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Apri Nikao fiasco more evidence Nenevanomics rules

Incapable Neves must go sooner not later

The incompetency of the architectural firm responsible for the administration of our sovereign funds, Neveva Neves and Brown unlimited are further exposed and ratified by their latest inexcusable sensory torture of the fiscally discerning and intelligent demographic.

While the Minister of Finance Mark Brown has not grown into the job he lacked business acumen and preparation for, his dependence on his mentor Neves for that growth and direction has failed him miserably. Instead the bombastic Neves has led him down a spiralling path of deluded expectations of economic prosperity. Neves simply cannot take Brown where he has never been himself, he has nothing uplifting to impart in Brown's vacuum of sovereign resource management. The reality is Neves is a novice grappling with a high performance job he's using to fabricate a CV for future employment elsewhere.

Neves has failed his Minister and they both have failed the Cook Islands, yet Brown clutches to him like a baby being breast fed in the faint hope a supernatural intervention will save both of them. Neves is the Lottery ticket the gambling Brown has been buying every week for the last four years that has jackpotted to over \$1 million without a single return at any winning level.

Neves retention for a further year is more a face saving play for Brown rather than the excuse of mentoring Gath Henderson, if anything for the preservation of his own identity Henderson should strongly resist being a Neves clone and tainted with nenevanomics.

The \$330,000 a year Neves' biggest failure is his habitual practise of grandiose fiscal showmanship creating forecasts and fabricated predictions based

upon best case scenarios that repetitively fall short of any resemblance of reality. While the rest of us have to live in an environment of harsh realities, Neves' mind exhibits his inner thoughts and insulated world are shaped by an animated science fiction fantasy genre.

Neves' lack of successes has his political currency in serious debt; he has over spent his good will credits and hasn't produced a popularity dividend for the CIP government who stupidly have decided to carry this liability

removing the incentives for locals to participate in import substitution endeavours is forcing some long established businesses into permanent closure.

The continued Air New Zealand millions of dollars underwrite is a complete disaster that is persisted with because it's one man's hobby horse, our neighbours Samoa and Tonga told Air NZ to shove it and are no worse off for that stance.

Flying under the radar, Neves and Brown frantically tried to

their age prison may offer more comforts than the increasing hardships inflicted on the elderly struggling to meet ends in their own homes.

The \$64 million Te Mato Vai project is wrought with so many concealed layers of suspected deficiencies only a change of government would have unearthed. Neves decision not to compensate land owners for taking their land under warrant is a poison challis that is going to choke the CIP government come election time. The land acquisition issue will draw the government into a political stouch where the winners will be the losers; fighting astute landowners will stall the project to the frustration for the overseas contractors and suck the government into a political coma. On top of all that where is our government's \$8 million contribution to the tripartite TMV project?

Future tense on reflection, Brown's unwavering commitment to Neves for another year is an error of judgment that will have its end in the political wasteland.

Fortunately for Neves, he is able to maintain his cover but in time all remaining fingers will be pointing to their former boss the architect of our Watergate debacle. Concealment is the name of Neves game.

Neves' presumptuous hit and miss roller coaster financial reporting is atrocious and an insult to the commercial sector who are looking for fiscal signage to fine tune their direction and business affairs in these turbulent times. As for agriculture, in Neves cognitive it's a hobby to be indulged in for local consumption and not a consideration for export.

Our workforce is estimated to consist of 35% expats who

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for another twelve months. In fiscal terms, Neves is politically insolvent and an example to his successor of how not to be a Financial Secretary.

Neves' list of failures grows like weeds, out of control and of no value, his reformation of the tax system, penalising the Grey Power, taxing the local pensioners, hiking the VAT to 15% and penalising businesses out of existence for late payments have backfired,

fast track the sale of the family jewels Telecom Cook Islands to international Telco giant Digicel in a bid to make a quick \$7 million to cover the short fall they denied Treasury had.

Treasury's coffers are below the dip stick's red line and it has triggered panic in Andrew Haigh's office, he's got staff making cold calls to pensioners harassing them and demanding they submit tax returns. What pensioner is going to bother? At

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regularly remit money overseas yet Neves has no idea how much is siphoned out of the economy reducing the cash flow into the retail and services pool. Neves has yet to offer one sensible suggestion that addresses the depopulation epidemic that's ripping the economic soul out of the sister islands.

Neves and his side kicks at the dysfunctional MFEM have coined the phrases "for various reasons," or "because of various circumstances," they use repetitively when their best case scenarios are dissolved in a confrontation with reality. The Apii Nikao debacle is another case in point, after the arsonist had done the damage at St Josephs and Avatea Schools Brown was quick to shoot from the hip assuring government will not only catch the evil perpetrator but would give immediate attention to rebuilding the government owned Avatea School.

All said in jest but good political point getting with an election around the bend, government simply doesn't have the money and for undisclosed reasons the Peoples Republic of China are stuttering on the government's cap in hand request for \$10 million towards the rebuild. Neves admitted he expected the PRC to fast track the funds for Apii Nikao ignoring the fact the PRC cannot be rushed; they have processes that have to be strictly adhered to. To demolish the Nikao Maori School was a hasty presumptuous act; it was neneva of Neves who appears to have learnt little about diplomacy China style and their funding protocols. The Apii Nikao blunder falls squarely at Neves feet, how embarrassing for Minister Brown. "Because of various circumstances," what hog wash when the truth is it was because Neves is incompetent to the point of being illusionary in the context of value for money. If Neves were a magician his act would involve a lot of smoke and mirrors.

The CIP government does not have a sustainable debt management business plan to service our mounting debt now tipping the scales close to \$200 million. One day in the near future we must start repaying the bulk of the outstanding debt which is compounding loan money, the deluded thinking millions

of dollars is forth coming from the sale of exploratory seabed mining licences is another best case scenario fantasy. Canadian mining company Endeavour's \$15 million injection won't make any noticeable dent in government's black hole of deepening debt.

Neves' fiscal analysis is an economist's reflection rather than the more reliant and accurate context of an accountant's perspective. Right now it's a Financial Secretary with a strong accounting background that the Country needs not a weather forecasting economist who are dime a dozen.

Since being in power the CIP government has failed to produce a genuine surplus budget, a comprehensive break down of our financials over the last four years puts our current deficit at \$20 million plus and growing. At the current rate of expenditure with sagging revenues and the government's refusal to adopt prudent and frugal practises fiscal derailment is inevitable, unless the bloated unsustainable public service tightens its belt by immediately shedding 450 jobs 2016 will be so turbulent when the Cook Islands economy hits rock bottom, it will make the fiscal melt down of 1996 look like a Sunday picnic.

The economy is melting, tourism dependent businesses are hurting, staff are being let go or on shorter hours and while Neves' mob at MFEM are in denial there is no visibility of gain on the pain horizon, the reality is there is only more pain. Only last week for one couple who worked long hours without sufficient returns the pain threshold became intolerable, forced to close their business in Arorangi, they managed to salvage enough money from the fire sale of their commercial equipment and headed for the rebuilding boom in Christchurch to start all over.

This is not an isolated incident but the painful situation of many business owners who devote long hours to their life's investment simply to keep the Banks off their backs. Our pain is the Bank's gain.

Our one basket driven economy is reliant on so many unpredictable factors to be sustainable, Neves' inability to diversify our revenue streams



Richard Neves

to render us less vulnerable and controlled by external influences surely warrants his voluntary resignation.

The sad reality is the country has losers occupying the crease unable to get runs on the board and calling the shots while firing blank bullets void of

creative innovative solutions and missing unmarked targets, just absolutely hopeless.

Neves is a crystal baller who would have been stoned to death for unfulfilled and false prophecies many times over had he lived in Old Testament Biblical times.

- George Pitt



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Hoping the good weather
continues...



Our official cyclone season runs from 1 November to 30 April.

The closest we've come to a cyclone was Niko in January 19-25 that passed French Polynesia. Then cyclone Ola impacted New Caledonia and New Zealand January 29 to February 3.

Thankfully, the warmer waters that breed cyclones have come late this season in our favour.

Still, it's important to stock torches and candles, a battery radio, and tinned food to be able to sit out a natural disaster. The fact is you can never plan the weather.

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Drollet up to dirty tricks to rig Demo Conference

Fully aware his head is on the chopping block, the Democratic Party General Secretary and Office of the Opposition leader CEO Eddie Drollet assisted by Party President Sean Willis are both desperate to hang on to their positions that are under threat when after three years the Demos have their long awaited Conference.

As the Opposition Leader's CEO Drollet earns a whopping \$1134 plus expenses a week but according to many members is questionably excessive for the poor performer who is answerable only to himself. All of a sudden the media loathing Drollet is grabbing every opportunity to elevate his profile by visibly pushing his presence even as the unofficial media spokesperson for the Demo Party as if he was the Leader.

Some Members are weary of Drollet's scheming to retain his two positions in the Party's structure and administration. Already there are signs Drollet is laying the foundation to manipulate the voting for Party Executive positions including the leader of the Party. This time around past mistakes have become learning experiences that have strengthened the resolve of those previously capitulated by the Drollet ambush.

Information that should be readably accessible by paid members is being excusably withheld by Drollet. One member considering being nominated for the President's position requested the list of all the constituency chairpersons and their contact details only to be denied the information. Past and current financial information or statements are also classified.

