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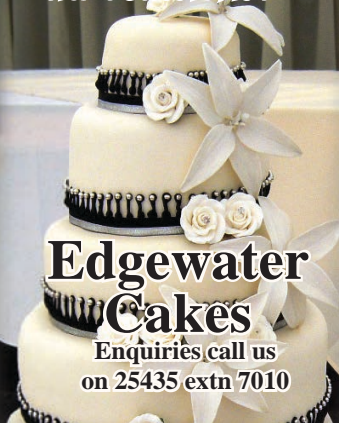
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CI News smear campaign malicious and defamatory say Soccer supporters

Friends and supporters of long time Cook Islands Football Association's (CIFA) President Lee Harmon are livid at the recent CI News character smear and sensational reporting amounting to speculative innuendo. Harmon's personal planting business has nothing to do with his role as the President of CIFA one supporter claimed, the recent bribery scandal that ripped open the heart of Soccer's global empire FIFA had no link to CIFA or Harmon yet the CI News inferred CIFA was under investigation.

Unlike the majority of sporting codes CIFA's financial accounts are audited and forwarded to Oceania and FIFA Head Office annually. Regular visits are made by representatives of FIFA and OFC to monitor the development of the sport in the Cook Islands. CIFA has impressed those that have visited resulting in CIFA's their track record being the catalyst for more development funding.

Among the Oceania member Conferences the Cook Islands has been highly commended for their good governance and compliance with the rules and regulations. Unlike some of the other regional Conferences, CIFA has not suffered the embarrassment of any financial scandal or inappropriate behaviour at any level of its administration.

Late last year Harmon stated, "There is no room for misadventure in our regional structures, accountability is a priority, offenders get admonished with the higher ranked very severely."

It is estimated CIFA has received substantial funding (in the

millions) for its administration and development of the code including infrastructure. One admin staff member said FIFA doesn't just hand out money for nothing in return, it has to be justified and bid for, all the boxes have to be ticked, "Our track record speaks for itself, our development project proposals are subjected to detailed scrutiny that's why there is the impression CIFA is getting more than our fare share."

Comments by an Executive member were scathing of the

Holmes into the personal business of indigenous Cook Islanders who are contributing not parasiting."

While there are real cases of corruption ramped in government and political abuses of power the CI News has adopted a silence is yellow position but is readily and willingly condemning of vulnerable private sector locals like Harmon who don't spend tax payer's money. If the CI News is genuine about getting to the bottom of private sector corruption then take on CITC

Thanks to Harmon his networking skills has had numerous benefits for Soccer in the Cook Islands and not just Rarotonga, Harmon's ability to build relationships with the elite of FIFA at the global and regional strata's has seen the Cook Islands find favour at the highest levels.

CI News saying Soccer was the only code who had to pay to have their news published unlike other codes who got theirs for free. The current attack on Harmon is retribution for CIFA refusing to pay for media reports like before.

"If CI News linked Phil Evans wants to spend his retirement indulging in grubby muck raking then he could literally pig out at the CIP government's smorgasbord of corruption 24/7 instead of playing Sherlock

and Trevor Clarke about the unresolved Cola gate issues.

CI News shareholder Phil Evans, made comment in his letter on Saturday 4 July, that he requested for the FIFA bonus story to be published six months ago when he first knew of it, why did the story take six months to come out?

"The ranking side issue raised by Evans has nothing to do with how much funding CIFA receive but everything to do with the number of games played



CIFA President Lee Harmon by the national team. Travel to tournaments is costly and recent tournaments have been attended by youth and women's teams. The emphasis at the moment is on developing the women's divisions and technical capacity."

Lawyer Norman George is an official of FIFA's judiciary committee that requires him to travel overseas for meetings and officiate up to five times a year usually in Europe.

CIFA's trained referees have attended and officiated at top OFC and FIFA tournaments. Tupu Patia for example has officiated at international tournaments with Patia the sole Pacific Island State represented at the Women's World Cup in Canada which ended on Sunday with USA triumphing over Japan 5-2..

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MCIPA to host Miss Pacific Islands Pageant 2015

The Miss Pacific Islands pageant franchise for the Cook Islands is under the charter of the Miss Cook Islands Pageant Association, under the presidency of Cleo Marsters. This is confirmed in a letter addressed to the Cook Islands Government from the Board Chairman of the Miss Pacific Islands Pageant Incorporated. A letter drafted by the Secretariat as a Board directive from the Miss Pacific Islands Board. The letter also states that the decision was made based on MCIPA being "the Association that had represented the Cook Islands over the past years without fail".

In a statement from MCIPA, President Cleo Marsters says "It has been difficult to stand by silently and wait for our official confirmation while the public continued to be misinformed and confused, we always knew our position was a strong one and are so happy that the Miss Pacific Islands has acknowledged our years of dedication to the Miss South Pacific and Miss Pacific Islands pageants and stood by us. We look forward to hosting a pageant of humility and integrity that will celebrate the legacy of the Miss Pacific crown this December".

He went on to say, "The official Miss Cook Islands

Pageant in September will celebrate the legacy of the Miss Cook Islands crown and the reign of our current Miss Cook Islands Teuira Napa, who has served as a diligent and graceful ambassador for our people throughout the past three years, as she hands over her crown to the next Miss Cook Islands who we can say with full confidence will represent us at the Miss Pacific Islands. To host the Miss Pacific Islands is an honour and a great opportunity to showcase the Cook Islands especially during our special year – our 50th celebrations"

In regards to the Miss Cook Islands pageant, MCIPA have held pageant briefings in both

Aitutaki and Rarotonga and can confirm seven girls are registered to the Miss Cook Islands pageant in September and three still deciding. "We are delighted that we have had so many beautiful young women come forward wanting to participate, some shy, some confident but all amazing" says former Miss Cook Islands and current MCIPA Secretary, Engara Gosselin. Registrations will close at 4pm on Thursday 9 July in preparation for the first official event to be held on the Wednesday 22 July. All girls aged 18-26 are welcome to register. For enquiries or to register please contact Engara Gosselin Ph:72 935.

To a large extent it has been Harmon and a small group of passionate officials, the majority being volunteers who have patiently slogged away building the structures, infrastructures and technical capacity of the players and coaches that others take for granted and will benefit for years ahead even if he (Harmon) is not around.

CIFA adds value to the economy through their annual FIFA funding plus the grants for infrastructure projects that are contracted to local businesses.

The one sided front page headline retribution story penned by CI News reporter Rashneel Kuma about Harmon's imported Fiji Indian plantation worker was obviously dumped on him to smear and indoctrinate integrity doubt about the CIFA President. The accusations were unsubstantiated and defamatory at the high end, a matter friends suggest Harmon ought to get legal advice on.

Concerning the so called Police complaint and list of acts of mistreatment against Kumar's Fijian Indian friend 24 year old Ashwindra Prasad that was just another shoddy attempt of name and shame journalism characteristic of the

CI News who haven't got the independent courage to deal the same hand to our corrupt politicians and government officials. Incidentally Harmon has been formally cleared of any wrong doing by the Police.

Prasad is just another ungrateful Indian who given the opportunity of a life time has failed to live up to all his promises, a sorry trait many Cook Island employers have disappointedly experienced. Foreign workers don't come cheap, they are in fact more expensive than locals, but because local labourers are in short supply and want \$12 an hour to do plantation work Farmers are literally forced to import labourers.

Details of Harmon's employment contract with his employee are none of anyone else's business stated a friend, "the CI News should know better than to publish a sensationalised one dimension attack upon an individual as if the allegations were factual."

"What is more factual than fiction is very few Fijian Indians get their employment contracts extended, most employers find them demanding, problematic and high maintenance."

- George Pitt



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70 workers retirement benefits in jeopardy - DPM Teariki Heather's company owes CINSF over quarter million dollars

Before he continues to harbour any more self indulgent aspirations he should be the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands. Teariki Heather needs to polish up on his personal affairs that leave a lot to be desired. If he had any sense of self respect he should resign from being the Deputy Prime Minister and put his own house in order. Heather has obligations and responsibilities his company T&M Heather Ltd are in default of and to his shame they directly involve the 70 plus people who work for him.

Minister Teariki Heather is self deluded by the cheap words he utters in Cabinet to refute he has monetary conflicts of interest as a result of T&M Heather Ltd being awarded lucrative government contracts.

Heather has denied being involved with the operations T&M Heather Ltd but this is inconsistent with his actions. Heather attends to his business in person almost on a daily basis if he is on Rarotonga, according to some of his employees the DPM is very much actively engaged in the daily decisions of T&M Heather Ltd.

If the self proclaiming Christian the DPM Heather cannot or will not comply with his legal responsibilities as an employer of 70 plus people how can he expect to be given the reigns to rule over everyone? Do those who toil away for his company know the respect demanding Heather is short changing them, while Heather demands their loyalty to him including their electoral vote as he directs, he knowingly fails to reciprocate those demands.

Heather's self centred leadership by example exempts him from genuine leadership over the masses. How can

he care for the rest of the population when he has scant regard for those he employs?

As the DPM, Heather is expected to demonstrate compliance obligations as a basic leadership responsibility; the higher the office one aspires to the greater attributes of exemplary character is warranted.

While the autocratic Heather is an obnoxious law unto himself he demands the rest of us toe the line, just another reason Heather should not be the Minister of Police.

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The down side of the outstanding owing to CINSF is the T&M Heather Ltd workers are not covered for the following benefits of the superannuation scheme: Death benefits for group insurance, terminal illness benefits and the Dismemberment and Major Burns benefit.

While Heather is using every opportunity as the Minister



Teariki Heather

his political integrity is called into question, until he fulfils his Biblical obligations as an employer to who he has a moral responsibility to, Heather should refrain from his grandiose illusion he is destined to be the supreme leader over the lives of others.

Heather must also resist resorting to racist attacks on those he considers non Cook Islanders who dare challenge his blatant abuses of political power. Criticism is not the reserved right of Cook Islanders, Heather promotes the ideology if a person is not recognised by him as being a Cook Islander their views are wrong and false.

