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QR refutes intervention and clarifies perceptions he can change government

For the record, the Queens Representative His Excellency Tom Marsters has clarified incorrect perceptions he can and will decide who the government will be after the Vaipae /Tautu (Vaitau) by election on 31 March 2015.

According to the Official Secretary to the QR Anthony Brown, the political jostling for governance has thrust his boss into the political focus and placed Marsters under unnecessary scrutiny and rumouring that needs to be rectified by everyone being on the same page of fact.

In an exclusive interview, without a preview of written questions Marsters carefully chose his words in being adamant he will not intervene to change the existing Cook Islands Party government if the Democratic Party in coalition with Teina Bishop's One Cook Island Movement has the majority of Members of Parliament after the Vaitau by election.

"There is a precedent set and I will not depart from it," said Marsters, "I am clear in my mind in matters of governance in the current circumstances I have no legal grounds to intervene. If there is to be any change of government that must transpire in Parliament."

"It is not within my jurisdiction to interfere with the process of the determination of who is government by an intervention outside of Parliament." Marsters said he is disappointed some politicians and Party officials are not conveying this correctly to their members. "I not about to create a new precedent by intervention when the opposite already exists as a precedent which guides my decision and I am more than comfortable."



Queen's Representative Tom Marsters - No intervention

Claims some Demo leaders have contrary legal advice from Cook Islands Constitution expert New Zealand lawyer Alex Frame attracted no response from Marsters who refrained from being specific in referring to political identities by name.

Marsters without any inkling of criticism also stated for the record he has no premeditated arrangement with any political leader or Party to effect a change of government. "Any suggestions that there is an arrangement or an agreement I will participate in the installing a new government is totally incorrect."

Marsters believes he has made it very clear to all Party leaders that Parliament is the place to determine who the government is. A claim by Democratic Party leaders he will swear the Democratic Party in as the government if they present themselves before him with the majority of MPs is incorrect says Marsters.

"If that is an action they are willing to take, to confront me with their claim of having the majority I will without hesitation advise them to settle the matter of governance in Parliament."

The heavy handed comment made at recent meeting of Demos in Vaitau that the Demos will take the QR to Court if he refuses to swear a coalition majority in as the new government indicate how desperate William Heather and Bishop are in their persuasion to entice by election voters.

Marsters politely refused to be drawn into commenting on intervention claims made by Teina Bishop or William Heather recently in Aitutaki, also regarding the regular breakfasts he and Bishop have had and the political issues they may have discussed. "It's simply not my practise to publically disclose the contents of discussions I have with friends or others who visit me or I invite to my private

residence," explained Marsters.

Rather than reside at the official residence of the Queens Representative in Titikaveka, Marsters very much a family man said it helps to keep the official business of the QR and his social and private life definitive.

The QR's Official Secretary Anthony Brown said meetings held at Marsters' private residence in Arorangi are just that, private and not deemed as official business therefore not obligated for public consumption.

While some may have difficulty defining official QR business and private citizen Tom Marsters' personal views over breakfast, Marsters doesn't, stated Brown. "The parameters of the QR's authority and power are well defined and understood with total clarity by His Excellency," said Brown. "People drawn into petty politicking can fabricate all they want, but our position is clear and we won't be pressured to change it."

Brown also reiterated the QR is not responsible to call for the sitting of Parliament, "that responsibility is the sole prerogative of the Prime Minister Henry Puna, Parliament has been adjourned seine die and despite some perceptions, for the record, the QR has no authority to intervene full stop."

"The test and proof as to who commands the majority of MPs to be the government is done in Parliament, our current circumstances provide no legal avenue for myself or anyone else to intervene with that process of democracy as we practise it in the Cook Islands, our Constitution isn't so complicated that it needs an expensive legal opinion," concluded the QR Tom Marsters. - George Pitt

CICC Minister's triade rattles Demos and splits Church

When Democratic Party hopeful Teva Simiona turned up for the Vaipae\Tautu (Vaitau) meeting last Wednesday night he was expecting the meeting to endorse his candidacy for the 31 March by election as per his selection in May 2013.

To his horror and embarrassment nothing of the sort eventuated, the minutes of the 2013 meeting were ignored but the most devastating part of the meeting for Simiona was when his Cook Islands Christian Church (CICC) Minister the Tautu Church the Reverend Charlie Okotai addressed the meeting.

While some later expressed their opinion Rev Okotai had rehearsed his speech in collaboration with a few other like minded Demos it came as a complete surprise to the majority present. Okotai took no prisoners as he chastised the 57 year old self employed cafe owner Siminona as if he was a naughty primary Sunday school student.

Okotai's tirade publically exposed Simiona's personal weaknesses that included being a Church gossip and suspected of mismanaging Church funds, being a disloyal Party member and not suitable to be the candidate. Okotai previously the Minister of the Vaipae CICC has been a personal friend of the deceased Kete loane and now a committed supporter of Mrs Tei loane for the Demo by election candidate.

Witnesses said Simiona kept his head bowed while his Minister publically degraded and defamed him, some expected him to retaliate, but to his credit Simiona absorbed the embarrassment and

humiliation while remaining silent and seated.

One witness said Okotai overstepped the mark of human decency and that they planned to officially complain to the President of the CICC. A devastated Simiona left the meeting stunned and numbed by the harsh belittling words from his Church Minister.

After the meeting Simiona received many phone calls to comfort him while others personally visited him to bring encouraging words. In anger several of his family members vowed not to return to the Tautu CICC while Okotai remained the Minister.

One witness told the Herald Teva is a permanent part of the Tautu village fabric and had served the community and the Church honourably whilst the Minister Okotai is here today and gone tomorrow. "There was nothing Christian about his actions and criticism of Teva."

The President of the CICC the Reverend Tuaine Ngametua (Moutaiki) said their Ministers were allowed to participate in political meetings but were to restrain from making any comments other than delivering the prayers.

If that's the case, then the combined complaints and reports given to the CI Herald, Okotai went way beyond the call of duty or Ministerial ethics. Okotai is no stranger to controversy, he was a focal point and a primary leader in the Aitutaki Sunday flights protests in 2008.

On Tuesday 3 March, Rev Moutaiki said he had not received any official complaints concerning Okotai's alleged behaviour but will raise the matter with him for an explanation. - George Pitt



Reverend Charlie Okotai



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Disgruntled Bishop drops divided Demos but keeps the door open

The One Cook Islands Movement have severed their by election campaign ties with the Democratic Party in Vaipae/Tautu (Vaitau). According to leader Teina Bishop, 69 year old retired school teacher and currently a part time Social Welfare worker Amiria Davey a Tautu resident will carry the OCI flag.

OCI President George Turia said he has endorsed and signed off Davey's nomination and stated the movement was heading in the right direction. "We are here for the long haul and we will embrace every opportunity to build our capacity with a focus on having more candidates standing in the next general elections."

"We are not closing the door to either of the other Parties, Teina has met with the Demo Leaders and clarified our position and intent," said Turia who added the change in circumstances required a reassessment of OCI's participation in the Vaitau by election in four weeks.

While Turia is diplomatic about Bishop's sideways move from a by election campaign collaboration with the Demos, it's no secret in Aitutaki the OCI ranks have been boosted by former Demo members and supporters who are disgruntled with the way Bishop has been treated by factions within the Demo camp.

While a sizeable amount of Demos subscribed to the notion their chances of winning the by election



Amiria Davey

with the support of OCI with Kete loane their candidate were enhanced, some Demos were unconvinced and began resisting the joint venture then became passive observers who let it be known they would abstain from voting.

Without the strength and pull of Kete there was no influential personality than could persuade the factions to reunite under a new candidate. An anti OCI faction began to rally others to revert to a Demo only run campaign. Three factions had galvanised by the time of the Demo meeting to receive nominations for the candidate selection.

Twelve initially had showed interest but this was reduced to five by the Vaitau committee for the Wednesday 25 February meeting. Despite Teva Simiona having being confirmed to be the next Demo candidate as per the minutes of a meeting held in May 5 2013 it soon became clear this convent was not going to be honoured which quickly polarised Teva's supporters.

After the meeting concluded two nominations remained. Amiri Davey was nominated by her husband Richard as requested by Bishop who Richard was alleged to say that Bishop claimed his wife was the only one who could

win the by election for the Demos. It is alleged Richard stated this several times during the heated meeting even saying if his wife was not the candidate Bishop would withdraw his help. When no one seconded her nomination Amiri's daughter in law did so.

Kete's wife Teinakore (Tei) who has been the backbone of her husband's political career was also nominated and it was obvious she had the support of the majority of those in attendance. It was decided that a runoff between the two nominees would be held on Monday night the 2 March. In the mean time the committee had to identify who were the paid up members eligible to vote.

The next day on Thursday 26 February the Vaitau chairman Boaza Ngataua received a letter of resignation from the Democratic Party from stalwarts Richard and Amiri Davey and their family a total of twelve voters. On Saturday 28 February Bishop breaks the news in a media release that Amiri Davey will be the OCI candidate.

On Monday night 2 March the Democratic Party regrouped in greater numbers and endorsed Mrs Teinakore loane as their candidate. Tei gave a report on her meeting with Bishop and her comments were well received. Tei told the meeting Bishop went his own way because he was sick and tired of people talking about him. Bishop, she said, named

continued next page

several people for causing the split and when Tei named them in the meeting those individuals were shocked Bishop had made such claims. Tei said Bishop asked her if Kete said anything to her before he passed away but she did not disclose that to him but she shared what her husband said to the meeting.

