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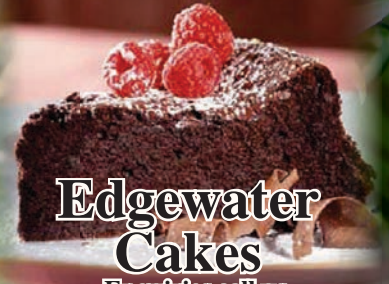
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# Teariki Heather gets on his knees and begs - coup averted

## The unpopular Puna on notice, his days are numbered

The element of surprise and a strategic execution are the key ingredients in political transactions, both these elements failed at an eleventh hour attempt to overthrow Prime Minister Henry Puna's Cook Islands Party government on the closing day of parliament last Friday (19 June 2015).

With RAPA MP Albert Nicholas unexpectedly out of the country the Coalition Partners were primed to take advantage of his absence.

Despite the public denials, the threat to Puna's throne is real, he is shocked and embarrassed the move to dump him was coming from within his own caucus, Puna can no longer continue to be dismissive for he is now on notice, his days are numbered and with the Celebration preparations clouding the political focus his detractors may now have to wait for the CIP conference to replace him.

Possibly the glitch in the Coalition's coup de tat was too many people were in the loop at some level, while a few knew a fragment, only three people knew the big picture details making secrecy high risk. Some of the details changed by the hour but between late Thursday night and the early hours of Friday morning someone contacted Puna and divulged what they knew prompting him to orchestrate a counter response.

At about 8am on Friday

morning Puna, his Deputy Teariki Heather and Amuri MP Toa Isamaela swooped on Nandi Glassie's Nikao residence, at the same time Mark Brown was knocking on the door of another MP suspected of being targeted by the Coalition partner negotiators. Present at the Glassie household was Tupuna Rakanui who had a breakfast meeting with Glassie

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over Atiu business related to the Celebrations.

Puna and company had been told Glassie was going to defect and form a government of national unity. Whether it was rehearsed or not is unclear but Heather literally shaking with fear got on his knees before Glassie and clutching his legs and repeatedly begged him not to go!

Puna, Heather and Brown's leadership and if ousted before the shredding machines could be engaged they risk a criminal investigation.

One thing is certain, the CIP caucus isn't tight, and neither is it united. If Puna hasn't now got the message loud and clear the rest of the government MP's are not superfluous, they are not there to just make up

the numbers he will not survive the next coup attempt. The CIP trinity of Puna, Heather and Brown can no longer take the rest of his team for granted.

To ignore them and the public's concerns will just keep the Opposition alert and more the wiser to any opportunity to overturn Puna's leadership.

Dissatisfaction with Puna's growing autocratic leadership in the CIP camp has been brewing for sometime waiting for something or someone to trigger a reaction that would have the PM and his confidant Minister Mark Brown removed from their positions. Puna can no longer take his fellow cabinet Ministers for granted nor can he assume they are there to make up the numbers to guarantee his office. Public pressure predominantly from Rarotonga residents against the Puna administration has been mounting at an alarming rate to the point a second petition was presented to Parliament and there have been regular public protests to attract the politician's attention to the concerns of the people.

In the outer Islands there is little resistance to the government because they are out of sight out of mind and easily appeased with political gifts but on Rarotonga the minority CIP government is scrutinised and examined in the context of the principles of good governance and sadly it is found

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wanting on many issues.

The pain threshold of the wider demographic has reached its limit thus the public reaction to the arrogance style of the Puna government and members of the CIP. Jobs for the boys have flourished under Puna, most recently his attraction to the Henry brothers with the recommendation and endorsement of Brown. Aitutaki based Mike Henry has free reign despite contributing nothing to the election campaign, a matter not lost to the Party faithful who still are waiting for a call up job wise.

On Rarotonga show boat Puna won't win any popularity contests, he in fact is resented by Rarotonga residents who threw their lot in with the Demos at the last elections; Puna polled a miserly 74 votes with a slim majority indicating in his own electorate his popularity is marginal. Having polled only 38% of the vote Puna must accept he is the prime minister by default of a dysfunctional electoral system and at best his is a minority government.

Neither does Henry Puna or the Cook Islands Party have a mandate to arrogantly govern as they wish; with 95% of government revenues extracted from Rarotonga and the vast majority not voting for the CIP he needs to tread a lot more respectfully. Puna's prodigal spending, abuse of power and the village politicking he gets away with in the distant backdrops of the country are simply not acceptable or tolerated in Rarotonga, residents on the main land are vocally opinionated and tiresome of the cavalier manner in which Puna and his side kicks waste public funds.

With the national treasury scraping the bottom of the barrel in short supply and government refusing to pay their bills on time to the private sector, businesses are under immense financial pressures stressed and penalised if their 20th of the payment is late. Rather than show leadership and lead the way in fiscal prudence quite the contrary for Puna, while every Ministry has to tighten their belts and maintain their outputs with reduced budgets, his appropriation has sky rocketed to an obscene \$400,000 and



PM Henry Puna

Brown getting an extra \$20,000.

Had the coup plan, to have the CIP defectors absent from Parliament the government would of not had the numbers required to pass the 2015/2016 Budget, but with too many self appointed negotiators and all the undisciplined talk by the Demo Party gossipers telegraphing every move three weeks before the convening of Parliament there was going to be a change of government even naming those who were going to defect, the CIP had ample time to prepare a reprisal strategy.

Had the government been short of numbers to pass the Budget they simply would have walked out of the House forcing the Speaker to adjourn the Parliament sitting. If attempts to unify the CIP parliamentarians failed over the weekend Puna would have headed to the Queen's Representative Tom Marsters and dissolved Parliament and set a date for a snap election.

With 14 seats on offer in the Outer Islands the CIP will call on them to obligatory reciprocate the good will delivered in the form of heavy machinery and renewable energy. Puna is confident the CIP will maintain the reigns of governance by pandering to the outer island voters.

The stalking enemy within is stalled by timing, some felt last



Nandi Glassie

Friday's execution was hurried and premature, Puna must limit his overseas travel and attend to the sprouting weeds that if left unattended will choke him. The knives from his own draw are



DPM Teariki Heather

being sharpened, his informants have been identified and the next mutiny execution will be fatal that is if he doesn't radically modify his political modus operandi. - George Pitt



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First of all, I wish to thank our good Lord for everything that I have in my life today. Thank you to Aunty Rai Heather and the Cook Island's Nursing Association for your faith in honoring me, the Woman of the Month Title for the month of June 2015. My heartfelt thanks goes out to all my past and present fellow nursing members.

Born 3rd February 1939. The seventh of 11 children (7 boys and 4 girls). My biological parents are the late Pera Maurangi Pera and Ngataimaine Toru (of Ngati Uritaua). My biological father is a talented self-taught builder and my mother was a homemaker. She was known as a very knowledgeable of her genealogy. I would remember early morning and late nights, family members from all around the island would visit her frequently seeking their family history. I on the other hand, never had the privilege to absorb the knowledge she had to offer because at the time, children weren't allow to sit in, on any adult conversation. My only recollection is her stating that I am the descendant of Ngati Kainuku, Ngati Makea, Ngati Vakatini, Ngati Uritaua, Ngati Putua, Ngati Uriarau, Ngati Teaia, Ngati Itiao, Ngati Tautu, Pera and etc.

I was raised by my feeding father, the late Rev. Te Uatakiri Pittman and Mama Tiahuia. I was named Tutai Ngapoko Pera after my feeding brother, the late Tumu Rakau Pittman. The name Tutai is named of their only son (Tumu Rakau) and Ngapoko for the 2 set of parents that I have. I love the meaning behind my name. I was raised in the Takamoa Theological Grounds, where our everyday living, includes reading the daily scriptures in the morning and in the evening before going to bed. I

am passionate believer in my faith in God the Almighty.

Married my first husband the late Dr. Stephen Kavana in 1957, had 5 beautiful children (3 Girls and 2 Boys). Working to care for our family was our number one priority. Building our first home back in 1960's was a challenge with the kind of income we were getting back then. Taking home \$80 dollars a week and having to feed a family of 5 plus our extended family members from Aitutaki, put great pressure on us. We got into planting vegetables to sell and also to ship overseas. Besides being a great doctor, my husband is also a great fisherman. He would go spear fishing at nights as a way of another source of income to help us payoff our loan and to help feed our family. It was normal for many of us medical personnel to seek other sources of income due to the low income we were getting. We would look forward to having overtime when we were needed.

Being a nurse during my time, the expectation of the nurse's was very high. The whole health department staff members worked extremely well together as a team. During the Tutaka (Home Inspection), there would be a doctor, nurse and public health staff members would be go into homes to inspect the homes for hygiene purpose. They didn't only check the exterior of the property, they also checked the interior of the each home, the kitchen area, the bathroom and toilet area and mainly the children's sleeping quarters. Parents were encouraged to maintain a clean environment in their homes and especially if there were children in the homes.

One of the many highlights of my life, is working in the outer islands. Living with very limited resources and being away from my family back here in Rarotonga, having to make do with what we had was a valuable lesson for both of us. We learned to value and cherished everything we had available to us. As a source of vegetable, we introduced the rukau viti to Penhryn and Manihiki Islands during our time working on these island. On Atiu, we introduced cooking curry chicken and encouraged the people to put rukau on the table during an umukai. Back then, the Atiu people didn't think that it's appropriate to serve rukau to their invited guest. With many consultation with the people and educating them the importance of rukau (taro leaf) to our health, slowly gave them the courage to introduce it and serve it to their invited guest.