To the DPM some free advice: If you want to be the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands Mr Teariki Heather then demonstrate character traits worthy of that high office, right now you are a grubby vindictive power possessed politician that falls far short of the mark. Stop demanding what you are unwilling to reciprocate.

- George Pitt

of Infrastructure Cook Islands (ICI) to shamelessly line his pockets, his company's workers unknowingly may have no collectable pension when they retire. A member's funds are a combination of a 5% of workers pay deducted payable by the employer and another 5% contribution from the employer.

Heather should stop stating he is a God fearing Christian as a means of defence when

Our Frontpage model



Busy year for Audit Office despite constraints

76 reports completed, major concerns identified, authority to carry out performance audits questioned

By Charles Pitt

Staff in the Audit Office are among the hardest workers in the public service and during 2013-2014 that was nothing out of the ordinary as staff completed 76 reports, 68 covering financial audits and 8 special reviews of performance.

The Annual report of the Audit Office for the 2013-2014 year was tabled during the last session of parliament.

Although the Office lost some senior staff, had unfilled vacancies, capacity issues and budget cuts, the Office completed just 3 less reports than in 2013. Quite an achievement in the circumstances.

Audit's report to parliament highlights several major concerns arising due mainly to systemic failures and anomalies.

Areas causing major concern were;

- budget overspending and poor management of public funds
- poor internal controls in regard to expenditure
- lack of timeliness and accuracy in providing statements for audit

- poor record keeping and retention of documents
- failure to comply with financial policies and procedures
- departures from the tender process
- poor asset management.

The Audit Office identified a number of challenges which it intends to address. Among these are;

- to attract and retain young graduates to fill key positions
- to improve communications with key stakeholders
- to upgrade its auditing software
- to build audit capacity
- to review the PERC Act 1995/96 to enhance and strengthen the enabling legislation.

During the year Audit staff attended a number of international and regional conferences and workshops. These were held in Honiara, Guam, Nadi, Canberra, Bangkok (2), Gold Coast and Panama (Director in place of Solicitor General).

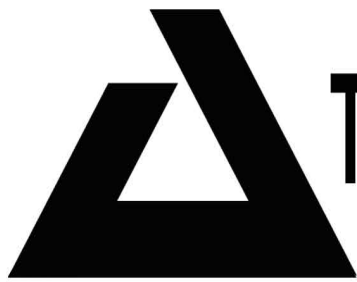
The extent of all this travel probably explains why the Office's travel costs were \$26,604 compared to \$17,203 in 2013. Interestingly entertainment expenses were \$10,222 compared to just \$4,703 in 2013. The Office did make considerable savings in other areas like professional services, office supplies and repairs.

Of note is the Office's intention to increase its performance audit coverage. It claims performance reports are essential components of accountability documents.

The Herald has previously raised this issue of the Audit Office assessing performance and posed the question whether this was more the responsibility of the Office of the Public Service Commissioner who is responsible for the management performance of Heads of Ministries. It was also queried at that time whether Audit's legislation extended to "performance." Is there a demarcation issue here? Maybe this needs to be addressed.

Finally the audit by KPMG of PERCA raised a number of issues regarded as sufficiently important to address but none of these were in the high risk category.

Our front-page model this week's Herald Issue 774 is Deborah George. The twenty year old beauty from Aitutaki is now living in Rarotonga and is working at Club Raro. Check out our website www.ciherald.co.ck. and facebook page: www.facebook.com/ciherald



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Norman George on: Law Reform

"The Crimes Act 1969 (The Act)"

By Norman George

In this week's column, I will mention some areas in the enforcement of criminal law, which irritates and frustrates me.

This will be my last article for the current period; I have a 2 week criminal trial before Judge and Jury coming up. All of my time will be taken up with the trial and preparations.

What happens when witnesses tell lies on oath in Court? When complainants make false complaints to the Police? A witness may make a convincing complaint to the Police which results in someone being charged, arrested and tried.

One of the most frequent areas of deceit relates to allegations of rape or indecency offences.

The truth will usually be exposed during cross examinations. We do not have any laws against the making of false complaints to the Police. In New Zealand they do, and offenders are heavily fined for wasting Police time.

When witnesses tell lies in Court, they are liable to be charged with an offence called perjury under section 119 of the Act. (Crimes Act 1969)

It is punishable by 7 years imprisonment. Perjury is an assertion as to a matter of fact, opinion, belief or knowledge made by a witness in a judicial proceeding as part of his evidence on oath, whether the evidence is given in open Court or by affidavit.

It is prudent to be careful when making sworn affidavits, depositions or testimonies as you can be charged with perjury if they are nothing more than lies. Section 124 of The Act relates to fabrication of evidence, punishable by 7 years imprisonment. Section 127 relates to conspiring to defeat the course of justice- the section reads "Everyone is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years who conspires to obstruct, prevent, pervert or

defeat the course of justice."

COMMENT:

This provision applies when someone instructs or assists witnesses to tell lies in Court. Many defendants and on occasion Police Officers have fallen foul of this provision. If Police Officers do it, it will mean the end of their career. I have caught many Police Officers lying in Court on many occasions in the past, but I have not taken action, especially when the jury quickly catches on to it and acquit my clients.

One of the most frustrating aspects of Police investigations, are the long delays it takes them to complete their work. There are a number of investigations currently with the Police that are hopelessly unresolved. I judge this inertia based on my past experience as an Auckland Detective.

Of the two corruption investigations now with the Police, I would have solved one in 4 weeks and the other in about 6 months because of the need for international investigators.

The 4 week case is a simple name and address job with the evidence already provided by the Court. What the Commissioner of Police should do is make quick decisive action, one way, or the other. To prosecute, or not to prosecute. Stop the procrastinations!

I am aware of 3 other cases under investigation that are fast becoming "Cold Cases."

A money laundering investigation involving millions of dollars is now nearly 3 years old. A major theft complaint valued at \$350,000.00 which is nearly 5 years old and the rape of an elderly woman which is now dragging on for months.

Commissioner, why not tender these cases to private investigators? Most of New Zealand's top private investigators are former NZ Police CIB Detectives, some are friends of mine. I am tempted to make a

bid myself (L.O.L!) But I could not therefore act as defence counsel.

In order to be successful, each major investigation should be assigned to a squad of say 3 Police Officers. Each squad should be headed by a Detective Sergeant, or senior Sergeant, under the supervision of a Detective Inspector. They should work unlimited hours; pay them meal allowances if they work after hours. Give them time limits for results.

The biggest mistake I observe is that the same group in the CIB are doing everything that comes up. Whatever fresh crime is reported is handled by the same group. To do that, they drop the cases they have been working on, and spend days or weeks until an arrest is made or they reach a dead end. Meanwhile, they go back to the old case they had been pursuing, which is likely to have developed into a "cold case!"

Delegate and spread the work Commissioner. The current mumbo jumbo neither here nor there drift should cease!

I suspect too much time is wasted by the Police on petty crimes. I urge them to get on quickly with the serious crimes to restore public confidence.

Another frustrating area is the role the Police play in granting bail. Under Section 95 of The Criminal Procedures Act 1980-81 (as amended).

The Act provides I believe, inadvertently unlimited rights for the Police to impose harsh bail conditions such as one relating to "curfew" where the Defendant is not allowed out at night from say 6pm to 6am the next day. This power should be restricted to the Court.

The other area of abuse by the Police is keeping arrested persons in custody for 48 hours, two days and two nights. I have regularly observed this provision being used by the Police to "Chill Out" the Defendants. Usually used against suspects who refuse

to talk. Two nights in the clink is supposed to soften them up in order to make admissions. What the Police does is plan ahead to pick up the suspect at 4pm in the afternoon. The person then spends that night and the next night in custody after they are arrested within the 48 hour window the law allows.

I would like the Police to be restricted to releasing no risk Defendants on bail asap and not later than 12 to 24 hours. The 48 hour time provided was designed for abuse. There are some provisions which should be removed from the Crimes Act.

Criminal libel under Section 233 should be abolished. Samoa has removed it from their statute. Defamation laws are sufficient to take care of the victims of libel.

All offences relating to sedition from Sections 82 to 87 of the Act. These are war related crimes inherited from the second world war and the cold war era from the 1950's until the end of Communism in the 1990's.

One last bite I wish to make is in relation to the offences of home invasion and tourism related offences. A new category of burglary offences should be introduced to cover tourist accommodations. Theft from tourists bathing on the beaches or asleep in their rooms should command instant or second appearance imprisonment, even for 1 to 3 months. Home invasion where someone forces their way into a home to commit violence, should command compulsory imprisonment even for 1 to 3 months. Repeat offenders should get more. Deterrence is called for to preserve the sanctity of the home and give us safeguards from the national humiliation of young lazy useless unemployed louts who prey on tourists or tourist accommodations to steal, giving us all a bad reputation.

I will continue after my sabbatical.

Adjourned sine die.

Chinese Foreign Policy

By *Tevita Tangaroa Vakalalabure*

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I have been reading with interest the varied views published in the Cook Islands newspapers about the Chinese Aid to our island paradise. Without any factual basis, most of the views are emotionally charged. This research article is meant to fill that gap so that we can have a constructive and healthy public debate about the issue; bearing in mind that the foreign aid we receive is what we have asked for. It's a reflection of the policy mindset of those we elect to power. In this issue, I will take you to the African continent so you can draw some comparisons on everything connected to Chinese Foreign Policy. This article will also illustrate that the Cook Islands and the South Pacific countries are not the only recipients of Chinese aid. Furthermore, that Chinese aid is not new and that it has been an integral part of Chinese governments for decades.

China- Africa

The Chinese Foreign Policy in the African States refers to the historical, political, economic, military, social and cultural connections between the two countries. A lot of transactions with diverse ideology has occurred since the medieval era.

History

China and Africa have had a history of trade relations as far as 202 BC and AD 220. Reference to Africa was first made in the Chinese Yu-yang-tsa-tsu by Tuan Ch'eng-shih, around the mid 19th Century. Following the Chinese Civil War and during the era of Mao Zedong, modern political and economic relations commenced between China and Africa. It is estimated that one million Chinese citizens reside in Africa while an estimated 200,000 Africans are working in China. In October 2000, the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) was established as an official forum to strengthen the relationship.