The Demo Party General Secretary Eddie Drollet, a vocal Bishop supporter and advocate of an OCI coalition was in attendance from Rarotonga and spoke affirming the positive and united spirit evident in the Demo only meeting. No doubt Drollet will boastfully claim the credit for the outcome of the meeting.

One Demo in attendance reported good vibes despite some defections to the OCI; they were now fully united and will begin campaigning immediately.

Teva Simiona remains the

dark horse in the mix, the CIP are likely to seek his support or he may be persuaded to stand as a Democratic Independent in response to the encouragement from those willing to back him with financial contributions and their vote.

CIP candidate Mona Ioane and his committee must be quietly confident of retaining the seat considering Bishop's efforts to give the Demos a leg up to being government has fallen well short of predicted expectations but has been to his advantage and given the CIP the edge.

With the Demo and OCI coalition now a growing uncertainty and pressure from his constituency committee to return to the CIP, Bishop at his request met with the Prime Minister Henry Puna early in the week to gauge a redemptive return to the CIP fold.

After rejecting an offer of

a Ministerial post plus the CIP's willingness at Bishop's request to accommodate the impoverished Democratic Party leader Wilkie Rasmussen as his legal advisor, Bishop is unlikely to be offered anything substantial if he was to return to the CIP. In addition to that, the CIP offered no incentives or inducements to Tupapa's OCI MP George Maggie to return to the CIP. In the context of political arithmetic if Maggie's number isn't required he will be left to hang in the political wilderness because he's considered high maintenance and awkward to manage.

Bishop is yet to realise while he is still under the cloud of corruption allegations largely due to the persistent efforts of Rasmussen his ability and political pull to broker a redemptive deal with the CIP is marginal.

The majority of the Rarotonga CIP Puna's are

not favourable to Bishop returning to the Party, he is perceived as the culprit who triggered political instability forcing the PM into calling a snap election that resulted in the loss of Rarotonga seats.

Bishop's political antics are not easily forgotten by the Rarotonga CIP who now have very little time and zero tolerance for the Aitutaki MP. No longer an influential politician since he resigned as a Minister, Bishop is now a very small fish swimming against the tide of a big Rarotonga pond. Bishop's future as a credible political identity hangs in the balance, with no official word he is cleared of the corruption allegations and the possible rejection of OCI at the by election polls by his own Aitutaki people may nudge Bishop into retirement. Then again that's for him to know and us to find out.

- George Pitt

Disaster Resilience workshop held for local media personnel



Pitt Media Group employees and Redcross Communications Officer during their workshop. Story on page 9

Our Frontpage model Tax agreement with Czech Republic



Earlier this month the Prime Minister, the Honourable Henry Puna signed the Cook Islands' 19th Tax Information Exchange Agreement ("TIEA") with the Czech Republic in Auckland. This signing, in addition to the news that Italy have recently ratified our TIEA with them, signify further progress by the Cook Islands in meeting its international tax obligations.

The signings were an important step for the Cook Islands to demonstrate its international cooperation on tax matters and to the principles of transparency and effective exchange of information. The entering into of this agreement is further evidence of the Cook Islands' commitment to the OECD's efforts in creating a level playing field in the international arena, encompassing the principals of transparency and effective exchange of information for tax purposes.

This signing makes a total of 19 TIEAs entered into by the Cook Islands, and demonstrates that the Cook Islands has become a leading jurisdiction in the fight against tax evasion. The TIEAs allow for these countries and the Cook Islands to request information from each other where a specific taxpayer is under investigation, and where there is reason to believe that relevant information is held in the other country.

Currently the Cook Islands is undergoing a Phase 2 Peer Review by the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, which we expect will result in a positive report.

Minister to strike new coins

The Minister of Finance, the Hon Mark Brown, will shortly be arriving in Australia to officially strike the Cook Islands' new circulating coins to be released later this year.

In August 2013, Minister Brown announced that the Government will launch a set of new coins to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Cook Islands self government on 4 August 2015.

On 4 March 2015, Minister Brown will officially start production of each of the six denominations of the Cook Islands' new coins in a ceremony at the Royal Australian Mint in Canberra.

Minister Brown will be accompanied by the Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MFEM) Mr Richard Neves. MFEM will be responsible for delivering the Cook Islands' coinage reform and managing the process of distributing new coins and withdrawing old coins from circulation.

"From August this year, Cook Islanders will have shining new coins with much-loved Cook Islands designs that they can use every day with pride," said Minister Brown.

The new coins will be smaller, lighter and made of modern materials.

There will be six new coins: 10 cents, 20 cents, 50 cents, \$1, \$2 and \$5.

The 10 cent, 20 cent and 50 cent coins will be made of nickel plated steel and will be silver in colour.

The \$1, \$2 and \$5 coins will be made of aluminium bronze and will be gold in colour.

The obverse of all coins will feature the Ian Rank-Broadley effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The reverse designs of most existing coins will be retained. A new look will be introduced for the \$5 coin which will feature a Vaka.

All coin designs will be released in conjunction with a public awareness campaign to be launched mid-year. More information will be provided regarding the public awareness campaign closer to the time of the official launch.- *Minister of Finance release*

Our frontpage model this week's Herald Issue 756 is 21 year old Susan Fotunga who was born here in Rarotonga but now lives in New Zealand.

Susan was here in Rarotonga on a holiday to help celebrate a good friends 21st birthday and returned home last week. She is a host/cashier at Sky City.

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Takuvaine landowners lead the resistance to government's Te Mato Vai land grab

Having put aside the emotional rhetoric that the sensitivities land issues amplify, the Takuvaine Water Catchment Committee (TWCC) (a collective of landowners) has responded to the Government's Te Mato Vai land grab without compensation by the legal options at their disposal.

Historically landowners have passively succumbed to pressure from government land acquisition due to their ignorance of the law, their rights and understanding of fair compensation. Times have changed and landowners have become well versed in the legalities related to land issues and their rights.

Legal Counsel for TWCC has crafted a response challenging the government's legal road map to acquire private land without compensation. They have drafted a template submission other landowners wishing to legally oppose the land grab can use.

According to a TWCC member government can expect to be robustly challenged on every point of law they deploy against the united land owners in their quest to short change them.

Unlike Telecom and Te Aponga who negotiate win\win compensation packages with land owners when needing private land, this government is exploiting every legal loop hole they can amend if necessary to avoid compensating the landowners.

With Parliament in no urgency

to be convened by the Prime Minister Henry Puna, laws required to be amended to give weight to government's free land grab are on hold giving the landowners more time to marshal their numbers to challenge government.

Landowners who file their submissions opposing government's insensitive attempts to bully them into submission and the resulting hearings will become humps and obstacles that inevitably bring the \$63 million Te Mato Vai to a grinding slow motion crawl derailing the time lines for completion.

TWCC chaired by Ted Nia a land dispute veteran have devised a multi pronged resistance strategy that will unfold if and when necessary. The unnamed Committee member said they have a ray of legal arsenal that can be incorporated in their challenge to the government stand over approach to grabbing their land that will cause irreparable damage to the Cook Islands Party government.

"This government is picking a fight that will do them a lot more damage than good, we are resolute proper consultations resulting in land owner's conditions of land access and use be incorporated in the overall scheme of things." "Government's sledge hammer to break an egg approach is the pinnacle of stupidity, while time is in short supply for TMV, us landowners are in no hurry to press our claims through the Courts."

- George Pitt

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IN THE MATTER

of the Rarotonga Water Works Ordinance 1960 (the Ordinance)

AND IN THE MATTER

of the lands named by the High Court as Marei Sec 116, Tiarongo Sec 117, Manureva Sec 119, Kaiuna Sec 121, Pikava, Sec 122, Angakopua Sec 125, Te Kou Sec 126A, Te Kou Sec 126B, Anikita Sec 199, Anikita Sec 200, all of Avarua (the Lands)

AND IN THE MATTER

of an Objection under the Ordinance

The landowners of the Land, individually and as represented by the Takuvaine Water Catchment Committee (collectively the Landowners), hereby GIVE NOTICE to the Minister of Infrastructure Cook Islands (the Minister) pursuant to Section 3(2) of the Ordinance that they OBJECT to a Notice published in the Cook Islands Gazette dated 21st November 2014 informing landowners that on 20th November 2014, the Minister made declaration pursuant to Section 3(1) (the Minister's Notice) that the water in any river, stream, lake or pool situated on the Lands is required for the purposes of the Ordinance;

The landowners FURTHER OBJECT to the Minister's declaration that the water situated on the Lands be used for the public supply ON THE GROUNDS:

That the Minister's Notice [as required by s3(1) of the Ordinance] did not specify the manner in which the Lands and the water on the Lands were to be utilized for the public supply in sufficient detail to allow the Landowners to understand the intention of the Minister resulting in the Landowners being unable to make an informed decision as to whether to consent or to object to the stated intentions of the Minister;

That the Landowners on Thursday 29th January 2015 met with persons from various agencies and bodies involved in the infrastructure project known as Te Mato Vai (TMV) and asked those persons some of the questions that would have allowed them to begin to formulate an informed position to the Minister's Notice (such as providing accurate data as to the daily water usage per person or providing site and engineering plans detailing the works to be carried out on the Lands) and that those various persons were unable to answer with certainty many questions put to them by the Landowners;

That the Landowners are opposed to the proposition confirmed by TMV persons at the meeting of 29 January 2015 that upon obtaining free access to the Lands and the water on those Lands to build their necessary infrastructure for the TMV project that it is the intention of the Government to charge the Landowners and the people of Rarotonga for water usage in the future;

That the 90 days in which landowners must file an objection falls due on 20th February 2015 which has given landowners insufficient time to consider any plans or data that might yet be forthcoming from the TMV stakeholders;

AND UPON THE FURTHER GROUNDS to be included in submissions to be filed and affidavits to be sworn herein

AND UPON THE FURTHER GROUNDS to be given when the High Court, Land Division, hears and determines this objection pursuant to s3(2)&(3) of the Ordinance.