In the mid 70's, early 80's we took a break from our medical profession when we were offered to manage the Arorangi Beach Hotel by Mr Trevor Clarke. We had absolutely no experience in managing a Hotel but with the guidance of the company at the time, they taught both of us a valuable lessons with management. Under our management of the Arorangi Beach Hotel, we were well known for our famous Island Nights alongside the famous Taakoka Dance Troupe lead by the greatest master himself, the late Turepu Turepu and Vaine Clarke. With our colorful back ground in the music and entertainment field, not only helped us but created a great atmosphere both for our locals and tourist alike.

I have been fortune to do a lot of travelling in my lifetime with

my second husband, the late Captain Richard Adamson. We lived in Hong Kong for over 10 years and enjoyed every moment of it. Took classes to enhance my knowledge for quilt making and Chinese cooking. We returned back to the Cook Islands in the mid 90's. We travelled all over Asia, Europe, North America, Central and South America and of course in our Pacific region. We took ocean cruises to a lot of these nations. My favorite destination was Canada. The people, beautiful scenery and most of all spending time with my two longtime Canadian friends, Bernie and Helen Gatskey on their farmland orchid.

My pride and joy are my children, my grandchildren and my extended family. My goals are for my children, their spouses and my grandchildren to be successful at whatever their lives may lead them to, and to be happy and healthy. To love and respect one another.

Our cultural heritage and the many traditional ways that I have encountered during my lifetime, is something that I embrace into my children, to learn and respect it.

I am a great supporter of any women's organization for the betterment of the development of women and our children and their future. I am currently holding my family Mataiapo title, Tiikura Mataiapo in Akaoa, Puaikura. I am a member of the Cook Island National Council of Women's, Kauariki Rangi of Puaikura, Arorangi Cook Island Christian Church, Koutu Nui. I was elected as a council woman for the district of Akaoa, Arorangi.

I enjoy cooking, gardening, sewing, tivaevae making, travelling and meeting people. My favorite sport is tennis.

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# Norman George on: Law Reform

## “The Crimes Act 1969 (The Act)”

By Norman George

The highest courts in our legal system are the Court Of Appeal and The Privy Council which is based in London. The Court of Appeal sits in the Cook Islands twice a year in June and November of each year.

The Court of Appeal is made up of 3 Judges, a President and two presiding Judges. The President is the most senior Judge who administers the affairs of the Court of Appeal. Members of the Court of Appeal are usually retired members of the New Zealand Court of Appeal and Judges from the High Court of New Zealand.

If an Appellant is dissatisfied with the decision of the Court of Appeal, our last Court of Appeal is the Privy Council. We have to go to London for that and it is not cheap. The most recent appearance by Cook Islands litigants in the Privy Council was about 3 years ago. It would seem that it will not be the last. A number of cases are already in the pipeline with applications being filed with the Court of Appeal seeking leave to go to the Privy Council.

I forecast an increase in cases going to the Privy Council in the future. There are a number of reasons for this. The litigants appear to be much more motivated with income to finance their appeal and a great number of them are simply not satisfied with some decisions of the Court of Appeal. That is life. Whatever the situation is, if a Cook Islander is not satisfied with the decision of our High Court and Court of Appeal, they have the right to go to the Privy Council in London.

So in sequence, a Cook Islander has the right of appeal 3 times, from a JP decision to a High Court Judge, From a High Court Judge's decision or actions at a trial to the Court of Appeal, and from the Court of

Appeal to the Privy Council.

The Cook Islands have a reputation as having one of the top legal systems and judiciary in the Pacific region, even the world equal to New Zealand and Australia.

Common assault under Section 216 of the Act is one of the most frequently used by the Police to maintain peace and order in the homes and elsewhere. Much of this relates to domestic violence, violence between husband and wife, parents on children, defacto relationships, neighbours, domestic disputes and outside of that in many shapes and forms.

Assault defined by the Act means the act of intentionally applying or attempting to apply force to the person of another, directly or indirectly, or threatening by any act or gesture to apply such force to the person of another etc.... So assault is not always by physical contact, a threat is enough provided the person making the threat has the means to affect the threat.

One of the disparities of the law is that it distinguishes the penalties between females and non females. Under Section 214 of the Act, an assault on a female and a child is punishable by 2 years imprisonment for common assault.

COMMENT:

*I have represented a male person assaulted by 3 hefty females, one held him from behind the neck (headlock type of grip) another held his arms while the 3rd did the punching. So the myth about males only doing the assaulting is over. I have also handled cases where a big sumo built mama makes a mess of her husband (Don't marry above your weight L.O.L!).*

Equal penalties for both male and female assaults should be introduced. There should be one penalty with

compulsory imprisonment for repeat offenders in domestic violence offences. There is a good defence for the defence of assault under Section 50 of The Act as amended by the Crimes Amendment Act 1982, which reads as follows:

*“Everyone is justified in using, in the defence of himself or another, such force as, in the circumstances as he believes them to be, it is reasonable to use.”*

COMMENT: *You can use sufficient force only to diffuse or neutralise violence aimed at you or the next person you are defending and no more. The moment you go overboard, you lose the right to this defence. If someone punches you and you punch back to defend yourself, you must stop when the other person stops. A measured response is the best guideline.*

A charge that Police tend to abuse or act with frequent confusion and mistakes is “fighting in a public place” Under Section 96 of The Crimes Act (The Act). It is all clear if the fighting involves an open brawl where drunken louts burn their testosterone. The mistake is when a Good Samaritan ventures to stop the fight but ends up being attacked and arrested. You would think that when the dust settles the arresting Officers will sought out the instigators of the fight, to those trying to stop it and had to defend themselves in the process.

No, they wait until the parties go to Court, at considerable cost to the Good Samaritan, to start backtracking. This mistake

occurs over and over again over the years, through Police slackness.

COMMENT: *A Defence to a charge of fighting should be included to cover a person trying to stop the fight and not starting it.*

Sections which curb violence include carrying an offensive weapon in a public place; Section 94 of The Act, the penalty is 12 months imprisonment and \$100.00 fine. An offensive weapon can include a knife, broken bottle, and a piece of timber or any object converted into a weapon.

Section 97 of (The Act) throwing a bottle in a public place or leaving bottles or glass in a public place earns you a \$50.00 fine if found guilty. Section 99 of (The Act) profane, indecent or obscene language – 6 months imprisonment but must be used in a public place.

Section 100 of (The Act) disturbing a public place of worship- \$50.00 fine.

Section 101 of (The Act) drunkenness, when found drunk in a public place is liable to 1 month imprisonment.

Section 102 of (The Act) trespass, liable to 3 months imprisonment and \$100.00 fine.

COMMENT: *Before a person becomes a trespasser, there must be a written notice served on him not to set foot in a certain place, or he is orally requested to leave and he refuses to do so.*

NEXT WEEK: I will cover Police investigation tactics as well as continuing with certain sections of The Crimes Act.

Ka Kite,  
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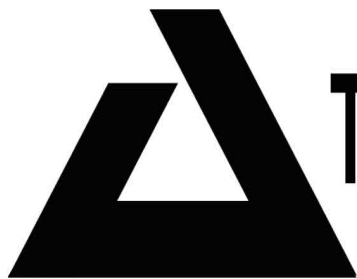
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# TE KAVE KORERO

Host: Tony Hakaoro, WEDS 17th JUNE 2015

## Has Government entered into a deal to bail out Pacific Schooners Ltd?

Has Government entered into a deal to bail out local shipping company Pacific Schooners Limited?

This was one of the subjects of discussions when Te Kave Korero spoke to Elizabeth Wright-Koteka, Chief of Staff, at the Office of the Prime Minister, on Wednesday 17th June 2015.

"I will reiterate that Government is not in the business of bailing out other companies" said Wright-Koteka.

Pacific Schooners Limited is a Cook Islands shipping company that owns the 'Tiare Taporo' bought in 2010 in Canada. The boat has been in Canada since 2011 owing to ownership issues.

On Thursday 18 June 2015 Parliament passed the 2015/2016 Budget with an allocation of 1.5 million dollars shipping subsidy over three years.

"Since the passing of the Budget in Parliament which was after my interview with Wright-Koteka, I am now aware that Government has two components to the subsidy. The first one is to contract a shipping company to return groups from the outer islands after the Maeva Nui. The second is to subsidise a shipping service in the country for the next three years", said Tony Hakaoro, presenter of Te Kave Korero.

Three local shipping companies, Pacific Schooners Limited, Taio Shipping and Malcolm Sword's company are eligible to put in a tender for Government's shipping subsidy.

Prior to the interview with Wright-Koteka, Te Kave Korero understood that Government was to provide financial assistance to Pacific Schooners Limited to get their boat from Canada and become the service provider with regards to the shipping subsidy.

Tony Hakaoro put this to Wright-Koteka:

"Did Pacific Schooners Limited approach

Government and seek help from Government to give them assistance to pay out their boat that's held up somewhere in Canada?"

"There was talk of support but you have to understand that the service has to be provided first but like I said before, the process that we're undertaking is going to be a tender process. So when that process is undertaken then we will know who the provider of the service is" said Wright-Koteka.

"Is it the intention behind this subsidy to bail them out?"

