solution raised the eyebrows of the Opposition CIP. Today the positions are reversed. The Cook Island Times reported on the situation in November 2006 and that article from the Times issue 177 dated 20 November 2006, is reproduced here for reader's interest.

# Proclamation allows access to cash, Opposition waits advice

By Charles Pitt

The long-anticipated Proclamation enabling Government's money supply to continue beyond 20 November 2006 was signed and issued by the Queen's Representative (QR), Sir Fredrick Goodwin, on Friday.

Afterwards the Cook Islands Party's Opposition Office – which has questioned the move – said it would forward a copy to its lawyers for advice before making any comment.

The Proclamation authorises Government to access finance from the Government account to cover the period from 20 November to 12 days after Parliament meets.

Essentially, Government can now access one month's supply with this amount not to exceed one-twelfth of the level appropriated by Parliament for the preceding year.

In their media releases on Friday, both Prime Minister Jim Marurai and Sir Fredrick refer to the unusual circumstances that have arisen as a result of the drawn out electoral petitions process.

The concern is that basic or core services such as police, health, and welfare would either cease to operate or become severely limited so as to impact on all levels of

society.

Government had sought legal advice from a recognised expert in Constitutional law, Dr. Alex Frame, as to its options.

Frame's opinion was that in the unusual circumstances outlined above, the "doctrine of necessity" justified action by the Queen's Representative. This was to authorise bridging expenditure until Parliament can meet to consider fresh appropriation.

The legal basis on which Dr. Frame has formed his opinion is not new to Constitutional lawyers.

The legal doctrine of "necessity", upon which the opinion is for the most part based, is one that has in the past been recognised by senior courts throughout the Commonwealth. It has been accepted by the Courts where:

- There is an imperative necessity due to exceptional circumstances;
- Vital functions of the State would otherwise be imperiled, namely the provision of core public services such as immigration, health, Police, the Courts, and the public service generally;
- No other course of action is available to authorise bridging expenditure due to the fact (in our present



circumstances) that Parliament cannot yet meet;

- The action proposed is necessary for continued good Government.
- It does no more than is necessary to save the situation.
- It does not impair the rights of citizens under the Constitution.
- The Proclamation expressly contemplates confirmation of the action by Parliament.

The Prime Minister said the Opposition had been irresponsible in trying to cause disruption and dissent, in an effort to cause panic internally and to damage our reputation internationally.

He said it had been suggested by the former Leader of the Opposition and others that for the Queen's Representative to authorise continued expenditure until Parliament can meet would be illegal.

If we were to follow their advice, said the Prime Minister, we would have to stop paying public service salaries and wages, stop meeting other financial obligations, and close down Government Ministries. That would be an irresponsible thing to do, he said.

It would lead to a breakdown in essential Government services. He said his Government is more responsible than that.

# Hotel group up for sale

Tata Crocombe has informed interested parties, colleagues and friends of a change in direction.

Last Friday he advised as follows;

"After 18 years I have decided that the time has come to sell all my interests in the Cook Islands including The Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa, Sanctuary Rarotonga – on the beach, Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa and associated interests.

Accordingly, I have appointed the leading international hotel brokers JLL to conduct an international tender process whereby;

1. The properties are advertised for sale and indications of interest are sought from interested bidders.

2. A short list of bidders will be invited to undertake "due diligence" whereby they inspect the properties in order to finalise their bids.

3. Negotiations are undertaken with a preferred bidder and a sale concluded.

4. The new owners complete various legal formalities and take over ownership and management of the properties.

While the international resources of JLL will be deployed to ensure as efficient a sale process as possible, if the sale of other similar resorts in the South Pacific is any guide, it could be as long as a year or even more before a sale might be concluded.

While JLL will be offering all the properties as one "package" it may be that different properties are sold individually or, if no satisfactory offers are received, the properties will not be sold and we will move forward with the proposed upgrade of The Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa and expansion into offering private pool villas for sale via a unit title programme as set out on [www.villasofthesouthseas.squarespace.com](http://www.villasofthesouthseas.squarespace.com).

In the meantime, it will be "business as usual" and all contractual relationships with staff, wholesalers, suppliers, land owners and regulatory agencies etc. will continue as per normal. It is anticipated that

any new owner of the properties will be most keen to continue and enhance these business relationships in the future so there should not be any grounds for concern.

While JLL is managing the sale process, we will be continuing to work towards upgrading our ability to deliver the best guest experience possible. To that end I am delighted to be able to announce a significant strengthening of the leadership group of our three resorts and several new strategies going forward.

Chris Taylor has been appointed Group General Manager with overall responsibility for all three resorts; The Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa, Sanctuary Rarotonga – on the beach and Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa. As a professionally qualified accountant with extensive hotel experience in Australia and the South Pacific, Chris will be responsible for leading the management team to provide an outstanding guest experience at all three resorts.

Haimona Browne has been appointed Resort Manager of The Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa building on his previous experience in similar roles at the Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa and Edgewater Resort as well as sales and marketing experience at The Rarotongan and Air Rarotonga.

Rose Kareroa will continue as the Resort Manager of Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa.

Chris in conjunction with Rose and Haimona will be immediately implementing across all three resorts;

1. A further strengthening of the management team with the appointments of a new Food & Beverage Manager, Activities and Entertainments Manager and Financial Controller as well as an expanded brigade of qualified chefs; and

2. The American Hotel Association "Spirit of Hospitality" training program aimed at continuous improvement in service standards in all departments; and

3. A refocused recruitment programme both within the Cook Islands and overseas; and

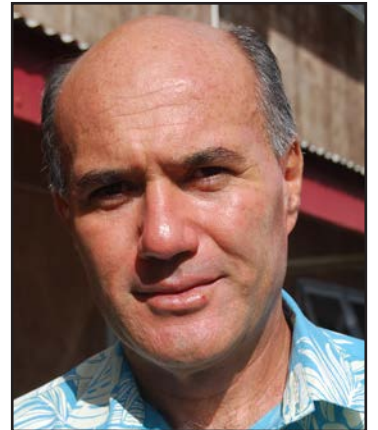
4. Introduction of new food and beverage menus in all outlets; and

5. A refurbishment programme to refresh and update the contemporary Polynesian ambience of all three resorts, particularly the rooms at The Rarotongan.

With a strengthened leadership team in place and with the support of all staff I am sure we can continue to upgrade our ability to deliver an outstanding resort experience for our guests at all three of our leading boutique resorts.

If you have any questions regarding the sale please contact Andrew Langsford at the Sydney office of JLL +61 2 9220-8705 [andrew.langsford@ap.jll.com](mailto:andrew.langsford@ap.jll.com). Feel free to contact me directly with any other queries you might have.

There have been many highs and lows on this challenging journey and I would like to



Tata Crocombe thank the key management and staff, land owners, suppliers and wholesalers who have supported the development and progress of the properties to date. I am sure that the right new owners with new ideas, strategies and resources will ensure that the resorts continue to play a leading role in the Cook Islands tourism industry, economy and community."



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# Stitching a coalition together, why bother with the secrecy

**P**re Election, while New Zealand Prime Minister John Key openly discussed his preferences for coalition partners if required after the 2014 General Elections, so did the Labour Party. The media commentators speculated the old war horse Winston Peters would be the king maker but in the end National needed no one to crown them as they turned the tables on all comers. Despite this Key continued to talk openly about coalition preferences while the defeated Labour Party spiralled into deep trouble within their ranks.

The point is this, the transparency in which NZ politics is played out is the norm unlike the Cook Islands where such coalition dialoguing is shrouded in secrecy and suspicion rules the roost. This cloak and dagger pantomime is a farce that any intelligent observer can translate into a credible presentation.

According to local 'Professor' of all things pertaining to anything remotely related to Parliament, John Scott QBE (Qualified By Experience) states the Cook Islands Constitution includes the provision for a government can be formed outside of Parliament. (Letter to CINews Monday 29 Sept 2014)

It's a matter of fronting up to the Queen's Representative Tom Marsters with evidence one has command of the majority of the Members of Parliament elect, preferably by the physical presence of 13 or more MPs. In addition, a signed and witnessed declaration by all individuals present or otherwise would

cement the claim to be sworn in as the Prime Minister.

No doubt the QR has sought legal advice from his lawyer wife and his Secretary Anthony Brown also a lawyer. With more than 20 years as a politician Marsters is more than familiar with the contents and the application of the Constitution.

Any hesitation to observe and consecrate the Constitution if such a scenario materialised, the QR risks a public backlash he is politicking and compromising the integrity of his high Office. Such an outcry would attract critical media coverage and could reach as far as Buckingham Palace in England.

If the Leader of the Democratic Party led a delegation in compliance with the Constitution for an audience with the QR and the request to become government was turned down by His Excellency and was told to resolve the issue when Parliament resumed, such is the mood of partiality emotionally very raw, the matter would become an avalanche of angry protest that would draw unwanted scrutiny on this distant outpost of the Queen of England. It may even have a bearing on whether Marsters is knighted.

If the Cook Islands Party experiences a similar response there would be no such hostility or ruffled reaction or a formal complaint addressed to the Queen.

On Monday 29 September One Cook Islands spokes person Teina Bishop announced in the media their door was open for coalition

talks. With the first sitting of the 48 session of Parliament a week away coalition match making is in full swing with OCI the centre of attention.

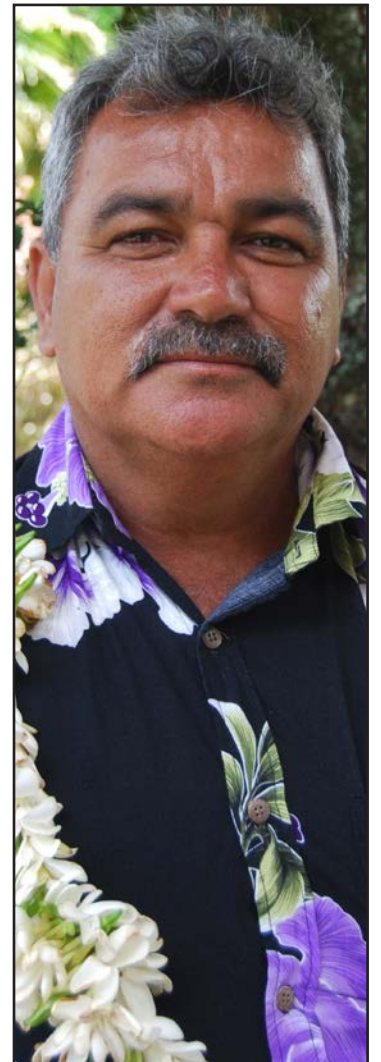
With coalition deals and offers required to be filtered back through advisors and Party Officials, leaks and classified information in the possession of over excited supporters soon becomes locally viral.