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Chairman Takuvaine Water Catchment Committee

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Workshop to help broadcasters develop disaster resilience plans

By Charles Pitt

Tuesday morning saw the start of a four day workshop aimed at helping broadcasters and media organizations develop their internal disaster resilience and national climate plans. Held at the Conference Centre in Parekura, the sessions run for the morning only.

This initiative is part of a regional project to support the media in eight Pacific Island Countries to strengthen their climate and disaster management planning through trainings, planning support, formalizing arrangements with NDMOs and associated preparedness activities.

The project is funded by the Australian Pacific Assistance Media Scheme (PACMAS) and is implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and participating governments.

Broadcasters and the media have an important role to keep the public informed during times of national disasters, potentially saving lives and minimizing damage to property. It is therefore important that robust systems are in place for

- i) coordinating the flow of information between the national disaster management authorities and the media,
- ii) ensuring that the information broadcast is accurate and consistent,
- iii) climate/disaster proofing broadcast infrastructure and
- iv) ensuring the safety of media staff during disasters.

Towards this end the Government of Cook Islands (GCI) is developing a National Broadcasters Climate and Disaster Resilience Plan (NBCDRP) that will align with

the national disaster risk management framework and arrangements that are currently under revision. In addition, the GCI through Emergency Management Cook Islands (EMCI) and Climate Change Cook Islands (CCCI), will be supporting private-sector media companies to develop their own internal Climate and Disaster Resilience Plans to link with the NBCDRP.

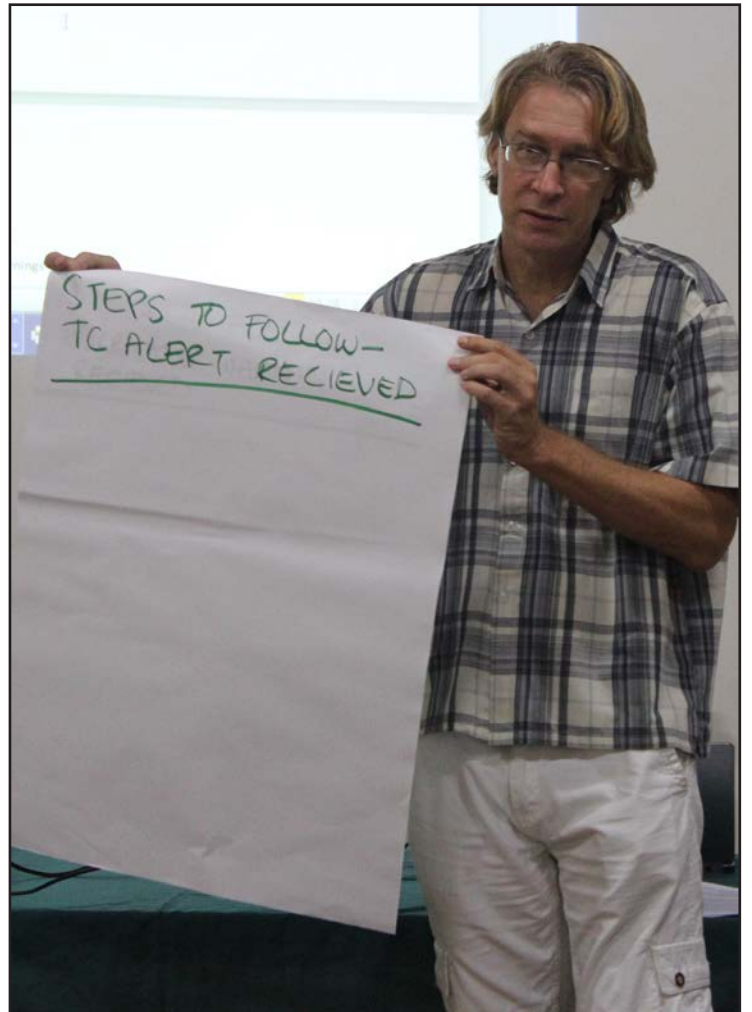
The facilitators are;

Dr Netatua Pelesikoti – Director of Climate Change Division, SPREP – Lead facilitator

Mr. Herman Timmermans – Adviser, CCCPIR Programme , GIZ & SPREP – BCDRP writer and support until Pitt Media Group BCDRP completion

Ms. Nanette Woonton – Media and Public Relations Officer, SPREP – Activity support, coordinator of Newsroom Training

Attending the opening day's session were some 20 representatives from Pitt Media Group, Emergency Management CI, Red Cross, the Met Office, Telecom, Ministry of Health and Climate Change CI.



Workshop lead facilitator Mr Herman Timmermans



Nanette Woonton and Dr Netatua Pelesikoti

A case for a Public Reticulation sewerage system

by John M Scott

A potentially serious and alarming situation is looming for many of Rarotonga's accommodators, restaurateurs, bars, traders, public and private buildings as well as private residents by virtue of the sanitation requirements of the new regulations.

By way of introduction I quote below a letter of mine the CIs News published on 14 April 2011 nearly four years ago.

"Dear Sir

RE: TREATMENT OF SEWAGE

I listened with interest to Des Eggleton's very reasoned arguments for the centralisation and disposal of sewage waste at Wednesday's Summit.

In the lead up to the last general election I endeavoured to interest those candidates who approached me to address this very question and urged them to seek out a report prepared for Government back in the 90s dealing with exactly that concept and which would be gathering dust somewhere.

A group of consultants was here on an ADB funded technical assistance study to bring down a report, from memory largely focused on the landfill question and management of waste, and a group of us in Muri asked for a meeting with them to specifically request that they widen the scope of their study and address the special case of the treatment of waste in the Muri area because of our increasing concern for the health of the lagoon.

It was called the Barrett's report and it contained a chapter dealing with our area of concern. It was called something like-Eastern Coastal Sewage Disposal System.

Basically what they recommended was what Des was talking about. The proposal was to have a main pipe running from Parengaru to Pouara in Matavera and at right angles to that main trunkline feeder pipes to each property both residential and commercial and a vacuum arrangement that drew all the waste from a holding tank,



New home in Kiiikii in the lagoon protection zone that has been denied a permit

which in most instances would be existing septic tanks, which would then be pumped to a primary treatment plant at Pouara with eventual disposal across the reef to the ocean where it had been established the currents were conducive to rapid and safe dispersal.

Some of my recollection could be faulty but the point is this professional and engineering work has already been done and costed (albeit at 1990s values) and it just might be worthwhile locating it and determine whether there was any merit in re-examining the recommendations at least for the eastern coastal area but conceivably for adaption for wider application.

John M Scott
Muri"

The thrust of that letter will be obvious. Governments have had the opportunity to address this issue of lagoon pollution now for over twenty years and, until Watsan, totally ignored a mounting problem. The generous overseas aid associated with the Watsan project and the application of those funds, while admirable, is not the complete answer by any means and while attempting to reduce pollutants reaching the lagoon by improving the treatment of household waste some residents will be confronted by

many of the same constraints as accommodators and those others affected however, in these latter cases, the implications and compliance options will be far more worrying and the consequences far more dire. Who should be blamed for this state of affairs? Government of course but not just this Government but each Government over the last two decades that has been unable, or unwilling, for whatever reason, to come to grips with what the real priorities are.

Something like Te Mato Vai project was not the real priority, wastewater/sewage was, but now Te Mato Vai is underway we need some bold leadership and fiscal prudence which will retrieve some of the lost opportunity and recover some of the wastewater/sewage system progress that might have otherwise been made before we got our wires crossed.

Sure there are people who go without water in times of drought. Te Mato Vai is not necessarily going to help them. Insufficient water and pressure in the pipes will still mean no water in their pipes. Meanwhile those that get water still bathe, still flush the toilet and do their dishes and laundry and continue to pollute the lagoon and while the Watsan sanitation upgrade effort is addressing part of that it

would be quick to acknowledge that it is only part of the solution. The other part is the commercial establishments which have probably yet to realise the draconian compliance demands that have been imposed upon them.

The Asian Development Bank in its Terms of Reference for the project preparation technical assistance study for a Cook Islands integrated urban infrastructure project as far back as 1993, twenty-two years ago, identified the potential dangers and severe pressure to the environment and the tourist industry presented by an antiquated system of septic tanks and soakpits only to be exacerbated if the uncontrolled management of septic waste continued unchecked.

That was when tourist numbers were less than half what they are now. The Eastern Rarotonga Sewerage System, as it also later became known, was intended to be the first phase of an island-wide sewerage system. Just the Eastern component was intended to capture 236 hotel rooms, 10 commercial establishments and 70 Muri residences with 90 residences and 9 commercial establishments added by extending the collection system through Matavera. It was argued that while these

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Matavera additions would have no significant environmental benefits they might make the project more acceptable to the community. That was back then. With significant further development in this same area since then those numbers would have grown considerably. Total estimated cost (in 1995 dollars) was \$4.3m. It was to be a user pay service. Figures touted at the time were \$4per day per tourist room and \$28-35 per month for a domestic residence.

Although I do not have a copy of the actual Cabinet Minute I do have a copy of the Cabinet Memorandum of 16 November 1995. The heading was ADB-RAROTONGA INTEGRATED URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT and its purpose was stated as being- to inform Cabinet of the current status of the project and, to seek the views of Cabinet on a number of critical issues relating to the project in preparation for the fact finding mission scheduled for November-December 1995.