"Not to my knowledge Tony. I think we have to stop this thinking that there is a big conspiracy and this speculation that's going on. Like I said before, the process is going to be open process, it's going to be tendered out and I think we need to embrace this process" said Wright-Koteka.

Wright-Koteka said that three boats, the Lady Naomi, Tahiti Nui and the Matua are to bring the northern group teams to Rarotonga for the 2015 Maeva Nui.

Asked whether Taio Shipping and the Pacific Schooners Limited would transport the northern group teams back home after the Maeva Nui, Wright-Koteka said that the Lady Naomi and the Tahiti Nui would return to undertake the return trips.

"I te au pai i reira o te pae tokerau, inangaro au kia papu i aku, ekoko nei au, naai e akaoki i te au patete o te pae tokerau, na te Lady Naomi ainei e te Tahiti Nui, me na Papa Tapi e te Pacific Schooner", asked Te Kave Korero presenter?

"To te pae tokerau, na te Lady Naomi rai e te Tahiti Nui. At the moment we're still finalizing the schedules because these boats also have other jobs around so we were trying to finalise the schedules. Once these schedules are finalized they will be released out" said Wright-Koteka.

A search of the company file at the Ministry of Justice revealed that Pacific Schooners Limited was 'struck off' in 2014 for failing to file its annual returns.

Te Kave Korero presenter put the following to Wright-Koteka in response to a statement she made about being "constructive in terms of moving constructively".

"No te aa, equally Liz, equally at the same time, the public of this country deserves transparency in the process, fairness etc, etc, no te mea, no te mea, we have two shipping companies, Papa Tapi for example has been serving the Cook Islands for more than 20 years I understand, why not just get him and the other shipping companies that are currently operating ships and give out the tender? Why have you included in this tender process this company, Pacific Schooners Limited, who by the way is struck out, in other words, dissolved, why would you want to include them in your discussions?"

"It's sounds to me that this whole process is mickey mouse at this stage, because you've already negotiated, you've already entered into some discussions with Mike Henry and his company without having done some basic research as to the status of this company. Obviously Government hasn't because it's a fact Pacific Schooner has been struck off as a company" said Tony Hakaoro, Te Kave Korero presenter.

The Tiare Taporo can carry up to 300 tonnes and around 30 passengers.

Company records show that the Directors of Pacific Schooners Limited are Mike Henry, Garth Broadhead and Daniel Moreland.

McLaughlin Holdings Limited holds 1,000 shares in Pacific Schooners Limited.

It is unclear whether McLaughlin Holdings is a Canadian or Cook Islands company. Te Kave Korero has not been able to confirm it.



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# TE KAVE KORERO

Host: Tony Hakaoro, FRI 20th JUNE 2015

## The Government has entered into a service contract with Pacific Schooners

"The Government has entered into a service contract with Pacific Schooners".

This came from Financial Secretary, Richard Neves, speaking on Te Kave Korero on Friday 20th June 2015.

The Government's shipping subsidy and local shipping company Pacific Schooners Limited, were the subjects of discussion on the programme.

Referring to Pacific Schooners Te Kave Korero put this question to Neves:

"Did Government or is Government helping them financially to get their boat?"

"No the Government is not helping them financially to get their boat here" said Neves

According to Neves Pacific Schooners presented the best value for money "so the Government entered into a contract with Pacific Schooners to provide services to return people home after the Maeva Nui".

"They'll get paid if they provide the service. If they don't provide the service then they don't get paid" said Neves.

A search of the company file at the Ministry of Justice revealed that Pacific Schooners Limited was 'struck off' in 2014 for failing to file its annual returns.

In relation to the Government contracting Pacific Schooners Te Kave Korero presenter, Tony Hakaoro, put this to Neves:

"How could this be so when you have a company that has been struck off? Why would Government enter into this agreement with a company that does not exist technically speaking, does not exist in the Cook Islands, been struck off?"

"You make a good point there Tony. Ultimately in the end we weren't aware that Pacific Schooners have been de-registered. I'm told it's an administrative oversight".

As to providing financial assistance to Pacific Schooner Te Kave Korero presenter asked Neves:

"Did Government pay some money as a result of the contract entered with Pacific Schooners? Did Government contribute to bailing out this company and paying for their boat to bring their boat to Rarotonga?"

"No the Government hasn't bailed out anyone. The Government has a contract for the provision of the service. If the service isn't provided the Government will not be paying for it".

"I put it to you Richard, I put it to you with all due respect, that this whole transaction in contracting this shipping company, by the way is 'struck out', has been tailor made and fixed in such a way and form that neither Papa Tapi Taio and Taio Shipping or Malcom Sword, couldn't meet the criterias. The criterias were specifically taylor made to suit Pacific Schooners. What do you say to that?"

"You can say that Tony but I'll tell you what I think, the specifications were made for the safety of passengers, the comfort of passengers and the reliability of service, so they were the primary things in our mind" said Neves

Te Kave Korero presenter says that the process under which Government has contracted Pacific Schooners to transport groups after the Te Maeva Nui is a fast.

"When a Government department wants

to purchase a new motor vehicle, it must provide three written quotes from existing or reputable motor vehicle dealers or suppliers. I have no doubt that MFEM does not and will never accept a quote from a company that does not exist or from a motor vehicle dealer that has been 'struck out', dissolved or adjudged bankrupt, let alone one that has not yet operated or experienced in dealing with motor vehicles".

"Here in this case, Government has clearly contradicted itself, broke it's own rules, or shall I say, turned a blind eye to its own set of rules and conveniently ignored them. In this case it did not even bother to carry out 'due diligence' checks on the company status of Pacific Schooner. It's incredible, the very people who insist on three reputable quotes and complying with procedures, just can't be bothered to follow its own requirements. One would have thought that the first thing Government would have done is, ask itself, has Pacific Schooner operated a shipping business? Is it currently operating one? Is this company registered in the Cook Islands? Who are its Directors? What assets does it have? What is its financial position? It's the normal 'due diligence' checks that a prudent businessman would do. No, not this one. I suspect, in this case, Government is simply providing business for one of its loyal supporters and that's Mike Henry and his company. How else can I put it? No wonder some of our people are frustrated at Government" said Tony.

Company records show that the Directors of Pacific Schooners Limited are Mike Henry, Garth Broadhead and Daniel Moreland.

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# TE KAVE KORERO

Host: Tony Hakaoro, MON 22nd JUNE 2015

## Sunday flights, transportation, TMN, safety

A variety of topics were the subjects of talkback discussions on Te Kave Korero on Monday 22nd June 2015.

Listeners called the programme and contributed to a number of issues including an attempted coup to overthrow the government, Sunday flights to Aitutaki, transportation for Te Maeva Nui and traffic safety in relation to roadside cleaning.

In relation to the attempted coup reported in the Cook Islands News on 22nd June one caller in support of the Government said:

“Tena aronga, they just doing what they can, pulling this Government down, that’s all I can see, speak about the devil na te ra tuatua ai. They’re doing all they can just to make the CIP look bad or just something like that you know. Obviously just leave things peacefully, let the Government get on with their job”.

Another caller said:

“E maata atu te au angaanga meitaki i teia tutu nuti e aere mai nei na roto i te mea, I think the CIP is doing a good job, no reira ratou i ikiia ai”.

A listener from Aitutaki called and said that Sunday flights to Aitutaki was introduced by the Democratic Party and now it’s an issue the CIP Government is trying to address.

He said that it’s almost four months (after the Tautu/Vaipae by-election) and still there is no indication from Government as to its position regarding the issue.

“E aa oki teia, pou tetai toru marama, te aere nei ki te a marama, kare ake rai a ia i akakite ake e, eaa tana ravenga”.

In relation to the shipping for Te Maeva Nui the same caller said that the dance group from Aitutaki will not attend if they

Te Kave Korero presenter, Tony Hakaoro, suggested that to be fair to the Government, the group should communicate with Government to express its concerns.

“E mea tau ra oki, kia fair oki tatou ki te Kavamani, e mea tau e, kia kiriti mai kotou i te pepa, me kare, i tetai imere, tuku mai ki te Kavamani, tuku mai ki te Tauranga Vananga, tuku ki te Ruru Minita, Cabinet, i te akakite mai i to kotou marekakore, no te mea, ko tei tau te reira kia rave kotou, kia rave tatou, auraki oki tatou e akataravake ua, akaapa ua i te Kavamani oti, kare tatou e akari i te karere ki te Kavamani, e mea tau kia tuku mai te karere ki te Kavamani kia kite atu te Kavamani, kia kite atu te Tauranga Vananga i to kotou turanga, penei i reira e, ka rauka ua i te akatanotano, tuku i a kotou ki runga i te pairere”.

One caller rang in relation to workers cutting roadside grasses. She said she had been hit by little pieces of debris while passing roadside workers cutting grass using weed eaters or grass cutters.

“Kare te ra aronga pakoti tita i runga i te mataara e care mai i a koe, kare rava. Te vai ra rai te au tangata e, ka akamanako mai rai ratou, e tangata tera e aere mai ra i runga i te patikara, akamutu te pakoti. Tetai aronga, kare a te care mai, aere ua tera pakoti ra, taa mai te toka ki runga i a koe, ko ai i kite atu”.

After the call Te Kave Korero presenter said some of our people are inconsiderate.