The China-Africa Co-operation

In the late 1950s, the modern Sino-African relations was

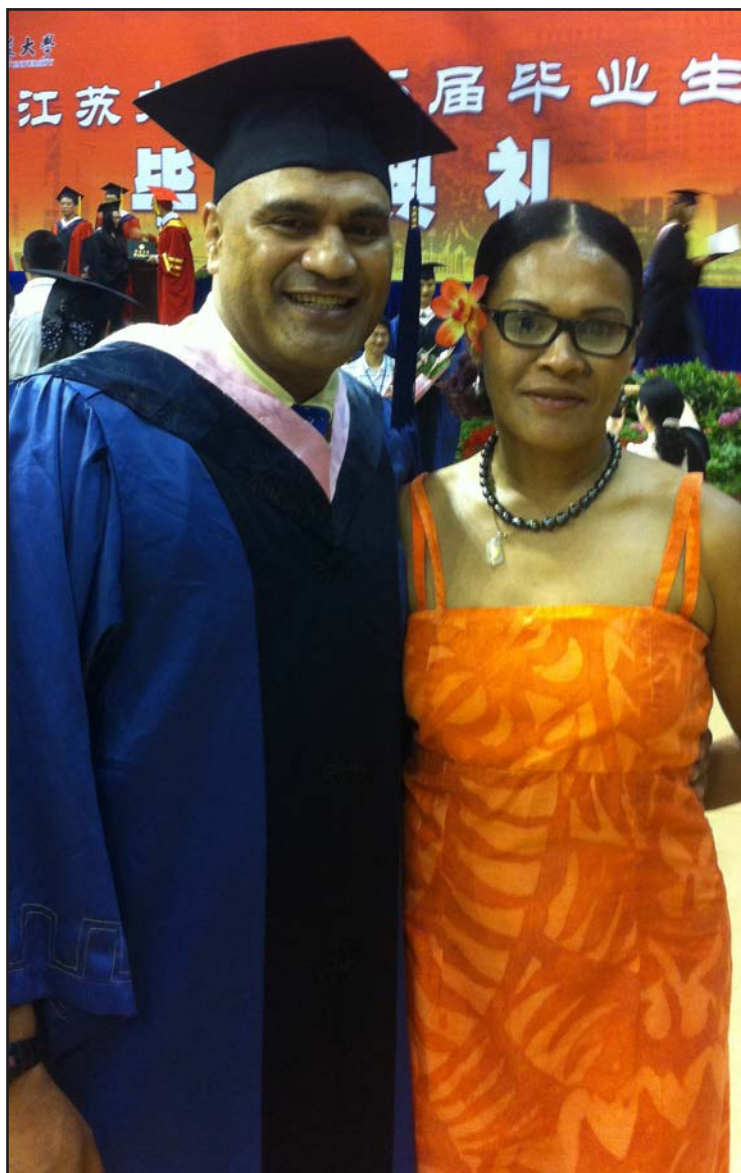
established. The relationship started when China signed the first official bilateral trade; Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on establishing a strategic partnership agreement with Algeria, Egypt, Guinea, Somalia, Morocco and Sudan. They reciprocated the good gesture by awarding contracts to the Chinese government. Relations between China and Africa around the early 1960s were often reflective of China's foreign policy in general. This relation can be seen in the 10-day African tour by the Chinese Prime Minister between December 1963 and January 1964.

What aid they gave

During the African Independence Movements, China was a strong supporter and gave aid to newly independent African nations in the 1960s and 1970s. A notable aid project was the 1,860 km "TAZARA" Railway, linking Zambia and Tanzania that was built from 1970 to 1975. China has also contributed significantly to Healthcare development and medical assistance in the 1960s. Between the early 1960s and 1970s, medical aid was provided by China through "yiliaodui". The "yiliaodui" was a program where more than 15,000 Chinese doctors were sent to Africa for treating different medical cases in more than 47 countries. In 2004, China deployed around 1,500 military personnel under the UN Peace Keeping Mission in Liberia, Congo, Somalia, and Uganda. China also supplied logistics to the Federal Republic of Nigeria in combating the insurgency in the Niger Delta crisis. Even though China did not require to deploy its military forces, it provided military training and equipment to the African countries. Africa hosts three Chinese cultural centers in Mauritius, Egypt and Benin. The Confucius Institute, which focuses on the promotion of the Chinese language and culture, has twenty centers in thirteen African countries.

What they get in return

In agriculture, Benin, Burkina Faso, and Mali supply up to 20% of China's cotton needs. While



Tevita and Lavinia

Côte d'Ivoire supplies China with cocoa, Kenya supplies China with coffee and Namibia supplies fish products. In 2011, trade between Africa and China increased to 33% from the previous year to US \$166 billion. Chinese imports mineral ores, petroleum and Agricultural products from Africa (US \$93 billion) while China exports manufactured goods to Africa (US \$93 billion). In 1971, China needed the support of the African nations in joining the United Nations (UN) and to take over the seat of Taiwan. Many African countries including Algeria, Egypt, Nigeria and Zambia have stressed their support to "one-China policy", in appreciation of China's contribution to their countries. The benefits of the bilateral

transaction between the two continents are "symbiotic"

Criticism

The United States of America and the United Kingdom have been the main source of accusations that China is a neo-colonist in Africa.

Food For Thought

India and China will be the economic super powers of the world surpassing the USA in the next few years. The "global trotting" of our leaders is a necessity for our economic survival, but the bigger question is, are they getting competent policy advice to ensure our economic growth?

Next week

I will bring the Red Dragons Foreign Policy to our region.

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TE KAVE KORERO

Host: Tony Hakaoro, WEDS 1st JULY 2015

Coup instigated by traditional leaders?

An allegation that traditional leaders, the Ui Ariki, was behind the failed attempted coup against Government last month, was made on Te Kave Korero on Wednesday 1st July 2015.

The allegation came out during a talkback discussion concerning the Ariki Day.

A caller to the programme said that the traditional leaders were the instigators of the failed attempted coup against Government.

"Ina, kia marama koe kare e roa atu na, ka purara mai teia nuti ki vao, a teia nga ra. Kua kite koe i teia epetoma i topa ake nei, me kare, i tera ake epetoma i topa ake nei, kua tupu mai tetai akarorureau ki to tatou Basileia. Na te Ui Ariki teia i akatupu. Na ratou teia i aere i te akaveu, kia uri te Kavamani, kia tauia".

The caller went on to say that it would be revealed in the next few days that it was the traditional leaders who planned the coup.

"No teia epetoma i topa ake nei, akarongo ana oki tatou ka uri tikai te Kavamani, e coup tetai i roto i te Paramani ea. Ko teia coup, no roto mai tikai i te Ui Airiki, a teia nga ra, ka kite koe, ka topa mai ki vao. Ko te Ui Ariki teia, o te au aronga akaaere teia o te Basileia, te Ui Ariki, na ratou teia parani, kia tauia te Kavamani. Kua taru mai ratou i to ratou putangio ki roto i te angaanga a te Kavamani".

The caller also alleged that an offence of treason has been committed as a result of the attempted coup.

"Ina, ka ui au i tetai uianga e, me kua tano ainei teia? E treason teia, e utunga tona".

Te Kave Korero presenter, Tony Hakaoro, disagreed with the caller saying that it was the Democratic Party and One Cook Islands who were the ones behind the attempted

coup.

"Kare e tano, i taku i akarongo ai, na te Demo e te One CI te reira akaketuketunga kia tau te Kavamani".

The caller responded that it would come out soon that it was the leaders of the Ui Ariki pushing to change the Government in the failed coup.

"Ko taau te reira i kite, ko taau te reira i kite. Te vai nei ra te oonuanga tikai, a teia nga ra, ka topa mai ki vao e, ko ai tikai to roto. Ka topa mai a teia nga ra no te mea, kua taka tarere ua oki teia na roto i to tatou mareva. Ko te au aronga akaaere o te Ui Ariki, ko ratou teia i muri i te opara i teia tienianga Kavamani i teia coup".

"Ka kite koe a teia nga ra. Ka kite koe e, ko ai to muri i teia coup. Marie kino koe. To muri i teia, ko te au aronga tikai e akaaere nei i to tatou Ui Ariki".

The caller said that the traditional leaders have no place in Government and that they should remain where they are, just as traditional leaders.

"Toku manako, noo marie ua ratou ki to

ratou ngai, kia rave ratou i te anganga o te peu enua, akaruke i te Kavamani kia rave i tana angaanga akaaere i te Basileia. E au ngai tetai kia tau kia aere kapiti raua, e ngai tetai kia tau ko te Kavamani rai kia aere i tona aereanga".

The caller concluded and emphasized that it was the traditional leaders who initiated the attempted coup.

"No reira, kia marama te iti tangata o te Kuki Airani e akarongorongo mai nei, ko te coup i oti ake nei, e Ui Ariki to muri, na ratou teia i akatupu, kia marama tatou".

Tony Hakaoro, Te Kave Korero presenter, observed that in making the allegation and contributing to the Ariki Day talkback discussion, the caller was very calm and confident right through out his contribution.

By law every first Friday in July is marked as Ariki Day and a public holiday in the Cook Islands.

Ariki Day celebrates and recognizes the traditional leaders (Ui Ariki) of the Cook Islands. Ariki Day this year was last Friday 3rd July.

BCI Trade Days a fun time

From Monday 27th July to Friday 31st August, BTIB in conjunction with the Bank of the Cook Islands will be holding the BCI Trade Days, and this year they are glad to introduce the Family Fun Festival. The two events will be located at the new constitution park, the reclaimed land at the Punanga Nui market. The Trade Days are expected to be bigger than ever this year, as thousands of people from overseas and the outer islands will be here to join in on the festivities. So far there are over 55 vendors confirmed and 10 waitlisted stall holders. There are 12 confirmed outer island stalls and BTIB have been working closely with the islands secretaries and mayors for the past 3 months to encourage as much products to be sold as there will be 5 days of trade and higher visitor numbers to cater for. Manihiki and Penryhn have indicated that they have large amounts of paua and fish, along with their handicrafts. A group of people from Pukapuka arrived this morning, carrying goods as well and all Southern Group islands have a list of goods confirmed for all 5 days.