The memorandum went on thus:

The major components of the project relate to liquid and solid waste. The consultants argue that effective waste management is critical to the environment of Rarotonga, particularly the reef. Waste from industry, agriculture and humans has resulted in an extreme amount of nitrogen

flowing into the lagoon and reef system. They argue that from an environmental perspective, all possible steps must be taken to stop the continued flow of nitrogen and other nutrients, reduce the amount of nutrients in the soil and water, and ensure that future developments do not add more to the system. This requires major improvements in disposal methods for both solid and liquid waste. If action is not taken, the reef and its associated communities are in danger. This would have serious social and environmental consequences. Moreover, given the importance of the lagoon to tourism, it would have a major adverse effect on the economy.

The main components of the project were:

a) establishment of a Public Utilities Authority (PUA) to commercially manage electricity, water supply and liquid and solid waste and improve cost recovery

by appropriate user charges

b) solid waste management in Rarotonga and Aitutaki with construction of new landfills

c) remediation of Matavera and Nikao landfill sites

d) provide a sewerage service for eastern Rarotonga with a sewerage treatment plant at the remediated Matavera site

e) rehabilitate a sewerage system in northern Rarotonga (Nikao)

f) provide treatment ponds for animal waste and septic tank sludges in Rarotonga and Aitutaki

g) provide and install consumer water meters in Rarotonga to assist cost recovery, quantify and control water wastage and assist demand management

h) a septic tank improvement/upgrade programme

i) supply of equipment

It will be noted that nowhere in that project, or ADB's assessment at that time of the priorities we faced, was there any mention of any water supply upgrade of any kind let alone one of the magnitude of Te Mato Vai meanwhile we now have this huge financial commitment to Te Mato Vai while the real, more pressing problem of sewage remains largely unresolved. Let me repeat that. Twenty years ago water was not even on the radar. Water was not considered a priority. There were other more pressing problems. Certainly Rarotonga's aging water supply network, leakage etc has, in the intervening years, come more into focus but had government being a little more responsive and possessed of a little more vision in 1995 we could have had a partial public reticulation system already in place well before we needed to turn our attention to a water supply upgrade which would have proven, or otherwise, that a public reticulation system was the way to go. Now with Te Mato Vai at centre stage and dominating funding opportunities any public sewerage reticulation service is destined to slip further from attention unless some compelling new arguments can be advanced to revive it.

Why then did the eastern Rarotonga sewerage system not proceed?

In the 1995 Cabinet Memorandum the Steering Committee on Overseas Aid

(SCOA) reported that a number of components of the project should be deleted or reduced in scale because they

did not represent good value for money. Two critical ones were the septic tank improvement programme and the eastern Rarotonga sewerage system.

On the former it was argued that households should fund their own improvements. Twenty years on what do we have? A recognition that given a choice, households would resist funding their own upgrades resulting now in other donors doing what could have been done twenty years ago.

Meanwhile twenty more years of lagoon and reef degradation have occurred and valuable donor aid funding has been channelled into individual solutions rather than wider based systems. These are the prices we pay for poor leadership, closed minds, incompetence and indecision.

On the eastern Rarotonga system it was argued that this proposal should be further critically analysed as to its effectiveness because unless it could be established that the system would lead to a significant reduction in the quantity of nitrates flowing into the lagoon this component should also be deleted from the project.

And deleted it must have been because it has not happened yet all the reports since have acknowledged that the best way to address lagoon pollution was a public sewerage reticulation system.

So what we have now is the Watsan Sanitation Upgrade Programme and a new set of Regulations {Public Health (Sewage and Wastewater Treatment and Disposal) Regulations 2014} which repealed its predecessor the Public Health (Sewage) Regulations 2008 which were never effectively administered because of a clear lack of capacity but promised the same challenge and potential grief.

LPZ stands for Lagoon Protection Zone and within this area secondary or better treatment of sewage is mandatory if the daily load is <.2000L/day but with a requirement of a land application system. If it is over 2000L/day

advanced treatment, certain total nitrogen (TN) targets and a land application system (LAS) are standard. Plain old septic tanks are no longer acceptable. Soakholes/soakpits, anywhere, in the LPZ or elsewhere, are prohibited. Those domestic residents within the LPZ and purchasing into the Watsan programme will meet the requirements. Those who do not face penalties and the penalties are wicked. There is some conflict in the legislation because the Regulations speak of \$5000 for a body corporate and \$500 a day for a continuing offence and \$500 for an individual and \$50 a day meanwhile the Public Health Act was amended in 2013 (before the 2014 Regulations) and dramatically increased fines to \$50000/\$5000 and \$10000/\$1000 respectively for any offence prescribed by Regulations and failure to comply with the requirements of the latest 2014 Regulations constitutes such an offence.

Irrespective of which is correct what these penalties illustrate is the extreme insensitivity which attended upon the drafting of both the 2008 and the 2014 standards which criticism is supported by the unrealistic, and many cases, unworkable, demands made upon property owners, both

domestic and commercial, leaving one to wonder how much local input went into the exercise or whether we are, once again, the victims of consultants who breeze in and breeze out and

suddenly are empowered with all the right answers which we blindly accept as gospel and pay big bucks for. At the end of the day however Regulations are made in Executive Council, which is Cabinet sitting with the Queen's Representative, so if there is any criticism it should properly be directed to our political leaders who, too frequently, (listen to Parliament sometime) approve legislation with no real understanding of what it contains nor its far reaching consequences.

Outside the LPZ septic tanks alone but with a land application system can still be used but only for loads up to 2000L/day. Loads greater than this require advanced treatment

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(not available with regular septic tanks) TN monitoring to acceptable levels and a land application system.

Loads Take a two bedroom home with standard fixtures and occupancy of four persons. Typical wastewater flow allowance is 200L/day/person = 800L/day (homes with superior fixtures are 220L). In the LPZ a minimum of secondary treatment would be required as would a land application system in the form of an effluent bed or trench. Such a home outside the LPZ could still use the septic tank but the soakhole would have to be replaced by an effluent bed of trench.

Land Application Systems (LAS) Effluent bed or trench The accompanying photograph is of an unoccupied new home at Kiiikii assumed to be two bedroom. It is in the LPZ but the natural ground composition has been mined and backfilled with what looks like a clay loam. The picture shows a septic tank and the formation of a 60 square metre effluent bed. A permit has been denied. The system is non-compliant. Firstly, septic tanks in the LPZ are prohibited and secondly there is no secondary treatment. Had it complied in these two respects the effluent bed would have complied. The fill places it into soil category 4 and an effluent bed of this size would be necessary 800L/15 = 53 sqm. Had the original soil category 1 remained a smaller bed of 16 sqm would have sufficed, 800L/50. Remember this is a building with just four occupants. Extrapolate that!

Effluent beds or trenches alternative- the problem Effluent beds or trenches consume valuable land and in tight situations with densely packed buildings on small sections this just might not be available. This is where the major problem emerges. If septic tanks are ruled out they will need to be decommissioned and a secondary treatment plant suitably sized installed to replace them. Available space might prevent this and a commercial property may have to consider closing while it replaces the space occupied by a septic tank or tanks with an acceptable system. If space for that is a problem consider the larger problem of finding space for effluent beds.. Take a commercial property

in the LPZ of say 10 rooms. 10 rooms equates to a minimum of 4400L/day (10 x 2 x 220L). An effluent bed of 88 sqm would be required (4400/50). I know of some properties that could not even find 20 sqm let alone 88 especially when considering the setback requirements which are 15 m from any surface water (i.e. lagoon, waterway); 2m from any land boundary; 3m from any house or building and 1m below the bed and above the water table. If effluent beds will not work the alternative is drip irrigation but this is where the demands become ridiculously difficult.. For this same hypothetical property the requirements would be 4400/4 or 1.1 kilometres of drip line buried 250mm below the surface at 1.0m centres if the soil is category 1, sandy, with the same setback requirements operating. An impossibility in many instances.

The other alternative, although a costly one but would avoid the difficulties of a land application system, would be to pump the treated effluent into a holding tank and have it carted away. For busy properties or businesses however this could mean several trips a week of the tanker at 7000L and at \$700 a time the economics would kill it.

Further reading For more reading on the standards that have been applied here and details of land application systems, tables for calculation etc Google Standards New Zealand AS/NZS 1547:2012 for a preview of this 200 page document.

Consequences Is it Government's intention that such properties or businesses close down if they cannot comply? Is it Government's intention that properties, both domestic and commercial, that do not or cannot comply be prosecuted and fined? While it might be possible to close down a commercial operation what would Government's intention be in the case of domestic residences which did not comply- close them down too and evict the occupants? Is it the intention of the compulsory warrant of fitness scheme to discredit any property that may continue to operate without this WoF? How much thought did Government put into these issues before it enacted the Regulations? Not

enough obviously.

Is there a solution? I believe there is but it would require government to radically adjust its thinking and take some bold decisions. Now when it is digging up the road again and laying water pipes would this not be the perfect time to show some real leadership and review the sewage question and at least place the sewage pipes in the ground at the same time and proceed simultaneously with the treatment plant and ocean outfall at Matavera.?

With a big chunk of the island already completed those many kilometres represent a huge lost opportunity but it is not too late for Titikaveka and Ngatangia which have not yet been reached and there are many homes and commercial properties along this route that would benefit.

I would at the same time halt the Watsan septic tank upgrade programme in Titikaveka and save those units for more remote properties beyond the LPZ with probably unjustified and expensive connectivity problems to a public system (or send them to Aitutaki) as I would also those 220 which have already been installed in Muri-Avana which would, with reticulation, just become a glorified, and expensive holding tank whose purpose could be far more cheaply achieved with a regular concrete tank.