"I want to write to or contact



Eddie Drollet

every Puna to seek their support for my nomination as the Party President,' they said, "but for some silly reason Drollet and Willis are classifying this information for their eyes only, it's obvious they have ulterior motives."

Like the previous conference three years ago Drollet and Willis created mindless obstacles at the gate to prevent opposing candidates from being voting delegates. The pair demand others observe their biased interpretation and opinions of the Demo Constitution but override it as they please to benefit themselves.

No longer able to defer the Conference Drollet has begun canvassing the constituencies for his retention in both positions. Drollet has openly boasted the President Willis a pilot with Air Rarotonga gives him a free seat to fly to the outer islands on demand. Last week Drollet flew to Aitutaki to attend the Vaepai-Tautu Demo candidate selection meeting.

A lot wiser this time around intending delegates will be in no mood to be rail roaded by Drollet or Willis at the gate. Those whom



Sean Willis

the two perceived were not supporting their nominations had a torrid time registering.

Drollet demanded a record of the Puna meeting minutes where the individuals were selected to be the conference delegates. They also had to be selected two weeks before the conference date as well. Nominated delegates names had to be forwarded to Drollet as GS two weeks prior to the Conference date. It was at Drollet's discretion who could or couldn't be proxy delegates when the submitted delegate was unable to attend.

Where he was able to Drollet chose delegates supportive of his and Willis cause which created heated tensions to the point witnesses said Drollet assaulted one delegate during the exchange of angry words.

By withholding the names of the Puna chairpersons and their conference delegates Drollet is preventing others from canvassing their support or any lobbying for their vote. With exclusive access to the list of names Drollet is using the Opposition office telecommunications facilities

and funds to do his campaigning to the constituencies while Willis does the follow up when flying to the outer Islands.

Airfares in exchange for votes are in the pipeline say some other Island delegates targeted by Willis and Drollet. Another stumbling block for suspect anti supporting delegates will be the burden of proof they are paid up members of the Democratic Party. As there is no generic membership card due to the lazy Drollet, this can be difficult to prove at the gate. Where it suits him, for Drollet there will be no presumption of paid Party membership.

When it comes to self preservation Drollet has post graduate credentials, he uses every dirty trick from the reservoir of his offensive weaponry and verbally manipulates concocted points of reference to eliminate the voters who consider him an undesirable overstayer well past his used by date. Drollet has been on easy street and feasted at the taxpayer's trough for the last four years and will cling to every straw till the last one snaps. Where else will he receive (not earn) more than \$1,000 for 20 hours a week attending a place of work?

Drollet has become so cocky about being bullet proof and invincible he's overplayed his hand with monotonous carelessness to passive repositories who waited with patience to legitimately call his hand.

The voting factions within the Demos must position their own scrutinisers at all possible points of contention beginning at the gate to ensure any detected irregularities or integrated rigging by the devious Drollet is vigorously challenged and nullified.

- George Pitt



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Rotaract week activities

This week is World Rotaract Week and Rotaract Rarotonga have a number of activities lined up this week. The club will be meeting up with Rotary Rarotonga at Cocoputt this Wednesday for an evening of fun and games, before holding a 'membership recruitment drive' with a fun pub-crawl around the island this Saturday night. Rotaract members are able to take a new recruit on the pub-crawl, with a call for men to get involved. Rotaract members have also shown so much interest in the Rarotonga Business House Squash competition which starts this Friday, that there is a possibility that Team Rotaract will have two teams, with a load of Rotaract supporters. To help commemorate World Rotaract Week, you can share your projects and photos with Rotaract and Rotary, using the hashtag #WorldRotaractWeek.

There are 9,539 Rotaract clubs spread around the world.



Drollet told not to make statements

To the Hon. Deputy Leader of the Democratic Party, William (Smiley) Heather,

No doubt you would have read the announcement of our Candidate Teinakore Ioane in the Cook Islands News on Friday, 6 March 2015.

We were pleased with the write-up but concerned about the last paragraph where the General Secretary, Eddie Drollet says, I quote??still not ruling out forming a Coalition with One Cook Islands...? etc.

Please inform the Secretary General to desist from making statements like this in connection with our Vaipae-Tautu Constituency or as we call ourselves NgaVai-Tau Constituency.

This is only causing confusion and anger among our members. In our last meeting our members agreed unanimously that we are a Democratic Party only. We do not need to upset or confuse them further. Our aim is to revive

the Democratic Party name. No connection whatsoever to OCI or Teina Bishop. Teina himself informed our candidate Tei, face to face, that he no longer supported the Democratic Party nor wished to work with us. Teina severed the relationship or tie himself by putting forward and supporting his own OCI candidate and therefore splitting the votes. He is virtually handing the Vaipae-Tautu seat over to Mona Ioane if the latter survives.

Some have commented ?We don?t know if we are Demo or OCI. I think we will vote CIP.?

Is that what we want?

This is to advise you how our members feel.

Kia manuia

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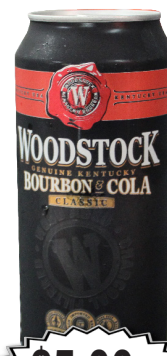
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NEW STOCK ARRIVING SOON

Who stands to benefit from the proposed over the reef fuel pipeline?

By Charles Pitt

While an argument is raging publicly over the risks to our environment of the proposed over the reef fuel pipeline, there is a wider picture to ponder when considering the potential economic return to the country from cheaper fuel.

Back in 2013 I spoke with Chinese multi-Billionaire Mr Sam Chou the head of the long line tuna fishing company, Luen Thai Fishing Ventures Ltd about his proposals on how government could improve services and infrastructure at Avatiu Port.

While Mr Sam's concerns were many, his main thrust appeared to be for cheaper diesel fuel to be available. Mr Sam's proposals for a frozen fish processing plant at Avatiu Port also hinged on the company's fleet having access to cheaper diesel. If established, the frozen fish processing plant would pump several millions of dollars per year into government's coffers. The proposal would require two new sheds to be built as the existing sheds are too small. This new revenue stream would now be looking quite attractive to the Port's Authority who soon will have to begin repaying the ADB loan (\$28 million).

A new development is a proposal by a Chinese company to establish a dry dock capable of handling 4 fishing vessels at a time at either Avatiu Port or perhaps at Penrhyn and also an outlet to supply fishing vessels with equipment such as fish hooks, floats, lines. This outlet would also provide equipment for

pearl farmers.

If cheaper diesel fuel was available at Avatiu Port, then according to Mr Sam, it would attract some 100 fishing vessels for re-fueling and taking on new supplies as opposed to them going to Pago Pago. The crew of these vessels would also pump money into the local economy.

Set out below are extracts from the 2013 interview with Mr Sam which refer to cheaper diesel fuel.

"Mr Chou said there were several obstacles to establishing the company in the Cook Islands. According to Mr Chou, if our government could alleviate the constraints imposed by these obstacles, it would not only benefit the company but also the fishing industry as a whole and also local people especially. Local people said Mr Chou would benefit from increased opportunities for employment and also benefit as costs came down on fuel and fish. Government would increase its revenues from greater utilization of the recently upgraded port by other fishing companies. Mr Chou said there was no reason why Rarotonga could not become a major fishing hub like Fiji and Pago servicing the 100 strong fishing fleet operating to the north and south of the Cooks.

Fuel too expensive

Mr Chou said fuel was too expensive. He said the canneries were paying \$3,500 per tonne of tuna last year but this year, were paying \$2,500 per tonne. With such a big drop and the high cost of fuel, Mr Cho said his company was



Sam Chou

just surviving. He has a fuel tanker boat ready to service his fleet. He said if the fuel tanker was allowed in, the company could supply locals with cheaper fuel.

Utilizing Avatiu Port

Mr Chou said Avatiu Port following a costly upgrade, was under utilized. The potential was there to maximize the revenues and benefit the country by allowing Rarotonga to become the next trans loading port after Fiji and Pago. He said there were some 100 boats operating in international waters, 50 to the north of the Cook Islands and 50 to the south. At present these vessels return to Fiji or Pago to offload catches. It would be more cost effective to them if they

could offload in Rarotonga. This would increase activity at the port and also government revenues as well as present opportunities for local businesses to provide services to the fleet and crew. At Fiji and Pago fuel was cheaper, they had the necessary infrastructure, taxes were low, supply costs were cheaper and power was cheaper. Costs were lower said Mr Chou due to the volume of boats and it could be the same in the Cook Islands. He said if the Cook Islands made the environment more friendly for the fleets, economic benefits would follow. Mr Chou said the crews were another form of tourist. They spent money as crews need food and supplies."

Congratulations to Mrs. Ruta Pirangi-Ngatokorua

We congratulate Mrs Ruta Pirangi-Ngatokorua, who is Woman of the Month for March 2015.

Ruta is full of energy, young and vibrant in her daily life, she is known to the village as the care giver for her siblings and puts people first in every earnings she makes. She volunteer her time and energy in village community work, to care for the children, elderly and those that needs her help.

At the village level, she partakes in cleaning activities, village workshops on climate change matters, and small business activities. She is an active parent in the schools her children and grandchildren attend and is ever ready to volunteer whenever required.

Nominated by the Gender Division of the Ministry of Internal Affairs she has been involved in the area of Child Welfare for over 27 years at the Betela Clinic and in Puaikura.