“Ko tetai manako tau rava atu teia kia oraoraia ki a tatou, tatou e akarongorongo mai nei, ko koe e akarongo mai nei i te Te Kave Korero, no te mea, tetai au tuatau, tatou, to tatou iti tangata, karanga ana te papa’a e, manga, te reo oki o te papa’a e, inconsiderate tikai tatou. Tena ia, tena ia tetai akaraanga, te kite ua mai ra e, e tangata teia e oro atu nei, me kare, e turoto teia, inconsiderate, tuki ua te pakoti, kare e tiaki poto e, kia tae koe ki tetai tua, penei akamata akaou ai te pakoti. Very inconsiderate na te papa’a ai”.

## Signing of TIEA between the Cook Islands and Canada

**O**n Monday, 15th June 2015 the Cook Islands and Canada signed a Tax Information Exchange Agreement (TIEA) in Wellington. The Cook Islands High Commissioner His Excellency Tekaoitiki Matapo signed the Agreement on behalf of the Cook Islands, with the Canadian High Commissioner Her Excellency Caroline Chretien signing on behalf of Canada.

The signing is testament to the commitment of both countries to working with the global community to promote international cooperation in tax matters. The TIEA allows for either Party to request information from the other country where a specific taxpayer is under investigation, and where there is reason to believe that relevant information is held in the other country. The Agreement strikes a balance between privacy and the need for jurisdictions to enforce their tax laws.

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

This signing makes a total of 20 TIEAs entered into by the Cook Islands, and demonstrates that the Cook Islands has become a leading jurisdiction in the fight against tax evasion. The Cook Islands recently underwent a Phase 2 Peer Review by the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, which resulted in a positive report for the Cook Islands.

## Letter to the Editor

# NZ PM's response on Cook Islands independence clear and firm

Dear Editor.  
NZ PM John Key, interviewed by Radio New Zealand on June 19th, couldn't have been any clearer: "...if the Cook Islands wants UN membership, the constitutional relationship, including the current shared citizenship will need to change".

How Henry Puna could interpret that any differently is difficult to say. So like the rest of you, a few days after PM Puna met John Key (9th June), Members of the Opposition were astounded and appalled by the Ministerial statement made by Albert Nicholas in Parliament on virtually the same subject. In his Ministerial Statement, Albert Nicholas spoke about our sovereignty and independence; those words sounded very much like PM Puna.

I am glad that John Key's statement was so clear and firm. The simple reality many have been trying to point out to PM Puna is that you can't have it both ways: we can be members of the UN but we must be a sovereign nation to do so ... and that would mean changing our relationship with New Zealand. In other words, the UN probably won't recognise us unless we have our own Cook Islands citizenship and Cook Islands passports.

This feels very much like the Aitutaki referendum, which PM

Puna used as a political tool, in which he seemed willing to trade political expediency off against the desires and well-being of our people. Whatever his motivations, whatever he hopes to gain for the Cook Islands (or for himself) he seems willing to sacrifice our close relationship with New Zealand. I understand the UN faces some very important issues, and I do understand how our voice there might help. But let us not forget that New Zealand—with an excellent international reputation, vast resources, and a team of experienced diplomats—is steward of our interests within the UN. In fact, the quality of UN representation we receive from New Zealand is far, far superior to the quality of governance we receive here in the Cook Islands. I personally would rather see full government attention applied to our very serious national issues, and asking New Zealand to take any specific concerns we may have to the UN. I am sure they are happy to do so, following a tradition of many years. That would leave us to try to solve some of the deadly-serious issues here at home.

As much as I respect the position and mana of the Office of the Prime Minister, I think they have to a large extent been eroded by this current administration. We shouldn't be

distancing ourselves from New Zealand; we should instead be getting closer both for economic and security reasons.

Let's be clear: UN membership has the potential to fracture our relationship with New Zealand and to divert our government's already scant and scattered attention from important

problems here at home.

The Prime Minister has failed to detail benefits of any sort that would offset these worrisome costs. Until he is able to do so — and do so to the satisfaction of all — he should simply quit talking about it.

James Beer  
MP Murienua

## Prime Foods lucky winner



Priscilla Kavana was one of 10 lucky winners who won a \$50 voucher from Prime Foods who are promoting the BTIB Night Market for the next 3 years. She collected her prize on Tuesday.

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# Are you eligible for New Zealand Superannuation or Veteran's Pension? Find out below

**From 1 July 2015 eligible people can apply for New Zealand Superannuation or Veteran's Pension from the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau.**

## Are you eligible?

You'll need to:

- be resident in the Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau
- be aged 65 or over
- have lived in New Zealand for at least 10 years after the age of 20 with five of those years since the age of 50.


## How to apply

If you are resident in the Cook Islands and think you might be eligible you will need to complete an application form that you can get from:

- the New Zealand High Commission in Rarotonga
- your outer-island administration official
- or by emailing the New Zealand Ministry of Social Development at [international.services@msd.govt.nz](mailto:international.services@msd.govt.nz)

If you are already 65 years of age, to make sure you do not miss out on any payments you should collect a form before **1 July 2015**.



A photograph of a middle-aged man with dark hair, smiling warmly. He is wearing a white short-sleeved shirt with a yellow and orange floral pattern. He is holding a wooden ukulele. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with green foliage and a blue sky. The text 'KIA ORANA SAY IT LOUD SAY IT PROUD' is overlaid on the right side of the image in large, bold, white letters. The text is arranged in four lines: 'KIA ORANA', 'SAY IT', 'LOUD', 'SAY IT', 'PROUD'.

# KIA ORANA SAY IT LOUD SAY IT PROUD

People travel here from all over the world to experience the real Cook Islands and Cook Islanders proudly welcome all guests to their island home. Visitors may come for the warmth of our sun, but they remember the warmth of our people forever. So don't just say hello. Show your mana. Say 'Kia Orana'.

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# Miss Cook Islands

Pageant Association

*Kia orana e te iti tangata  
Kuki Airani*

*The Official  
Miss Cook Islands Pageant will  
be held in September, continuing  
the legacy  
of the last 36 years.  
Miss Cook Islands Pageant  
Association invites all potential  
contestants to a briefing  
of this years Miss Cook Islands  
Pageant.*

**Date:** Tuesday 30th June 2015.

**Venue:** Club Raro.

**Time:** 6:00pm.

*Miss Cook Islands 2015 will go  
on to represent our country at the  
Miss Pacific Islands Pageant  
2015 to be held right here on  
Rarotonga.*

*Kia Orana e Kia Manuia.*



Krystina Kauvai  
Miss Cook Islands 2006-09  
Miss South Pacific 2006



Engara Gosselin  
Miss Cook Islands 2009-12  
1st Runner Up Miss South  
Pacific 2009



Teuira Napa  
Reigning Miss Cook Islands 2012-15  
Miss South Pacific 2013



Who will be Crowned the 2015 Miss Cook Islands?

# Official Miss Cook Islands Pageant set for September

If you have ever thought about improving your confidence and learning about health and beauty from the professionals, then the Miss Cook Islands Pageant Association (MCIPA) is willing to help you achieve these goals. Sign up for the Miss Cook Islands Pageant and join the hundreds of confident, beautiful and empowered women who have experienced the Miss Cook Islands Pageant. Who better to mentor and teach you

than winners of this and other pageants from past years

Miss Cook Islands 1979 Ellena Tavioni, Miss South Pacific 1999 Liana Scott, along with Miss Cook Islands 2009 Engara Gosselin, and the reigning Miss Cook Islands Teuira Napa have united in their support for the official Miss Cook Islands Pageant.

The official Miss Cook Islands Pageant has been set for early September and MCIPA is gearing up for this. The pageant will celebrate the last 36 years

of Miss Cook Islands and the crowning achievements of that legacy. Miss Cook Islands Teuira Napa is making a personal call for contestants to join the pageant to choose her successor who will represent the country at Miss Pacific Islands to be held right here in the Cook Islands later this year. As previously announced MCIPA was successful in its bid back in 2014 to the board of the Miss Pacific Islands, to host their pageant here in the Cook Islands in December 2015.

MCIPA have made this call for those who see potential in themselves or in others to contact the MCIPA Executive to register for the pageant. A briefing will be held on Tuesday 30th of June at 6pm at Club Raro for those who have registered and those who may be interested. Registration forms are available from Ellena Tavioni at TAV in Avarua.

*Kia Manuia,  
Miss Cook Islands Pageant  
Association*

## Struggling to hold the tent up

*By Haley McNabb*

I'm at the point in my life where I'm just finding everything so boring. The same thing happens everyday during the week. I wake up, go to school, come home, eat, and do what I need to do like chores, homework, dance practice then sleep.

However the weekends do interest me a little bit as I have work, and my friend Ananya always stays over keeping my Nana and I company. I was even struggling to write a story for this week. But since this is one of my contributions to help running the family business, I guess I could figure something out.

On Saturday I head down to the market at 6 in the morning as usual to start setting up our stall. At around 8:30am I then go to the Gift Shop and help set the shop up ready for it to open for the customers. After that I go back to the market to help the others girls as it is busier down there than at the shop.

Anyway while we are working down there, the thing that really annoys me is the weather. One minute it's raining the other it's sunny, it just never makes up its mind. This means we have to end up moving some of the tables inside the tent so the items don't get wet and it makes it all cramped and crowded because people don't have enough space to walk around at the things under the tent. And with the tables still left outside we have to cover them with tarpaulins. But it makes us get so frustrated because once we have finished doing all of this, the weather to stop raining and bring the sun out again.