Titikaveka/Ngatangiia could be considered the first stage pioneering exercise which, if proven, could expand to embrace the whole island

Government will wring its hands and ask how to pay for all this. Well if it had had enough vision twenty years ago it would have been a lot cheaper but for starters consult with your partners and get them to redirect the funding available to Watsan to this more worthwhile, longer term permanent and convincing solution. Watsan has already spent \$4.7m in the Muri

Avana upgrade and it looks like another \$2m or so for Titikaveka from a budget of \$18m so there are funds there, maybe not enough at today's prices and a closer scrutiny of the costing but enough to go a long way towards it- remember the Barrett's report costed it in the 90s at \$4.3m but admittedly that did not extend as far as

Titikaveka.

I am informed that one of obstacles to a centralised treatment plant is the massive electricity running cost. Well it seems there is an answer out there for this as well which allegedly could reduce this expense by up to 90% and produce valuable by-products.

Anyone who has seen the Avana lagoon at low tide would agree that it looks like a flourishing lawn or vegetable garden. This is the algae which feeds on the nitrogen and phosphate compounds finding their way into the lagoon. It is this same algae that is at the core of a new process but rather than attempting to eliminate the nitrogen and phosphate this process is focussed on harvesting them. Algae consumes CO2 from water and produces oxygen thus eliminating the need for expensive blowers. This in itself is not new but latest technology captures and harnesses the symbiotic relationship between bacteria and algae. Bacteria supplies carbon dioxide to the algae, algae provides oxygen to the bacteria and both remove impurities from wastewater. This refined process is particularly ideal for countries that suffer high energy costs and where it is sunny and warm. Shallow beds for maximum sunlight penetration could be an issue however as this might expand the land footprint beyond what is available. The process does however warrant investigating. It might also be possible to harvest the algae already in the lagoon to provide the raw material to the system.

Postscript I have enquired of the developers of this system (www.aquanos.com) as to what the land requirement footprint would be for a population of 10,000. Surprisingly they have replied that based on an average European wastewater generation of 150L/person just 7500 square meters would be needed. As our per capita rate is set up to 220L it would appear that 2-3 acres (a hectare) should handle our needs comfortably. As the public system expanded however it may be more practicable and economical to have several smaller systems with different ocean outfalls strategically positioned around the island.

Export value of our tuna set to exceed \$20million for 2014

By Charles Pitt

When all the paper work has been completed, the 2014 tuna catch will be a record one as far as export value goes.

It's no secret that under Secretary for Marine Resources (MMR) Ben Ponia's watch, the country's export earnings from our EEZ fishery and revenues to government have increased dramatically and this will be pleasing for a government which for many years has had to endure embarrassingly low export figures compared to rising import figures.

If the trend continues and becomes sustainable, then Ponia will deserve congratulations. The country needs to reduce the trade deficit and increase new revenues. Ponia is not occupying the hot seat to win a popularity contest, but to do the hard job of maximizing the returns from an important but delicately balanced resource. It's a mine field of scientific data and conservation demands.

The trick of course lies in balancing the desire for

increased revenues with the critical need to conserve our valuable resource –the fish. The conservationists have an important role to play as a check and balance and government needs to listen to them.

The dramatic increase in revenues is due to a marked increase in the skipjack catch through purse seining. Data supplied by MMR for 2014 show that the catch by longlining was 9,802 tonnes and purse seining 17,000 tonnes.

In 2013 the skipjack catch was 3,400 tonnes.

In terms of export earnings and revenue, in 2014 the value of exports was estimated to come in at \$20 million. Government's take (revenue) is estimated at \$12.6million.

In 2013, the export value was \$12.1million and revenue \$4.1million.

In 2005, the export value was \$3.3million and revenue \$147,357.

When the landed value of the fish is considered, in 2014 the estimated landed value in NZ\$ was \$65million. In 2013 it was \$36million. In 2012 it was

Year	Fish Exports (\$Mill)	Fisheries Revenue (\$Mill)	Fisheries Catches ('000s mt)
2002			3,957
2003			3,749
2004	2,898,000		3,471
2005	3,381,000	147,357	3,454
2006	1,066,000	242,310	3,194
2007	3,129,000	269,559	3,450
2008	1,994,000	368,238	3,277
2009	1,950,000	2,595,506	8,584
2010	3,790,000	3,626,411	7,315
2011	2,390,000	1,826,411	8,943
2012	5,312,000	2,926,250	27,400
2013	12,129,000	4,150,000	12,870
2014	20,000,000	12,632,278	26,802

\$84million.

Artisanal (local) fishery Data from MMR for 2014 shows that in the local fishery the tuna catch (various species) Rarotongan fishermen landed 85.2 metric tonnes, Aitutaki fishermen 50.7 tonnes,

Pukapuka fishermen 13.4 tonnes, Rakahanga fishermen 11.4 tonnes and Mangaian fishermen 10.8 tonnes (see chart below).

Of the total tuna catch of 195.4 tonnes, the main catch was Yellow Fin at 102.2 tonnes.

Table 5: Breakdown of artisanal catches in Cook Islands

The data from the Artisanal Fishery is not raised – it is a breakdown of tuna species and 'other' by island for 2014.

Total Artisanal Catch of Tuna and Other Species (mt) for 2014						
Landing Site	ALB	BET	SKJ	YFT	OTH	TOTAL (mt)
Aitutaki	1.6	0	0.7	36	12.4	50.7
Atiu	0.1	0	0.6	1.1	1.8	3.6
Mangaia	0.4	0	0.1	4	6.2	10.8
Manihiki	0	0	0.1	0.5	5.1	5.7
Mauke	0	0	0.3	1.3	2.5	4.1
Mitiaro	0	0	0	0.2	1.3	1.5
Nassau	0	0	0.4	4.8	0.6	5.8
Palmerston	0	0	0.1	0.3	2.6	3.1
Pukapuka	0	0	3.9	6.9	2.6	13.4
Rakahanga	0	0	2.6	5.4	3.3	11.4
Rarotonga	0.4	0.2	3.6	41.7	39.3	85.2
Total	2.5	0.2	12.5	102.2	78	195.4

Are Tapaeanga ‘The Cruise visitors arrival experience’

The Cooks Islands hopes to become a more frequent stopover destination for cruise ships in the coming years. The last twelve to eighteen months has seen a steady increase in cruise ship tourism. This highlights the need for improvements to our cruise infrastructure. The construction of a rest hut or Are Tapaeanga at the Avatiu Harbour is part of this. The facility is being funded by the New Zealand Government through the Destination Development programme.

Cook Islands Tourism Corporation CEO, Halatoa Fua says he is pleased to strengthen the cruise proposition of the Cook Islands, noting, “The Are Tapaeanga will not only enhance the visitor experience but will directly contribute to sustainable economic development in the Cook Islands”.

“We are pleased to be working in partnership with the Ports Authority to improve our cruise industry. This, along with our support for targeted marketing activities in this sector, reinforces our commitment to realise potential growth from the cruise industry” said Fua.

“Ports Authority is pleased and delighted with the partnership arrangements with Cook Islands Tourism Corporation supporting the country’s ongoing destination development of tourism in the Cook Islands” said CEO Bim Tou of the Ports Authority.

Are Tapaeanga generally means a hut or house to stop at, or a shelter for rest. For visitors disembarking from cruise ships Are Tapaeanga will be a starting point for their Rarotonga adventures. Are Tapaeanga will be the focal point for the cruise ship arrivals as it will house an information desk and restroom facilities, and will be a rest area as visitors come and go from tours, shopping and other activities. The building will also



cater for visitors on yachts and sailboats, marina guests of the game fishing industry, and other ports or marina users.

Are Tapaeanga will be located at the western side of the newly developed park area at the port, and will be built to the Cook Islands building code standards while incorporating an aesthetically appealing presentation that reflects the

cultural environment.

Are Tapaeanga is a ‘traditional’ open style building and will feature a ‘wind dial’ with bronze fittings placed at the different compass points. The directional names will be in the different Cook Islands Maori dialects and languages. Other features include a coral rock wall, thatched roofing, solar power, plus a fully compliant sanitation treatment system.

The building construction was tendered last month, with local construction firm RVK Contractors awarded the contract. The project is being managed on behalf of Cook Islands Tourism Corporation and Ports Authority by Project Manager Mr Romani Katoa of Romani Design Consultants. The project is planned to be completed by June 2015.



Spotted at Auckland airport



These Cook Islanders were spotted at the Auckland Airport last week, heading to Fiji, to further their studies, this year. Vainenooapii Mateariki will be studying 'midwifery', Anna Paniani will be completing her Post-graduate certificate in Mental Health and Haikiu Taukave who will be completing his Post-graduate in Surgery will reunite with wife Janet Matenga-Taukave who is already in Suva, carrying out her Post-graduate in Obstetrics and Gynecology. With the group was five year old Atarah Taukave, who is also making the move with her parents, and will be schooling in Suva for the year. - *TeRiu Woonton 23 February 2015*

Details of public shares in Teleraro (previously Telecom CI) announced

By Charles Pitt

Bluesky Group who bought Telecom New Zealand's 60% share in Telecom Cook Islands (TCI), is, through its Cook Islands subsidiary Teleraro Cook Islands Ltd, to make 15% of its shareholding available for public purchase by way of shares.

Last Friday afternoon, Bluesky's Alfredo Montenegro held discussions with local identity Mike Tavioni who for sometime has been pushing for the public to be able to purchase shares in Telecom CI.