Local businesses have also been encouraged to participate with providing amusement rides and activities for the celebrations, in the family festival event. BTIB is looking at a Teen Zone with the help of Teumere Heathers and Raro Expo who will be providing Go Kart rides, Lazer tag games, shooting and range, bouncy castle, children rides, face painting activities and a heap of other games.

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TE KAVE KORERO

Host: Tony Hakaoro, FRI 3rd JULY 2015

Employment and language

Talkback was back on the menu on Te Kave Korero on Friday 3rd July 2015.

Employment and Cook Islands Maori were the subjects of discussions.

Speaking in Maori one caller inquired as to why Cook Islanders returning from New Zealand are not being employed here yet foreigners are.

"Tetai aku inangaro ai kia tuatua taua i runga i te ratio, tetai oki au tamariki a tatou aere mai nei mei vao mai, mei Niu Tireni mai, e turanga meitaki to ratou, turanga meitaki to ratou i tetai au ngai i roto i te Kavamani, kare ra oki e raveia ana, e, te raveia nei te Porena. Eaa i akapera ai?"

Tony Hakaoro, Te Kave Korero presenter, said that it appears government jobs are being given to papa'as as though locals are not good enough.

"Kare taua i papu. Kua papu ra oki i aku i tetai tua, mei te mea atu ra oki e, te au ngai angaanga a te Kavamani, te akakiia nei ki te au papaa, te akakiia nei ki te au papa'a, mei te mea atu ra oki i reira e, kare to tatou iti tangata Maori i meitaki roa. Ko te au ngai tukau teia i to tatou Basileia i teia tuatau, i ta tatou au akateretereanga".

Hakaoro added that he had expressed his views to two Cabinet Ministers with regards to vacant positions in the Cook Islands, particularly in government, that a requirement be set that an applicant must be fluent in Maori and if not, no offer of employment be given.

"Kua akari ana au i toku manako ki tetai nga Minita, i teia epetoma i topa ake nei. Teia taua manako ra, penei kare tetai papake e ariki mai, kua akari ra oki au i toku manako ma te pati e, mei teia tuatau e, aere ua atu, e mea tau kia tukua ki roto i te au akanoonooanga angaanga o to tatou Basileia, i roto tikai i te au tuanga angaanga Kavamani, e, ko tetai apinga ka

anoanoia, kia kite koe i to tatou reo Maori. Me kare koe i kite i te tuatua i to tatou reo Maori, akakoromaki mai, kua kite au, papu meitaki i aku e, ka tangi ereni teia ki tetai au taeake, teia ra toku manako, me kare koe i kite i te tuatua i to tatou reo Maori, auraka rava tetai angaanga kia okena ki a koe".

Hakaoro said that in Malaysia, Indonesia and other Asian countries, if one doesn't speak their language, tough luck, one will never be employed.

"Me aere taua ki Malaysia, me aere taua ki Indonesia, ki teia au Basileia i Asia, me kare koe i kite i te tuatua i to ratou reo, tough luck na te papaa ai, tough luck, kare ratou e piani mai i a taua".

The caller expressed disappointment that radio and television news in the Cook Islands is in English and not in Maori.

Te Kave Korero presenter said that it is a difficult situation because the Government does not provide financial assistance for radio and television in the Cook Islands.

With regards to speaking Maori in Court the caller said that he was not permitted to speak Maori at a recent land court hearing.

"I te ra i te kimianga e Tony, kua pati au ki te tamaine i roto i te Are Akavaanga, ka reo au i toku reo tupuna, toku reo tikai, kare ratou i inangaro i au no te mea kare au i papu meitaki i te reo o te papa'a".

Tony Hakaoro said an interpreter should have been obtained.

"Kare, ko te tikaanga, ka akatikaia koe i te reo Maori, kimi mai ratou i tetai tangata kia uri i taau karere ki roto i te reo papa'a. To tatou reo Maori, kua akamanaia te reira e te ture o teia Basileia, e, e reo tinamou no to tatou Basileia"

Hakaoro said that if any government department refuses any Cook Islander to speak Maori, it deserves to be criticized on Te Kave Korero and he, himself, will criticize that department.

"Ko tetai Kavamani Department ka patoi mai i a koe kia tuatua koe i toou reo, tano te reira tipatimani kia akakinoia ki runga i ta tatou porokaramu Te Kave Korero, e, naku katoa e akakino, naku katoa e akaapa, kare au e kapekape i taku karere. Me kite au e, ko te tu teia o tetai government department, naku tikai e akaapa i te reira department i runga nei i ta tatou porokaramu".

Te Kave Korero believes that the state of the Cook Islands Maori language on Rarotonga is very poor. Kindergarten and primary school children speak English and not Maori.

"The Ministries of Education and Cultural Development need to review their positions and reconsider that they have a very important role to play in promoting and reviving our Maori language" said Hakaoro.

Initiatives to promote the language and to encourage children to speak it need to be formulated and implemented in schools.

11 new Kiwis

Eleven recipients received their NZ citizenship awards yesterday morning in a ceremony held at the official residence of the NZ High Commissioner in Ngatipa. The eleven recipients are Mrs Anne Margaret Bishop, Mr Laisa Naikaso Gukisuva, Mrs Leba Luse Gukisuva, Mr Duane Franklyn Newton Bokini Gukisuva, Ms Vilina Namoce Takayawa Helen Gukisuva, Ms Jane Louise Lamb, Ms Teitiura Nubono, Mr Timeti Nubono, Mr Timwateru Nubono, Mr Mikaere Nubono, Ms Ariirau Tiphane Pito

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TE KAVE KORERO

Host: Tony Hakaoro, MON 6th JULY 2015

Public Service Strategy expected to be completed by next week

Russell Thomas, the Public Service Commissioner, was the guest speaker on Te Kave Korero on Monday 6th July 2015.

The Public Service Strategy was the subject of discussion on the programme.

The Strategy sets out the framework from which the Cook Islands Public Service will implement Government's priorities in the next decade.

Thomas said that a Committee has been tasked to interview stakeholders and others and to formulate the Strategy.

He said members of the Committee are prominent and well respected Cook Islanders. They are Cecilia Short, a former Public Services Commissioner, John Herman, a former Head of the Ministry of Education and local businessman Rohan Ellis.

In Maori Thomas informed listeners that the Strategy is in its final stages and a draft report should be completed within a week.

"Teia te tamanakoanga, ka oti teia ripoti i teia epetoma, te akakoukouanga i te manako o te au taeake i te au pa enua e pera katoa te au taeake tei araveiia".

Te Kave Korero presenter, Tony Hakaoro, put a number of issues and questions to Thomas.

Tony suggested that the Public Services considers making it a requirement that all Government employees be bi-lingual, that they are fluent in two languages, English and Cook Islands Maori.

"E mea tau kia akanoonoo i tetai akanoonooanga, penei kia akatau mai kotou e, ko te au aronga rare katoatoa a te Kavamani, kia tukatau ratou e rua roa ai reo".

Responding in Maori, Thomas said that this was one of the concerns expressed by the community.

"Irinaki au e, ko tetai manako teia tei puta mai mei roto i te uriurianga manako mei roto mai i to tatou iti tangata, koia oki, to tatou iti tangata kia kite, kia marama, i

nga reo roa ai e rua, kare kia kite ua, kia tukatau i roto i te reira tuanga".

In relation to appointing Heads of Ministries, particularly with Cabinet Ministers having the final say in making the appointment, Tony suggested that the Strategy is pointless if honesty and integrity in Government and the Public Services is under question.

"Te tatau atu ra au i roto i te pepa i teia epetoma i topa ake nei, takake rai ta kotou au tamanakoanga oronga ki te Kavamani i te au taeake, te au tangata tei tau kia ikiia ki runga i teia au taoanga o te Heads of Ministry, e oti ake ra, te vai nei tetai akateretereanga i roto i te Kavamani, e, na te Minita te tika openga. Ka akapeea tatou, me kare, matou te iti tangata i te irinaki atuanga ki roto i te Public Services e, you are honest, no te mea te karanga nei one of your values e, honesty, transparency. Me ko te maki oki teia i roto i te au ngai o te Kavamani, puapingakore i reira teia ripoti. Eaa toou manako?".

Thomas responded saying that there are issues and they did come out "loud and clear" during the consultation process.

"Unfortunately, mei taau i akakite mai e, te vai nei tetai au ngai tukau, and this came out loud and clear mei roto mai i te au taeake tei tae mai ratou i te oronga mai i to ratou manako, very loud and clear, e,

ko teia au turanga tikai, i te turanga o te integrity, te service, transparency e te vai atu ra".

Responding to Tony's concern that there are too many papaas and less Cook Islanders working in the Public Services Thomas said that it is also a matter raised by other Cook Islanders providing information to the Committee.

Asked whether saying 'kia orana' in the Public Service should be encouraged more, as promoted by the Tourism Board, Thomas said that he does not see any issue doing it.

In response to a caller's question as to whether transition is being considered Thomas said that the Strategy is not looking at transition but at ways of improving the Public Services as well as provide training for staff.

Thomas said that the final report will be uploaded to the website of the Office of the Public Services Commissioner as soon as it is made available.

For further information regarding the Strategy contact the Office of the Public Services Commissioner on telephone 29421 or email to: russell.thomas@cookislands.gov.ck or daphne.ringi@cookislands.gov.ck.

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KIA ORANA



Cook Islands Tourism Corporation and Auckland University of Technology with the New Zealand Tourism Research Institute presents a series of seminars by Professor Simon Milne.