Also on top of that, because of the strong, ghastly winds that were going on, on Saturday it blew down one of our tent legs out of its holder while one of the other legs completely snapped from the top part. So a few of us were stuck there struggling to hold the tent up before it fully fell on to the ground during which our stall just happened to pack up with people, which we weren't sure if they were really there to look at what we had or what was going on with the tent.

About 10-15 minutes later we finally got it fixed and back up due to the help of some customers that knew what they were doing.

Well that was pretty much my day, once I finished work I just go back home and sleep. Then when I wake up go to the movies and hang out with friends till I have to go home and get bored then go back to sleep. Nothing exciting really happened.

## Government failing to ease tax burden

Finance Minister Mark Brown's recent announcement of cuts to income tax for the lower paid will do very little to ease their burden.

It is hypocritical of the Minister to claim the burden is being eased when at the same time, and with sleight of hand, smoke and mirrors, he imposes a withholding tax on people's bank accounts to tax the interest they earn. Talk about introducing a club to hit a mosquito.

The plain truth is the Minister is speaking to us Indians, as the term in cowboy movies goes, "with a forked tongue." He has been forced to drop the income tax rate or lose credibility because the tax take is too high. According to MFEM's figures in the latest Budget document, the current income tax take exceeds government's benchmark of income tax not exceeding 25% of GDP. The tax take sits at 27% and has been sitting at this figure for the past two years.

Government has rigorously and proudly complied with its other Financial Responsibility Ratios (FRRs) in relation to debt servicing, overseas loans and operating costs. This is most pleasing to that group of former colonial masters now known as the donor countries. But in the area of income tax government has failed to comply, hence with some embarrassment, the Minister has been forced to make cuts to income tax rates.

In order to gain some curry with the lower paid, the Minister has cleverly dished out a plate of nonsense suggesting that the lower paid need this tax cut. Of course they do but it came with strings attached. The withholding tax.

This Minister will go down in history as the most tax obsessed Minister of Finance we have had because he is devoid of any innovative ideas to wean our small country off income tax altogether. To ensure he does not stick out, he has surrounded himself with financial advisors who are scared stiff to think outside the box and who possess few clues about how to stimulate the economy.

# The coming of the Missionaries – What price a silk purse (lore) for a sow's ear (law)?

*Part 2**by Te Tuhi Kelly*

It was only a matter of time before the whole house of cards on which the Ui Ariki based their power and influence was to come tumbling down. Whilst the traditional leaders were strutting around the place, at the same time the number of Iti Tangata who were slowly but surely rebelling against the authority of the traditional leaders was growing. One has to see it from their point of view. For centuries they and their families had been at the beck and call of their traditional leaders who had literal life or death over them. In situations such as this there are bound to be grievances harboured by iti tangata over tribute (atinga) they had to make, labour they had to provide and decisions against them that they were powerless to prevent. The coming of the missionaries provided an avenue for them to move away from under the yoke of their traditional leaders. Christianity gave them access to a world that they would not have been able to access. Education for their children, new ideas, tools, travel and this created the means and the ability for them to make informed choices for themselves and their iti tangata. Christianity for some was seen as the way to secure a future for their families by using Christianity as the vehicle to get them off the bottom of the social ladder. Christianity created two divergent schools of thought, one in which they would commit themselves and their families to the worship and fellowship of the one true God. The other school used Christianity as a means to get themselves away from the influence of not only their traditional leaders but also family and friends who had converted. Once away and usually this was overseas, they gradually moved away from their Christian faith as the generations came and went. To this day many of those descendants are not of the faith but they still have spiritual beliefs.

The New Zealand influence in the 1890's through the British resident a New Zealander, Frederick Moss, was at first beneficial as he strived to work with Ariki to negate the missionary influence at a time when Ariki and missionary influence was at an all time low. Moss had experience of the NZ Maori situation and was keen to ensure that Ariki had some control over their destiny. Unfortunately Moss was replaced and in came the autocratic rule of Colonel Gudgeon who was instrumental in depriving NZ Maori of their lands decades before. With the annexation of the Cook Islands

to New Zealand in 1901, came 50 years of to all intents and purposes, despotic rule in which the Ariki and common folk lost control of their country and their culture and the influence of Ariki was no more than a former shadow of past glory

Much discontent had been simmering below the service since contact with the missionaries and this had not abated when NZ annexed the Cook Islands. This discontent which started bubbling up in the 1940's became a groundswell of major proportions leading to self-government in 1965. This was a time of high expectation, as a new nation able to make our way in the global family of nations; we had the opportunity to be more than the sum of our parts. As history tells us we had a lot of growing up to do. The Cook Islands Party under the leadership of Albert Henry were instrumental in 1965 in putting together a party manifesto that would return the traditional leaders to some semblance of their past glory. The Ariki were sold on the idea of having a 'Royal' house much like Royalty in the UK and this appealed to their overinflated idea about themselves and their place in a modern Cook Islands Society. This was the first election post-independence and the ideology of nationhood was top of the agenda. Striving for your country was the axiom, leave no stone unturned to create the Cook Islands nation, everyone is important and the traditional leaders have a role to play in the birth of a new nation. The reality is that this was smoke and mirrors of the worst kind. History was to show the insidiousness of cronyism, jobs for the boys (and girls if you were lucky), and Cook Islanders in positions of power being promoted to their own levels of incompetence. We had faces in the public financial trough and we had gained a separate social stratum of parliamentary rikiriki, intent on maintaining power, prestige and influence at all costs, Ui Ariki by another name. Actually it hasn't really changed all that much from 50 years ago has it. To all intents and purposes a semi-socialist Marxist approach which eventually ended up in a near bankrupt economy and an exodus of corporate and traditional knowledge out of the Cook Islands and the demise of the Pa Enua as an economic fillip for the nation. What we also didn't realise was that behind the doors of overseas ministerial and official international diplomats they were privately stabbing us in the back. Well why not we were no better

than a banana republic, and do you think anything has changed since those times, probably not.

Legislation in the form of The House of Arikis Bill was the cornerstone of the CIP's renaissance of the Ariki. The Ariki wanted to sit alongside the Government and be a voice of authority for legislative processes and government policy. They were so gullible and naive to think that any sane democracy would entertain the idea of sharing power with a bunch of historical anachronisms. The Ariki did not have the wit, intelligence or warewithal to mount any resistance as 130 years of papa'a contact had isolated and marginalised them from their traditional lore and their place in the new nationhood of the Cook Islands. Initially to gain their support, Albert Henry and others sold the Ariki on the notion of a Royal House of Ariki and as a result the Ariki were seduced into thinking that the Act would return them to some semblance of their rightful place. Most Ariki were not that well educated in the toing and froing of political intrigue and brinkmanship and those who did, were quite openly against Albert Henry and the CIP and tried to thwart him at every turn. Alas it was too little and too late, the rikiriki parliamentarians of the CIP were very shrewd operators and had no intention of returning the Ariki to their past glories. This would have curtailed their own ambitions and any debate reported in the CIP influenced news media were essentially one-sided reporting and a play on words so that it appeared the Ariki were trying to return to the old ways. I submit that the Ariki were not in any position to be returning themselves to past glories. Too much time had passed; Cook Islanders were no longer the subservient subjects they once were. The god-like positions that the Ariki once had or aspired to were now replaced by Christian beliefs and too much water had passed under the bridge for rikiriki to go backwards. However resistance to the Bill came from very notable opposition parliamentarians who were very uneasy about the whole ongoing debate and behind closed doors were very disturbed about what the CIP were doing. Eventually the Ui Ariki were ostracised and to add insult to injury they had lost control of their heritage and their ability to be a part of the decision making processes for the Cook Islands. The Ariki were effectively being shut out of committee meetings, serving

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on Boards, serving on Island Councils and why not, they already had a House of Ariki. One of the main instigators for the demise of the Ariki, Albert Henry was quoted as saying, "it must be realised that the Arikis go on to the House of Ariki, a council itself, but on a higher plane", can you believe this sort of self serving nonsense and political grandstanding? It took a while for the Ariki to realise that they were toothless and powerless in their own country and despite some resistance at first, they had very little stamina or stomach to fight the Government to this very day. Would you if your economic and financial life depended on a handout rather than a handup from the Government and your very lifeblood was so bound up in legislation that you had become relegated to history.

During that 1960's debate over the House of Arikis Bill, Albert Henry made remarks about how the NZ Maori did not have a "Royal Heritage" backbone and had become strangers in their own land. He went on to state that the Cook Islands with their "Royal Heritage" were quite well aligned to other sovereign nations who did have a "Royal Heritage" and he referenced, Great Britain, Tonga and Samoa. If only Albert Henry had been a fly on the wall of the Royal British family he may well have heard remarks about "the aspirations of those savages, to think that they could be like us, perish the thought". Another point is that what Albert Henry failed to realise was that some NZ Maori did have a strong "Royal Heritage" backbone in the form of the kingitanga of Tainui. It also had a strong heritage in Te Heuheu, paramount chief of Ngati Tuwharetoa of Taupo as well as many other paramount chiefs of Aotearoa. He also failed to do his homework in another important area and that was the missionaries only managed to gain a toe hold presence in NZ. The missionaries soon came to realise that without tikanga Maori traditional lore as a parallel and complimentary mechanism to Christianity, they

were on a hiding to nothing. So Maori did welcome Christianity into their lives but not at the cost of their tikanga, unlike the Cook Islands. NZ Maori have a saying that the missionaries brought the bible to Aotearoa and preached that we should "look to God in heaven for forgiveness" for our sins. While we were looking to the heavens for forgiveness, they stole or tried to steal all the land right out from under us. Hence NZ Maori jealously guard and protect their tikanga, their reo and the role of their traditional leaders despite Christian influences and despite decades of anti-Maori sentiment from the NZ Government and the pakeha NZ population. I think history will say that ignorance of the true relationship that NZ Maori had with the NZ Government was actually about rhetoric concealing a powder keg under pressure, waiting to explode. Unlike the Cook Islands, the boot is firmly on the other foot now for NZ Maori in terms of controlling their own destiny. Any challenges to NZ Maori traditional lore will be met with resistance in the highest courts of the land and failing this massive civil disobedience. Can the Cook Islanders say that they would do the same? I think not.