Following these discussions, Tavioni, on Monday morning, has announced the following details regarding the public shareholding;

1. Bluesky bought Telecom NZ's 60% for \$23 million.
2. The \$23m is divided into 10,000 shares.
3. The value of each share is \$2,300.
4. The public will pay \$1,400 for a share. The balance is paid by a loan taken out by Bluesky from the BCI.

5. The public has been allocated 10 units with a total of \$2.1million.

6. Each unit (of the 10) is \$210,000 and translates into 150 shares of \$1,400 but of a value of \$2,300.

7. The dividend is fixed at not less than 7%

8. The public have 6 months to pay \$2,1 million.

Tavioni was to consult with a lawyer on Monday afternoon regarding setting up a small committee to organize the sale of shares to the public and to draft a prospectus which will inform people how to apply for shares and include an application form.

Tavioni said priority will be given the local small investors who, if they cannot afford \$1,400 for a share, will be able to invest as little as \$100 and buy part of a share.

Tavioni is concerned that government delay any deregulation of the market as he believes the market is too small for competition from others.

Tavioni is now informing those Cook Islanders in Australia and

New Zealand who expressed an interest in buying shares, of the above details.

When asked if the share offer represented a sound investment,

Tavioni said many of those Cook Islanders overseas who indicated their support, were more concerned that the asset remain in Cook Islanders hands.

Local investors cautioned on share offer

Local commentator on telecommunication issues, Bill Carruthers, is of the view that the public share offer of 15% by Bluesky's subsidiary Teleraro Ltd is not a sound investment unless the monopoly is retained but even if it is, Carruthers believes it will fail due to the better technology which is just around the corner and against which Bluesky will be totally helpless.

Carruthers says what is being proposed is akin to saying that the Cooks are going to insist that we all have to use wringer washing machines or manual typewriters forever because a very small number of Cook Islanders need to recover their money foolishly invested in companies producing those things.

People, he says, just have to look at the fact that many people don't even have wired telephones these days and in future fewer and fewer will. The telephone line system is already primarily used for its ADSL (Internet) capabilities in many homes and businesses.

This is a company, says Carruthers, which will be starting under a huge debt load and by promising a 7% return on Shares, it adds even more pressure. He said the Digicel deal offered the perfect opportunity to break this accursed monopoly and it will be a backward and evil blow to all Cook Islanders if this is not done.

TE REO MĀORI

Tātā`ia e Rutera Taripo



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

Some Wise Sayings of our Ancestors

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

Kia mau te Selenga, Kia mau te napenga

Hold on to your identity, hold on to your heritage

Me mawutu, ka tungakilu Me waletiko ka wakayapi

Me kite koe i toou kāpua`anga e toa koe

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

Let us be like the wings of the white tropic bird coordinating our flight home.
[Let us be in harmony]

Kōkiri kai ate

A small fish which eats its own liver

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

Kia pupuru ō vaevae, kia mokorā ō kaki

Your legs like the *pupuru* and your neck like the ducks
Be wise, be steady and cool/ Stand firmly and be alert

A te kerearako `ua koe

You are like a kerearako. You are a big talker
A person who makes a lot of noise

Akara ka ve`u te punā vai

Be careful or the clear pool might become dirty
Be careful that your cleverness does not turn into foolishness

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

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

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

Tāupeupe te `uru... – e A-Tangaroa

Display thy glorious feathers – oh A-Tangaroa

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

I am the setting sun, you are the rising sun
An older person advising a young person to learn as much as he can, the future is in his hands.

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

Presenting at the Development Partners

By Tiana Haxton

On February the 12th, Mitiaro hosted the Development Partners Meeting. At least 20 people (Mayors and Delegates) attended.

The meeting was to be based mainly on funds; grants, income and exporting.

It was decided that one of the school students would present a pre-made power-point presentation about Mitiaro's population and economy. On Monday, the new Mitiaro School Principal asked me if I would like to do the presentation, I replied with a YES! But then I found out the Meeting was to be held in 3 days. I had three days to edit and learn the power-point.

An exception was made for me to take my school laptop home until Thursday the 12th. But that day (Monday), all the islanders that would be presenting had to gather at the community hall to run through the programme.

I was not at all prepared and hurriedly jotted down a few notes at the hall while the programme was explained. I was to be the first presenter. I admit I was really nervous and got all my notes mixed up and just made up sentences for many of the slides.

I practised my script whenever I had time and soon could remember all the information with the help of cue cards. I altered the slides quite a bit too. I added animations, cut out unnecessary slides, added some about the school, put more information on each slide (to look at when I get stuck) and added images.

Thursday morning came and we dressed in our best looking uniforms, my younger brother and I left home for the Picpus hall where we met up with the other students. We all lined

up in two parallel lines (with a curve though) and waited for the visitors to be welcomed in, walking through our Guard Of Honour by a traditional 'Turou' Following this, we students filed into the back of the hall and sat behind the guests with the rest of the public.

The Opening ceremony was performed with a song, prayer and a welcoming speech. After another prayer, every-one walked out onto the veranda for morning tea. I was glad to see a few large trays of coconut rolls on the tables and quickly helped myself to one and nestled it into a lunch box in my bag along with prawns and more delicious snacks to be saved for when I got home. After eating a little, a large Conch shell was blown, its loud trumpet like noise calling every-one back in to the hall.

The meeting began. Brandon Kaukura (a school student) did a short Pe-e' (chant) as I walked in. He walked towards

the laptop I had set up on a table and sat. His job was to click the slides for me, making the text and images pop up on screen each time he changed the slide upon my signal (thumbs up behind my back).

"Honourable Guests and Delegations, Turou Oro Mai, welcome to Mitiaro" I began informing them about the Mitiaro population and the Mitiaro economy using the information from the 2011 census, allowing time for questions though there were none. But when I got up to talking about Mitiaro School and our new online learning class, the questions began. I was able to answer many of the questions, though when I got stuck, Mr Story (school principal) helped me out, MEITAKI MAATA-THANK YOU!

Wounded knee

By Haley-Rose McNabb

My netball season has already ended before it even got close to starting. I've been playing netball since I was a little girl and I wanted to keep it going as it is one of my favourite sports. So I decided to go and join the Tupapa Netball Club and last Tuesday was our first practice.

At practice I met a few of the girls, we then had to run all the way to Avarua Bakery from the courts along the back road as our warm up and man was that exhausting! I would like to blame that on the sun as it was so hot but deep down I know that I have lost my fitness skills. But with starting into sports and with all the trainings I know that it would help so when the next time comes when we have to run all that way, I'll be able to sprint there in no time.

Once we had all returned we gathered in to play a few games of half court. And then while were playing I felt a pop in my knee. It didn't hurt at first but when I got back into starting position and tried to run as soon as I heard the sound of the whistle indicating us to start, that's when the pain started. I tried wearing it off thinking if I keep playing then the pain will go away. Not the case, after minutes of trying to stay in practice I could no longer carry on.

I got a chair and watched the rest of the girls train while I sat on the side waiting for the time to end and wishing that this never happened in the first place because it was just a follow up incident of the injury I had last year. This injury happened last year when I was playing netball also, I jumped up to catch the ball and all of a sudden I landed on the ground. I remember my knee moving out to one side of my leg heard a loud crack and then just collapse on the ground. I was lucky the same thing didn't happen this time round it was just a little pop.

So when I got home I called my Uncle Trevor to take me to the hospital so they can check out my knee as it was giving me quite a bit of pain. I received a bandage to wrap around my knee, a few pain killers for the night and got told to come back the next day to see the Physiotherapist.

The physio did an ultrasound on my knee and told me that it was just a sprain but it did mean that I am unable to play netball for the year as the injury will just reoccur. I was pretty gutted about that one because I was really looking forward for the netball season to start.

The only good thing about this was that it meant my Nana let me stay home and watch movies for the rest of the week and miss school out.

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

Some Wise Sayings of our Ancestors

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

Tātā`ia e Ruterā Taripo

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

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

Kano e, kanokano atu ki te paerangi

Move, and move onward steadily to the horizon

Kaura! Kaura! Kaura tapu vananga

Reveal! Reveal the sacred teaching

E ra kurakura teia, kua nakenakea mai

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

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

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

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

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

`Ei tō rima rāi te rapa i tō `0e.

In your hands is the blade of your oar

Korokoromaki, E aruaru mārie atu rāi

Persevere and strive on relentlessly

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

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

E kariko pao ngatā

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

Moemoeā panako

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

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

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

How to stay away from trouble

Part 1

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

Many of our young people now-a-days are being tempted into doing things that will bring harm to them. As responsible citizens we should do what we can to help them. Therefore this Article of Encouragement is written with the aim of assisting our young people, and also offers some guidance to help others also on How To Stay Away From Trouble.

In John 10v.10 Jesus said Satan comes “..to steal, kill and destroy, but I have come that you may have life, and that you may have it more abundantly.” Furthermore, Isaiah 59v.19 says that “..When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.” The main scripture reading for this article is Psalm 1v.1-3 (GN) which reads “Happy are those who reject the advice of evil men. Who do not follow the example of sinners, or join those who have no use for God, instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, and they study it day and night. They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do.” From these three verses, I want to show you three important lessons on How To Stay Away From Trouble.

Lesson 1. SEPARATE YOURSELVES FROM THE WORLD v.1 reads “Happy are those who reject the advice of evil men. Who do not follow the example

of sinners, or join those who have no use for God.” Although we are in this world, we do not belong to this world! Jesus said in John 14v.2-3 “..I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.” James 4v.4 reads “..whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes an enemy of God.” Anyone who continues to do what is not right in the sight of God, is committing a sin before God.