Now that the electoral petitions have run their course there is no clear majority, leaving an initially unwanted OCI very much in demand by both major contenders who are compelled to initiate dialogue with OCI but now from a position of weakness.

The maths is obvious and simple, for the Demos (with 9) to be government in their own right they need to win three appeals and the Mitiaro by election.

The CIP can continue to be government with 12 till the Mitiaro by election which if they win they can govern in their own right with a majority of one. Lose one appeal then they will need OCI or face a new General Election.

If the CIP can forge a coalition with OCI, their combined 14 will not be affected by the Mitiaro outcome. The advantage of a CIP coalition with OCI prior to the Mitiaro by election puts pressure on the Mitiaro pundits to vote for government when a victory for the Demos won't oust the CIP leaving Mitiaro at the risk of being politically alienated for another four years. Mitiaro is virtually guaranteed for whoever is the government at the time of



OCIM Leader Teina Bishop their by election.

A Demo and OCI coalition would help sway the Mitiaro voters to come on board to help form the Government. If the Demo/OCI coalition could win one appeal, a Mitiaro win will propel them into government. Better still win two appeals and

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a Mitiaro win would solidify the Demo government.

While both major Parties realise waiting to see what happens is high risk neither side seems to know how to make things happen. Sir Geoffrey Henry could make things happen and he did, Norman George was also skilled at coalition brokering and making things happen but with both men out of the picture, who among the CIP and Demos are the stitchers?

In 1999, Sir Geoffrey was the first to ring Norm's number and make him an offer and after waiting for four days for the dithering Demos to make up their minds Norm took the DPM offer. Sir Geoffrey simultaneously prised Dr Joe Williams away from the Demos with the offer of Prime Minister.

Coalitions are about compromise, but the price to be the government is never too high because the cost of lingering in the political wilderness for four years is greater than the price to become government.

The two laws of politics, firstly you do WHATEVER to be the government and the second, you do WHATEVER to stay the government is a lesson as ancient as there have been leaders.

With these thoughts in mind whatever Party is willing or does so unwillingly gives the Prime Ministership to Teina Bishop will be the government. A lot easier said than done, but whoever does not act decisively or proactively to make government happen will have to front a questioning legion of deeply grieved supporters.

If a coalition has to be negotiated with OCI who

among the CIP will initiate the process? Prime Minister Henry Puna can hardly look Bishop in the eye let alone demonstrate servant leadership for the sake of the whole; then again will he still be the leader with backing mounting for the DPM Teariki Heather whose supporters are becoming agitated by Puna's inadequate frothy leadership and unpopularity on Rarotonga.

Heather has never made a secret he is destined for anything less than the high calling of Prime Minister and after his fledging dabble pursuing that ambition

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through his own National Party, Heather is now primed to make his fourth attempt to claim the leadership of the CIP.

If Puna is to be replaced as the CIP leader, that position will be transferred to Mark Brown dividing the Party deeper than it is now.

Apart from Puna who else can hold an audience with the QR in the context of keeping the CIP in government outside of Parliament?

A review of the Demos is a worry, they have lost a lot of political experience, with

Smilie Heather the interim Parliamentary leader he will need the support and guidance of the experienced Party Leader Wilkie Rasmussen, Tupou Faireka and Norman George to process and cement a coalition partnership.

With Puna and Nandi Glassie in Manihiki from Tuesday to Thursday what a better time to fast track and massage a coalition partnership between the Demos and OCI. On Monday this week the CIP caucus agreed for Puna to begin talks with Bishop. Hopefully for the Demos, they have exorcised

their procrastinating dithering demons and strike in the absence of the CIP's caravanning appointed negotiator.

Right now it is not a good time to be the Leader of either Party, the price for losing is costly, whoever fails to become the government will be subject to a power play for leadership when they both convene for a Party conference.

With the continued uncertainty of the final results in view of expected appeals, the CIP can only enhance their position by one if they win

Mitiaro, taking their tally to 13, enough to govern. For the Democratic Party their current 9 can become 10 if Mitiaro is theirs and up to another three if the appeals overturn the petition results. With the OCI the Demos have the potential to govern with a two seat buffer of 15 seats without any CIP transfers.

How sad for the CIP if the Demos can summon the numbers and execute them into being the government, all the heavy machinery gifted by the Republic of China the CIP were going to shower upon the Southern group Islands as promised during the campaign can be done so by the Demos.

One positive outcome of a change of government will be the true state of the Country's finances will be made transparent and the likelihood the damage is a lot greater than we have been told will mean the Demo/OCI coalition will face the immediate unenviable necessity of shedding the bloated public service.

If by means of smart manoeuvring the Demos stitch together a coalition with OCI they face turbulent times from the consequences of bringing some resemblance of order to the chaotic financial management legacy inherited from the CIP.

The emergence of OCI has breathed fresh air into the stale stodgy political arena and continues to do so by being transparent and publically informative about having an open door to a coalition partner.

- George Pitt

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## Our Frontpage model

## Letter to the Editor

# It's time to put politics aside!



Our frontpage model for this week is Olivia Shannon. She is here in Raro for holiday with her partner. Check out our website [www.ciherald.co.ck](http://www.ciherald.co.ck). and facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ciherald](http://www.facebook.com/ciherald)

Dear Editor,  
Reading the lead article in the CI Herald of Wednesday 17 September headed "Demos disillusioned at C J Weston's court room conduct and decisions" my immediate thought after getting over the shock of seeing it was here we go again, making spectacles of ourselves for the whole world to see, and this time by attacking our own Justice.

And pointing to the Chief Justice (CJ) gaining permanent residency during the CIP term of government as reason for the CJ to be biased towards CIP is scurrilous!

A few more pages into the same copy of the Herald I came across another article headed "Penrhyn electoral petition decision opens a can of worms", which of course is at the heart of this attack on Justice, the reporter's point being allowing Penrhyn islanders living in Australia to vote, who came to visit and got stranded on island and qualified to vote under our laws left the door open for others to do likewise in future elections.

And lo and behold, the very next page in the same copy of the Herald had a letter from my favourite writer John Scott headed "Overseas based Cook Islanders who voted in the General Elections", in which John explained he was invited to comment on the decision in the Penrhyn petition case. True to form our John pulled no punches in explaining:

1. Wilkie's petition was doomed from the outset and that further appeal would be a waste of time and money.
2. Wilkie does possess the moral high ground and the law on this occasion does not?
3. Wilkie himself supported the Constitution Amendment No 26 Bill 2003 which became his undoing.

It is clear enough to me that a fabrication to assign blame for Demo's loss at the polls to CJ decisions occurred and not something the CI Herald could manufacture on its own. On probing further I was led to believe a wannabe Leader of the Opposition who wanted old leaders out dialled blogger extraordinaire George Pitt's number when a Demo meeting heated up on petition failures and blamed the CJ, leaving his phone on to enable George to record the conversation and fabricate his story. So fair to say Demo is the architect of this spectacle and it's called "dirty politics".

So I'm sorry John, on this occasion I disagree with your take on moral high ground as there is none in dirty politics that assigns Demo failure at the polls to the CJ, whose only crime appears to be upholding the law of this country as he is compelled to.

And what's this about lawmakers coming together to change our constitution and tinker with our laws to make it right? I would have thought no amount of tinkering by lawmakers will deliver us divine laws as after all:

1. Law is not an exact science, its opinion!
2. The practice of law is fabrication, not truth that intrude on client privilege!
3. Lawyers who practice our laws are guns for hire driven by money and not justice for our people, the Law Society and Banks colluding to amend our Judicature Act to criminalise us over debt being a case and point!

Let us pray the CJ forgives us for our intrusion and Demos move on instead of making spectacles of themselves and shaming all of us!

Tim Tepaki



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## Letters to the Editor

# Rock revetments do not work

**K**ia Orana Editor,  
Following the recent publication of a photo of CPU's mistakenly identified as Rock Revetments, please find attached photos of REAL rock revetments. These are located on the beach right opposite the "Vaimaanga Hotel. "I am not sure how long they have been there, but as the photos indicate, they clearly have not worked. The beachfront is badly eroded, and in places the main road is being threatened.

What is puzzling is that this development permit was PRESUMABLY given by the Government's Environmental Authority, or one of its authorities. As the NES and REA have recently given their Green Light to a Rock revetment Beach Installation not too far along the beach east of this

point, one has to wonder whether these Authorities actually EVER go back and check on how their various Development Permit Approvals have fared over time.

This is clearly a disaster and yet REA and NES apparently don't know about it? Otherwise how could they possibly have agreed to a similar Rock revetment Installation just up the road, with the distinct possibility of similar



results? How can this possibly be, when they hold the wellbeing and future of our environment in their hands? How and why NES and REA are going to allow this permit to go ahead, and sacrificing the beach, escapes logic and common sense.

Clearly there is a major problem with the way REA and

NES go about their business. They must be required to be able to justify to the public any and all of their permit development decisions, and be able to answer the hard questions as to how they reached their decisions. Any conflicts of interest of the sitting REA members should also be declared so that decisions are

reached objectively, rather than through personal friendships or other involvements.

There is only One Rarotonga Island, and we are just the Caretakers for future generations to come. Ask yourselves, what legacy will we be leaving them?

Kia manuia,  
Andy Olah

**K**ia Orana ete Etita,  
Inangaro ua au ite oora atu I toku manako no runga ite reta a Wilkie Rasmussen I tata ite Ruirua ra 30 o Tepetema, no runga ite Conference ate Democratic Party te ka vaio ia a teia mataiti ki mua. Tumatetenga tikai au I toku tataua anga I teia pepa, te tumu, te koumuumu nei te au tuturu ote Democratic Party note kare rava e tuatua no tetai Conference ite akaou ite au tao'anga ete iki I tetai arataki ou. I teia tuatau tikai e kua ruti a Wilkie I tona noo'anga I Tongareva. Ko te inangaro ite tuku atu ite Conference a teia mataiti ki mua, na tetai au mema ua ote Executives ite paruru I to ratou au tao'anga e ta ratou anga'anga. Kare ratou e akara oonu atu ana ite ora'anga ote Basileia.

Ko koe tikai e Wilkie, kua akakino koe I toou taeake ia Willie na roto ite nuti pepa I teia nga epetoma I topa akenei, kare I rauka iakoe te ngakau akakoromaki ete maru ite vaou ua I taau I rave nona kia korua ua. I toou manako kote tu arataki teia tate iti tangata ka inangaro? Ite mataiti 2009, kua akatupu koe I tetai koveru'anga I rotopu ite Democratic Party, kua nga'a te Party iakoe. Topa kino te turanga ote Democratic Party ite iki'anga ote 2010, taau I akatupu. Kia kite koe e Wilkie e, kote tumu teia I topa akaou ei te Democratic Party ite iki'anga o teia mataiti 2014, noou, kare tetai papaki I akangaropoina I taau I rave e te rave nei rai koe I teia ra.