Family

She is the eldest child of the late Pirangi Tamaau (of Arorangi, from the Kopu Tinomana Ariki) and Nurse Moe of Manihiki. She was born on Rarotonga and has five brothers. She lives in Arorangi and knows her connections to her father and mother's family line.

Hobbies and interests

Ruta loves her food and her grandchildren. Her hobbies and interests are in the areas of kikau creations, kikau weaving and designing various crafts, also decorations using kikau. Also she is very interested in photography work, using both digital and video camera to record her kikau creations, her family and her friends to capture the moment

of her work.

Education

In 1973, she attended Arorangi School, and then later attended Papaaroa School. She completed form 4.

Beliefs /Spirituality

She is a baptized LDS member. However, she does not belong to one denomination, but will attend church when she is invited.

Community / Church / Uniform/Cultural/NGO/Sport organization involvement

For more than 27 years she was and still is involved in Child Welfare work in Arorangi. Baby show at the village level as well as the national baby show programmes. She loves working with the mothers and babies.

She was a player, and then organizers and supporter in her volleyball team called 'Betela bats/Maungaroa for many years.

She has been involved in environmental awareness programmes in the village, especially 'taau, taku, tita' and has been a strong advocate to keeping the village green and clean.

Her cultural involvement especially in her kikau weaving has showcase her creations on national floats parades, Government Ministries tiare decorations, National buildings and business around the island and this is on the demand for her to train anyone that wants to know how to weave kikau crafts.

Memorable experiences

Just recently, her kikau weaving creation work has introduced her to more exciting venues such as the Manea Games in Mauke, she had the opportunity to go and decorate and teach those on the island at the time.



Woman of the Month of March Ruta Pirangi Ngatokorua

Hope to accomplish

She hopes to work hard in her little market outlet in Arorangi. She wants to venture into tourism services and provide a local traditional feasting product to include wedding arch made of kikau weaving, birthdays set up and local traditional umukai at her market space.

She also wants to teach kikau weaving to local people and anyone that wants to learn. Her theme is to use kikau as an alternative to using plastic bags. Encourage and promote reusable materials to save the environment.

She wants to travel to the Pa Enua to teach and promote the use of kikau.

Groups/organizations

She belongs to the Betela Clinic Child Welfare and the Arorangi and Rutaki School PTA.

Sports

She has been and is still an active supporter in the Volleyball Association, she has grown up to enjoy playing and

organizing volleyball games and tournaments over the years.

Culture

She has learnt over the years a unique skill in weaving kikau for multi-purposes, such as display, exhibitions, wedding arcades, celebration events and weaving baskets, hats, bowls, and toys. She believes that weaving kikau is part of our culture and she has revive the skills into a small road side market activities, to generate income for her family and show case to tourists. Opportunities have opened up for her to weave kikau on national floats, national auditorium events, tiare week shows in ministries and private functions.

What is important?

Family is always her priority, her children and grand children and extended family. Land and Environment is also important using natural plants as much as possible in her home, that is eco-friendly and lastly, providing a friendly local market service for tourist and visiting friends selling local produced.

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EIA Submission

By : Brian Baudinetbrian@baudinet.com Tel 26-027

Re : Application by PETROCEAN for a SUBMERGIBLE FUEL PIPELINE & OFFSHORE MOORING SYSTEM FOR THE DISCHARGE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS.

Method : on 04 March 2015 by email toresources@environment.org.ck

Kia orana NES
I object to the over-reef pipeline proposal. My reasons are

1. Under the EMP as advertised (Section 6.1, Environmental Issues and Impact Checklist) there is no provision for action if there is a serious problem – such as ocean spillage or the tanker gets stuck on the reef.

There are words on fixing a possible problem, but not on preventing a problem.

2. Clearly 2 tugs with 50,000 ton capacity are required to keep the 50,000 ton tanker steady whilst in action.

This is not mentioned anywhere, and will add considerable cost to the project.

3. There has been no full evaluation of the risks and benefits (both environmental and landed/ wholesale/retail price) undertaken by the Government and Suppliers/Wholesalers/Retailers. Nor is there comment in the EMP as to when this may be completed.

4. I do not believe that NES has conducted an "International Best practice" survey on this proposal.

5. The environmental impact of an accident, to Rarotonga and specifically to tourism could be huge. I don't think any fuel saving is worth this risk.

6. There is no reason why fuel cannot be shipped in existing vessels (to reduce environmental risk), as 2 existing pipelines from the wharf are available.

This would be a far less riskier practice than an over the reef pipeline system.

7. There seems to be no definitive explanation of how Petrocean connects with Pacific Islands

Energy Pte Ltd (PIE), the owner of the current depot, and presumed supplier. And therefore no connect as to how fuel prices would reduce or increase.

8. I understand that Patrick Moux is the son of the owner of PIE.

Patrick Moux stated to myself and Philip Nicholas at a meeting at High Tide in Rarotonga on 20th

August 2010 that he (PIE) would take over all fuel supply by reducing the price, and take over the retailers and reduce to 4 retailers only.

I was quite astounded by this comment from a foreign company.

I would speculate that a full takeover is still the intention of PIE.

If this did happen, then where would that leave us – probably the Government dealing with 1 supplier, and other stakeholders with redundant plant and equipment ??

In this case I believe the Government must choose between having a dominant foreign supplier, or not.

On the basis of the above I conclude that no approval should be given. Meitai maata

Brian Baudinet
Nikao, Rarotonga 04.03.15

Letter to the Editor

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The Editor

Cook Islands Herald

Dear Sir

I refer to my article published in last week's Herald -A Case For A Public Reticulation Sewerage System- and to bring home the message would like to ask the Minister of Finance, Mark Brown, what he intends to say to the residents of Tutakimoa, his constituents, when those administering the 2014 Public Health (Sewage and Wastewater Treatment and Disposal) Regulations demand compliance with the new standards; tell those folks that being in the Lagoon Protection Zone their septic tanks and soak holes are now prohibited; that secondary treatment is required as are effluent beds or equivalent dispersal methods and that they face huge fines (up to \$10,000 and \$1,000 a day for a continuing offence) and possibly eviction from their homes if they do not or cannot comply. And when they ask their MP who is also a Minister who is responsible for this legislation and this state of affairs is he going to front up and say he and his Cabinet colleagues?

And while he is considering his response to them he might also spare a thought to how all the commercial properties in his constituency from the Banana Court to Prime Foods and Vonnias are going to comply and escape fines of up to \$50,000 and \$5,000 a day for a continuing offence.

Then finally he may also come to the realisation that what this island desperately needs is a reticulated sewerage system and his government and those before have had ample time to come to grips with this fact and have abysmally failed to do that.

John M Scott

The Chook that almost got away

Oh dear chooks! A WATSAN European Union funding balls up of major proportions has surfaced! Will the Minita o Te Moni give someone in DCD or MFEM a swift kick in the goolies? Sheer incompetence in not drawing down the EU funds at the appointed time has meant the EU's strict edict of "use it or lose it" kicks in. Thanks to someone's poor judgment, WATSAN has lost the use of \$200,000 of EU money! Of course government will not reveal this highly embarrassing fiasco but the EU Rep here last week was very concerned. Is the head of DCD worried? Why should he be? He's leaving these shores soon. And what of the bloke above him? Well he's headed back to the Black Stump in December. And Te Minita? He could be gone sooner that you think!

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Where have we got to after 50 years of Politics?

by Temu Okotai

The term POLITICS normally carries negative and uncomplimentary connotations. This perception of 'Politics' is based on the manoeuvring by those in the political arena to gain political power. In the Cook Islands most would agree that the late Papa Arapati started 'politics' by organising the first political party in the country and successfully wrestling in 1965 the power of running our little country from the NZ administration, the Pooh Baas and their traditional local allies on Rarotonga.

Since that beginning we in the Cook Islands have indulged in 'Politics' as one of our favourite past times. There is however, one positive aspect to our love of politics which we should be proud of and that is, our people's respect and love for each other which has allowed politics to be played out without fear of physical abuse or danger, unlike so many countries around the world.

Today, 50 years on, politics is still dominating our little country and much of it negative, to say the least!

Eight months after the General Election, in July last year, we are still waiting to see who is going to form the legitimate government for the next four years. With thousands of dollars spent on legal petitions and counter petitions and with still possibly more to come plus a by-election pending, we are no clearer as to the government we will end up with.

Meantime, political parties have been in overdrive with attempts to lure MP's from other parties to join and make up their numbers to form the next government. Rumours of DEMO MP's from Mangaia, and Rarotonga joining the CIP is only matched by counter rumours of CIP MP's from Aitutaki, Penhryn, and Rarotonga joining the

DEMO and One Cook Islands coalition to be the majority group in parliament. In all these manoeuvrings something very important seems to have been forgotten. This is the principle of no party hopping by MPs imbedded in our 'No Party Hopping' legislation.

The passing of our No Party Hopping legislation was a lucky coincidence of events and personalities that brought political stability to our government after a decade of crazy musical chairs in our parliament. This legislation is by no means perfect and Norman George has successfully exploited the weakness of the legislation by declaring his change of allegiance but without voting against his party in parliament over supply and confidence issues, Norman has also become the articulate opponent of the legislation arguing the legislation's contravention of human rights and the right of an individual. I am not a lawyer so legal argument is not my thing, however morally I cannot see how the right of an individual can justify the clear breaking of a contract between the voters and MP when he or she decides to leave the political party his voters voted him in to parliament to support.