In the story of Sodom and Gomorrah; and the great flood during the days of Noah, people refused to repent and to separate themselves from the things of the world, so they perished. Romans 6v.23 reads “..the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Noah and his family were saved. Lot and his daughters were saved. But for Lot’s wife, the love of the things of the world was too strong on her, so she was also destroyed.

Jesus said in John 16v.33 “..in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” Some people might say, ‘I can’t get away from my old habits of drinking, smoking, partying, and so on. I can’t change my ways.’ Know this, ‘if God can change a murderer like Saul into a new person (the Apostle Paul), then God can do the same for you.’ James 4v.7, v.10 says that if you “..submit to God and resist the devil, and the devil will flee from us...and if

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we humble ourselves in the sight of God, He will lift us up.”, and out of our negative situations.

Remember that God never allow us to be tempted beyond our ability to overcome those temptations. But He provides a way of escape for us. The apostle Paul in Romans 8v.31 said “If God is for us who can be against us.”

In order for us to stay out of trouble, Lesson 1 is we must SEPARATE OURSELVES FROM THE WORLD! Stop doing what is not right before God, and also before man.

Next week I will continue with Part 2 of this article on How To Stay Away From Trouble.

May you have a God blessed week, te Atua te arua.

Footsteps

By Lucianne Vainerere

Everyone has someone they look up to or want to be like, whether it is a celebrity or a relative. There are also people who are kind of enforced to be a lawyer or accountant and what not. Either way it was either your dream or you learnt to accept it as your dream.

The point is it's about you and making your footsteps not following someone else's. Think about something you love and do it. In this point of time we seem stuck about finding whom we are and what we want to accomplish in our lifetime. Obviously it doesn't come just like that, it's more like a work in progress where you go through this whole process of self development and realizing that your passionate about a particular subject that you'll see your self doing in the future. Don't be sloppy and take too long just to figure things out, be you and take the first step. If someone in your family isn't doing what you do, don't be afraid to be the first.

If you're looking up to someone, and that person is looking up to someone else, it keeps going and going and without even knowing it, you're at the bottom of the 'look up' line. Is that where you want to be, dragging yourself at the bottom? Yes, most successful people started from nothing and became something, but I'm pretty sure they weren't dragging themselves. If anything they got off their feet and took that leap to greatness. Muhammed Ali

told everyone he was great, they got mad and despised him because of it, but as a boxer he was indeed great and proved it. "Float like a butterfly and sting like a bee."

A journey starts with a single step, if your parents aren't proud of you, your friends aren't proud of you, and everyone around you aren't proud of you and all your achievements, be proud of yourself. As long as you know in your heart that you've tried your best, that's all that really matters.

A close friend of mine once told me that he believes God has a story already in place for us but its up to us to write it and no one else. You're bound to have influence here and there and inspiration from everywhere because it gives you time to breath, time to think and time to decide and make your final decision.

Don't be a Beyoncé, or a Barack Obama, or any of those famous people out there. Be yourself and make yourself happy. Be incredible and classy. Be amazing and fabulous and enjoy all the things that you've accomplished and earned. Enjoy all that sweat and hard work because it's yours, and because you gave the time and effort to make it happen.

Be an original author and not a biographer. You're here for a reason and let it be exactly that, a purposeful and productive life that you can be proud of and be able to say that you did what you wanted to do.

Create your footsteps. Walk your footsteps

What even is a part time job?

By Teherenui Koteka

Once you reach your teenage years, your parents usually start pestering you to get jobs and become more independent. A lot of us out there hated the idea of getting jobs before we actually had them, but I'll tell you this, getting a job is a great thing! I know the idea of having to get up early on weekends or having to juggle school and a job is not exactly appealing, but having a part time job now, really does go a long way in your future.

For example, when you start to attend university, you're going to need a part time job. Having a part time job in university is a necessity because you will eventually to pay for food, rent, bills and everyday luxuries such as clothing and other things you might want. And let us not forget, you still have to pay off student loans, and the earlier you begin the less it's going to cost you. So having a part time job in university never hurts. You will more likely be hired if you have had experience in the past. I'm not talking anything flashy, it could just be waitressing or being a shopkeeper at the local dairy. But a reference from a past employer is ALWAYS a good thing to have. Employers are always more willing to hire someone who has had praises said about them in a letter of recommendation. It shows that you're hard working and their not wasting their time

hiring you. Having experience in the work force will also help you get a job earlier out of university.

Having a part time job now will also help you if you decide you do not want to go to university when you finish school. If you start to enter the work force now, you will definitely progress faster than if you decided to start working after you finish school. It's like they say "the early bird gets the worm".

As well as it being a massive boost in your future, having a part time job makes you feel good about yourself. Imagine how good it would feel to have your parents stop nagging you about your spending habits. It would be good feeling wouldn't it? At least when you're earning your own money you can spend it on whatever you desire. Getting a part time job also does wonders for your self esteem. It's always a good feeling knowing that what you're buying, you earned yourself. It gives you a sense of accomplishment.

Part time jobs are a great thing. If you have your doubts, try to push those negative thoughts aside and focus on these positive ones. If you do have a part time job at the moment, please remember to ask your current and past employers for a letter of recommendation because they really do help you in the future.

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Oh woe the great Bim! So many squatters are fleeing the wharf for dug outs elsewhere soon at the Great Council of the Porty ones there will be gnashing teeth and wringing hands as the bailiffs move in! The question for Big Bim —how to stave off the creditors? An emergency telegram to the Land of the Great Wall and the Palace of Sam?



On Tuesday, Cabinet did a backflip and rolled over Tricky Dickie's contract for another 12 months. 12 more months to inflict more pain on the defenceless, the elderly, the poor and the destitute! And it's on condition he bring his replacement, the Great Garth, up to speed, like increasing the revs on the Patrol Boat! You have to admit Sir Filchard Peeves is a survivor! The rollover was rubber stamped by Elastic Man-the PSC. Elastic because he stretches and bends whichever way the Cabinet Gods dictate!



After the Aitutaki's Sharks rugby league's best start to the season in nine years, CITV news reporter and Coach Alan Nanai resigns before the third game and became Aitutaki's biggest news headline for the week. It seems the coach's success became his demise. Against the Tupapa Panthers last Friday at Victoria Park the Sharks looked anything but a force to reckon with. Once the Sharks started to show winning form the Mayor, MP and the Reverend appointed themselves as selectors and technical instructors to the Coach. The interference was just too much Alan who now plans to return to the big smoke of barking dogs.



Crow about the Panthers, their testicle



grabbing specialist got off lightly with a two week suspension but is keeping his fitness up by playing soccer. Play ball grabbing or what?



Word is the Bulldogs sponsor Afa Rental had enough of substandard on field performances and read the riot act to the team threatening to dump them, they responded before a huge crowd of close to 800 spectators with a torrid victory over the visiting Avatiu Eels. Maybe Afa needs to do that every week. With Fijians and Samoans in the team communication is a bit of a problem. Some of the Avatiu imports failed to fire probably because one of them was out of his head after training at the Rehab gym last Wednesday night.



Pate beating news emanating out of the Swamp is their coach ex Kiwi International 50 year old Ricki Cowan will be taking the field against his formers charges the Sea Eagles. If that's the case Muri icon Captain Tama is going to lace up his boots as the first reserve and goal kicker. Now that will be worth the \$5 entry fee.



Where's the Demos news headline

grabber Rassie disappeared to these days? After generating the pre Christmas frenzy and intoxicating hype the Demos were going to be swept into power, nothing has changed. Elvis still holds centre stage dispersing early Christmas presents to the faithful outer islands in the form of made in China heavy machinery. Grandiose predictions of sovereign governance have failed miserably to materialise, promise of highly paid jobs to the remnant of loyal devotees committed to a Messianic deliverance by the Aitutaki guru Teina Bishop has also evaporated into thin air leaving some now under toxic stress fending off the Bank's demands for overdue mortgage payments. Talk about believing in fairies, false hopes and the stupidity of incorrectly interpreting the Cook Islands Constitution. If Smelly Heta had been smart, the out of contract self promoting underperforming \$1134 a week Drolley should have been sent packing and Rassie employed to run the Opposition leader's Office.



With the rugby league season in full swing and Touch rugby well participated by both genders the mighty game of soccer kicks off their five aside

competition with the added advantage of soon to be switched on solar powered flood lights. When the soccer clubs get their annual grants they'll have money to bring in overseas players to boost their ranks, watch for soccer to become the player's first choice sport. If you haven't heard it you can hear it first from the Red Rooster, about midyear the biggest event ever in the history of Cook Islands soccer or any other sport will happen when the biggest and most powerful sporting personality in the universe, Sep Blatter turns up in his private jet to visit the world's second smallest FIFA member, that's us. The biggest meets the smallest surely the ultra highlight of our 50 year independence celebration.



Something's not quite right when a litre of petrol costs \$1.23 in Samoa and \$2.30 a litre in Rarotonga, can we be assured the evil over the reef pipeline will reduce the cost of fuel?