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The Great Fleet tradition to Aotearoa, history in review. Part II of II

by Te Tuhi Kelly

So add the jealousy, commoner background and the daily taunts, is a recipe for harbouring deep resentment with the focus of this being Tangiia. Because of this writers described him as surly, prone to rages and unhappy generally with his lot. Tangiia certainly was no angel either; he aspired to higher ideals and was instrumental in taking advantage of any situation as long as he saw a benefit for himself whether it was womanising, land or the spoils of battle. In being of such a nature, he was a rival of his cousin Tutapu and in the end this widened the rift and drove a wedge between them that became irreparable. On finding that his sons had been slain by Tutapu, he fled Tahiti being pursued by Tutapu and his warriors. A number of writers state he met Karika of Samoa at sea and he was persuaded to sail to Rarotonga and this is where the final battle with Tutapu began and ended with the death of Tutapu at Tangiia's hands. Others say he met Karika on Mauke and took one of Karika's daughters to wife. I'm inclined to believe this version, because imagine the vast size of the ocean, from western to eastern Polynesia, from where Karika came from, we are talking about millions of square Kms of ocean. Two 25 meter long voyaging vaka are even less than pin heads on a carpet and throw in the curvature of the earth and they would have to be pretty close or on the horizon to be seen. The two vaka just happening to run into each other on the high seas is not that plausible. In calm water it is only remotely possible that this would occur, but as they were under sail and there was little or no wind, this would have been a challenge. If however the water was choppy or running a swell, they would never have been able to meet or even go aboard each other's vaka because the sea would have been too rough for this.

Picture this; if you were an Ariki would you put yourself out to swim across to the other vaka. I think not, who's mana is at stake here? Another point worth considering is that the modern voyaging vaka's all start out pretty much at the same time on their voyages, all things being equal. These vaka are all not the same shape, size, length or dimensions and they have different sailing characteristics, so within a couple of days, they have lost sight of each other so how do you expect to run into another vaka in the vastness of the ocean if it is in fact true

that Tangiia and Karika met up on the ocean as some writers say they did? Even with modern communications it can still be a hit or miss situation, GPS notwithstanding.

Recapitulating part I, we have the fleet tradition and we also have a fair idea about the lives of our tupuna and how they saw themselves in the scheme of things. Continuing to build up our psychological profile of our tupuna, another example depicts the keen rivalry of the Ariki and relates to the arrival of the Tainui waka at Rarotonga and here they met the Te Arawa waka under Tamatekapua. At that stage, Tamatekapua was in need of a skilled tohunga and navigator to steer them safely to Aotearoa. Not having one he coveted Ngatoroirangi, the great tohunga/navigator of Tainui. He pleaded with Ngatoroirangi that if he came on board his waka with his wahine and showed him the way he would let them off before sailing to Aotearoa. Whereupon once aboard, Tamatekapua set sail for Aotearoa with the now captured Ngatoroirangi and his wahine. As you can imagine, Hoturoa of Tainui was pretty upset and on finally getting himself another Tohunga/Navigator, set off to Aotearoa. When Tainui arrived in Tamaki Makaurau (Auckland), after sailing around the north island eventually he landed on a volcanic island in the Hauraki Gulf. Meanwhile Te Arawa had arrived, and Tamatekapua decided to have his way with one of Hoturoa's wives. He was caught by Hoturoa and in the ensuing fight was beaten till he was a bloody mess. The name of that island was called Rangitoto or the 'day(Rangi) of blood (toto)', signifying that not only did Hoturoa gain revenge for his wife's honour he also gained revenge for the taking of Ngatoroirangi. Think about this for a moment, if this was part of the great fleet to Aotearoa, would you not think that there would have been cooperation between the Ariki on Tainui and Te Arawa? Clearly there was a rivalry going on here and you will find in all the stories about tupuna Maori they generally did not cooperate unless they absolutely had to or they got something tangible in return. Tamatekapua wanted a tohunga/navigator so he set out to take Tainui's and thus reduce Tainui's mana and elevate his mana in the eyes of his vaka and most importantly his followers and the story telling that this would bring. Looking at another example of the treachery that did occur in those times, one of Mauke's lesser leaders was a young man called Kahuiaterangi or Paikea as he became known

later on in his life. He and his brothers were fierce rivals and when he went fishing with his brothers, a fight ensued and Paikea was the lone survivor. So what does this tell you about how they saw themselves, as part of a great fleet or as rivals in pursuit of their own mana.

So what we are doing at the moment is building up this psychological picture of what our Ariki tupuna were like and how they and their environment determined their status and their leadership style and they were not alone in this way of life. Now seriously can you imagine all these rivals, and sometimes bitter enemies, collaborating and sitting around a camp fire having a bit of a yak and coming to an agreement that they would form this great fleet armada and sail off to Aotearoa. You know that there is something seriously wrong with this picture given those historical rivalries. Now imagine if you will all the Tapere on Rarotonga, the Oire on the outer islands, and the other islands in the greater Polynesia. They all farmed the land subsistently and they fished. They also traded with each other and as the sea and the greater ocean was their highway; all these islands had some means of travel via their vaka. They travelled to set up partnering arrangements, they went to war, went on raids and they did this not just on single or double outrigger vaka, they also built the larger ocean going double hulled vessels we associate with to this day, the waka pahu. So you can imagine that our tupuna had hundreds and hundreds of vessels and it makes a lot more sense to take all your warriors and women on a large purpose built vessel. Rather than a whole flotilla of smaller vaka which would be prone to the ocean elements, the longer distance between islands and having everyone under the same roof is a lot more strategic and logical for everyone getting the same story as to what was about to happen. The close family ties within their own circle of islands meant that they only needed a couple of large vaka to ply between the islands.

We all know what our Polynesian families are like, emotional, heart thinkers rather than head thinkers, quick to judge, quick to respond to perceived threats and changing allegiances at the drop of a hat. I have aunties that are like that. They go to the wharenui for a big hui and vote to agree on the whanau's plan of action and once

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the voting is over that's when the real trouble begins and 'nek minute' just outside the wharenui they change their minds and split off into warring factions with the other aunties. Now you add leadership status to the mix and then you add the pursuit of mana to the mix and you end up with a cauldron of changing loyalties, sitting on the fence and biding time to strike, easily persuaded for self centred and selfish reasons, that's what we have today and we now call them Cook Island politicians. Well that scenario was played out all those centuries ago down to modern times so it's nothing new to us. So if in fact those seven waka were involved in some sort of uneasy partnering arrangement, ask yourself, who was going to manage the voyaging logistics, who was going to be in charge, who had the most to gain and who had the most to lose. Remember that they would be lobbying and positioning themselves and scheming and plotting to put themselves in the best light and this is even before they left for Aotearoa. What was the plan when they arrived in Aotearoa? Was it every Ariki for himself or did they want to extend their current alliance to Aotearoa, how were they to maintain this uneasy alliance? These are the things that have never been put into the mix of discussions or put to the test around the great fleet migration; we've just accepted the story without critical analysis. The clues are there it's just that we haven't taken the time to sift through all the stories, of the bickerings, covetousness, brinkmanship and one-upmanship. They are all in those stories of the voyagers and in all the libraries and there are many examples in the writings of Polynesia where one-upmanship was the norm rather than the exception. Remember the saying; "the enemy of my enemy is my friend". If you were not of the family you were an outsider. As each generation decentralised, the allegiances and relationships between succeeding generations also weakened. For many of us the

relationship with our nieces and nephews and 1st cousins is very strong, 2nd cousins not as strong and 3rd cousins almost never. So in three short generations from oneself the family ties are pretty much non-existent. Our beliefs about the great fleet have been clouded and we have accepted the writings too readily without some sort of query.

Just for your historical edification, research from NZ Maori has turned up several references to other waka which came to Aotearoa over many hundreds of years and were not named in the great fleet story these names include:

- Horouta
 - Matawhaorua
 - Rangiahua
 - Aotearoa
 - Mapouriki
 - Te Karaerae
 - Pou-Ariki
 - Niwaru
 - Wakanui
 - Mahunui
 - Mangarara
 - Arai-te-uru
 - Mahuhu
 - Mapouriki
 - Houama
 - Kahutara
 - Nukutere
 - Te Rona-waiwai
 - Punga-a-rangi
 - Whatu-ranganuku
 - Ringa-ua-motu
 - Tahatuna
 - Tai-rea
 - Ariki-mai-tai •
- Tere-anini
- Te Aratauhaiti
 - Te - M a h a n g a - a -
- Tuamatu
- Mamari
 - Rangi-Matoru
 - Oturereao
 - Te Paepae ki Rarotonga
 - Tuwhenua
 - Te Riu Kakara
 - Puketea-wainui
 - Okoki
 - Te Ririno
 - Te Rangi-matoru
 - Taikoria
 - Tangiapakura
 - Tawiri-rangi
 - Waimate
 - Te Mamaru
 - Motumotuahi
 - Pangatoru

Waka-ringaringa

As you can see with the names of these canoes, this is just the tip of the iceberg. Some authors have rearranged the fleet story so that it fits a linear time line and ascribed terms to it such as; the first fleet wave, the second fleet wave and the third fleet wave and so on. Why did they do this, I submit that they wanted to tie everything into a nice set of time frames and when you talk about such fleet patterns, they don't make sense. They have been titled this way to try and put the voyagers of our tupuna into nice little boxes. I suspect the reality is a lot simpler, if we agree that there were a whole series of unrelated voyaging to Aotearoa and back to Polynesia for quite legitimate reasons then we have a whole new ball game around the movements of our tupuna and more ammunition to query the great fleet tradition.

We've all been brought up on the stories of why they supposedly migrated to Aotearoa, and Uenuku a paramount chief from Tahiti was supposed to have been the catalyst for migration. So we hear conflicting stories about this Ariki and we hear stories about famine, infanticide, overcrowding, constant battles and war and we tell ourselves yes that can be plausible scenarios, but again is this Chinese whispers. Is it believable that all seven waka would decide to rebel against Uenuku's rule all together, one or two might if they were very close, but all seven, the more vaka that become involved, the more complexity is added to the mix, someone will inevitably spill the beans to curry favour, again it doesn't quite add up.