No reira e Wilkie, me e tangata akarongo ete irinaki tikai koe I to

tatou Atua ia Iesu Mesia, kopae ke I taau e nuinui nei, e umuumu nei noou uarai, kare e akara atu ana me kare e akarongo ana ki te reo ote iti tangata. Oronga ia teia tika'anga ki te uki ou, Arapati, Selina, James, Tamaiva, Tetangi e Wesley, no ratou teia tuatau ite arataki ite Basileia. Te au Mema Paramani tei pakari ki roto I teia ngutuare, kia riro ratou ei tuturu ite uki ou, ite tuatau ka oro ke to ratou kaveinga, na teia au Metua Mema Paramani e akatano ete akakoukou mai ia ratou ki runga ite Kaveinga tiratiratu note iti tangata.

Kare te irava I roto ite Bibilia Tapu I taravake ite tuatua anga e - Te tangata e akateitei iaia-ka tuku taakaaka ia, ko tei taakaaka iaia, ka akateitei ia. Anga ia te ngakau maru ki roto iakoe Wilkie

i teia taime tikai, oronga ia teia tuatau ki te uki ou ta te iti tangata I iki ei apai ite Basileia ki mua. Kua tau te tuatau. E maata te uki ou e inangaro nei kia tau te turanga ote Politiki ote Kuki Airani kia tau ki te ora'anga o teia tuatau.

E tika'anga manea teia note Democratic Party ite akarakara I tetai arataki ou ei akatupu I ta ratou e manakonako nei, kia kokoti ana te iti tangata I tetai meitaki I roto I to ratou uarai Basileia. Kare ra teia e tupu I raro ake I taau akateranga, e kare rai te Democratic Party e tiratira tu.

No reira ete iti tangata, te au tuturu tikai ote Democratic Party, e tu, akakite ia to kotou manako e mareka kore nei kotou. Kia akarongo tikai a Wilkie.

Otira ua Na Demo Maromaro'a



## Letter to the Editor

**K**ia Orana e te Editor,  
Me ka tika iakoe kia tuku atu i taku pauanga ki te reta a "Demo Maromaro'a" ki roto i taau nuti pepa. Te mea mua, kare e naku i akano'o te tuatau o te "conference" a te Democratic Party, inara na te au mata o te au Puna, na te au Executive e te au Mema Paramani o te Democratic Party. E tika uipaana teia na ratou, e na matou o te mea koa au oki tetai mata o te Democratic Party. Te rua, kua pikika'a a Willie John i roto i tana tuatua i roto i te nuti pepa "Cook Islands News". Te aiteanga o tana pikika'a, kia manako te tangata e tangata kino au e te taokotai kore. Kua akatika au i ta Willie John tavriviri anga tuatua, te akatika katoa nei au i taau tavriviri anga tuatua e te pikika'a.

Kare au i roto i te manamanata o te Democratic Party i te 2009. E pikika'a teia naau, e kare au i manako e kua kite koe i tei tupu tikai. Inara te kite atu nei au e akakoroanga vi'ivi'i toou e te inangaro i te takinokino i toku ingoa. Ko te maata anga o taau au tuatua e tuatua mai nei, na te kamakura e te vaerua kino te reira.

No reira e te taeake, auraka koe e akaiki puapinga kore ua i te ingoa o te Atua. Ka kite rai au i te akono iaku e te akatika i toku oraanga i te pae vaerua, pae kopapa i roto i te angaanga "politics". No reira auraka e naau ko tei akatupapaku mai ia koe na roto i teia reta e ako mai iaku. Me e Keresitiano koe, aere mai kia aravei taua ka akaari mai ei koe i toou taitaia e taau i anoano i aku. Me ka tata reta akakino mai koe, ka kite rai au i te pau atu ia koe.

Kia mau te selenga, kia mau te napenga, E te ra e hi.

*Wilkie Olaf Patua Rasmussen  
Te Tama a Tongareva  
Arataki o te Democratic Party*

## Caught on Camera



Jan Sjiip with Te Marumaru Atua crew member in Samoa

## Clean water saves lives, helps you live longer

*By Derek Fox*

**A**ttendees at a water safety plan workshop in Aitutaki were visibly shocked when tests showed that every one of their home water supplies tested positive for contaminants.

Of the 20 field test kits used, 18 turned 'black' indicating the water was unfit to drink, without being sterilized or boiled. The two that passed, were samples of sterilized water collected from Aitutaki hospital.

The simple to use 'test kits', were handed out to householders on day one of the four-day workshop. They were shown how to use them to collect a sample of their home water supply, and the samples were returned in the sealed glass test tubes and left to sit for three days.

Some of the samples began turning black almost immediately, by day three all 18 collected by the attendees had turned black – indicating the water was contaminated and unfit for human consumption.

New Zealander Matt Molloy ran the workshop. Matt is a former kiwi health inspector who helps draw up water safety plans around the Pacific, in a programme sponsored by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Dr Rokho Kim is an environmental health specialist for WHO based in Fiji, and what happened in Aitutaki was no surprise to him. He says what happens next is what's really important. The Aitutakians now know their water isn't safe, and they now know the source of out breaks of vomiting and diarrhea – especially amongst the young, the elderly and people weakened by sickness.

At the very least drinking

water should be boiled or sterilized. Dr Kim says boiling or using sterilizing tablets is ok for small amounts of water, but when it comes to large quantities there is no substitute for chlorination.

Dr Kim says he's familiar with all the arguments against chlorination, but they just don't stack up. He says the arguments being used around the Pacific were used in places like America and Western Europe when putting chlorine into water was first mooted there. But strong leaders went ahead and drove the measures through. The result is that infant deaths plummeted and life expectancy increased.

Dr Kim is aware of the opposition to treating water in bulk in Rarotonga and says the evidence from other places shows the great benefits that flow from having clean water. He reckons that within as little as one year of sterilizing our water supplies, illness and deaths from water borne disease will plummet delivering much better health outcomes.

Dr Kim and Matt Molloy are in Rarotonga this week talking to health officials, and Dr Kim says he's considering running a water symposium here next year promoting a move to clean water. He believes that the results from the field-testing in Aitutaki will almost certainly be exactly the same on the other outer islands, and probably on Rarotonga too.

He says the costs involved with providing clean water far outweighs the downside of consuming contaminated water; and he has restated that the big difference between people living longer and child deaths being avoided in developed countries compared to second and third world countries, is clean water.

# Nukuroa Day

By Tiana Haxton

**N**ukuroa Day' is an annual event dedicated to celebrating Nukuroa culture; the way of life. It is timetabled within school curriculum. It is a tribute to living in Mitiaro and attending school here. Last Friday, 26th of September, staff and students alike, committed their time and energy to this special purpose. For every day is a celebration, defining our culture by living it.

We chose to 'aka oki te meitaki' or 'reciprocate the good' and thank select members of the greater community for their assistance. They helped with an earlier school event titled 'Po Koperepereanga reo'; this was show cased two weeks ago and we had yet to thank them. 'Nukuroa Day' was then proposed the perfect opportunity to invite them as guests of honour of Te Matangarengare School. We acknowledge and appreciate our developing understanding of our particular society with its ideas, customs and art; its cultivation of plants and rearing of animals. With affirmation, this is our culture; to share and enjoy.

Remaining in our previous assigned groups, representing three respective matakeinanga(s)/tribe(s) or people(s); it was decided each group would cook equal amounts of food in the traditional method known as ta'u umu.

There were chicken and chops, pumpkins, bananas, and fish.

There was time for a quick tidy-up before setting the tables. Guests arrived. They were seated and entertained.

There was 'tui ei'/garland making. Junior students sported these around their necks when dancing and certainly looked happy to reflect that they had made these themselves!" Senior students created unique ei upoko/head garlands which they gifted to the audience. This was followed by the weaving of bowls and baskets which was also given with love/aroa.



There was uproarious laughter while watching sack races. The teachers were enticed to join in; adding to the hilarity of the day. Stilt fights were another interesting activity. They tried to kick stilts out from under each other or would try to loosen grasps on stilt hilts with the same striking energy of competition. They would even body barge each other in order to cause loss of balance. It sounds precarious however everyone was mindful with the spirit of entertainment.

A Song Quest conjured smiles and clapping. Youthful voices of the very young pre-schoolers was ever so cute! We all enjoyed hearing the harmony of seniors. There was another dance; the performers exhibited beautiful costumes and swayed their hips in time with the rhythmic beats of Pacific drums.

Following this, was potaka/spin top battles using self-made gear; wood carved spin tops and hand-whips utilising pandanus tree roots. Students whipped

to propel their own tops with concerted effort intending to knock their opponent's tops down with the contact made with collisions of spinning tops. Finally, exhausting Tug of war ended te tamataora. We unearthed our ovens revealing delicious cooked food with its distinctive aromas tantalizing our taste buds; we were all ravenous and it was good to share a Mitiaro island prepared meal.

Great day enjoyed by all. Nukuroa Day.



# Completed harbour of Tauhunu

these are photos of the completed harbour of Tauhunu in Manihiki taken on Tuesday 30 September.  
The official opening is on Wednesday 01 October 2014. *Photos courtesy of Jo*



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## Letter to the Editor

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# REFLECTION: Manihiki Petition Court Case Aftermath

**D**ear Editor,  
Kia Ora! From  
Manihiki, Pae  
Tokerau. Like our Pacific islands  
neighbours, we have a long  
history of Faith and Belief in  
Jehovah God. Embracing ethical,  
Christian principles of aroha,  
respect, righteousness, integrity,  
honour, truth, dignity, virtue and  
mana, these are but some of the  
fundamentals that make up the  
moral fabric of our society, our  
essence, our being.

For without these Christian  
Principles, we are uncivilised,  
barbaric and no better than  
the lowest of animals; it is for  
this reason we do in fact accept  
Christianity and Jehovah God so  
we may function as a community  
of civilised people living together  
in physical and spiritual harmony  
in a peaceful, orderly and  
relatively stable society.

And within our civilised,  
educated, Christian Society, we  
also embrace the LAW- a body  
of official rules and regulations  
generally found in Constitutions,  
Legislation, Judicial Opinions and  
the like, that is used to govern  
a society without prejudice and  
influence, and to control the  
behaviour of its members.

In modern societies, the  
Legislature or a Court makes  
the Law, backed by the coercive  
power of the State, which  
enforces the Law by means  
of appropriate penalties or  
remedies. And during an  
Appeals Process, a Tribunal of  
Judges reconsiders on matters  
of Pure Law, and Mixed Law and  
Fact, and they then decide how  
logically and rationally the Court  
had dealt with the raw evidence,  
as presented at and during the  
trial.