To me there is one indisputable fact all voters know, agree and voted you in to parliament for and, that is, which party you will support in parliament. When an MP decides that he can no longer follow this clear mandate from his electorate then he must seek a new mandate from them as to the political party you should support. After all, it was not your single vote that got you in to parliament but the collective vote of the people in your electorate. To this end I would like the party hopping legislation strengthened so that the bad old days of musical chairs in parliament does not

re-appear especially when most in the community believe that change in party allegiance by MPs have been more to do with personal agendas and gain with little to do with the betterment of the electorate or the country.

With the prospect of a hung parliament still possible and even if a deadlock is broken by MP's changing sides there is no guarantee of a stable and lasting government. Furthermore, this political stalemate has allowed people to reflect and give serious thoughts to inadequacies in our political system which are long overdue for reform in order to give our country a better future.

Of immediate concern is the oversight in allowing our parliament to have an even number of seats. The removal of the overseas seat without addressing this anomaly has landed us in the current prospect of a hung parliament. Deeper anomalies of our political system have been debated even to the extent of setting up national commission of inquiry but little tangible action and reform has resulted.

The huge discrepancies of voter numbers among electorates means a discrepancy in the value of individual votes; the expensive and lengthy litigations that follows a general election; the question of quality or the lack of it in MP's; the slow evolving process of our parliamentary system which detracts from a decisive decision making by government and parliament; the lack of understanding as to the proper role of politicians vs. the administrative arm of government and the discipline that go with each role; all need addressing urgently!

In this year, our country's 50th anniversary, a grand opportunity has been presented to our people and especially, to our politicians, to come together and agree to a comprehensive review of our political system



Temu Okotai and put in place reforms that will deliver better governance for our country.

A call for a government of all political parties to carry out the necessary political reforms has already been uttered by some community leaders. It's gratifying that the Prime Minister has already expressed support in principle for this but of course, to turn this in to reality needs more leadership all around and unanimity among politicians. There also needs to be developed a clear agenda of objectives for a grand coalition government to achieve and within a set timeframe before another general election is called.

One other opportunity that will make this grand Coalitional gesture by politicians a push for the greater good is to appoint an independent and highly respected person from the community as the 7th Minister who will be exclusively responsible for implementing the reform agenda. Of course Cabinet and parliament remain the approving authority.

Over to Politicians and happy and fruitful POLITICS!

Tinomana Court decision

dated 3rd March 2015

IN THE HIGH COURT OF
THE COOK ISLANDS
(LAND DIVISION)

APPLICATION NO: 141/2014

IN THE MATTER of Section 409(f) of the Cook Islands
Act 1915

AND
IN THE MATTER of an application to determine the
right to hold the **TINOMANA**
ARIKI TITLE

BETWEEN **TOKERAU MUNRO**

Applicant

AND **THE ISAIA FAMILY**

Respondents

MEMORANDUM DIRECTIONS

[1] I refer to the memorandum to the Court of 18 December 2014 in which the Isaia and Tepori sub Kopu seek clarification as to the process to follow to elect a person to hold the Tinomana Ariki title as a result of Matarii Vaineritua withdrawing her nomination.

[2] In particular clarification is sought as to whether the judgment means:

- a. That Matarii Vaineritua's name must be put forward to the Kopu Ariki because her name was distinguished in the judgement as per the decision even though she has withdrawn her name as a potential candidate for the Tinomana Ariki title.
- b. That the Isaia & Tepori sub Kopu can select a new candidate to be put forward to the Kopu Ariki as the proposed candidate in place of



Matarii Vaineritua as the former nomination for the Tinomana Ariki title.

- c. That the Isaia & Tepori sub Kopu can select whoever they believe would be an appropriate candidate and whether this would be in line with “going back to square one” as in [38]

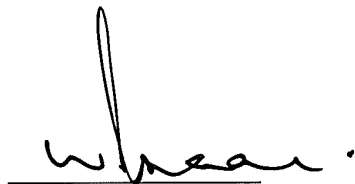
[3] As previously stated in my memorandum of 22 October 2014, I do not usually comment on a decision once issued. That said however, with the withdrawal of Matarii Vaineritua as a proposed candidate, the situation has changed, and I consider it appropriate and proper to issue directions which to assist in progressing this issue.

[4] Based on the 1975 agreement the parties must now go back to the start of the process. That is to the decision of the Kopu Ariki of 29 July 2013 that the Isaia and Tepori sub Kopu decide a candidate for the title. The minutes of that meeting record:

- (i) That time be given to Isaia and Tepori (two of the sub-Kopu pf Tepori-a-Pa) to meet and return a single candidate for the position of Tinomana Ariki.
- (ii) That a one-month timeframe be given to the two sub-Kopu where they have to meet and report back to the Kopu Ariki.

[5] When this decision has been made, it must then be put to the Kopu Ariki in terms of the 1975 agreement to confirm or reject that decision.

Dated at Wellington this 3rd day of March 2015.



W W Isaac

JUSTICE

Reaching out across the world



By Derek Fox

As Te Matatini was playing out at Otautahi in early March attended by thousands of our people reconnecting and reaffirming our Maoriness, I was thousands of kilometres away at another reaffirmation.

I was at the home base of the Tsou people in the central mountains of Taiwan. The Tsou are one of the 15 recognised tribal groups remaining of the original tangata whenua of the north Pacific island now known as Taiwan, which is the base of the Republic of China as opposed to the Peoples' Republic of China on the Chinese mainland.

The Tsou, their fellow tangata whenua and we – along with a whole lot of other peoples, make up the largest distribution of an ethnic group in the world.

Researchers call us Austronesians and people with

our genes, basic language and cultural practices are spread from Taiwan in the north to Aotearoa in the south, from Madagascar in the west to Rapanui in the east; and the chances are that the cradle for this great body of people, was Taiwan.

In the west of that great grouping our family is Asiatic; in the east we are the Polynesians, Melanesians and Micronesians. We speak more than a thousand different languages, but there are linguistic links between them and many of our cultural practices, our houses and dances, show great similarities.

But let's get back to the Tsou. Their current base – like many of the aboriginal groups in Taiwan – is in the mountains. They were pushed – or retreated there – by the many invaders and occupiers who have entered their realm over the past five hundred

or so years; starting with the Portuguese, then the Dutch, the Han Chinese, the Japanese and then the Nationalist Chinese who retreated to Taiwan in the face of the Mao Tse Tung led communist takeover of the mainland.

Their treatment over the last half millennium hasn't always been a benign one. Mind you their history shows that they were also pretty feisty, they were headhunters and fierce warriors, and the ceremony I attended was to celebrate their Tsou traditions particularly their headhunting past.

Their marae/plaza is carved out of the mountainside. Their houses cling to the same mountainside. Their home is many kilometres up a tortuous mountain road, in places every bit as scary and precarious as those pictures you see of hazardous cliff side roads in South America.

The Tsou are a mid-sized tribe. The largest in Taiwan has close to 200-thousand members. Some have only a few hundred, the Tsou number about 8-thousand.

The estimated total number of aboriginal people in Taiwan is 540-thousand, similar to the total number of Aotearoa Maori.

The Tsou have come together for their 'Mayasvi'. The warriors are dressed in their hunting and battle dress, each man carries a traditional sword – they're real – and the ceremony includes a sacrifice, these days a pig – but it doesn't take much imagination to wind back the clock.

At one end of the 'marae' is an elevated men's meeting house where the warriors gather and prepare for the ceremony. The women dressed in spectacular coloured traditional garments meet in

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Pictured above are members who attended the four day workshop last week held at the Conference Centre in Parekura, aimed at helping broadcasters and media organizations develop their internal disaster resilience and national climate plans. It was funded by the Australian Pacific Assistance Media Scheme (PACMAS) and was implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and participating governments.

one of the houses clinging to the cliff.

It's easy to draw comparisons with home. For starters there's the open space – in our terms the marae atea. Then there's the MC – the tribal windbag, I know I'm being irreverent – but every tribe has at least one. He performs a very necessary function but seems to hog the mike for ages, haranguing people with where they can sit or stand - or not as the case may be.

Then the ceremony begins. The warriors gather round the tribe's sacred tree. They obscure our view but we hear protesting squeals from within the scrub the men have formed near the tree. When the squealing stops the warriors upraised bloodstained swords give us a clue as to what went on in there.

Later the men form up in a circle around the marae, they link hands in a distinctive

way – holding not the hands of the person immediately next to them, but those of the two people further out; the grip gives the impression of an unbreakable link, a human wall of solidarity.

The ceremony commemorates their past conquests, it pays tribute to their dead lost in battle, but it also pays tribute to the spirits of those whose heads they removed.

Having formed the wall they then silently and slowly begin swaying back and forth on the balls of their feet developing an almost hypnotic rhythm. Then when the rhythm has been established their leaders begin singing and the throaty voices of the men join in, the slow chant rising and falling around the courtyard and across the mountains and valleys.

Then at a time again determined by the leaders, they begin moving in a slow

four step dance, advancing and retreating only to advance again in a 'conger-like' sideways movement around the courtyard. It is very moving and spectacular to watch.