Further insult was added by the Henry led Government with the passing of the Koutu Nui amendment to the House of Arikis Act in 1972. Effectively this Act gave the lesser traditional leaders the right by law and not lore to their own House and in effect displacing the mana of the Ui Ariki rather than complementing them and this went further towards destabilising the Mana Ui Ariki. It also infuriated the Ui Ariki and if you can imagine a situation in which an older brother and a younger brother are set against each other. The Government treats with either if the Government cannot get its way with one of the brothers. It goes to the tuakana to get a favourable response and when that is not forthcoming goes to the teina to undermine the tuakana. The two brothers do not

have the political savvy or bigger picture scenario and thus are easily swayed or dissuaded by the Government's calling. It also sets in motion that outwardly to all intents and purposes, the two houses are united, but inside the two houses is a different story going on. This is how you undermine and negate the influence of someone who won't follow your wishes or won't do as you instruct, or won't follow your lead, especially if you have them tied up by legislating away their fundamental rights under traditional lore. Worse if you are being legislated to gain your support and doubly worse if you cannot see the sham for what it was. What do you do if you are Ui Ariki and you're between a rock and a hard place? The challenge is that over 130 years of talking and taking the wrong options has got the traditional leaders nowhere. Governments have come and gone, encouraging noises have been made, traditional leaders have been promised that their concerns will be agended and the end result is more of the same: Nothing.

In 2008 NZ Maori sovereignty campaigner Bruce Ruatapu Mita had led a movement by Ui Ariki to revert Cook Islands law back to traditional lore. This movement quickly petered out and whilst in principal the idea had merit, to my mind it failed for a number of compelling reasons:

- The Ui Ariki were divided
- They did not have the stomach for a protracted stoush with Government
- Too much overview and not enough detail
- Modern Cook Islanders were not ready and would resist ushering in such a move
- The Ui Ariki 's mature ages would eventually be a factor that would hinder any progress
- No thought as to strategic placement of tradionalists in Government or private business roles
- Private businesses would resist
- No thought as to how to prevent private money

flowing out of the country in the event of a law change,

The Governments trump card was the House of Arikis Act and more importantly, as long as the Government could beat up on the Ui Ariki through the House of Arikis Act, they've got the traditional leaders right where they want them. Ineffective, ineffectual and chasing a pipe dream, relegated to swapping stories and reminiscing about the past. Then the biggest akama and shame of it all was Ui Ariki apologising to the Government of the day for their part in the sovereignty movement. Then discussing their dirty laundry in the news media about stripping Ariki titles of sovereignty supporters and other inane suggestions all driven by the Government and the traditional leaders' fear of the House of Arikis Act. Wow and this says a lot about how they had lost their way and did not have the fortitude to stand up for their traditional and ancestral rights and more importantly what they really believed in, mana or money? Reinforcing that they had no control over their destiny, thus condemning traditional lore to the scrap heap of history. Letters to the editor of the time, supported the traditional leaders' initial stand, but swiftly voiced their disappointment at their capitulation. By this very capitulation, they had given away a silk purse for a sow's ear. A reality check people, 'money or the bag' and it seems money won out in the end.

As Maori we have a lot of sayings and for those who are patient, there is this saying, "what goes round comes round", and whilst the Ariki are a shadow of their formal selves, they are still around and brought out for ceremonial purposes of a bygone era. For Albert Henry it was a sad day for the so called father of the nation as within a decade he was to be removed from parliament on corruption charges and stripped of his knighthood by the same law he used to promise, confound and deny the Ariki. Fitting some would say.

# Te Vaka

By Tiana Haxton

On Tuesday the 9th of June, most of the Mitiaro island community gathered at the harbour. Just outside the reef were two of the famous traditional voyaging canoes. Vaka... The MARUMARU ATUA of the Cook Islands and the MATAU A MAUI from New Zealand.

The island community set up tables laden with food while the students practised their singing -imene, dancing-aitamu and chanting-pee.

Meanwhile, a flat bottomed barge was lowered by the excavator into the harbour waters. The boat was then taken outside the reef, to the side of the Vaka's on order for the crew members to climb over board and be taken on shore. Only half the crew members made this journey, the other half had to stay on board to control the Vaka's. A turou, a traditional welcome was carried out along with the beautiful haunting of the blown conch shell. Palm fronds, kikau was laid out across the path leaving the harbour and lit. Smoke filled the air as the Vaka crewmen were called closer and closer to the burning kikau. Once the flames died down leaving just ash and smoke, they were called to walk over. This Maori Tradition is to simply get rid of foreign insects that may cause harm to the Mitiaro environment.

After a prayer, song and speeches, the men from the Vaka presented a ferocious New Zealand Maori Haka before a few of them also gave speeches.

Following this, they were invited up to the table to eat. Meanwhile, the school girls had disappeared to the toilet block to wrap on pareus and titi, a titi is the beautiful costume part that wraps around the hips, enhancing the ancient Cook Islands dance. While our guests were eating, we came out to begin entertaining everyone with dance and song. Not long after the feast, the crew members were taken on a Tiki tour round Mitiaro. While they were away, the islanders ate. When the Tiki tourists returned, they were taken back to the Vaka and the other crew members who had stayed to take care of the beautiful boats were brought ashore.

They also thoroughly enjoyed the island. Some were over heard to comment, 'I wish we could stay longer.'

I managed to talk with one of the crew members of the Vaka, Sam Napa. He says, "It's great out there, it's an amazing experience," he also mentions how on the Matau A Maui, the New Zealand Vessel, "The youngest is 13 and the eldest is a round 19, they are all learning how to navigate."

As the sun went down, flaming colours streaking the sky, the crew members began to get back inside small barge to be taken back to the Vaka. I decided to get inside the boat along with a few other school students as we really wanted to see the Vaka's up close.

It was my first time venturing outside the reef and as we neared the giants voyaging canoes I started snapping photos of the silhouettes in the sunset. It was amazing getting up close to the canoes. I'll remember this experience for my whole life.

# Bereavement Notice



## Akekaro Kairae Chapman Maruariki (Tiatoa Mataiapo and Taratoa Kavana)

It is with deep sadness we inform our family and friends of the passing of Akekaro Kairae Chapman Maruariki (Tiatoa Mataiapo and Taratoa Kavana) on 22 June 2015 in Auckland New Zealand.

Ake was born on 6 October 1941 to Kairae Papa and Mata Metuaiti Ngapoko Kairae of Para'i Mauke.

Her body will be returned to Rarotonga on Friday 26 June.

A requiem mass will be held at the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Avarua at 6pm on the same day. Her body will rest at her daughter's residence in Betela overnight and will be flown to Mauke at 6am on Saturday 27th June.

Ake will be buried amongst her forebears at Araki, Mauke.

For further information, please call these numbers

Ph 26608 Brian Mason

Ph 55877 Jean Mason

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## Akekaro Kairae Chapman Maruariki

Tei mou ana I nga taonga ko Tiatoa Mataiapo e Taratoa Kavana.

E tamaine aia na Kairae Papa e Mata Metuaiti Ngapoko Kairae o Para'i, Mauke. Kua anau ia aia i te ra 6 o Okotopa 1941, e kua takake atu ia i te ra 22 o Tiunu 2015 i Akarana, Nuti Reni.

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Ite ora 6 i te popongi Maana ka akaoki ia atu tona kopapa ki tona ngai Kapuaanga, ko Mauke, e ka tanu ia aia ki Araki te ngai akangaro'i anga o tona au tupuna. Taniuniu mai i teia nga numero kia kite koe i te au akateretereanga o tona tanuanga:

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# How to live with integrity

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

In Part 1 I noted that there are people around us who are always watching how we behave, to see what kind of a person we are especially when we are Christians or believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. In I Peter 2v.12 it reads "People who do not believe are living all around you. Live such good lives that they will see the good things you do and will give glory to God." People watch to see if we have integrity - meaning Honesty, Truthfulness, Reliability. Peter says that there are 3 things that test our INTEGRITY:

- (1) TEMPTATION,
- (2) AUTHORITY,
- (3) SUFFERING.

How we respond to these 3 things will determine whether we are good witnesses for God or not, and whether we have integrity or not. The main Bible reading is I Peter 2v.11-25. In this passage Peter is saying, in living with INTEGRITY we need to do 3 things:

- 1) Stay away from TEMPTATION;
- 2) Show respect for those in AUTHORITY and;
- 3) Seek God in our SUFFERING.

## 1). STAY AWAY FROM TEMPTATION

As Born Again Christians we are free. We can't lose our salvation. But we shouldn't use that as an excuse to sin. Because integrity demands that we don't do what is not right in the sight of God. In I Peter 2v.15 it reads "It is God's will that your good lives silence those who foolishly condemn the Gospel without knowing what it can do for them, having never experienced its power." God's will for our life is that we live with integrity, that our

life matches what we say we believe.