Law is not completely a  
matter of human enactment; it  
also includes Natural Law. That  
"God's Law is Supreme" is the  
best known version of this view,  
which has had considerable  
influence in many Western  
Societies. The "Civil Rights  
Movement", for example, was

inspired by the belief in Natural  
Law. Such a belief seems implicit  
in the view that Law should serve  
to promote Human Dignity, as  
for instance by the enforcement  
of Equal Rights for all, which  
includes our "Human Rights",  
the basic rights of individuals to  
Liberty, Justice and Dignity.

And for those who choose  
to transgress these Laws that  
Society have accepted as  
paramount, together with our  
Christian faith and belief in  
Jehovah God, these transgressors  
MUST BE PUNISHED, within  
and by the Laws our Society  
are bound by, backed by the  
power of the State through the  
enforcement of appropriate  
penalties or remedies, without  
prejudice, without fear or favour,  
or the pressures of undue  
influence.

Thou shall not steal/ kill/ covet  
another man's- woman's wife-  
husband/ commit adultery/  
bear false witness/ lie in God's  
name - these are but some of the  
Commandments that have been  
written into the laws that form  
the foundations of many Nations`  
Constitutions. Our Cook Island's  
Constitution is a derivative of the  
New Zealand Constitution, which  
is itself a derivative of many  
other Constitutions; simply  
as citizens of the world, we  
collectively want only the best  
principles embraced, so that we  
may live in peace and harmony  
together within our regional  
communities, as too our Global  
communities.

And within our Constitution,  
we do not tolerate any act  
of corruption, let alone any  
transgression of the Law,  
be it by Joe or Jane Citizen,  
a Government bureaucrat,  
a Politician or even a Prime  
Minister- especially a Prime  
Minister! In the administration  
of Government, sometimes  
you encounter a degree of  
incompetence; but also at times  
you encounter situations where  
there is abuse of power, acting  
with prejudice and as a result

of political influence and favour,  
corrupt actions are carried  
out, often without realizing  
that they're doing so, because  
they're just doing what they're  
told to do.

Yes, as a result of intimidation,  
some behave out of fear of  
retribution, threat to job security  
and economic desperation. For  
these individuals, your peers,  
your fellow Countryman will  
understand with compassion  
and tolerance that veiled,  
oblique threats were made,  
and under duress, you were  
forced to participate in a corrupt  
action, resulting in conflict of  
emotion and guilty conscience  
at performing an illegal and  
despicable action.

For any individual in  
this situation, your fellow  
Countryman will understand  
with tolerance and forgiveness,  
and know why.

However, for those Senior  
Administrators within  
Government who knowingly  
"assisted" others, pre-during-  
post Election 2014, they actively  
participated and virtually  
colluded with others, with the  
aftermath being what it is today-  
a Nation at odds with itself. I  
mean, Henry Puna committed  
TREASON! for crying out loud, and  
no-one's doing anything about  
it. Well, if it makes any difference  
whatsoever, let this writing act  
as a Formal Complaint, and  
perhaps somebody, somewhere,  
has the courage to action it- my  
fellow reader/ Countrymen  
and Countrywomen, if you're  
still reading this dissertation,  
perhaps you agree with some of  
these sentiments; if so, please do  
something, anything, otherwise  
we become stuck in a rut, going  
nowhere but mired in this crap,  
in a state of perpetual malaise.

Yes, these Senior  
Administrators should have  
known better- they are well-  
paid to provide a service to  
the people of the Nation, not  
to kowtow to wanna-be, self-  
serving treasonous individuals.

Politicians and Political Parties,  
assume Government when  
they're elected- they come  
and go. But, Government  
Administrators and the  
Beauracracry remain constant,  
and attend to the administration/  
running of the country  
with vigilance and diligence  
without prejudice, maintaining  
neutrality, without fear or favour  
or undue influence, which also  
includes Political influence and  
interference which if allowed,  
will lead us down the slippery  
slope of corruption and the  
permeation of our Society, which  
would be intolerable. This must  
NEVER be allowed to happen,  
for if it does, the consequence of  
any maladministration will result  
in legal action, possible fine and/  
or prison time, loss of career and  
Shame. Don't say you haven't  
been warned!

For too long we have witnessed  
the influence some big-headed  
Politicians seem to have over  
the Administration and its Staff-  
and it needs to stop. We are a  
Democratic Nation, and let me  
remind you, the power of the  
Nation lies squarely in the hands  
of the People, who also make up  
the Government Administration,  
NOT the 24 Members of  
Parliament who offer their  
service voluntarily, and are duly  
elected supposedly, during a fair  
and transparent election, free of  
corruption.

We are a Democratic Nation  
of well-educated, Christian  
law-abiding people; and it  
is the Nation's People who  
elect individuals- hopefully, of  
the highest moral calibre and  
mana- whereby the majority  
form Government, are sworn  
in, settle in for 4 years and  
hopefully run the Nation with  
the best economic plans,  
grow the economy, look after  
the People, and essentially,  
don't bankrupt us financially  
or morally. Also, the Nation's

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People are the conscience of Government, and often-times as a result of corruption and maladministration, we also bear the shame, guilt and anger of the quality of political and administrative governance, that for too long have had us deeply entrenched and mired in and which has kept us in a state of malaise and indifference, for way too long!

Yes, there are many in our community who know right from wrong- perhaps it's time to take a collective stand against those who consider themselves above the Law as a result of their corrupt actions, and who believe they can get away with it, with impunity.

That can NEVER be allowed to happen!

That would be an affront to our Society, to our Human Rights as individuals, and goes against the issues of True Justice and Dignity. Can we in good faith, allow transgressors who intentionally and actively commit acts of corruption, to get away with it, free from punishment? Do we do justice to the memory and honour of our Tipuna as too as future role models of morality for our mokopuna, the future generations, if we allow transgressors to go unpunished, to continue to corrupt our Society?

You know the answer is a resounding, and BIG N.O, a.k.a. non; nyet; uh uh; kare; no. NO NO NO !!! For the good of Society, we embrace God's Law enmeshed within Man's Law. Thou shall not steal/ kill/ covet another.../ commit adultery/ bear false witness/ lie in God's name. These commandments are but some which also make up the fabric of our Society, and we cannot, MUST NOT allow these principles to be compromised, or be diluted.

Often times, knowing corruption such as bribery or perjury has occurred, but doing nothing about it, means you're just as guilty as the transgressor. And for those arrogant enough to believe they are above the Law, immune from punishment,

perhaps they've managed to CON-vince themselves that they're CON-niving and clever enough to abuse the system, abuse their powers, as smooth-talking lags.

*Definition of SMOOTH-TALKING: adj; Confident and persuasive, but not necessarily honest or sincere ... from Collins English Dictionary.*

In April 2014, then-PM Henry Puna, without the knowledge and support of the ruling CIP Caucus, made the arbitrary decision together with the QR, to dismiss Parliament. This strategy was initiated to save his PM-ship, and to deny a much-respected, admired and worthy Senior Colleague of many years service, with the support of the CIP Caucus majority, to replace him, as PM.

Henry Puna's illegal action was TREASONOUS, and the ramification of his bizarre decision, was that Parliament was unable to pass the then-Budget for the Nation, which is never a good thing for the economy, our credibility to our neighbours as too our Trading Partners, and especially our International Credit Rating.

His next action was his "administrative preparations" (Interference?) for the July 2014 Election which included his interactions with the Justice Dept, Electoral Office and MFEM. And we are still coping with that mess!

In the lead-up to the Election, campaigning efforts began and history will now show, there was evidence of corruption. Allegations of voter irregularity; eligibility issues especially residency criteria and medical referrals; intimidation of Government voters' jobs; and bribery involving monies, and inducing with "valuable consideration" i.e. a 15 HP Outboard Motor machine.

The Election took place, result being some winners, some losers. Petitions were filed, Counter-Petitions were the response and again Henry Puna made "more administrative preparations" to assist the upcoming Court cases. Nga Pu Toru

had on-island Court Sessions, while Pae Tokerau had the misfortune and the indignity to suffer the inaugural introduction of this enforced Skype technology, which had NEVER been used before in any Cook Island Court Session, and both Manihiki and Penrhyn had their Court- Sessions off- island. This inequity of justice as dispensed to South and North, is a travesty of justice and should never have been allowed to happen- for the people of Manihiki and Penrhyn to be treated as second- class citizens, is an absolute disgrace. Shame on those responsible for initiating it!

The Skype fiasco seems to have been engineered to affect a desired result and the bribery allegations were virtually dismissed by the Courts, in some cases not because a witness had lied under Oath but because it seemed they lacked credibility during their reaction/ performance as first- time witnesses under duress.

History will show that the 2014 Election was challenging in some Constituencies, and nasty and vicious in others, as a result of Henry Puna's dismissal of Parliament in April 2014.

History will also show that in a Skype court session in Tukao Manihiki, five Manihiki witnesses, JESSE KAITARA, PAPAIA TAKREKA, JACK POKIPOKI, NGARI TANGIIA, MARIA TEAMA, had the courage, fortitude and strength of their convictions to present themselves in Court and provide evidence, of bribery allegations relating to Henry Puna. Having written and signed their sworn affidavits which are a legal document, there are several legal repercussions for swearing falsely in an affidavit, of which these five witnesses are fully aware.

And upon their swearing their oaths on the Bible before the eyes of God, in a court of law, they swore to tell the truth, the whole truth and only the truth. Of the five witnesses, KAITARA, TAREKA, POKIPOKI, TANGIIA, testified they heard at a meeting held on June 24 2014 at Vainga

Marae, Tauhunu, Manihiki, Henry Puna offering to give 15 HP outboard motor machines to individual households, should he be re-elected – or words to that effect which of course disseminated in their own words as per their affidavits, as too their court testimony. TEAMA testified being approach by an agent of Henry Puna with offers of an outboard motor if she voted for Henry Puna, which was also evidence in her affidavits.

**Editor's notes:**

**(1)-evidence was presented that Pokipoki was not at the meeting but playing cards at the home of Apii Pihō.**

**(2)-see pages 14 & 15 for Chief Justice's comments on the evidence given by Henry Puna.**

Evidence is relevant when it has a tendency "in reason" to prove or disprove or disputed facts. Thus, direct testimony of an eye witness is relevant because it can show an event occurred. With one eye witness, the force of the evidence could be weak, but with more eye witnesses to corroborate and further strengthen the evidence, they may suffice to prove a fact. Such in direct or circumstantial evidence can be affective in a court case.