Let's recap on what has been discussed:

- We have a fair idea about how the environment shaped our tupuna
- We have a fair idea about the psychology of Polynesians and therefore our tupuna
- We have historical knowledge of some of those

influential Ariki of ours

- We know that there were voyaging between Aotearoa and Polynesia
 - We have historical references to over forty waka over many centuries who travelled from Polynesia to Aotearoa
 - We know that all NZ Maori are descended from all those forty or more waka not just the named seven or ten
 - We know that there were already people living in Aotearoa for generations
 - We all have uncles and aunts and politicians who agree on a course of action and nek minute are crossing the floor to the enemy. In fact they can't get there fast enough
 - We also know that mana was an important consideration for Polynesians
 - The researchers in the main were not trained social scientists
 - No thought had gone into recognising that 'Chinese whispers' may have had a profound effect on the telling, recording and interpretation of the great fleet tradition
 - All Maori will have some knowledge of the great fleet tradition, that's how pervasive the story is
- In this article I have barely scratched the surface of what should be an interesting debate. I know that there are many NZ and Cook Islands Maori who believe totally and absolutely in the great fleet tradition and that's their prerogative. I only ask is that you read this article and make up your own mind dispassionately given my take on this differing aspect of our traditions. We will never learn unless we take another look at where we've come from and put our energies into querying accepted doctrine. Just because something is talked about as being true, doesn't actually make it so. After all that is what our tupuna did thousands of years ago when they conquered moananui a kiwa on the way to reinventing themselves as they settled into their new lives and rewriting their history and their traditional lore.

New Aotearoa Society Committee Chosen

Following its recent annual general meeting, the Aotearoa Society has elected a new executive for the 2015/2016 year.

The new committee in charge of the society's affairs for the next twelve months is: President Derek Fox, Vice-President Eruera Nia, Secretary Patricia Thompson, Treasurer Linda Wichman and committee members Christine Panoho, Angela Pope, Henry Wichman and Jaewynn McKay. The Aotearoa Society's Patron continues to be the NZ High Commissioner, currently HE Nicky Hurley.

New President Derek Fox says, 'There are many people here in the Cook Islands who are from New Zealand or have connections there, and we would like as many of them as possible to sign up as members. In the Aotearoa Centre we have a great facility for a whole range of functions and hosting groups looking for 'marae-style' accommodation; and we will be promoting greater use of the facility as well as hosting functions ourselves.'

"Already this year we have



hosted visiting schools and waka groups from Aotearoa, and we have other groups wanting to stay during the self government celebrations, and schools wanting to visit later in the year."

"The hostel has very good cooking and ablution facilities as well as a large area with some beds and marae-style sleeping; and a great outdoor area for parking and recreation. It is also

right in the area of the National Auditorium and pa enua hostels."

To get the ball rolling the society is hosting a garage sale on Saturday 18 July and inviting people who would like to have stall or tables at the sale to make a reservation by calling Linda Wichman on 55 033 or Jaewynn McKay on 55 486 (stalls cost just \$20). Stall holders will be undercover and therefore not

weather dependent; and people can set up the night before or before the sale opens at 8am on the morning of the 18th. The society will also run a sausage sizzle and have membership forms available.

In addition to joining up on the day, people wanting to become members of the society should contact any of the committee members named above.

Social media, the positive and the negative

By Hayley McNabb.

Is social media a good thing or a bad thing? This is one of the most frequently asked questions today. Well, there are always two sides of everything; it depends on your perspective on how you think of it. The same goes for social media, most people admire it like teenagers and some seem to take it as a negative impact on the society.

There are many positive and negative effects that social media has and these are: Positive Effects: Social networks started as a place to connect with your friends in an easy and convenient way. Truly

speaking, many of you might have found your old friends from school or college who you thought were out of touch due to one reason or other. Social networks has provided us the opportunity to connect with people and build better relationships with friends with who we are unable to meet personally, and let them know about our life and take input about their lives and events happening with them.

With social networks we are able to communicate our thoughts and perceptions over different topics with a large number of audiences, and raise our voice. The sharing

feature available on the social networks makes your opinion about any topic reach huge number of people, even to those who aren't in your friends list. We have the option to make groups with people who are like minded and share the related news with them and ask for their opinion about the topic we strongly care for.

Simply there are a number of options available for us to communicate with others on these social networks. Negative Effects: Many studies have shown that the extensive use of social media can actually cause addiction to the users. Throughout their day, they

feel to post something on their pages or check others posts as it has become an important part of our life. Extreme usage of social media has reduced the level of human interaction. Because of social networks the interaction with other people has become effortless and people have isolated their lives behind their online identities.

Face to face communication and meetings has been reduced and many of us have lost the flavour and charm to be together under one roof. Anyways, it all comes down to how you use social media and whether you think it benefits your life or not.

Cook Islands soldiers remembered

A dynamic Arts and cultural exhibition commemorating 500 Cook Islands soldiers who enlisted in World War One was staged in Devonport on April 11 – May 6th. NiaVal Ngara who had the vision for this ambitious project and alongside Moeroa Hobbs pulled together their networks and resources to make this 100 year old visual story a reality for this years New Zealand's WW1 Centenary. As both members of the New Zealand Cook Islands Arts Collective, twenty Cook Islands artists were selected and produced works that paid tribute to the brave men.

The exhibition in its entirety was a huge success with the opening hosting up to 500 plus attendees and an extra 2,500 throughout the four week period. Additional events complimenting the exhibition Living Memories where descendants of the soldiers were able to share stories, photos and memories of their ancestors organised by Moeroa Hobbs. Schools and community groups booked in guided tours and participating in workshops. Te Po Karioi – Night of entertainment a tribute to the soldiers through live music and performance. We created a 500 Cook Islands soldiers Face book page to inform as many people especially Cook Islanders about this 100 year old story of sacrifice, courage, bravery and love. We have now 1,900 members and have encouraged numerous members to use online database Cenotaph to source information on their ancestors. New members are welcome.

The exhibition gained huge interest and popularity with the media; televised by Tangata Pacifica 11th, 25th April, Maori TV- Te Kaea 26th April, online Media – www.coconettv.com – Lest we forget, Articles – NZ Herald, Flag staff, North Shore Courier, NZ Quilting Magazine (July edition), Cook Islands Newspaper.

The exhibition "Lest we forget the 500 Cook Islands soldiers Art & Culture exhibition" hosts more than 25 works from drawings, paintings, prints, sculpture, installation artworks, moving image, filmed interviews, photography and digital painting. Artworks from teenagers to established acclaimed artists have contributed works towards this commemorative event.

The exhibition poster concept is created by 17 year old Fongsaiyuk Mckanzie Ngara at Kelston Boys High school who imagined what a young Cook Islands warrior would have been like a 100 years ago and fusing it with World War 1 soldiers equipment.

The exhibition will be open normal trading hours at the Cook Islands National Museum 21 July – 31 August 2015. The Living Memories night 22nd July 4:00 – 7:00pm will be a night you cannot miss.

This evening welcomes descendants of the soldiers to share stories, memories and songs with one another. The next couple of week's educational tours and workshops will be made available for local schools and community groups (bookings essential).

If you are attending the float parade 24th July look out for our WW1 500 Cook Islands soldiers float. Any queries regarding the exhibition call Justina and staff at the National Museum.

Sale by tender for government VIP vehicles

The Government of the Cook Islands seeks suitable companies, groups or individuals to submit a tender for the Sale of Assets of 20 vehicles. These vehicles will supplement the existing private rental fleet and government fleet which is being used for the transportation of a number of VIPs who will be attending the activities celebrating 50 years of Self Government.

All vehicles will be registered prior to use and sold on the basis that they will be made

available for transportation of VIPs during the 50 year celebrations with a number also being required for the combined Pacific Forum Economic and Trade Ministers (FEMM and FTMM) to be held in the week 26 to 31 October 2015. All vehicles will be sold as new by tender on an as-is where is basis.

Tenderers may tender for one or more vehicles for sale by tender Highest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

Submission of Tender

Cabinet endorses the Cook Islands Disability Inclusive Development Policy and Action Plan 2014 - 2019

On 30 June 2015, Cabinet endorsed the Disability Inclusive Development Policy and Action Plan 2014 – 2019. The essence of this Policy is centered on Government's continuous recognition of the rights of persons with disabilities enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities.

The Policy with its Action Plan provides a framework to guide all processes of developing national laws, strategies and practices that will ensure persons with disabilities and their issues are integrated into all areas of government, community and family environments in the next 5 years.

Government acknowledges the support by the Regional Office of UN ESCAP, Fiji in the development of this Policy. Copies of the Disability Inclusive Development Policy can be obtained by contacting the Disability Division at the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Cabinet endorses the Cook Islands National Youth Policy

On 30 June 2015, Cabinet endorsed the Cook Islands National Youth Policy 2015-2020 entitled 'Back to Basics'.

Following a wide review of the former policy adopted in 2007, the new policy now has a more targeted focus on a young person's transition to adulthood by targeting the ten year period from ages 15-24 years, rather than the former 20 year period of 15-34 years.

The policy has also been simplified following feedback from young people that the previous policy was too complex to understand. It adopts a stronger focus on the family and the community and their role in influencing the development young people.

The new policy identifies policy priorities to guide key stakeholders and agencies that work with and provide services to young people to improve education and economic opportunities, to empower positive personal development decisions that impact the broader community, and to improve health and wellbeing outcomes.

Copies of the National Youth Policy can be obtained by contacting the Youth Division at the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Tenders are to be submitted in hard copy, packaged and labelled "CONFIDENTIAL" in a sealed envelope marked:

"Ministry of Finance and Economic Management

1415xx - Government Celebration Vehicles"

Tender 4pm Friday 31 July 2015

The tender box will be located at Office of the Public Sector Commission, Old Philatelic Building (Ground floor) Avarua.

Agriculture in the face of Climate Change

By Noeline Browne

The presentations on Agriculture in the face of the effect of Climate Change made for very lively debate at the Tuesday night session at USP with co-chairs Prof John Hay and Mata Hetland on hand to introduce each speaker and ensure good timekeeping.