## 2). SUBMIT TO THOSE IN AUTHORITY FOR THE LORD'S SAKE

Our integrity is tested on how we respond to authority -- people in government, our boss, spiritual authorities like Pastors, and so on. v.14 in our reading reads "For the Lord's sake yield to the people who have authority in this world..." Those in authority are ordained by God. What if the Government tells me to disobey God? Obviously your first allegiance is to God. Submission sometimes means being willing to suffer the penalty for doing the right thing. If there's a law that says "Do this" and you know it's wrong, God says it's wrong.

If you don't obey that law, submission means at that point 'being willing to suffer for doing the right thing'. Your Boss at work is in a place of authority over you. The Bible says that you are to submit and respect your employer (boss). "But you don't know my boss!" Doesn't matter, v.18 reads "Be good servants to your masters -- not only to good masters, but also to bad ones." How's your attitude at work? Does it show your integrity? Do you quietly and gently just accept things that happen or do you complain like everybody else?

## 3). INTEGRITY IN SUFFERING

The greatest test of all will be our response to Suffering. Nothing reveals our character quicker than problems and pain. That is one of the reasons why God allows it. When you go through suffering it really reveals what you are like. People are like tea bags; you don't know what they're like inside until you put them in hot water. We will always have problems. Fortunately,

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God gave us a model of how to handle that Suffering with Integrity. v.21 reads "This is the kind of life you've been invited to, the kind of life Christ lived. He suffered everything that came His way so you would know that it could be done, and also how to do it, step by step." Jesus is our model of how to handle suffering, particularly when we're mistreated unjustly.

Remember that people are watching us to see How We Respond to TEMPTATION, to AUTHORITY, and to SUFFERING. Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world...Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and praise your Father who is in heaven." May you have a God blessed week – te Atua te aroa.

# What drama means to me

*By Teherenui Koteka*

What is drama? Is it just reading words off a script? No drama is much more than that. Drama is taking the words and making them jump off the page, drama is making the script come to life. There is a quote in the drama room at Tereora College that reads "drama is life with all the dull bits taken out", I love that quote.

For someone like me, someone who loves drama, drama is where you get to unleash your inner diva. A chance to be whoever you want to be without looking weird or feeling judged.

Before I took drama I did not know whether or not I was keen on it, mainly because I was scared I would not be any good and people would tease me about it. But, when I finally got up the courage to join, I realized I had nothing to be afraid of, for me drama is sanctuary.

Drama is much more than just a class to me. It is a place where I can let loose and be as 'weird' as I want because I am surrounded by a group of people who are there to be just as weird as me.

Drama gives you the opportunity to be more than what you are, in drama not only am I Tehere, I am Leonato from Shakespeare's play *Much Ado About Nothing*, I am Nob from *Too Much Punch For Judy*, I am anyone I want to be.

In drama class I do not have to feel confined by the rules society has put in place, rules that dictate what is 'normal' and what is 'weird'. Through drama I have learnt to discard my fears of not fitting in. Drama has taught me to be who I want to be, and do it not caring what anyone else thinks. Being surrounded by the overwhelming amount of confidence that my class mates have has allowed me to embrace my talent and grow the confidence to apply it out of the drama classroom. On those few occasions where I get the opportunity to apply my dramatic talent out of the drama room, I no longer hold back in fear of feeling judged.

Drama has been a big part of my life over the past couple of years. I would love to say that I was born with this much confidence, I would love to say I could get up in front of an audience three years ago and perform with just as much self-assurance as I do now, but the fact is I can't.

Three years ago I would never have gotten up onto a stage, drama class has made me feel much more confident in myself, and it has made me feel comfortable in my own skin.

If you are interested in taking drama, but feel a little scared or shy, I advise you to remove those negative thoughts from your mind, in drama class you will not find someone who was not in the same position as you at one stage.

# Just Listen

*By Lucianne Vainerere*

**W**e've been studying the defects of war in English. Mainly the war between Vietnam and America where a draft was called over Americans, resulting in freshly out of high school and college students to sacrifice and fight.

There was a lot of dispute about the draft however because of man's vast care for reputation, many left and fought and died. The main effect is the aftermath the soldiers came back with, how everything is muddle up inside of them and their mentality ran wild.

They needed someone other than themselves to talk to and listen. That happens a lot in our community too. There are many who talk, who pretend they understand, but you can't understand if your not listening. It happens to every one of all ages. The children don't listen to parents, teenagers don't listen to parents, parents don't listen to their children, and elders don't listen to youth and vice versa.

We live in a diverse and developed society where our generation was shaped by technology, so most of the time our focus diverts to the small appliances in front of us whether it be our phones or tablets and what not's. We enjoy talking and listening to people who make us forget we have a phone, so the conversation lasts longer and means more. As individuals we get so caught up in our own personal bubble that we forget the people around us need someone to listen to them, even if we're silent afterward and don't have any form of advice, our mere presence is comfort enough.

Sometimes silence can be the best advice. You just need to say things out loud and confess or admit for it to lift off of your shoulders.

It's a small action that requires a lot of will power but it makes them feel better and makes you feel better too. Sometimes it gets tiring listening to others, and giving advice but we all go through a point where we'll need someone to do exactly the same thing. Picture yourself in their shoes, mentally and emotionally affected and everything inside of you is waiting to explode. But you have no one. It starts to get worse.

Even though by nature we are selfishly individualistic it doesn't hurt to just sit down for a while and just listen to what people need to say.

It a simple action of peace and kindness and that's something many of us have trouble with. It's a test of patience and friendship and how much you can care for someone in order to be there for them.

It can take you a very long way just by a simple action. I've seen it happen in a great way and I've seen it fall apart but it all ends with you and what you decide to do when it comes down to something like listening.

Think of as music, their words are lyrics and you're helping them with find a melody.

Who's been a naughty boy then? Seems MFEM's DCD lost \$100,000 of EU's \$1.1million funding provided for the WATSAN project when one of five criteria was not met! MFEM was in danger of losing another \$100,000 when the PM and Brown Marks flew to Suva to plead with the EU Ambassador! And what's the whisper that DCD wanted to use the EU folding stuff to top up salaries? Oh dear!



Whisper is come next year flight times to the north will be seriously reduced chooks and thanks to a speedy set of wings. A new bird will fly up and back without the need to fill its belly! Whether hangers on will need deep pockets remains to be seen. The jungle tom toms tell Big Red it will be a red carpet ride! Or is that a magic carpet?

Seems junior did not want a big fuss over his touch down this week but a proud big papa insisted on a fuss being made. The big red rigs put on a watery spray across the wings as junior taxied in. Junior is the first Cookie to wing in a big jet from Kiwiland.

Something is not right chooks with the Budget figures for Tourism Corp! Seems the figures are several millions of dollars out! Who was supposed to proof read the document to ensure its accuracy? Good question!

What a shambles our House of silly talks is in, the live radio broadcast of the nation's business is barely audible because of a faulty air conditioner. Here is the show boat CIP government with their \$200 million budget but they can't get the air conditioning fixed. Sympathy for the Clerk John Tangi who had to do

all the translating because there was no money to hire others. After eight years on the job with no pay rise for that whole time the communications engineer has left and getting an extra \$2 an hour doing unskilled manual work elsewhere. On top of their money problems mummy Speaker is running the sittings like it was a primary school class. Rattle spends too much time listening to her own opinionated voice as well as trying to protect Elvis, when is she going to understand referees are impartial, let's hope the next government gives her the biff as their first business in the House, what prompted the 74 vote Elvis to give her the job in the first place? Her family's votes in Manihiki?

Elvis got tossed off when he announced the huge Aitutaki contingent coming to Rarotonga would be by sea on a charter from Samoa. He was immediately informed if their passage wasn't by Air Raro then they wouldn't be coming end of story! Short Smiffy has been a sponsor of so much related to Aitutaki and he deserves to be supported in return. The Mangaianians have cottoned on and are expecting exactly the same, by air or not at all! If is good enough for Elvis

to charter \$25,000 flights to Manihiki at his whim and fancy they why not them?