These five witnesses simply told the truth relating to June 24 2014 at Vainga Marae, Tauhunu, Manihiki, while Henry Puna during his testimony, refuted the witnesses claims, and denied saying what they had witness. Henry Puna swearing an oath on the bible before God's eyes in a court of law, not only did he lie about what he said he also committed PERJURY, before the nation.

**Editor's note: -see pages 14 & 15 for Chief Justice's comments.**

HENRY PUNA YOU ARE A LIAR, YOU HAVE PERJURED YOURSELF IN A COURT OF LAW AND YOU WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE!!!

**Editor's note:-an appeal against the decision in this petition is being considered by the Democratic Party**

*Yours Sincerely  
Papa Williams, Tauhunu,  
Manihiki, Pae Tokerau*

# High Court cleared Puna of bribery

## Introduction

The following extracts from Chief Justice Tom Weston's judgment dated 10 September 2014 in the Manihiki electoral petition brought by the Demo's Apii Piho against the sitting CIP member, MP Henry Puna concern the allegations of bribery against Puna and the Chief Justice's comments.

Inclusion of these extracts are to inform readers in relation to comments raised by Papa William's letter to the Editor on pages 12 & 13 and to remind readers that the Court cleared Puna of allegations of bribery.

The sections on the witness Pokipoki have been omitted as evidence was produced that he was not at the meeting.

## Extracts from Judgment

[20] The part of section 88 which is relevant is the reference to the making of an offer in order to induce an elector to vote. Here, as I will shortly explain, it is said that Mr Puna made an offer at a public meeting in order to induce the people present to vote for him.

[21] Originally, there were six allegations of bribery made in the petition. By the start of the hearing today, those allegations have reduced to two being paragraphs (b) and (f) in the petition as follows:

(b) "On the 24th day of June 7pm at a public meeting held at Tauhunu, the first respondent offered every household in the electorate of Manihiki a 15 HP outboard engine if the first respondent was returned as the successful candidate"

(f) "Starting on 23rd April and completed on 3rd July, a Government programme commenced to repair aluminium boats in Manihiki. In all 85 boats were repaired and such repairs were paid for with public funds."

[22] Mr Manarangi sought further particulars of the first allegation and the response was made that further particulars could not be provided other than would be included in the various witness statements that were then supplied. I will shortly describe those witness statements. In short, all of them referred to a statement allegedly made by Mr Puna with the clear inference that he would be reaching into his own pocket to pay for these outboard motors. Mr Puna had responded to these statements with his own affidavit refuting that allegation and explaining, again as I will say shortly, how the question of outboard motors arose. It was certainly signalled in that document, though, that he did not accept the allegation that he said anything about reaching into his own pocket.

[23] The petitioner has now sought to amend the allegation in the petition to make it clear that, not only was there an alleged reliance on private money (that is Mr Puna paying this himself), but that, as an alternative, it should be open to the petitioner to allege that Mr Puna made an offer that he would fulfil the offer by way of public funds. Mr Mitchell suggested that that expression could be introduced after "engine" in the pleading.

[24] Mr Manarangi opposed the amendment. I think the easiest way to address that application is as part of my overall assessment of the evidence and I'll come back to it shortly.

[25] I was addressed by Counsel on the law. Mr Mitchell spent some time dealing with the Court of Appeal decision in *Wigmore v. Matapo* which I also addressed in the *Penrhyn* case. He referred to paragraphs [28], [40], [41] and [42] endeavouring to draw an analogy between the facts in that case involving pig digesters and the offer made in the present case. He emphasised the proximity between the alleged offer and the election. He accepted that, ultimately, the case turned on my assessment of the witnesses which I will discuss in a moment.

[26] Mr Manarangi, in his submission drew attention to the decision of the former Chief Justice in *Pitt v. Ioane* (Misc 82/2006) and referred to extracts on pages 15 and 16 to submit that there were three issues in play which were, first, whether an offer had been made; secondly, whether there was the necessary intention; and then, thirdly, whether the intention was to induce the voter to vote. It may be that the formula of words favoured by the former Chief Justice leads to the same thing but, it seems to me, this case

can usefully be thought about by focussing on two things. First of all, whether an offer was made within the terms of section 88 and, secondly, whether there was a significant intention to induce the vote using the language in *Wigmore v. Matapo*.

[27] I now turn to the two allegations. I start with the second of the two concerning the boat repair programme, because that is more straight forward than the first one concerning the outboard motors. I also start with it because it is part of the context for considering the allegation concerning the outboard motors.

[28] Prior to the hearing, Mr Neeves, the financial secretary, had supplied a brief of evidence. He was not available yesterday or today and, in his place, the petitioner called Peter Tierney from the Ministry of Finance who gave evidence about the processes in place which supported the boat repair programme. He said that the contract had been let in August 2013 which clearly shows that at least some steps had been taken prior to that time. It's clear to me that this is a long-standing programme and in no way can be suggested to be inspired as part of the election.

[29] Perhaps recognising this, Mr Mitchell sought to argue that once the election was called on or about 17 April, the outstanding work in the programme should have been delayed until after the election. With respect, that cannot be right. There is absolutely no connection in my opinion between this programme and the election. It is only by the most imaginative thinking that any connection can be made. I reject the allegation.

[30] I then turn to the more significant allegation involving the outboard engines. There is quite a bit of common ground between the parties as to what actually happened at the meeting on 24 June 2014. For example, it's clear that this was a public meeting at which Mr Puna was the speaker. There may have been about 50 or more people there and Mr Puna, it seems, spoke for around about an hour. It is clear that he did discuss 15 HP outboard engines because he accepts in his own evidence that he did so. Indeed, he went even further and said he was more specific than that because he talked about four stroke 15 HP engines. So those matters are not really in dispute. What I need to assess is whether there was an offer made by Mr Puna and, if so, what was his intention in making that.

[31] The evidence that I will shortly discuss from the petitioner really deals with the form of the allegation as it stood in the beginning of the day. That is, that it was said that Mr Puna made an offer to use his personal funds to pay for the outboard motors. When Mr Puna gave evidence, and I will describe this later, I asked him how many households there were in Manihiki. He said there was some 73 or 74. I then asked him how much one of these outboards might cost. He said perhaps around about \$3,000.00 each. So, in order to put this in some context, if he had made a promise to reach into his own pocket to do this, the cost would be in excess of \$200,000.00 which by any standard is a very significant sum of money.

[32] The Petitioner called six witnesses on this topic. The first respondent then gave evidence and Ms Sheena John also gave evidence on his behalf. Mr Puna accepted that he had spoken about outboards and the main purpose of his evidence was to give the context in which he had spoken about them. He said once that context was properly understood then his comments, equally, could be understood.

[33] I heard a total of eight witnesses on this topic. Before I review these, I remind myself that in order to prove bribery, evidence to a high standard must be presented to the Court.

[34] The first witness for the petitioner was Mr Kaitara who gave evidence in a very halting and unsure way. I say that even putting to one side the question of delays on the skype link. It's obvious that he struggled in giving his evidence. I also had some uncertainties at the end of his evidence as to whether the written statement that he produced was written by him or not ( it seems the

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petitioner was present at the time it was written). This statement was hand written in Maori and Mr Kaitara read it out. It appeared to me that he struggled in that reading but, nevertheless, I note that the English translation of that statement contained the clear assertion that Mr Puna had said, "If I am successful, I will buy a 15 HP outboard motor for each household".

[35] Mr Kaitara was cross-examined by Mr Manarangi as to the events on the evening of 24 June. It is clear that Mr Kaitara was present together with the second witness called, Mr Papapia Taraeka, who I will discuss shortly. Both of these were sitting some distance from Mr Puna at a range of figures between 20 and 30 metres. It is also established that there was a wind that evening which was noisy and that many people around them were speaking. What is odd is that the only thing that Mr Kaitara seems to have heard was the very precise statement that he has made in his evidence and which I have referred to above. He says that when he heard that said, both he and his friend looked at each other, but said nothing. As I will shortly say, however, his friend heard something different to that and it really doesn't seem entirely credible that the two of them simply looked at each other without more if in fact, Mr Puna had said what is now asserted.

[36] The second witness, Mr Taraeka, seems only to have heard Mr Puna say something about machines. When pressed by what they might be, he said perhaps they were boat machines, but he could not be sure. Even if I were to assume that the word 'machine' in Manihiki translates as an outboard engine, it is notable that Mr Taraeka is quite unsure as to what Mr Puna actually said.

[37] Like the previous witness, Mr Kaitara, this seems to have been the only thing that Mr Taraeka heard all evening. I look at the evidence of both of these witnesses. I think it useful to analyse them together. They both only heard the one thing, but it seems to differ as to what it was. The second of the two witnesses is quite unclear as to what was said. Assessing two of these together, I do not think they were very credible witnesses.

[38] I then turn to the third witness, Ms Ngari Tangiia. Her evidence took a long time to give. For much of that, I would describe her as anguished. She fidgeted a lot; she looked extremely uncomfortable and unhappy. She frequently mopped her face. When pressed to go further than her statement, she was most reluctant to do so and on some occasions refused to do so. I think all of that behaviour has an explanation which I will come to shortly. She said quite clearly in her evidence in chief that Mr Puna said at this gathering, "if I win, I will buy a 15 HP outboard motor for each household". For much of her evidence, she endeavoured to restrict what she was saying simply to that proposition. However, under some skilful cross-examination by Mr Manarangi, she eventually conceded that Mr Puna's statement was made in another context, and that was in the context of the boat repair programme. It turns out that she had mentioned this in her original statement which she has since destroyed. Following intervention, it seems from Mr Piho, she prepared a second statement which did not contain that context. She was pressed as to why she had done this. She said because otherwise it would split the family. It turns out that she has a close association to Mr Piho and indeed one of her children may have been adopted by him.

[39] I note a considerable similarity between what she said Mr Puna had said and the very precise statement that Mr Kaitara also claimed to have heard. I have to say, with respect, there is an element of the evidence having been schooled. It just looks too convenient that the formula of words is almost identical and seems to correspond with the statutory requirements.

[40] I was greatly troubled by this witness. On the one hand, she gave very clear evidence as to what was said. On the other, I have real reservations about whether I heard anything approaching the full story. I also think it is significant that, when pressed, she was prepared to concede that the context of her statement involved the boat repair programme which coincides, as I will shortly explain, with what Mr Puna says. At this stage, then, I note I have reservations about this witness and I will return to that evidence.

[45] That leaves two further witnesses for the petitioner to

talk about. There was Maria Teama, who gave some peripheral evidence which I did not find helpful. That, of course, is not her fault. She was called to give such evidence as she could and she did that truthfully. It's just that the evidence was of no particular use.