At another pre-determined point, the women in their vibrant costumes join their men. There isn't enough room to have just one big circle so the women begin forming a spiral pattern as the men overtake them in the slow dance around the plaza. The contrasting colour of the men dressed in red and the women in various hues of blue is dazzling.

Later the Tsou invite their many watching visitors – mostly Han Chinese – to join in the dance. At first they seem clumsy, struggling to get into the slow rhythm of the Tsou. But it is a gesture of unity and acceptance and coming together, something that has been lacking for much of the

last five centuries, but which is now changing; and in any case the ceremony is now over.

Most of the warriors drop off leaving a handful and the women to continue with the visitors who are starting to get a bit better with the rhythm, before it all comes to an end with much applause.

The women and some of the men then make themselves available for photographs.

Later that night there will be more rituals, but by then most of the visitors will have gone. I ask one of our hosts how often they come together like this, she says the leaders decide that. It is not a fixed thing. She is resplendent in her costume very happy in her Tsou skin, but she may also symbolize the tribe's future, she's a second year university student studying foreign languages including English.

We were lucky to be there when it happened this time.

Learning Pacific Island style

By Charles Pitt

Emily Ledesma Tan is visiting from the USA. She hails from the Philippine island of Ilo Ilo and she is on what she calls a walkabout work study research experience.

At University she majored in Humanities and her expertise is in social sciences. She is travelling to gather data for her thesis on Pacific Island Style Learning.

Emily is involved in the study of academic learning methodologies.

Her outcome is to derive a style of learning unique to the Pacific which sits outside the constraints of the western style of academic learning.

She has been involved in this area for over ten years and has established her

own organization called "Global Gestalt Creative Academics."

Next Wednesday evening, 18 March, she will be conducting a free Workshop on shared interactive learning experience which will be of interest to creative people. It will suit anyone who has an interest in literature, dance, poetry, film, humanities, graphic design, stress management, professional development.

The Workshop is to be held at the Parekura Conference Centre (behind the Computer Man) from 6pm to 8pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

Emily will be in Rarotonga until the 23rd of March.

For further information, you can email Emily at emilyltan@gmail.com



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Careers with Mrs Hosea

By *Tiana Haxton*

Early March, Mrs June Hosea, a lady from the Ministry Of Education, travelled from Rarotonga to Mitiaro. Every school day during her stay, she came to Mitiaro School and taught students about careers. She taught 3 year 7 students, all 3 year 8 students and all 3 year 10 students (counting me).

Mrs Hosea taught year 7 and 8 students together before having classes with we 3 year 10 students. For our first class with Mrs Hosea, we had to look at some posters on the wall. There were quite a few posters and we took our time examining each one. Each poster was a collage. For example, the arts and media poster would have photos of dancers, artists, video cameras, TV screens and captions such as: 'imagine', 'dream' and so on pasted all over. We had to decide on 3 posters that appealed to us.

Mrs Hosea gave us some booklets and we did some reading about the posters. The information on the pages showed us some suitable Career options for those interested in a particular poster area. We enjoyed reading and thinking about some good career options for when we come of age. We were given the task to find 3 career options for ourselves. This was to be for homework. I already knew what my first option was. Veterinarian, e taote animara, an animal doctor. I spent a really long time trying to decide on another two options. I finally settled for a pilot, (being able to FLY really sparks my

interest) and an interior designer as I thoroughly enjoy setting up furniture and decorating my bed room. For our next lesson, we went online to this website: www.careers.govt.nz.

Mrs Hosea guided us and showed us what to do. We clicked the subheading 'jobs database' and entered one of our career options in the search bar. Then using all the information on the site, we filled in another worksheet before repeating the process with the other two options. We enjoyed browsing through the website checking out a whole lot of different career and I think the website is a great place for everyone to go in and find out info about their dream job(s).

Before Mrs Hosea left, she interviewed every one of her pupils. She asked us about our goals, career options, limitations (what could stop us from achieving our ambitions), our contact numbers/emails and she talked to us a bit about where one could study, scholarships and finance.

Before Mrs Hosea left, we senior students hurried round picking green drinking coconuts (nu) and bags of tiporo (Mitiaro limes). These, we packed and gifted to Mrs Hosea to take with her back home in Rarotonga.

Altogether, I think Mrs Hosea's visit was a valuable one. It is hoped that we 3 year 10 students will make it to Rarotonga for this year's Expo, work experience. Thanks to Mrs Hosea, we all know what career we will choose for expo.

Rash actions

By *Haley-Rose McNabb*

I recently found out that I had Chikungunya a type of dengue, and that was the answer to all my problems. But that was after a week of my Nana telling me that the mysterious rash that had suddenly appeared on my skin and got worse each day was just as she called it prickly heat. It started with a headache that lasted for days. I drank bottles of water and took plenty of Panadol but it still wouldn't go away. I began to think it was because of the fact that I had just been lying down in the hot weather. But that turned out to not be the case.

One morning, I hopped out of bed (as usual) and as soon as I put my two feet on the ground to stand up, I felt this really sore pain in my ankles that came out of nowhere. I sat back down since it was too painful to even walk and kept wondering how these pains randomly came in my ankles. I also had gotten pains in my wrists. And here's me thinking that it was from riding my motorbike too much.

So as the days went on and nothing had changed I started to convince myself that it wasn't heat rash because since I had got it that's when all these things began to happen. I asked my Nana again to look at the rash but she still consistently kept telling me that it was sure to be just heat rash.

When the weekend came she took me and Charles-Trevor to the beach so I could "cool down". However as soon as I jumped in the water all I could feel was this stinginess that was hurting so much, I ran straight out. I couldn't handle one bit of it. My Nana asked me why I was

already getting out since I was only in there for about a minute. I told her the water stings my skin, so she had another look at my rash.

There she was beginning to think I could have measles but others told her no it was certainly heat rash. By the time now it was Monday and I was ready to go back to school after a week of being at home because of my knee injury that had happened. I wasn't feeling too good that day, the rash had got even worse, my headache was still there, now my eyes were all puffed up and I was so tired but as me being me I just thought it was from staying up late watching movies.

Anyways I got to school and in period one I started to fall asleep, my teacher kept telling me to wake up and listen to what he was saying but as much as I tried I just couldn't. I then moved to the back of the class where I was sitting next to the door so I could have some fresh air but that still was helping me at all.

Soon when the teacher came around to hand out some papers I showed him my arms and asked if what was all over my arm was heat rash. He looked at me and said Oh no, that's from the mosquitoes and told me that it should be best to go home. I arrived at home at told my Nana I found out what it was and man was that a relief.

I finally figured out why I had been feeling like that. I went to the hospital and had a blood test taken just to make sure it was and yep! My teacher was right. So now this meant I had to take another week off school, stay home relax and watch movies. The things that happen to get myself out of school. Jokes!

News Briefs *By TeRiu Woonton*

PM to attend PALM 7 in Japan

Senior officials from all Member countries of the Pacific Islands Forum and the Forum Secretariat met with their counterparts from the Government of Japan to prepare for the 7th Pacific Leaders' Meeting with the Prime Minister of Japan, known as PALM 7. PALM 7 will be held in Iwaki-city, Fukushima, Japan on 22 and 23 May 2015, Prime Minister Henry Puna will be attending this PALM 7 meeting.

At the pre-PALM Senior Officials' Meeting, held on 4 March in Tokyo, Forum Member officials took the opportunity to emphasise key concerns for the Pacific region, including the environment, climate change and disaster risk reduction, as well as the important reforms to regional decision-making introduced by the Framework for Pacific Regionalism. The Mauke MP and Associate Minister for Foreign Affairs is attending this with Liz Koteka of the PMs Office.

Endorsed by Forum Leaders in 2014, the Framework establishes a new political process to drive regional cooperation and integration and will be an important reference point for the Pacific's engagement with development partners, such as Japan.

Under the PEC Fund, which is coordinated and managed by the Forum Secretariat, the 14 Forum Island Countries have been allocated US\$4 million each to support projects in either solar power generation or sea water desalination. Eight countries have completed their projects, while the remaining six Forum Island countries are making rapid progress in implementing their projects.

The Pacific Leaders' Meeting was initiated by Japan in 1997 to strengthen relations with Pacific Island Forum countries and work jointly towards the development of the Pacific region. Through the PALM process, Japan and Pacific Island Forum countries have an opportunity to enhance cooperation and strengthen relations.

PALM meetings are held every 3 years, with the last meeting, PALM 6, held in May 2012 in Okinawa.

Over 200 to take up cycling

There are now over 200 registered participants taking part in the 50 days for 50 years campaign. The campaign aims to get people to ride their bicycle or walk to school or work from the 17th of January when it was launched to the 7th August. In a mission to recruit more members to sign up, Project Officers of the 50-4-50 campaign Alanna Smith and Liam Kokaua went to Tereora College late last month to hold presentations to promote cycling. There they managed to recruit more members, bringing it to the 200 mark. The campaign promotes a reduction in green house gas emissions. "Essentially we are advocating for a healthy environment and people in our 50th anniversary year and beyond", says Ana Tiraa, Director Climate change Cook Islands, OPM. As part of the campaign, up next is the Bicycle Safety and Maintenance Workshop which will be held next week Wednesday 18th March at Ride Raro. The free workshop will start at 5pm and will take an hour. In April, they will hold a Ride Round Rarotonga event, which coincides with Earth Day on the 22nd of April. The event will encourage people to get on their bicycles and get involved in the 50-4-50 campaign. Tiraa says they are at the stage of developing categories for prizes and welcome the public and private sector to partake in the fun event.