After welcoming remarks by Ana Tiraa from the Climate Change division followed by keynote speaker Patrick Arioka from the Ministry of Agriculture, it was down to business with an array of speakers each with their own special knowledge.

Dr Teina Rongo set the scene with his presentation on the effects of El Nino and La Nina which are the names given to describe the weather patterns caused by the trade winds and the long term weather patterns shown on the Pacific decadal oscillation diagram. The message to the agriculture sector is that one phase brings rain whereas the other brings drier conditions and to make allowances

for the changes and to try and adapt accordingly. Another phenomenon that has been reported is that fruit trees are producing multi-crops each year instead of only once. One of the audience agreed and joked that he was no longer certain when to prune his trees because they were flowering and fruiting all year round.

Anau Manarangi discussed the challenges of drought conditions for agriculture as well as the newer challenge of dealing with saltwater intrusion into the freshwater lens of low lying atoll islands. This was from his time working in Nauru, Kiribati and Tuvalu on Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) matters. One instance was when preparing to plant, he found that only one foot to 18 inches' down (he joked that he was still an imperial measure man) he found the water lens but which had saltwater intrusion. The solution? He created a mound and the plants were successfully established.

Mike Tavioni discussed the ancient art of Arapo, which is using

the phases of the moon to predict the best time to plant, the best to go fishing and so on. Mike entertained us all with his inimitable take on Arapo and the lack of education facilities to encourage students to consider Agriculture as a career but also of general attitudes. For instance, one outer island farmer told him that he would like fertilizer so Mike told him that his food scraps would make great organic fertilizer.

Makiroa Beniamina from Agriculture discussed the special challenges on the island of Mangaia for home gardening and water conservation. His power point showed the taro patches of old compared to now where the water no longer floods the plains and in fact, virtually no taro is grown any more. He advocated a change of attitude toward

planting new varieties of taro that do not require 'flood irrigation'. Makiroa is based in Rarotonga but is involved in a scheme to help the farmers of Mangaia with water tanks and to show them new methods that will help with their planting efforts.

Other speakers were Fred Charlie from Aitutaki who had his own take on climate change, Teresa Manarangi-Trott from the Chamber of Commerce on the private sector and agriculture. She explained that the Chamber had been approached by FAO to see how they could try to the agriculture sector see themselves as business and taking into consideration the risks and risk management so that their 'business' will still be there in 10 years' time and beyond. The next session is on Wednesday 8 July 2015.



Important notice to Westpac customers

On 29 January 2015, Westpac announced the proposed sale of its operations in Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Tonga, Samoa and Cook Islands to the Bank of South Pacific Limited (BSP).

Under the Westpac Customer Banking Agreement and the Deposit Accounts for Consumer and Business Customers Terms and Conditions, Westpac may transfer all deposit accounts (including any deposit facilities and funds held in such accounts), held in the Cook Islands, and services related to those deposit accounts, to BSP on a nominated transfer date.

Westpac notifies its customers in the Cook Islands that from a proposed nominated transfer date of **11 July 2015**:

- BSP will assume all obligations and liabilities in relation to these deposit accounts and services that are transferred; and
- Westpac may provide your personal information to BSP.

Westpac and BSP will further notify customers in the Cook Islands when all deposit accounts and services have been transferred from Westpac to BSP following both the transfer date and completion of the sale.

If you have any questions about this notice or would like further information about the changes, please visit our branch at the following addresses:

Westpac Cook Islands – Main Road, Avarua, Rarotonga



Funeral Notice

George Jerome Shedden 28 July 1975 - 6 July 2015

With a heavy heart, I am sad to announce the passing away of my beloved husband George Jerome Shedden, known to some as Georgie, Jeromeo or Akariman. He died peacefully in his sleep on the Rarotonga hospital on the 6th of July 2015 at 9.48pm.

His funeral service is as follows:

Sunday 12th of July at 10am his body will be transferred from the morgue to our home in O'oa Upper Tupapa to rest overnight. His Family service will be held that evening at 5pm.

His Funeral Service will be on Monday the 13th of July 2015, 10am at Celebration on the Rock Church at Nikao where family and friends will share and celebrate Jerome's life.

After the service his body will be transferred for his burial at the Tupuna family burial ground in Titikaveka opposite the Titikaveka SDA church. Refreshments will be served at our home in Tupapa after the funeral.

Jerome will be greatly missed by mum Tera Mareta Ria, Dad David Shedden, brother Paul and daughters Harriet, Selann, Tiare and Juliet and most of all by his beloved wife Julie Taripo Shedden. Rest in Peace my love till we meet again. Jerome leaves this message for you all 'Trust in God and Have faith in him.'

For further inquiries contact : Julie Taripo Shedden 74 630, Paul Shedden 75 325, Harriet Tuara 74 311.

How to build friendship *Part 2*

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

In Part 1 of this Theme I noted that choosing your friends is very important because they will have some influence on your life.

There are basically two different kinds of friends. There are Casual friends and Close friends. Casual friends is the result of circumstances. But Close friends is the result of choice. The closer you are to a person the greater their influence will be on you. Therefore, choose your close friends carefully.

Proverbs 12v.26 reads "A righteous man is cautious in friendship." The Bible talks about some people we need to avoid as our closest friends. The Bible says Lazy people should not be your closest friends. Even a Bad Tempered or Angry person - don't befriend a bad tempered person. Immoral (wicked, corrupt, dishonest) people. Greedy people. Avoid those who have chosen not to believe in God. The question is "What do you do with these people?" The Bible says we're to love everybody, but don't have these people as your closest friends because it will influence you.

According to the Bible there are 3 types of friends we ought to select as Close friends:

i) Choose those who Stimulate (inspire; motivate; encourage) you mentally. The Bible says, "He who walks with the wise will grow wise".

ii) Choose those who Supports you emotionally. A friend is somebody who walks with you when everybody else walks away. A friend is somebody who is there with you even when the going gets tough. Galatians 6v.2 says "Bear one another's burdens."

iii) Choose those who Strengthens you spiritually. I Thessalonians 5v.11 "Encourage one another and build each other up."

Part 2 of this article will focus on how to build friendships

according to the word of God.

1. GET INTERESTED IN OTHER PEOPLE Proverbs 18v.24 "He who wants to have friends must show himself friendly." The starting point is to get interested in other people. In the Good News version it says, "People who don't get along with others are interested only in themselves." If you just look at yourself and concerned with your needs, pains, desires, goals, you're not going to have many friends. Philippians 2v.4 says "Each of you should look not only after his own interest but also the interest of others." That's the starting point. Get interested in others.

2. SMILE Proverbs 15v.13 "A happy heart makes the face cheerful!" There is tremendous power in a smile. It is the universal language. It is understood in every culture. You smile at somebody and they'll smile back at you. It's automatic. It costs nothing but it gives tremendous benefits. It breaks the ice when you smile at people. II Corinthians 3v.18 (NLT) reads "And all of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more." Our faces should reflect the glory of the Lord.

3. DON'T BE A REGULAR COMPLAINER Somebody who's always complaining, has something negative to say about everything. They're not going to have very many friends because nobody likes to be around them. Philippians 2v.14-15 "Do all things without complaining and arguing (without murmuring and disputing) that you may be harmless and blameless, the sons of God without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye shine as lights in the

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world." This means that the person who is not a complainer is unique and different than everybody else and that they stand out like a star at night. If you want to have friends, smile, get interested in other people and stop being a complainer.

4. BE A GOOD LISTENER James 1v.19 "Be quick to listen and slow to speak." Proverbs 20v.4 "Counsel is in the heart of a man like a deep well but a man of understanding will draw it out." We can learn from anyone if we know the right questions to ask. Like water out of a well, we can learn from anyone if we know how to draw it out. Learn to ask questions. Be a good

listener.

5. ACCEPT PEOPLE UNCONDITIONALLY Romans 15v.7 "Accept each other, just as Christ accepted you." We cannot build true friendship until we first give up the impression in our mind of what that person ought to be. Biblical friendship is always unconditional. "A true friend is someone who knows all about you, yet loves you just the same! Jesus loves us unconditionally!"

May you find this article of Encouragement useful in building your friendship with others.

May you have a God blessed week. Te Atua te aroa.

Long Ago

By Lucianne Vainerere

I just want to dedicate this article to my Grandparents Tangata and Lily who have been my parental figures since I was born. Thank you both for always being there and supporting and feeding me and putting up with my difficulties. I love you both deeply.

When I was younger I made myself believe that the reason I had white hair was because of the moon. I believed that God sent me the moon (Luna) to guide me. So I would also talk to her whenever I needed to and ask about what God's been up to lately apart from answering our prayers. And to this day I still believe that I'm a re-incarnation of one of my ancestors because of my great fascination of our culture and events that shaped our people in the past and our long genealogy. I always wanted to learn about Avaiki, the land of our ancestors and sailing Te Moana Nui O Kiva. I also believe that the whales are our brothers and sisters here to make sure we don't lose our culture. I'm not exactly sure why I believe in all of this so much but I know for sure that I'm supposed to believe in it for a reason. It's an identity that separates us from the world as Pacific Islanders.

The Vaka voyaging film 'The Mana O Te Moana' was shown last Friday night at the market. The documentary/film has a really strong message that connects us to our ancestors and how they travelled from island to island using the sun, the moon and the stars, the horizon and the swells of the ocean. For some reason I can't explain the importance of it all, it's more felt. I'm one of those students who never really knew what

I wanted to do in the future it was always one idea then another. I didn't want to study something I wasn't passionate about. But what I am passionate about now is carrying the message of our people and our ancestors to the bigger countries. That we should live peacefully amongst the beasts of the land and sea and respect them. We need to appreciate the natural beauty more as individuals and see it for what it was in the beginning and not what it has become now after what we've done to it. We are the problem and we are the solution.

So one day in the near future, I'll earn up the courage to sail on our Vaka Marumaru Atua and join our people to carry the message to the rest of the world in protecting our environment and learning the ways of navigation and voyaging to preserve it in the future years ahead of us. I encourage any other young people who feel what I feel. It will strengthen our culture and guarantee our identity and existence in the years to come. Let us work together to preserve and strengthen and find who we are.