[47] I now turn to Mr Puna's evidence. He absolutely denied the allegation made in the petition that was put to him by Mr Manarangi in various different ways, just to make sure that there was no possible variation on a theme which was correct. Mr Puna denied all of those. Mr Puna referred to his affidavit and confirmed the truth of that. It's probably useful if I set out paragraph 20, because that is an important provision and he was cross-examined on it.

" I also spoke about priorities for Manihiki. A priority policy would be to address the loss of people from Manihiki. The Manihiki Island Government is a significant employer and it was necessary to have a bread winner in every household to reverse this trend. In connection with this I mentioned it was important for each household to have a boat and outboard motor and that the boat repair project was a start to implementing this policy."

[48] Mr Puna expanded upon this in evidence. Although he spoke of the meeting as an opportunity to present the record of his Government's achievements, ultimately he accepted that it was a campaign meeting, the point of which was to get people to vote for him. He said, however, he wanted to set out the record of achievement, and then set out a vision for the future. He talked about the boat repair programme. He repeated suggestions that had been made to him by electors in his constituency that the programme should be expanded so that each family could receive an outboard motor. He said that he told the meeting that the Government would do what it could to see if funding would be obtained for that. He explained that two potential funding sources were from an Indian fund and another from a Japanese fund.

[49] He gave evidence about the importance of boats to the people of Manihiki and said that, in many ways, they were comparable to a car or motor bike in Rarotonga. He said that they were relevant to his vision of retaining people in Manihiki. He explained that a 4 stroke 15 HP motor was desirable because it was environmentally better than a 2 stroke motor.

[50] He was cross-examined by Mr Mitchell. On several occasions, Mr Puna made it clear that he was a veteran of many previous petitions and indeed the case law shows that to be true. He said that he was very careful about what he said and was conscious that he could not, and should not, say anything that might amount to bribery. Towards the end of the cross-examination, he was asked whether the public could have been left with an impression they would receive outboard motors. He said that he did not guarantee it and said that what he could offer was that they would try and find funding sources to achieve that.

[51] At this point, I deal with the application by Mr Mitchell to widen the grounds of the petition. I reject that application. I think it is far too late in closing to endeavour to extend the ambit of such a serious allegation particularly when an affidavit from the first respondent gave a clear signal that this would be the approach taken by the first petitioner. As I go on to say, though, notwithstanding that I refuse this application, I do not actually think it would have made any difference to the outcome.

[52] I do not believe that Mr Puna made an offer in terms of section 88. I believe he spoke carefully as an experienced politician who knows where the line is drawn. Therefore, I do not think that that part of the statute is satisfied.

[53] In relation to any conflict between his evidence and that of the petitioner's (particularly Ms Tangiia) I prefer his evidence. I do not think that Mr Puna had an intention of inducing voters to vote for him by making a promise to supply outboard motors whether from his own personal money or from some public source of funds. As I have said, though, I've rejected any amendment to include the latter. I have no doubt whatsoever in my mind that Mr Puna did not say that he would personally supply an outboard to every household in Manihiki. I also think the sheer cost of the exercise being in excess of \$200,000.00 speaks for itself.

# Aussie League team has hard fought win

*Story by Courtney Matai  
Photos by Poko Utia*

On Thursday the Australian Affiliates Rugby league team registered its second win over the Cook Islands team. The final score of 28-8 did not reflect just how hard fought the game was with some crunching tackles made by both sides. The half time score was 12-8.

The local team fielded some new players and battled well with M George and Bobby Hansen scoring tries. The Aussies were last here 3 years ago but it was the Cook Islands which won the very first game in Australia some years beforehand which gave birth to the series.

Jerome Veve, a 17yr old Samoan player who grew up in New Zealand and later moved to Australia for the past couple of years, said that their game has really improved from the last one on Monday at Victoria Park. From the last game that was held on Monday, Jerome along with his team from Australia thought to step up their game, play hard and push forward in order to remain victorious. A bit of improvement was mentioned by some players saying that "there was a bit of a let-down with players and their off loads", but was an interesting game.

Some of the Aussie players from the Nerang Roosters found it hard to perform well due to the heat at the Avatiu Swamp. The Cook Islands team put up a good fight during the game; however it wasn't enough to beat the Australian Team.

One thing that the Australian team thought needed improvement was "actually catching the ball" and their off loads. Jordan Stringer from the Australian team, mentioned that "personally, during the first half of the game, it wasn't that great but tough", also saying that the Cook Islands team played a better game on Thursday than on Monday.







# Te Marumaru Atua arrives in Samoa

*photos by TeRiu Woonton*



# Showing fairness

part 2

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

In Part 1 of this article of encouragement King Solomon who wrote The Book of Ecclesiastes goes through life and looks at everything. Then he said, "Here's my conclusion. Life is UNFAIR." Then he give five common occurrences of unfairness. First, Solomon said that CRIMINALS GO UNPUNISHED. Eccl. 8v.11 (NLT) "When crime isn't punished, people feel it is safe to do wrong." Secondly, Solomon says, THE OPPRESSED ARE NOT BEING HELPED IN THE WORLD. 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 higher up. So the matter is lost in red tape and bureaucracy." Fourthly, Solomon says, GOOD PEOPLE GO UNREWARDED while evil people often prosper. Fifthly, Solomon says, CAPABLE PEOPLE ARE OFTEN UNSUCCESSFUL. For example Solomon says, "Intelligent people don't always get rich." In some cultures Boxers are paid more than what the Accountants or Chief Administration Officers get. Even Rugby or Soccer players are paid more than the Teachers who teaches children. Solomon says, the bottom line is life isn't fair!

Solomon gives us some examples of what to do because of the unfairness of the life we live in! But before we look at these examples, I want to pose a question to us "WHY DOES GOD ALLOW UNFAIRNESS?" The answers are 1. BECAUSE HE GIVES US THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE. "I am giving you the choice between a blessing and a curse..." Deut. 11v.26 (NIV) 2. BECAUSE GOD IS GOING

TO SETTLE ACCOUNTS ONE DAY. "In due season God will judge everything man does." Eccl. 3v.17 (LB) 3. BECAUSE IT SHOWS WE NEED A SAVIOR The fact is, without God, people are very inhuman towards each other. People take advantage of each other. People become very selfish etc. So God says, "You need a Savior and I will show mercy for those who ask for it through my Son Jesus Christ. 4.BECAUSE IT CAN BUILD CHARACTER. Character is built in the tough times of life. Tough times don't last, but tough people do! Romans 5v.4 says "Suffering produces character."

Now, I want us to look at the question of "HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO UNFAIRNESS?" God wants you to do three things: 1. ACCEPT UNFAIRNESS GRACEFULLY The Bible tells us in I Peter 4v.13 (NCV), "Don't be surprised at the terrible trouble which comes to test you. Don't think that something strange is happening to you. But be happy that you are sharing in Christ's sufferings so that you will be full of joy when Christ comes again in glory." He's saying you cannot prevent people from hurting you. But you can choose your response. You are to accept it gracefully, rather than becoming bitter or complaining. Use it as an opportunity to develop character. 2. RESPOND LOVINGLY When somebody hurts you, they expect you to retaliate. They expect you to seek revenge. When somebody hurts you they expect you to fight back and try to hurt them. God says, "I want you to do the exact opposite what they expect." Jesus said in Matthew 5, "Love your enemies and pray for those who hurt you." Why do you do that? "Because God tells you to and because

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With Senior Pastor John Tangi

it keeps them from controlling you." When I say respond to an offender lovingly, that does not mean you continue to allow injustice. But instead, we are to lovingly seek justice without retaliating, without getting revenge, without seeking to hurt the people that have hurt us. We are going to overcome evil with good. That's what it means to be like Jesus Christ! As Christians we have to fight for justice. Jeremiah 22v.3 "Be fair minded. Do what is right. Help those in need of justice." (NLT) Proverbs 29v.7 "The righteous care about justice." Proverbs 16 "The Lord demands fairness in every business deal." He's saying even when everybody else around you is unfair, you be fair. Even when everybody else around you is ripping off each other you maintain your integrity. Be fair! 3. WE SHOULD WAIT FOR GOD'S HELP EXPECTANTLY I Peter 2v.19 (NCV) "A person might have to suffer even when it is unfair, but if he thinks of God and stands the pain, God is pleased." When you are going through an unjust period, God is on your side. All through the Bible, God says, "I cannot stand it when people are treated unjustly, unfairly. I will defend the oppressed. I will care for those who are treated unfairly." All through the scripture, God has a special heart for people who are treated unfairly. He is a God of justice. He hears your cry and He sees your pain and He knows you were hurt and put down. You didn't get what you thought you deserved. But He has a plan. God said, "...I know the plans I have for you...they are plans for good and not for disaster, to give



you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29v.11)

So what does God want me to do while I'm waiting on Him to settle the score? I Peter 4v.19 "If you are suffering according to God's will, keep on doing what is right and trust yourself to the God who made you, for he will never fail you." (NLT) All you need to know is God loves you, God has a plan for you and me! If you trust Him and maintain a right attitude, He's going to reward you eventually. II Corinthians 5v.17 (Ph) These temporary troubles [the ones you have in this life] are winning for us a permanent reward [in eternity for millions of years] all out of proportion to our pain." God is faithful! Be encouraged regardless! God bless! Te Atua te aroa!

# Stan Walker!

*By Norma Ngatamariki*

Hey everyone! I sincerely hope that everybody stayed safe this weekend because we don't want any more accidents happening on the road. Make arrangements for a sober driver if you are going out drinking, please. Anyways, the arrival of Stan Walker set the buzz for our little island.

The advertisement for his concert at Rehab was put up about two or three months ago, so it gave people plenty of time to save up. It was eighty dollars for a ticket and one hundred and fifty dollars for a VIP ticket. Believe it or not, people actually went ahead and bought the VIP tickets until they were sold out! Sigh. If only I were that rich...

But anyway, I didn't even buy my own ticket. My friend, Nga, gave it to me as a belated birthday present. She was all like, "You have to go, Norma! Don't waste my eighty bucks!" I wasn't really planning on going to the concert, but I thought, what the heck? It's not every day that you get a celebrity visit your island. I had made up my mind and decided that I was going to see Stan Walker (and Barry Southgate and Emmanuel Rodriguez). I had made plans to meet up with Michael at his house so that I wouldn't arrive at the club looking like a loner.