TIS seeks students for Marine Science Workshop

Te Ipukarea Society is calling for applicants from year 12 and 13 students who have an interest in biology and science to participate in a Marine Science workshop. Representatives from Te Ipukarea Society, Ministry of Marine Resources, Climate Change Cook Islands, Ministry of Education and Pacific Islands Conservation Initiative will cover a number of topics, including use of microscopes, testing for presence of ciguatera and water quality monitoring, as well as some practical survey methods for fish, other kai moana, and corals, carried out in the lagoon. TIS has been assisted by the Ministry of Education to identify students that are from either the outer islands or Rarotonga

to attend. However TIS are happy to receive applications from any other students interested. The free workshop will be held over 4 days from April 14th to the 17th at the TIS office in Tupapa. Participants will gain key skills and experience within the marine science field of study, and will be informed on exciting career opportunities. Places are limited, so for more information call 21144.

Six so far for Miss Cook Islands Pageant

The Miss Cook Islands Pageant Association has received interest from six young talented girls for this year's Miss Cook Islands Pageant, and President of the Association Clee Marsters says out of those six, five of them are just about ready to go. "We are still looking for a few more girls, so those who know of any girl that would like to join but is too shy, get in touch with us and we will talk to them and encourage them", says Marsters. To get the ball rolling, an AGM meeting will be held next week, followed by the announcement of the Miss Cook Islands pageant date then the call in of the contestants, "the pageant date is already on the calendar for June, however a date is yet to be set and could fall either in the first or second week of June". It is also no surprise that this year's event will be a big one, with the 50th celebrations underway, so the theme will be focused around the National Theme and will run along the 50 year celebrations. Reigning Miss Cook Islands Teuira Napa will be handing over her crown to the next winner, who will then go on to enter the Miss Pacific Islands which is set to be held here in December. The last time the Cook Islands hosted the Miss South Pacific was in 2002, so this year's events will be quite exciting for us as host country.

ANZAC Speech Competition

The New Zealand High Commission will be holding an ANZAC speech competition this Thursday 12th March. There are 5x confirmed speeches for the evening, and there are a number of prizes for the winning recipients. Overall prize for the speech competition is a fully funded return trip for the winner and 1x guardian/parent to attend the 2015 ANZAC day commemoration celebrations in Wellington and a visit programme to places of interest in Wellington and Auckland city organised by MFAT NZ. The winner will accompany a group of speech competition winners from Samoa, Tonga and Niue, where MFAT offices are also holding the same competition. The speech competition will be held at 6.30pm at the Nikao Sunday School Hall, entry is free and is open to the public.

Oceania Rugby tournament postponed until 2016

The CIRU have been advised by Oceania Rugby that due to problems primarily to do with securing a host venue the 2015 Oceania U20 Division 2 Tournament has been postponed until 2016. The U20s Management team led by head Coach Mark Wells in NZ and assistant coach Walter Tangata in Rarotonga are "bitterly disappointed with the decision given the effort and investment that has been made by players and supporters."

Since his appointment Mark and his hard-working management team have been in training for the past 4 months with NZ based players already playing three build-up matches and a 4th match organised for this weekend. Rarotonga based players have also been in training 3-4 times a week at the gym and participating in the current touch rugby competition.

The CIRU are very disappointed with the decision to postpone the U20 Tournament again after the earlier April deferment and see the U20's as a seed bed for future Cook Islands teams. The CIRU would like to acknowledge and thank the U20s Management team and those players and supporters who have been involved with preparations over the past four months. -Ben Koteka CIRU - CEO

How to stay away from trouble

Part 2

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

Last week I talked about how many of our young people are being lured into things that will bring harm to them. Therefore this article is to encourage our young people, including adults on HOW TO STAY AWAY FROM TROUBLE. It is also important for us to be reminded of what the Lord Jesus Christ said in John 10v.10 that the mission of the devil or Satan is "...to steal, kill and destroy, but I have come that you may have life, and that you may have it more abundantly." Be encouraged also what 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." The apostle Paul said in Romans 12v.2 "...do not be conformed

to this world..." I John 2v.15 and 17(b) "If anyone loves the world and the things of it, the love of the Father is not in him..." Anyone who continues to remain in the world, and does what is not right in the sight of God, is committing a sin before God. Romans 6v.23 reads "...the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8v.31 said "If God is for us who can be against us."

Lesson 2. SATURATE YOURSELVES WITH THE WORD OF GOD v.2 reads "...they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, and they study it day and night." The question is, 'Why is it important for us to be saturated with God's words?' The answer is to avoid us from stumbling into the things of the world. If you walk in darkness, you will trip over and hurt yourself. Psalm 119v.105 reads "...the Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path." If people are not saturating themselves with the Word of God, then they are filling themselves with the things of the world. This is the cause of family problems and arguments. Proverbs 30v.5 reads "...He is like a shield for all who seek His protection." In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve doubted the Word of God.. Jesus said in John 8v.31-32 "...if you obey My teaching, you are really My disciples, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Lesson 3. SITUATE YOURSELF BY THE WATER. v.3 reads "They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right

Encouragement Column

With Senior Pastor John Tangi

time, and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do." Jesus said in John 7v.38 that "He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." In this time of increasing problems (in the Cook Islands), our people need the fruit of the Holy Spirit to flow from within us to help them, and most importantly to direct them to Jesus Christ. Jesus said in John 16v.7 that "He will send the Holy Spirit to help us, and the Holy Spirit will guide us in all truth." Remember we must 1) Separate Ourselves From The World. 2) Saturate Ourselves With The Word of God. 3) Situate Ourselves by The Water Who is the Holy Spirit. May you have a God blessed week, te Atua te aroa.

New Current Affairs show for Radio

A new community programme on Radio Cook Islands commences on Monday 17th March 2015 starting at 4.30pm.

Te Kave Korero, an hour and a half programme, will highlight and review news, current affairs, sports and other issues of the day relevant to Cook Islanders.

"Te Kave Korero will explore issues making the news, invite those in the news, politicians, entrepreneurs, sports people, social and political commentators and others, for their reaction, opinion or feedback. It aims to inform and educate the public of the issues arising during the course of the day" says Presenter Tony Hakaoro.

The programme will be conducted mostly in Maori and it is one way of encouraging Cook Islanders to speak their language or dialects and be proud of it, according to Hakaoro.

"While the programme will be in Te Reo we will have some flexibility in that some issues may need to be examined or explored in English depending on the subject matter or guest speaker".

"Te Kave Korero, literally means, The Messenger" says Hakaoro.

Hakaoro has returned to the Cook Islands after living in Australia and New Zealand for over 30 years. He is a former presenter of the Cook Islands Community Programme on Auckland's Radio 531PI and Radio Reo Atumotu in the early days of both stations.

He was the founder, producer and presenter of the Cook Islands Community Television Programme on Auckland's Triangle Television in the late 1990s.

Hakaoro holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Auckland and a Legal Executive qualification from the Auckland University of Technology. He is a qualified IT technician and a tutor of the Cook Islands Maori language.

Members of the public or listeners are welcome to contact Te Kave Korero should they have issues they might want to discuss or raise on the programme according to Hakaoro.

Inquiries regarding Te Kave Korero can be directed to Hakaoro on mobile phone 74098 or by email to tonyhakaoro@yahoo.com

Te Kave Korero will be on air between 4.30pm and 6pm on Radio Cook Islands every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Make it happen

By Lucianne Vainerere

The International Women's Day (March 8th) theme this year was MAKE IT HAPPEN: encouraging effective action for advancing and recognizing women. It marks the economic, political and social achievements of women all around the world.

As teenagers who seem unappreciative and hard headed (myself included) I believe before we acknowledge other woman for their achievements we should recognize the accomplishments of the one woman whose shaped us, nurtured us, looked after us and brought us up. Mum.

It's hard to show emotion or a reciprocal of her love because of the constant disagreements, torments, and judgments. I admit I'm not a great child at home because the environment is different and my parental relationship is bent; however I am grateful for the many little things Mum does for us from washing our clothes and cooking us food because in the end it ends being one of the greatest loves of all. Hers.

To the women who break down barriers and ignore bias limits. Remind yourself.

My body is a vessel, a temple that retains life; it is no one else's. It is mine.

My mind is an element of awareness and expression, of thought and emotions.

My being is a phenomenon to the people around me. I am a wife, a mother, a daughter, a sister, and a friend. I am mine.

I encourage genuine love, wise thoughts, and natural beauty in more ways than one. I speak of peace and equality, capability and success.

There are many like me, like my being who breathe multiple colours, different languages, incompatible tones and divergent grace.

My reflection is only the physical sense of what I am. My soul is the foundation of my essential nature.

I can face adversity and still walk tall. Feed on my weaknesses and grow strong.

Though my apparel is fragile and weak. I am fierce. Burning to survive, to thrive. With passion, compassion, some humour and style.

I will astonish the mean world with my acts of kindness, and humble myself, for nothing will change me, not praise or discouragement.