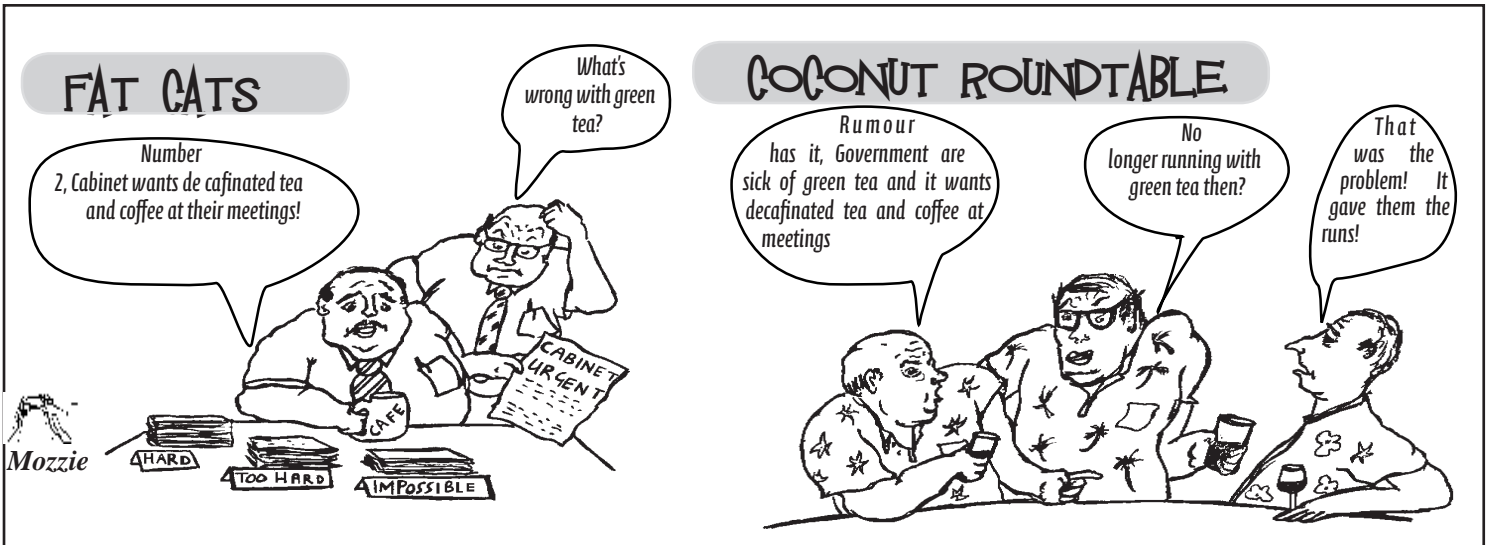
After 50 years of self flagellation and self abuse Parliament is a comical farce, Speaker Nicki Rattler has politicised her honourable position by patronising the CIP government, what a disgrace, her dictatorial abuse of her powers by canning any debate on the budget is nothing short of pandering to the corrupt CIP government. Under questioning and probing discussion on the budget would of unearthed a can of mutant worms.

What a hopeless lot the dithering Demos are without the swashbuckling tongue slashing Jimmy Larger. Rejected for any leadership position by their Party conference dominated by the manipulative power greedy hello Drolley, Larger was the stand out performer in the House and the only Demo who knows the complex mechanics of the House of silly talks. Take Larger out of the equation and what does that leave the Demo? Rassic had it right; they are left with two men, very similar in stature and ideology leading the party

blindly and blandly. Some Ministers were not happy some of their preferred HOMs have failed to make the short lists, so the politically appointed Public Service Commissioner Rus Tomas was told to go and add more names to his two people short lists making sure the favourites were included, so it looks like Sunny suck up Willy will get to be retained at the Ministry of Culture as Bulldozer Heta's lackey.

What's wrong with our Health Ministry? According to many old timers, in the old days, the Health people would spray the whole island twice a year. Now the Health people wait for an outbreak of infection then ask householders to clog the hospital system and pay \$35 to have their property sprayed. How stupid is this? What property does a tourist staying in a hotel pay for? The infection is island wide affecting locals as well as visitors so spray the whole goddamn island! Wake up you lot! Get back to basics!

How come, with all the millions our Tourism Corp spends on marketing in the USA, we never see any Hollywood film stars on holiday here when we have a direct flight from LA? Something's wrong with our marketing strategy. Look, get smart will you and start targeting some influential film stars. Why not pay some A List stars to come here for a holiday! That's got to be cheaper than blowing millions of our dollars on a stupid, useless campaign. Get Kim and Kayne, Brad and Angie and the kids, Taylor Swift, Bey and Jay Z, and why not? Get on your horse holmes!



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Request for Tender for the Construction of an Audio-Visual Room for the Ministry of Cultural Development

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Tender documents and plans can be obtained from the Development Coordination Division, MFEM, Level 3, Cook Islands Government Building, Avarua or downloaded from the Cook Islands Government Procurement website: <http://procurement.gov.ck> Tender documents are also available from the Tender Manager.

For any enquiries please contact: Tender Manager, Mr Boyd Ellison

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Phone: +682 22226 or mobile +682 54221.  
Tenders Close: 3pm Thursday 9 July, 2015



## MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT

Request for Tender for the Supply of Emergency Safety Equipment for the Ministry of Marine Resources

The Development Co-ordination Division (DCD) of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MFEM) and Ministry of Marine Resources seek suitably qualified groups or companies to submit a tender for the supply of emergency safety equipment. The request for tender requires that the equipment be sourced and supplied to the Ministry of Marine Resources office in Rarotonga.

Tender documents can be obtained from the Development Coordination Division, MFEM, Level 3, Cook Islands Government Building, Takuvaine Valley Road, Avarua or downloaded from the Cook Islands Government Procurement website: <http://procurement.gov.ck> Tender documents are also available from the Tender Manager.

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**Notice to all Foreign Enterprises  
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Business Trade Investment Board

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2. Tauu, Karo, Nga and Vaine Tua Lost to Nelson Akava, Adoni, Tokoa and Vaine Henry (9 -17 )

3. Alex Kairua, Ringo Star, Noo and Papatua lost to G Paniani, Lawrence, Taiki and Tangi( 8 – 17 )

4. P. Urlich, Nga, Allan and Patrick lost to P. Tangi, P.Totoo, Joe Akaruru and Vou Ioana Ina Tou (7.15 )PNG Reps.

5. Ben Mose, Vavaka, Ioane Ina Tou and Noo defeated Ra, A.Turua, Tere Daniels and Tukai (13-0)

WOMEN Round 2.

1. Anna Kairua, Everlyn Henry, Kathy Mataio and Tata lost to Pipirangi, Nooroa, Mii and Vaine ( 14-17)

2. Dorothy, Mareta, Tangi and Puni defeated Tamoe, Nono, Barbara and Apii Urlich (12-9)

3. Irene, Porea, Linda Vavia and Tai Tangi (PNG Reps) drew Tai Tou, Maderine, Lucy and Mou ( 11-11 )

4. Linda Tera, Ngametua Tera, Te Iva Tera and Matini lost to Puna Teariki, Tamait, Mellisa and Rufina ( 14-17 )

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## FOOTBALL UPDATE

# NZF appoints new President

*New Zealand Football appointed member of the New Zealand Order of Merit Deryck Shaw to the role of President during its Annual Congress in Auckland on Friday.*

**A** former WaiBOP board member, Shaw has sat on the NZF executive committee since being elected in December 2014 and has a professional background in economic development, market research, business development and resource management, with over 30 years of experience in consultancy.

Shaw complements his professional success with a lengthy background in football which includes seven years as chairman of Rotorua United AFC and years of coaching and refereeing at junior level.

"I am honoured and privileged to be given the opportunity to become President of New Zealand Football at such an

exciting time and look forward to working with my Executive Committee colleagues, management, federations and all those involved in football in repositioning our sport in New Zealand," the newly-elected Shaw said.

New members of the NZF Executive Committee are Caroline Beaumont and Scott Moran, who join existing members Mark Aspden, Philip Barry, Paul Cochrane, Suzanne Griffin and vice-president Michael Anderson.

In addition, the Congress approved the election of Garth Galloway as the new Honorary President.

OFC President David Chung says Shaw's appointment spells good things for the

governing body of football in New Zealand.

"Deryck has been a long time servant to the community and the work he started in Rotorua has continued at a national level following his appointment to the NZF executive committee in 2014," Chung says.

"The OFC Executive Committee is looking forward to working closely with Deryck and the newly-formed NZF Executive Committee to further develop the beautiful game both in New Zealand and around the region."

Outgoing NZF President Mark Aspden said 2014 was a progressive one for with the national body's adoption of a new regulatory framework

a key development, while continued investment in personnel and infrastructure provided a further boost to the game.

"Our new statutes deliver a more representative approach to our governance with an appropriate contribution from a wider range of stakeholders who speak for the entire football community in this country," he said.

"Additions to the organisational structure increased our ability to deliver on our planned activity and from this position of developing structural strength we can continue to move forward in our efforts to reposition football in New Zealand."

# Krishna tipped to lead

**F**iji wonder boy Roy Krishna has been tipped to lead country against club when the Wellington Phoenix take on Fiji in the inaugural Fiji Airways pre-season tour later this month.

The tour will see the A-League club take on the Fiji national team, while the Phoenix Premiers will face the Fiji U-23 side which is gearing up for next month's OFC Olympic Qualifiers.

The matches will be played across two venues, kicking off on Saturday 27 June in Suva before the teams travel to Ba on Tuesday 30 June.

Fiji coach Carlos Buzzetti says he's pleased Krishna has chosen to join the national team as they take on the region's only professional club.

"He has opted to play for his country first and I've very happy he will be playing for our national team against his own club team,"

Buzzetti says.

For the Labasa-native, the tour provides a good chance for Fiji to spend some time together with the FIFA World Cup qualifiers just around the corner.

"Hopefully the boys are looking forward to the game because it's a big opportunity for them as well to prove to coaches that they can play at international level, and hopefully some of them can get a contract," Krishna says.

Buzzetti has named a side with experience, with the majority of his senior side already having several international caps.

"Most of the players have played together in our last Olympic team and it's not difficult training them together," Buzzetti says.

"I'm really happy with the players' fitness levels and enthusiasm in representing



Roy Krishna will be key for Fiji when they take on the Wellington Phoenix. Credit: OFC via Phototek

the country against a team like Wellington Phoenix. We have a 21-member squad currently in camp and preparing well for the fixtures.

"With the inclusion of our wonder boy Roy Krishna the morale of the players has really been boosted."