In a way, I still can't get over the fact that I'm legal. I almost hesitated before going inside of Rehab, but then I was like, "Hold up...I'm eighteen." I marched through that club like a boss, hoping that I could pull it off without the bouncers asking for my ID. I rushed through, hoping to find a familiar face amongst the crowd. I succeeded and found a few friends waiting around the bar. I didn't drink that night because I had to go market in the morning (but I was tempted...so tempted)



On the ticket, it said that the show would start at ten. I should've known better. Everything starts on island time and I was getting restless, waiting around for Stan to start singing. I loved the opening acts of Emmanuel, Barry and Vince Harder (those guys were AMAZING!). Barry was crooning into the mic, Emmanuel was heating things up with his sexy dance moves and Vince was rocking the stage with his guitar. They made a deadly combination.

And at long last, the appearance of Stan Walker! The crowd went wild, with everybody screaming and putting their fists up into the air. I knew Stan could sing, but I didn't know that he could dance as well! What a multi-talented guy. He sang his first debut song, "Black Box", a New Zealand Maori version of "Hey now! Don't dream, it's over" and, my all-time favourite, "Aotearoa". I was dancing my butt off (if you call swaying side to side 'dancing') and screaming along with the crowd. Oh, it was a good time. A pity I had to leave early because I had the market in the morning, but I managed to film a few videos. In that way, I would never EVER forget that amazing show.

## Handball: Update of competition Round 5 on Tuesday 23rd September

Handball is definitely happening here on Rarotonga and the level of play during this social competition is competitive. The scores tell it all? Results from Tuesday 23rd September 2014 and Round five of the ending of this Competition? Next week is our Telecom Cook Islands Business House Mix Competition and we would like to acknowledge Telecom Cook Islands for their support to participants in handball competitions over the next 10 weeks(as an health incentive) for everyone to keep up their fitness regime. We are giving away 1 x \$20 E -Top Up cards for any prepaid mobile phone to the best player of each Tuesday night. So ensure your playing as we have 10 weeks to go and 10 lucky players on each night to award.

**Game 1** Avengers 21 vs No Experience TCI 15 got off to a reluctant start with a compromising start to field a woman on each team. Normally each team has to have two on court all the time and it's a good incentive for the woman folk to play beside the men and they really enjoy it. Although the final score saw Avengers take out the game 21-15. The star of the night was Tofi from No Experience TCI who got an Hands Up ovation from everyone in the stadium to score his first goal of the tournament. Well done Tofi, so we better watch out for more to come from your corner. The impressive Alfred Marsters hammered home 6 points with a mid-air dive to score an unbelievable goal while the goalkeeper and another 3 were going for the ball. He just flew out of nowhere, it was crazy?. It was good to see more Yellow cards being called, Terence and Spencer from Avengers were both shown a Yellow card as was Donald Munro and Tofi. Half time score was 13 to 5, Avengers.

**Game 2** Justice League 21 vs Legends 15 with Ben Tautu and Ben Maxwell back (from a weeks break) Tautu sealed 6 goals from the pivots position and ex national goalkeeper Victor Elikana contributed 4 goals to seeing Justice League leading 10 to 8 in the first half. Potential national representative Simone Aumetua (female) equalizes with team mates Richard Ben, Simpson, Pabu John and Brendon Turepu on 2 points each. James Webb from Justice League played so much defence that he picked up his first Yellow card in the competition. Although his efforts contributed to good teamwork from Justice League as they sealed a 20 to 10 points victory over Legends.

**Game 3** PJs 20 vsTMKz 19 was another nail biting game. Tim Nubono blocking all the difficult shots to really pull his team together with the Tupuna Trio of Edmond, Tearatoa and TeitiTupuna contributing 3 points each and Alfred Marsters and David Akamoeau top scores on 4. Half time score was 12 – 8 to PJs. I would have to say that it came down to the last 50 seconds where PJs managed to hold on. Simpson, Phillip Roi and Cruz Robati nailed 4 goals with Pabus 3. PJs had experience on there side where they played the time to win 20 to 19.

The final Social Mix Competition results at the end of this last round is as follows

1st Placing	Justice League on points 10
2nd Placing	Avengers on points 7
3rd Placing	equally to TMKz and PJs on 4 points each.
5th Placing	Legends on 3 points
6th Placing	No Experience Telecom 2 points

### Games Schedule for the Telecom Cook Islands Business Mix Competition for Tuesday 30th September 2014.

Game 15.45pm to 6.30pm	Justice League vs Legends
Game 26.35pm to 7.20pm	TMKs vs Avengers
Game 37.25pm 8.10pm	PJs vs TCI

No sooner had he landed from the big apple the 75 vote CIP leader Elvis along with his new stand by me tagger I've been tested Glassie flew off in a charter for a two night stay in the North. By the time on ground expenses are tallied don't expect any change from \$30,000, the same amount of money the unpopular Puna stole from the victimised NZ pensioner's bank accounts that he says they need a new law in Parliament before he can give the money back he emotionally promised last Christmas to pay back. It just goes to show why the great pretender is unpopular and the worst leader the country has ever had.



After the news broke last week the country is spiralling into a \$5 million plus black hole deficit there wasn't even a pip squeak from the Demo office. How can we ever trust any fiscal report that comes out of the politically spinning MFEM? Neves and his juvenile lot of overpaid bludgers produce reports to fit the political climate of the day. If they knew how to do professional accounting and could tell the truth, we are most likely having a \$10 million deficit. Before the elections money Minita Brown said everything was on track and the finances looked good, talk about the blind leading the blind and thank goodness some of us have our eyes wide open. We can hardly expect an original comment from the Demo's interim leader Smilie, but why didn't the overpaid raffle organiser Drolley provide a media release for the Demos to pour scorn upon the CIP? Oh that's right; he's



got neneva Neves' back because his wife is Neves executive secretary.



One crowing rooster obvious a fan of the great pretender Eleri is getting beaked off at X factor Bulldozer call me DPM who wants to be the PM. Their message to Heta is the CIP isn't a vehicle for him to indulge his fantasy of being Prime Minister. Why wait till Henry leads the CIP to victory then try and steal his crown? Just wait your turn and see if you can get the leadership in a Party conference then see if the people will still vote for the CIP. Heta, clean up your Te Mato Vai mess before you mess up the country! Boy what a message, that's one rooster that better not bump into Boring Doggs in an alley on a dark night.



Young paddlers have done the country proud over in OZ, picking up umpteen medals in an international contest on the Gold Coast. Will done! How much money did our Minita o te sporti donate? Zilch! A big fat zero! Then again the Minita o te sporti is only known to back losers not winners! Will he be at the airport to welcome these

winners home? Will he hold a reception for them? Put on tea and bikkies? Will he be a Minister at that time? Will the CIP be in government?



The absentee, part time, interim, caretaker PM, Tuna, continues to behave as if he has been confirmed by parliament as the PM. As a lawyer he should know the legal position and process as set out by the Constitution. The Constitution? What's that he asks from New York? The PM has to prove to the QR he has the numbers to form a government. If he cannot, he must prove that in parliament by way of a vote of confidence-a vote which he is bound to lose.



Smoke and mirrors chooks! The well known illusionist, Houdini Tricky Dickie Mandrake has had his conjuring go up in smoke. Somehow, his sleight of hand balance sheet illusion which earned Brown Marks, does not add up! There's a fiscal deficit to the tune of \$5.1 million! But he's pulled one rabbit, called government depreciation, out of the bag and its helped to soften the blow rather like Panadol helps the head! Is Le Opposition up in

arms? Non! Is Le Chambre de Horreurs Commerciale up in arms? Non! Does anyone care?



Why build a house right near the shore when it's obvious next hurricane, big waves are going to come right through your living room! Duh! How do people with such plans get Building Inspector approval? To protect their expensive homes, such people resort to constructing coastal protection structures that only deflect water somewhere else causing damage to someone else's property. When is government going to wake up to this issue? When there's no coast left?

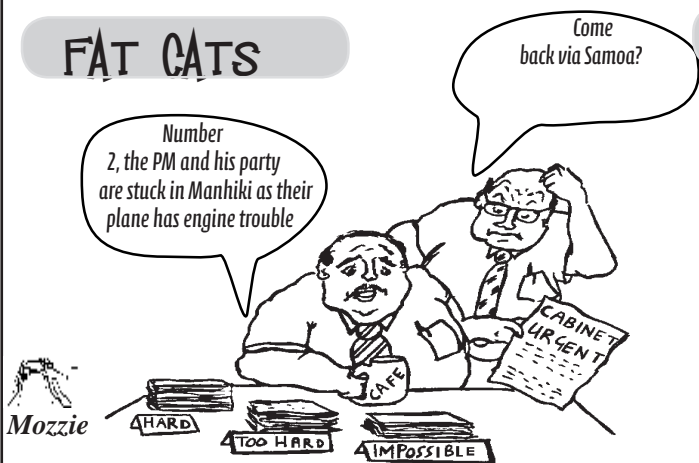


The new diversion scheme for young offenders is great stuff but what unemployed young people need are jobs and a decent pay to prevent kids hanging around and committing petty crimes. When will government set up some work schemes for these kids? There's heaps of jobs that need doing like clearing away all those noxious climbing plants that are suffocating trees. Teams of workers should go around the island, up in the hills and about, clearing this menacing weed away. It may take 5 years but make a start!

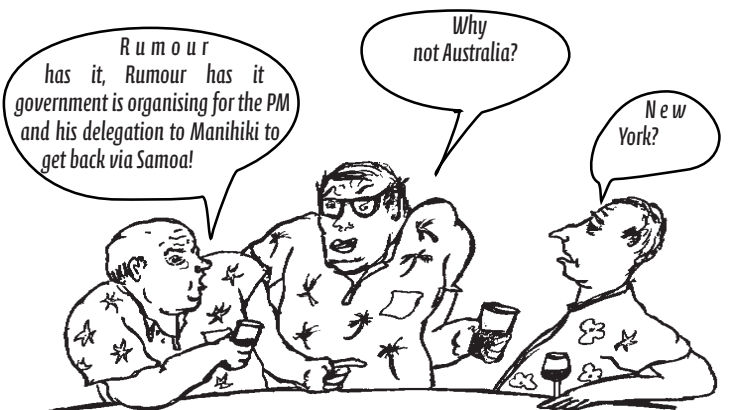


No amount of sweet talk seems to have changed the minds of the NZ resident landowners of a very prominent block of land that needs to have the lease rolled over. The word may have to be dispatched to the Vatican to crow up the \$5 million the unwavering NZ lot are wanting. With a multitude of owners even \$100,000 each can't be sneezed at.

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COCONUT ROUNDTABLE



PUBLIC NOTICE



**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION NOTICE  
COMMUNITY MEETING**

A Nikao Community Meeting together with Avatea and Nikao PTA members will be held on Thursday the 9th October 2014 at 4.30pm at the Avatea School Hall for a presentation of the conceptual design of the New School Apii Nikao Project which has gone through several revisions. Come and listen and see the new design concept plan and milestones to complete this exciting project.