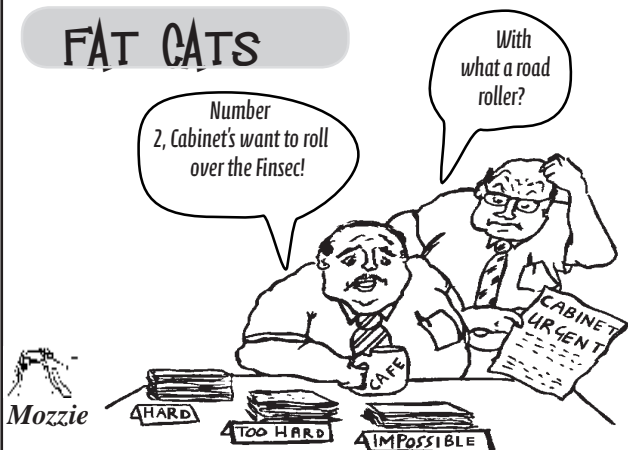


Are we edging back closer to another snap election chooks? With Mitiaro now confirmed by the three wise men on the Appeal Bench as belonging to Vavia, Demos have 10 seats, CIP 11 seats and One CI 2 seats with 1 seat (Vaipae) up for grabs at the end of the month!

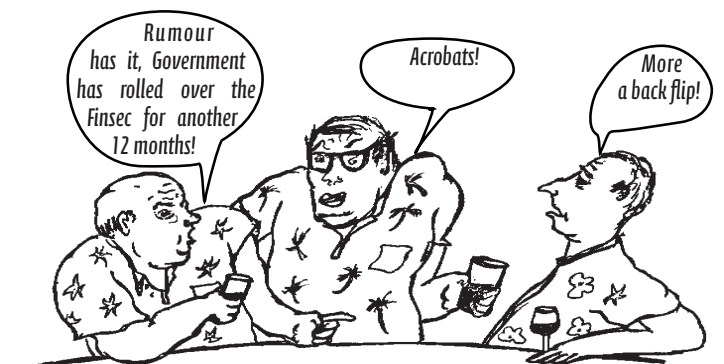


It would come as no surprise if many small businesses are facing a slump and shortage of cash flow! The past three weeks have been incredibly "quiet" sales wise for many including some at the Market! Are the MFEM theorists out and about to check what is going on? Do they know what to look for? What questions to ask? Or will they dream up some new taxes to make up for a shortfall in tax revenue?

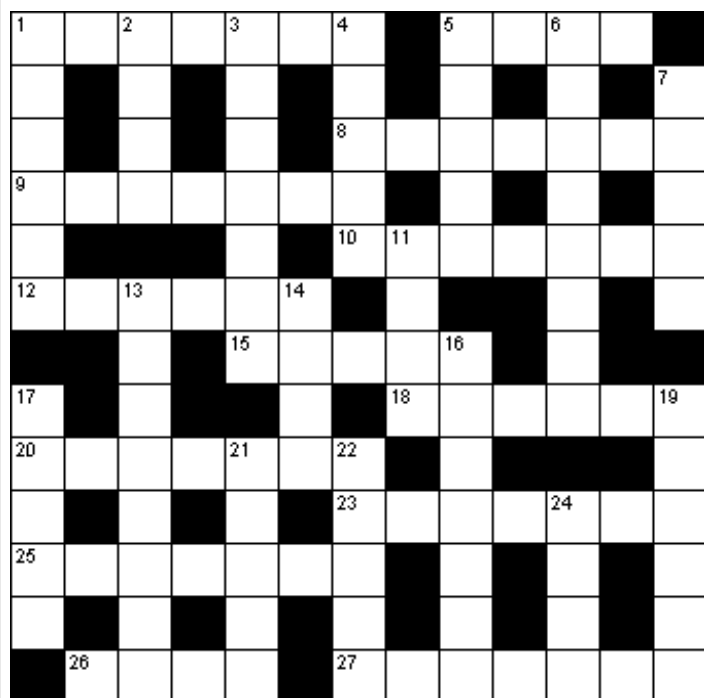
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Across

- 1. Rooms
- 5. Gravitates
- 8. At the front
- 9. Final course
- 10. Moneylender
- 12. Agreement
- 15. Prophets
- 18. Fired from a cartridge
- 20. Packages
- 23. Reveal
- 25. Overhead interior surface
- 26. Stains
- 27. High temperature

Down

- 1. Outlaw

2. Puts on

- 3. Six legged creatures
- 4. Uses a sieve
- 5. Covered with soot
- 6. Belonging to a nation
- 7. Scale
- 11. Aromatic plant
- 13. Infinite time
- 14. Shout
- 16. Prosper
- 17. Piquant
- 19. Economy
- 21. Prepares for publication
- 22. Sucrose
- 24. Objectionable

Arsenal go down to Monaco

Arsenal's hopes of reaching the quarter-finals of the Champions League for the first time since 2010 suffered a stunning blow as they slumped to a shock 3-1 home defeat by Monaco.

The Gunners looked to have been handed a favourable draw but a display that plumbed the depths of incompetence and naivety leaves them facing a last-16 exit once more.

Monaco, resilient at the back and capable of punishing Arsenal's shoddy defence, took the lead in the first half through Geoffrey Kondogbia's deflected shot.

To add insult to injury, former Tottenham striker Dimitar Berbatov added the second just after the break. There was even time for Arsenal to cast away the lifeline substitute Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain's stoppage-time goal had given them as they were caught hopelessly on the counter once more as Yannick Ferreira Carrasco added a third goal.

This stage has become Arsenal's perennial stumbling block but Wenger would have had high hopes of clearing the hurdle against his former club, even though they had lost only once in their last 17 games.

After a bright opening in which Danny Welbeck threatened and Arsenal had a penalty claim ignored when Wallace appeared to handle, Monaco kept the Gunners at bay in relative comfort.

Giroud had been presented with Arsenal's best opportunities but time and again the striker failed to hit the target. In the first half he scooped Hector Bellerin's cross over then he turned Alexis Sanchez's cross wide from six yards. Giroud's night got worse when he somehow tapped a simple finish over the top after keeper Danijel Subasic fumbled Sanchez's shot.

As Emirates Stadium emptied, Oxlade-Chamberlain, on for Francis Coquelin, curled in a goal from 20 yards that at least offered Arsenal some sort of hope for the second leg.

It was typical of how poor they were, however, that they somehow found themselves caught upfield once more to allow the speedy Ferreira-Carrasco to race clear and beat Ospina for what could be the decisive blow.

PUBLIC NOTICE



PORTS AUTHORITY ACT 1994 - 1995 HARBOUR DUES AITUTAKI AND RAROTONGA

Proposed By-laws imposing new price schedules for harbour dues and other charges made by the Ports Authority for Aitutaki and for Rarotonga have been printed and a copy of the proposed By-laws are open to public inspection during office hours at the office of the Ports Authority, Arutanga wharf, Aitutaki (in the case of the Aitutaki By-laws) and as its Avatiu wharf, Rarotonga, offices (in respect of both ports). Any queries or comments on the proposed By-laws should be addressed in writing to the General Manager of the Ports Authority, Bim Tou, and delivered personally to the offices of the Ports Authority at either of those offices.

The results and draw are as follows:

Wednesday 25/02/2015

As Monaco 3 vs. Arsenal 1

Bayer Leverkusen 1 vs. Atletico Madrid 0

Tuesday 10/03/2015

FC Porto vs. FC Basel

Real Madrid CF vs. Schalke 04

Wednesday 11/03/2015

Chelsea vs. Paris Saint Germain

FC Bayern Munchen vs. Shakhtar Donetsk

Tuesday 17/03/2015

Atletico Madrid vs. Bayer Leverkusen

AS Monaco vs. Arsenal

Wednesday 18/03/2015

FC Barcelona vs. Manchester City

Borussia Dortmund vs. Juventus

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Please provide a CV and letter of application, addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Marine Resources, P.O. Box 85, Rarotonga, email: rar@mmr.gov.ck. Applications close Monday 23rd March 2015.

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FOOTBALL UPDATE

English Premier League

Chelsea Still On Top

The Chelsea Football Club maintain its five points lead on 60 points over arch rivals Manchester City with a game in hand. With twelve games remaining in the English Premier League the race for the title in the most watched club football competition in the world is more exciting than ever.

English Premier League Points Table as of 2 March 2015



POS	LP	CLUB	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	(1)	Chelsea	26	18	6	2	56	22	34	60
2	(2)	Manchester City	27	16	7	4	57	27	30	55
3	(3)	Arsenal	27	15	6	6	51	29	22	51
4	(4)	Manchester United	27	14	8	5	46	26	20	50
5	(6)	Southampton	28	15	4	9	39	20	19	49
6	(5)	Liverpool	27	14	6	7	40	30	10	48
7	(7)	Tottenham Hotspur	26	13	5	8	41	36	5	44
8	(8)	Swansea City	27	11	7	9	31	34	-3	40
9	(9)	West Ham United	27	10	9	8	39	33	6	39
10	(10)	Stoke City	27	11	6	10	31	34	-3	39
11	(11)	Newcastle United	27	9	8	10	32	42	-10	35
12	(12)	Crystal Palace	28	7	9	12	31	39	-8	30
13	(13)	West Bromwich Albion	28	7	9	12	26	36	-10	30
14	(14)	Everton	27	6	10	11	33	39	-6	28
15	(15)	Hull City	28	6	9	13	26	37	-11	27
16	(16)	Sunderland	28	4	14	10	23	39	-16	26
17	(19)	Aston Villa	28	6	7	15	15	38	-23	25
18	(17)	Queens Park Rangers	26	6	4	16	27	45	-18	22
19	(18)	Burnley	27	4	10	13	25	45	-20	22
20	(20)	Leicester City	26	4	6	16	24	42	-18	18

Draw for this week is as follows:

Wednesday 4 March 2015

- Man City v Leicester
- Newcastle v Man Utd
- QPR v Arsenal
- Stoke v Everton
- Spurs v Swansea
- West Ham v Chelsea
- Liverpool v Burnley

Saturday 7 March 2015

- QPR v Spurs