I will not face the great agony of bearing an untold story inside of me.

I will rise. I will rise.

People will forget. They will forget what I said. They will forget what I did. But they will never forget how I made them feel.

Let me tell you a secret, you are BEAUTIFUL, you are free. And nothing is more beautiful than the humble belief that you already are. And she, who will move mountains. She who will sail seas. She, who will penetrate walls, will experience failure. However failure is another stepping-stone to GREATNESS.

Don't make yourself anonymous. You have a name.

"But when I start to tell them, they think I'm telling lies, I say. It's in the reach of my arms, the span of my hips, the stride of my step, the curl of my lips. I'm a woman. Phenomenally. Phenomenal woman. That's me." – Inspired by Maya Angelou Johnson.

Why Social Networking?

By Teherenui Koteka

My father often asks me the question "what is so great about facebook?" after asking around I have come to the realization that I am not the only one who gets asked this question. My column this week is here to explain why we the youth find social networking so great.

Firstly let me state that I find social networking incredibly addictive, and judging by the hours many of the youth out there spend social networking, a ton of people do. But the question often asked by parents is, why do you spend countless hours on there?

Reason 1: Communication

Social networking provides a portal to the other side of the world. Through apps such as facebook, snapchat, twitter, viber, Skype and so on you can chat with someone in Greenland by merely clicking a button. Moreover the person you are communicating with can do the same thing and that sure beats waiting a month for the postal service to deliver a letter. Social networking also provides different ways of communicating. Newer ways of communicating. Snapchat allows you to communicate through the sending and retrieval of pictures. Now that Facebook is in partnership with Skype you can video chat and call your friends and family

overseas for free. Some say it is not free because you still have to pay for the internet, but, paying for that is cheaper than paying for every minute when you call Europe.

Reason 2: Keep up with the latest stuff

Do you wonder what your cousin in Africa, America or even New Zealand has been up to lately? Well if you have Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, it is not that hard to find out. Social Networking is basically a documentation of your life. People tend to post up pictures, statuses, location updates, and events that they are involved with. By clicking someone's profile or story you can catch up with everything you've missed out on. The great thing about this is all of your friends can see what is new and exciting in your life, but by hitting a privacy setting it is hidden from everyone else.

So parents these are the two main reasons we all love to use our social networking sites. Being able to follow the latest trends, finding out what's new in the lives of celebrities, games, entertainment sites, and event planning were a few other reasons given to me by my peers. Whatever the reason may be, I think it's pretty clear that Social Networking is an asset. Just remember guys don't rack up the internet bill.

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Someone from the Takuvaine Warriors rugby league team should give a few tips to neneva Neves mob at MFEM on how to make money. Rather than blow \$8,000 on a trip to Aitutaki to play against the Sharks they defaulted as the outcome of the game wouldn't make any difference to their standings on the points table, they will cop a fine but still have \$6,000 left over enough to buy three sets of uniforms for next season. Play creative accounting or what? Afa Rentals will have to stretch his lungs again and bellow heated words of disincentives at his Bulldogs team after they let a sure win slip from their grip for a draw against the Sea Eagles last week, talk about snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. Still a big turn off is the \$5 entry fee to watch most of the time one game.



The daily tribble's political fabricator Flipper Bew can't seem to get it write, she says after the Vaitau by election the CIP will form a government if it wins, what tripe the CIP has already been confirmed by parliament they are the government and the outcome of the Aitutaki won't change that no matter who wins.



Looks like Demo Drolley has taken it upon himself to fly the party flag and remind everyone the dead coalition deal with the One Cook Island was alive and still in contention. Get a shovel and bury it Drolley, turn on the light and get a picture of what's going on.



Here we go crowing again about breaking the news that you read it first from Big Red. CIP deserter Tinkerbel Teina is pestering Elvis to let him come home to the CIP coup, life in the reality of ordinary MP land simply is a disaster

especially to the pocket. The high ground moral principles TT renounced the CIP for are becoming a faded lapse of political concentration, there is no substitute for the power, glory and the lavish ministerial lifestyle of stroked elevated egos. It's no secret TT wants Elvis to accommodate his fellow lonely hearts partner the impoverished Rassie who can't adjust to not hogging in at the taxpayer's banquet. As for his OCI deputy Mr 500 George Magie, well he can't be trusted TT tells the CIP so cut him loose to aimlessly wander the streets of Tupapa directing traffic. TT's Vaitau candidate Amirir Davey is a strategic execution, a diversion to split the Demo vote to allow CIP Mona to canter in thus the justification for Elvis and the Cabinettes to return TT to their inner sanctum so he can remunerate his financial backers. Candidate Davey is simply a means to an end, her end that the desperate TT and Rassie can rise above the crumbs that fall off the table. Rather than being used and embarrassed ending up with egg on their faces Mrs Davey and Magie need to jump off TT's sinking ship.



Don't be surprised if RAPPA's Albert Nicholas gets summoned to Titikaveka



Royal residence to be inducted into Cabinet's hall of privilege. Demo's Prom King Drolley's chicken droppings email the poaching CIP had been rejected was just that, all poop. Just another nail in the disintegrating Demos coffin, what do you expect with sloppy leaders at the helm, wake up Demos and take a leaf out of Team NZ's America Cup's book, throw the losers over board or take the steering wheel off them.



According to Papa Jake Numanga only 120 visitors came off the LA to RAR flight this week. Wasteful money to Air NZ that we are paying for those empty seats!



Have you figured out yet chooks why the PM and Brown Marks are such close buddies and often riding on the same horse? And ever wondered where is the DPM in all this? Well the reason is quite simple and straight forward. You see, both the PM and Brown Marks are ex-public servants. They were both previously HOMs! Now they have entered politics, both the PM and Brown Marks failed to make the transition from Public servant to "Politician." Both are still behaving as

though they are "HOMs."



And who bungled the Penryhn water tank project? The locals were told to take the plastic tanks when this is not what they wanted. The plastic tanks split and failed miserably. Now longer lasting, 7,000 litre concrete water tanks are to be provided!



Why would you train at some expense, a public servant to analyze policy if they have not been trained to write policy? It's like trying to interpret Russian without at first knowing how to speak Russian! But then chooks, this a government that just loves to put the cart before the horse and waste public money!

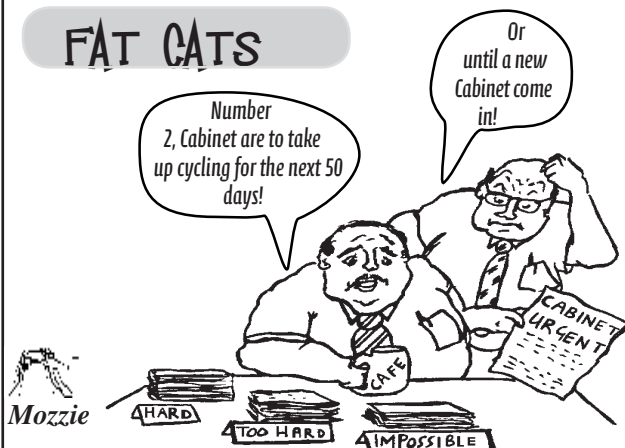


At his dug out deep in the taro jungle, Big Red has received whispers on the wind the staff numbers in MFEM are crumbling as staff flee (the sinking ship?) and Sir Filchard Peeves is on his high horse nowhere to be seen! And an ex-pat with a skirt has risen rapidly up the ranks to a commanding position!

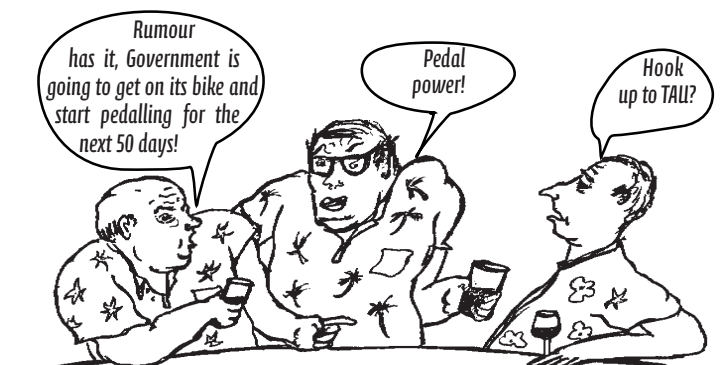


Whisper is Sir Filchard Peeves and his Sheriff of Nottingham wannabe are plotting to slip in a new tax akin to a withholding tax but which picks up all loose cash jangling in secret places! Word is even kiddie's piggy banks will no longer be safe! How did things go so wrong? Why is government suddenly so short of the folding stuff the Lone Ranger from beyond the Black Stump is searching high and low for any loose change? Get a grip Minita o Te Moni! Grow up and do something outstandingly manly! Abolish this ridiculous notion the tiny number of workers left in this country should pay income tax! If you don't then wear boxing gloves at night!

FAT CATS



COCONUT ROUNDTABLE



Who carries the burden of paying for the water supply?

The owners want free water to all the homes, but the Government still want to charge for water. That was clear at the Te Mato Vai meeting on Tuesday with the owners of Taipara and Totokoitu-ki-Ua and Avana but the Kainuku owners were adamant that part of their compensation is free water supply to homes.