Te pati iatu nei tatou katoatoa I roto ite Oire Nikao pera katoa te au metua, Puapii, kia tae mai tatou ki tetai uipaanga puapinga note akatuanga I te ngutuare ou ote Apii Nikao ate Paraparau ra iva o Okotopa 2014, ki roto rai I to tataou ngutuare koia oki ko Avatea School Hall ite apa note ora a ite aiai. No reira eaa e akarongo taringa ua, aere mai akarongo ia teia nuti purapura note patu anga I teia ngutuare ou no ta tatou anau note tuatau ki mua

PUBLIC NOTICE

**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](mailto:pittc@oyster.net.ck) no later than 5.00 pm on Monday 6th October, 2014.

**BEREAVEMENT NOTICE**

It is great sadness we announce the passing away of Nita Hegan, peacefully in New Zealand. From Samoa, Nita lived on Rarotonga with her children and husband Morris who worked for the NZ Government before self government. She is fondly remembered by Mama Lingi Pitt and all those who knew Nita from the "old" days.

TENDER



**PRINCESS ANNE HALL AND BCI STADIUM  
EMBANKMENT  
BATHROOM UPGRADES- C38/14  
TENDER ID 141507**

The Cook Islands Investment Corporation invites building contractors to submit a Tender for the above contract.

The Tender Document is available electronically from [www.procurement.gov.ck](http://www.procurement.gov.ck). A fee will be charged for printed documents issued. Contractors wishing to participate in this Tender process are encouraged to register their interest. Notices will be sent to registered parties only, and uploaded to the website above, as and when they are issued.

All registrations and enquiries relating to this Tender are to be directed to:

Eusenio Fatialofa  
Email [eusenio.fatialofa@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:eusenio.fatialofa@cookislands.gov.ck)  
Phone 29 391

Tenders close 3pm Monday 13 October 2014. Instructions for the lodgement of Tenders are detailed in the Tender Document.



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](mailto:lydiamarsh@cookislands.gov.ck)  
Closing date for expression of interest is Tues 25th September 2014

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# It's PINK October!

**B**reast Cancer Month is October – not just here in the Cook Islands, but globally.

October is the month to think about a disease that affects us all. Breast cancer is the biggest killer of women and much of this death can be avoided by early detection. Having regular mammograms and indeed starting them early can help save women.

In this year's Breast Screening Programme 363 women were screened at Rarotonga Hospital and there were only 2 referrals for further investigation and treatment. But we must not get complacent – 133 women booked in to have a mammogram didn't show up.

In New Zealand, where many of our family and friends live, 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer TODAY, and 650 women will most likely die this year as a result of this hideous disease.

The Cook Islands Breast Cancer Foundation (CIBCF) is encouraging everyone to "think PINK" be that for a day, a week, for a specific event or for the entire month.

Foundation president Jaewynn McKay says she is aware of a variety of events being coordinated by groups, businesses and individuals. They include PINK mufty days, businesses turning pink, the Zumba Fat Burner Party in Pink, sausage sizzles.

"Any fundraising activity that raises awareness about Breast Cancer is a good activity – and it can be as simple or as complex as you like.

"We welcome participation from everyone who wishes to help us raise awareness and funds. We are a non-profit organisation that exists to raise awareness of breast cancer and to encourage and assist women (especially those from the Pa Enua) in having regular mammograms. This year is the fifth year the Foundation has assisted the Ministry of Health in bringing women from Pa Enua to Rarotonga, and next year we will continue with these efforts.

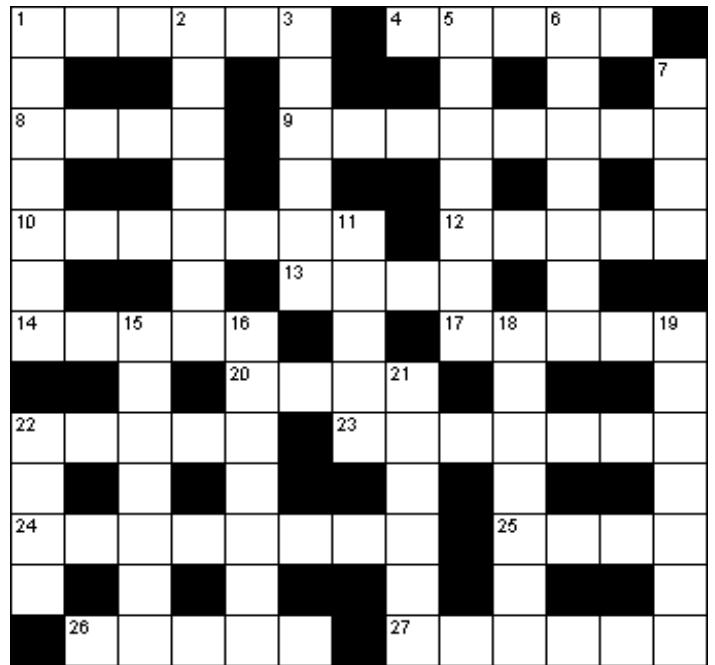
The Foundation will have a presence every Saturday this month at the Punanga Nui Market, where they will be selling their pink ribbon clothing, bracelets, accepting general donations and promoting the work of the Foundation.

Whilst no formal fundraising events are being organised by the Foundation this year, there will be one or two major ones next year.

The Foundation will also be out in force for the Pink Ribbon Appeal on Friday 10th October and supporting the Zumba Fat Burner Party in Pink event at the Tupapa centre on Monday 13th October (more details to follow). Last year's Zumba effort raised over \$2000!

If you have an event planned for PINK October, please register it on Cook Islands Breast Cancer Foundation's facebook page or email Jaewynn@wovenpacific.com or phone her on 55 486.

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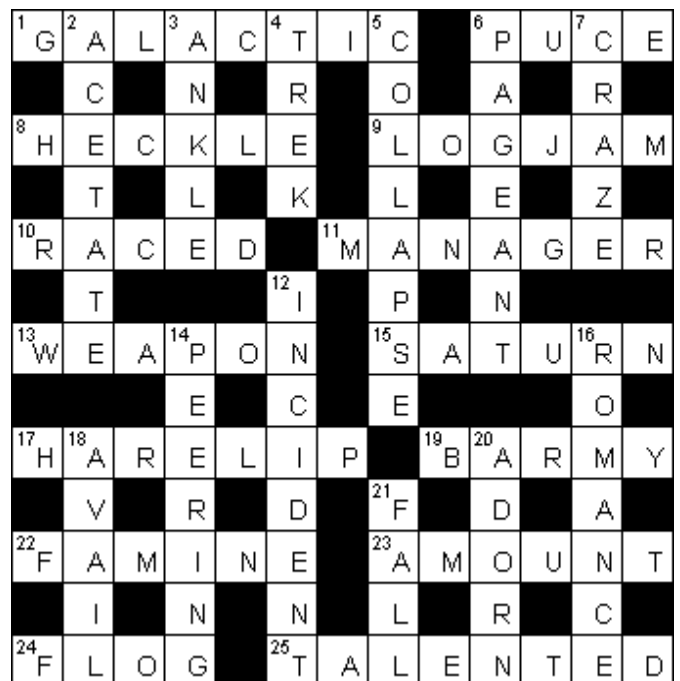


**Across**

- 1. Mistake (4-2)
- 4. Female sovereign (5)
- 8. Young bears (4)
- 9. Everybody (8)
- 10. Satan (7)
- 12. Brilliant (5)
- 13. Crop planted for its oil (4)
- 14. Mends a shoe (5)
- 17. Hungarian composer (5)
- 20. Garden tools (4)
- 22. Compel (5)
- 23. Stored away (7)
- 24. Large hill (8)
- 25. Repeat (4)
- 26. Inheritors (5)
- 27. Move with great speed (6)

**Down**

- 1. Reaping-hooks (7)
- 2. Hobby (7)
- 3. Like better (6)
- 5. Disentangle (7)
- 6. Develops in stages (7)
- 7. Give food to (4)
- 11. Taxes (5)
- 15. Unhurried ease (7)
- 16. Refuge (7)
- 18. Underwriter (7)
- 19. Larva of frogs (7)
- 21. Stink (6)
- 22. Let fall in a mass (4)



# Raui workshop to be held by Traditional Leaders

The traditional leaders of Are Ariki and Koutu Nui will hold a Raui workshop on Friday 3 October at the Pukapuka Hostel to discuss the state of protected areas in Tumutevarovaro. The discussions will be documented and included as part of the Raui report that the traditional leaders themselves are undertaking.

For this purpose, the leaders have secured funding from International Union of Conservation (IUCN) and Global Blue to carry out the Raui project to not only to review whether the various Raui sites are still functional, but also to discuss whether to add more Raui sites to the overall scheme of things.

The mini-conference on Friday is the second in the series of workshops and follows on from the National Raui Workshop held in mid July 2014, just after the Are Ariki AGM and the Koutu Nui AGM, respectively. This was to maximize the opportunity for as many Pa Enuā traditional leaders to take part in the Raui discussion.

### Tumutevarovaro sites

This Friday's mini-conference is to afford an opportunity to the various Ariki, Mataiapo and Rangatira of Tumutevarovaro is to discuss the various Raui sites that have been declared on Rarotonga and documented for inclusion in the overall plan of the Marae Moana marine park.

The known Raui sites include Black Rock-Nikao Social Centre, Avatiu Harbour and environs, Pouara, Akapuao, Kaena at Rarotongan Hotel and Little Polynesian in Tikiiki – but there are others. These were amongst the Raui sites that were declared in 1998 under the mana of the individual traditional leader from the Koutu Nui. This marked the beginning of the revival of the ancient practice of Raui under the leadership of Te Tika Mataiapo (Dorice Reid), and Tamarua Nui Mataiapo (Mrs Akaiti Ama) on




Turi Mataiapo, Mrs Maria Henderson


request of the various parties in the community. Other Raui are of more recent vintage such as the ones declared in Avana-Ukurere by Kainuku Ariki and at Muri –Pacific Resort by Uirangi Mataiapo (Dorothy Hoff).


### All Raui will be included in the Marae Moana plan

The intention is that all Raui sites that are identified as still function, will then be included in the overall plan of the Marae Moana marine park, subject to express permission to do so has been given by the traditional leaders and local government of the various islands or Vaka, as the case may be.

Proceedings will commence at 9am and be in the form of Iri Iri Kapua of the leaders according to their own sphere of influence in Takitumu, Te Au o Tonga and Puaikura, and each group will make their own presentation of their joint discussions. Should any of the traditional leaders want more information on the workshop, please contact the Raui Secretariat, Itaata Rangatira, on 73017 or Paenui Rangatira on 23540 or Turi Mataiapo on 26694.







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