The officials gave estimates that for instance, a family of four could expect to pay around \$50 per month or \$600 yearly. Based on that estimate, that would mean that the 2,000 households connected to the water supply would pay \$1.2million out of the projected \$1.4 million required to pay for the system yearly.

The landowners pointed out that it was obvious that the burden of paying for the water will rest on the Iti Tangata, the group who can least afford to do so. And many of them are the owners of the land and water resource that the Government is relying on to generate the revenue to pay for the upgraded system.

Tourists to contribute?

Landowners made a counter argument that the water system can easily be financed by a direct tariff on each of the 100,000+ visitors that come to our shores every year. The tourism industry is the backbone of the economy and a modest direct tariff of \$10 to \$20 per visitor, would generate \$1million to \$2million per annum.

Officials can adjust that rate to cover the commercial establishments to pay their fair share to cover the costs of upkeep of the water supply. This would still allow all homes to have free water supply.

How much land does Mato Vai really require?

The officials told us that they require around 480 to 490 square metres each for Taipara and Totokoitu-ki-Uta respectively.

However, having sighted an official study carried out in the year 2000, which states that the land required around intakes would be one hectare (2.5



Te Mato Vai Project will require additional land around the current Water Intakes.

acres), the officials reluctantly admitted that the hectare was correct. The official then added that the Government may require the entire mountain area of all of Rarotonga. We urge all landowners to take note of that admission.

Will there be compensation?

Actually, the Government position is still not clear. Initially, they refused to even contemplate any compensation, but in the face of strong objections by most, if not all, intake landowner groups, apparently Cabinet has softened their stance. We await developments on that front.

Are they taking the land?

The CIIC legal officer Lloyd Miles gave a rather confusing explanation. Apparently, the title to the land will remain that of the owners and the Government is not really taking the land. Miles added that since the Constitution was not put into place until 1965, that Article 40 about no property being compulsorily taken without compensation, did not apply because the 1960 Waterworks Ordinance preceded it.

Not so fast. The landowners referred him to section 359 in the Cook Islands Act 1915 (as explained below) that clearly states that compensation is payable.

The law on Compensation for land

For the benefit of the landowners of the intakes, please be clear that the law of the land as written in the Cook Islands Act 1915 states categorically that when 'any land has been so taken for a public purpose all persons having in respect of that land any right, title, estate or interest...shall be entitled to compensation therefore from the Crown.' [s359(1)].

Pitfalls to be aware of in the Act are that under section 357, 'any land in the Cook Islands taken for any public purpose specified in the Order' becomes vested in His Majesty... The saving grace of that provision is the last phrase which states: 'save for any such estate, rights or interests are EXPRESSLY saved by such Order.'

In other words, we strongly advise each landowner group to actually express what they want and have any such terms and conditions into a signed

agreement which can then be incorporated into the Order. To express something, means that it is in writing, and not just left to their discretion or goodwill, because if you give them an inch they will take a country mile.

Thus all landowning groups are urged to ensure that they protect their interests in writing and have it registered in the High Court before they allow any work to proceed.

Further provisions in relation to Compensation

The Act states that 'such compensation shall be assessed and awarded by the High Court either on the application of the Minister or the Resident Commissioner or on that of any person claiming such compensation or any share therein. [s359 (2)]. Any such compensation so awarded to any person shall constitute a debt due to him by the Crown, and shall be payable out of Cook Islands Treasury. [s359(2)]

Family member

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International Referee to run International Volleyball course

An FIVB Volleyball Cooperation Programme Level 1 Refereeing course will be held from 10 – 17 April coordinating by Cook Islands Volleyball Federation.

FIVB approved Referee Instructor Mr David Smith has been appointed to coordinate and run the week long course. David is a long time International Volleyball Referee having officiated at numerous Asian Championships, World Championships and even the Olympic Games. He was even awarded the Asian Referee 2 years in a row.



David Smith

Cook Islands Volleyball is very excited to have such an experienced and skilled referee come to Rarotonga to conduct this FIVB Level 1 Referee course says CIVF President Hugh Graham. We want to ensure that we are equipped with qualified and certified Referees here on the island to ensure that volleyball teams and clubs have confidence in our Referees at all levels.

The Volleyball Cooperation programme is an annual programme where the Cook Islands, among the other 218 National Volleyball Federations around the World apply on an annual basis for the various courses on offer. These range from Refereeing, Grassroots Beach Volleyball, Teachers, Young Players and Coaching courses.

Cook Islands Volleyball decided last year to put through an application for referees as a means to start building a Refereeing commission and to upskill Referees. The idea is to

have 2-4 Referees skilled enough to attend further refereeing courses so that they can be recognised as FIVB referees and look to officiate at FIVB International events, the likes of the Oceania Volleyball Champs, Asian and World Champs....

The Refereeing course will commence on Friday 10th April, possibly after 4.30pm to allow those persons interested to have time outside of their normal working hours to attend.... And the course will run through until Friday 17th April. Cook Islands Volleyball is pleased to announce that this course is absolutely free and all those that attend all days and are certified will receive, absolutely free a Referees pack consisting of a FIVB International Indoor Volleyball Rule Book, a quality whistle, Referees penalty cards and pouch and a tee shirt....

For further information and inquiries please contact CIVF President Hugh Graham on email: hugh_grahamhenry@yahoo.com or mobile 52287

2015 volleyball social league to start...

The Cook Islands Volleyball Federation start their 2015 Volleyball season with a social mixed league commencing Wednesday 18 March and each and every Wednesday thereafter for 12 weeks.

The league is restricted to 18 mixed teams, consisting of 3 males and 3 females. Team fees are \$120 for 12 weeks of volleyball, same fees as last year. And the normal \$2 entry fee per person per night.

For more information or to register a team please contact Hugh Graham on email : hugh_grahamhenry@yahoo.com or mobile 52287.

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MINISTRY OF MARINE RESOURCES (MMR) LABORATORY ANALYST & RESEARCH OFFICER

The MMR currently operates a successful environmental monitoring laboratory and would like to add food safety processing to its capabilities.

A vacancy exists in the Pearl and Technical Services Division to assist the chemistry and microbiology laboratories operations and in other areas:

- 1) Conducting analytical laboratory tests.
- 2) Assist in the national water quality monitoring programme.
- 3) Support diverse research areas such as pearl quality, food safety etc.
- 4) Participate in public awareness programmes, training and outreach, liaison as needed;
- 5) Work on special projects as directed by the Director and Secretary.

This position is at fisheries officer level (salary band F-G). Minimum qualification is NCEA level 3 but a university science degree is preferable.

This is a project funded in partnership with WATSAN-SUP. Initially an annual contract will be offered renewable for 3 yrs.

Full job description is available by contacting Uirangi Bishop on 28730, or email rar@mmr.gov.ck

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

Messi sparkles in Barça triumph

Barcelona has taken the lead in the Spanish La Liga round cup competition over Real Madrid after Real Madrid lost to the hands of Athletic Club one goal to nil on Saturday, reclaiming top spot for the first time in 15 years.

The star of the match, none other than the Argentine superstar Lionel Messi hit a record-breaking 24th Spanish La Liga hat-trick as Barcelona went to the top of the table in style with a 6-1 win over Rayo Vallecano at the Nou Camp. Luis Suarez got the ball rolling with an early goal and Gerard Pique doubled the lead shortly after the break, before Messi scored a treble inside 12 minutes, which took him one hat-trick clear of Cristiano Ronaldo.

Both sides had their right-backs sent off, with Tito getting two yellow cards for Rayo and Dani Alves getting a straight red for bringing down Alberto Bueno,



who scored a consolation goal for the visitors, only for Suarez to

pounce again in stoppage-time.

Barcelona's next match in the La

Liga competition is on Saturday 14 March 2015 against Eibar.

Spanish La Liga standings:

Rank	Team	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
1	FC Barcelona	26	20	2	4	76	16	60	62
2	Real Madrid CF	26	20	1	5	75	24	51	61
3	Athletico Madrid	26	17	4	5	51	23	28	55
4	Valencia CF	26	16	6	4	46	22	24	54
5	Sevilla FC	26	15	4	7	46	33	13	49
6	Villarreal CF	26	14	6	6	43	24	19	48
7	Malaga CF	26	12	5	9	29	30	-1	41
8	Athletic Club	26	9	6	11	23	31	-8	33
9	Celta de Vigo	26	8	8	10	27	29	-2	32
10	RCD Espanyol	26	9	5	12	32	37	-5	32
11	Real Sociedad	26	7	9	10	29	36	-7	30
12	Gatafe CF	26	8	5	13	24	36	-12	29
13	Rayo Vallecano	26	9	2	15	29	49	-20	29
14	Eibar	26	7	6	13	26	36	-10	27
15	Elche CF	26	7	6	13	23	45	-22	27
16	Deportivo La Coruna	26	6	7	13	23	42	-19	25
17	Levante UD	26	6	7	13	23	49	-26	25
18	UD Almeria	26	6	6	14	22	40	-18	24
19	Granada CF	26	4	10	12	17	40	-23	22
20	Cordoba	26	3	9	14	19	41	-22	18

UEFA Champions league midweek draw for this week is as follows:

Wednesday 11/03/2015

Chelsea vs. Paris Saint-Germain

FC Bayern Munchen vs. Shakhtar Donetsk

In the weekend the attention will revert back to the football premier league for each country right across Europe.