Hmm Friend?

By Teherenui Koteka

What constitutes being a friend? Is it hanging out with someone all the time? Is it inviting them over to your house? Is it trusting them with all your little secrets? What is a true friend? Friend is a heavy word. A word that holds a lot of responsibility and privilege. A lot of us may think we have many friends, but in this day in age the definition of the word has changed. In the context of social media, the description "friend" is given to contacts rather than relationships. You have the ability to send your "friends" messages and pictures but this is not the same thing as having a physical one on one conversation with a person.

In our technology filled era, it is hard to maintain true friendships and realize who your REAL friends are when we are clouded by the smoke social media. If I had to stop and think, I would be willing to bet that I only have about three truly real friends (who aren't family). A friend to me is someone who would go above and beyond to look out for you. Someone you can always count on. Someone I can realistically see myself goofing around with everyday of my life. Yes I have many friends, friends I think are real. But when I look at my future I can really only picture myself with two people. I am not saying my other friends are not my friends, but I really do believe that some friendships last longer than others. I recall once reading that 'friendship is seeking another person's highest interest before your own. It is putting someone else before yourself. It is being strictly honest, loyal and chaste in every action'. Perhaps it is the word commitment that truly ties a friendship. I used to try so hard to be a good friend. Constantly changing myself to suit the person I was befriending. I soon came to the conclusion that that was the wrong thing to do.

The funny thing is, that in order for me to discover who my real friends were, I needed to focus less on befriending people who were never going to be able to commit fully to a friendship and focus more on just being myself. Once I began to strictly do this, it became clear who my real friends were. They were the people who tried to be my friend just because they loved the person I am. Nowadays it is those people who are truly there for me. They are the people who have my back at the best and worst of times. After I began to look past all the "friends" I thought I had, the truth became clear. You do not need to alter yourself to build stronger friendships. The strongest friendships are built when you decide to be who you truly are. It is then and only then that you discover who your true friends are.

Didn't Louisa Peters do well to win a bronze in weightlifting at the Pacific Games in PNG! Herald readers will know that it was the Herald who followed Louisa's early career in weightlifting from the time she started out at the Weightlifting Centre in Atupa, training with Sam Pera Jnr. The Herald reported on her progress regularly but where was the daily? Now Louisa is beginning to realize her potential, the daily is all over her like a rash! Just like it is all over the young sailors like a rash. It was the Herald who brought these same young sailors to public attention very early in their development and where was the daily? Eh? Eh? You can rely on the Herald to spot the future champions.



Now that he has more than both feet in the door the seventh minister wannabe Miki Enery wrangled a shipping contract in a dubious deal with his mates neneva Neves and Minita Brown but that's never enough Miki has wriggled his way on to the negotiating table with the Endeavour mining high flyers, at a recent meeting he did most of the talking instead of the Minita Marki and even went as far as proposing Endeavour go into a joint venture with a local company, when they declined he persisted, what a greedy grubby toad, Miki thinks if Bulldozer bully boy can get away with it why can't he? Wonder if Marki has got some proxy shares in Miki's mining company?



With the escalating cost of food these days it pays to keep a look out for weddings, funerals, hair cuttings, 21st birthdays or other special occasions to attend for a free feed plus some to take plates of food home for the rest of the

family. One date to pencil in for next year is the Ariki Day, this year there was so much delicious food even the tourist got a free feed. What was Elvis thinking when he said absentee title holders should surrender their titles for someone permanently on the ground? What about himself is he going to do the same with his PM title seeing Elvis sends so much time in airport VIP lounges or in the sky?



If Elvis ever gets his way to become independent and seated at the big boy's table at the United Nations it will only be a matter of time before the country goes bankrupt, being independent we will need to have our own currency that will see inflation sky rocket through the roof. Elvis should push for Manihiki to go independent that could save the rest of us millions of dollars.



It seems the controversial fuel pipeline over the reef got quietly approved by the Rarotonga Environment Authority last week, it was supported by two international environmental organisations SPREP and SOPAC but there has been an eleventh hour attempt to keep the project on hold till some more legal

processes are completed, but the word is the pipeline will go ahead regardless.

How is it that Mangaia, an island almost the same size as Rarotonga appears on the TV weather map about one fifth the size of Rarotonga? Is it an optical illusion caused by the curvature of the Earth?



Roadside hedge fronting the airport car park has been severely and savagely massacred down to ground zero! Now visitors speeding along the "Ron de Groote" highway, have full view of a once hidden ugly wire fence. Seems the powers to be have brutally hacked this living organism down so motorists exiting the air port and those driving by can see each other! There have been some collisions in the past not to mention near misses.



How dumb can our government be chooks? Ultra dumb some are saying. Take these new cars they are getting to cart VIPs around during the celebrations. With all the bally hoo hah about renewable energy, the government should have got hybrid cars! That would have set a good example for our overseas guests! But then again chooks,

recharging all those electric cars would mean extra diesel needed by TAU to generate more electricity! Can't win can you!



Chooks the last 50 years are littered with agricultural casualties which are an abomination on all the good efforts by dedicated growers to establish a sustainable industry to provide a viable alternative to tourism. At the heart of the all the failures is the inability of government to establish pathways for our produce into overseas markets. So prevalent and embarrassing have been the failures that government keeps diverting the good efforts of the industry to providing for the lesser alternative known as the local market. So sad to hear Trader Jack on the goggle —box lamenting the government's dismal failure to set up the required protocols to get our limes and chillies into Kiwiland. Also lamented was the decline of agriculture on Mauke, once the bread basket of our nation and the failure to produce potatoes on Mangaia due to labour shortages caused by depopulation. In throwing millions of dollars into useless tourism marketing campaigns government is capitulating any chance we have of diversifying our economy and is taking the easy option of placing all our eggs in one basket, but whose eggs? The local variety or imported eggs?



Government has spent millions of dollars of other people's money on upgrading infrastructure to make it more resilient to cyclonic impact but what is the use of that if all homes have been flattened by a grade 5 hurricane? The need now is to upgrade all homes to a higher standard to provide greater safety. Likewise all hurricane shelters.

FAT CATS

Number 2,
Cabinet this week is cancelled due
to all ministers going overseas!

But I
only picked up 5
tickets!



HARD
TOO HARD
IMPOSSIBLE

COCONUT ROUNDTABLE

Rumour
has it, Government are all
overseas except for one minister,
Turepu!

How
is it he never goes
anywhere?

But
he does!
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TENDER PURCHASE AND SUPPLY OF BITUMEN TRUCK AND MOBILE KETTLE CONTRACT No. C15-08

Infrastructure Cook Islands (ICI) seeks tender proposals from
Contractors for the Purchase and Supply of Bitumen Truck and
Mobile Kettle, Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

Tenderers should ensure they are registered and have
downloaded or received all files for the RFT including all
prospective notices. Files can be obtained either online via
www.procurement.gov.ck or from ICI office.

Tenders close at 3pm on Thursday, 16th July 2015, and must
be submitted in hard copy format in an envelope marked
"CONFIDENTIAL" and have the following information clearly
exhibited on the outside:

TO:	The Principal Infrastructure Cook Islands Arorangi Rarotonga COOK ISLANDS
FROM:	(Name of Tenderer) (Tenderers address 1) (Tenderers address 2) (Tenderers address 3)
TENDER FOR:	C15-08 PURCHASE AND SUPPLY OF BITUMEN TRUCK AND MOBILE KETTLE
TENDER CLOSES:	3.00PM, THURSDAY 16 JULY 2015
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TENDER



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1. SUPPLY OF OXYGEN PLANT
2. SET UP AND INSTALLATION OF THE OXYGEN PLANT AT THE RAROTONGA HOSPITAL
3. PIPING FROM OXYGEN PLANT TO RAROTONGA HOSPITAL WARDS

Tenders are requested for the supply of specific medical equipment for the Rarotonga Hospital. This tender is in three sections:

1. Supply of Oxygen Plant
2. Set up and installation of the Oxygen Plant at the Rarotonga Hospital
3. Piping from Oxygen Plant to Rarotonga Hospital Wards

The tenderer is permitted to tender on any one or more parts of the tender, but the tender must be for the whole requirement of that section.

Tenders shall be submitted either:

Hard copy - Complete hard copies, packaged and labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" and have the following information clearly exhibited on the outside:

Procurement of Medical Equipment 2014/2015 No.3
Cook Islands Ministry of Health
P O Box 109,
Avarua,
COOK ISLANDS

OR

Softcopy: By emailing the tender bid as a pdf file to tenders@cookislands.gov.ck with the subject line "Procurement of Medical Equipment 2014/2015 No.3". The receipt time on the inbox will be used as the receipt time for the purposes of ensuring a tender is within the time limits.

The Tender Box is located at the Funding and Planning Office of the Cook Islands Ministry of Health in Tupapa (or submitted electronically to the email address detailed above)

Tender/Offer Closing Time

Request for tenders will close on the 10th July 2015 at 4.00pm.

Tender document and specification can be uplifted from the Funding & Planning office of the Ministry of Health in Tupapa and is also available on the Ministry of Health website www.health.gov.ck or contact Ms Vaine Ngatokorua on ph 29664, fax 23109 or email: v.ngatokorua@health.gov.ck

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FOOTBALL UPDATE

A tournament that broke all records

The seventh FIFA Women's World Cup™ began in record-breaking style, with 24 teams lining up for the very first time in the competition's history, and ended on a similarly momentous note, as USA became the first nation to lift the Trophy three times. Just for good measure, Canada 2015 also yielded an all-time-high of 112 goals, one more than the previous best, set at Germany 2011.

The tournament ended on a suitably spectacular note, as the Stars and Stripes swamped defending champions Japan 5-2. The contest was effectively over by the 16th minute, by which time the Americans had surged into a 4-0 lead, three of those goals coming from the talismanic Carli Lloyd.

It was appropriate that the 32-year-old midfielder should prove USA's hero. Lloyd missed a penalty in the shootout that decided the Germany 2011 Final between the same two sides, which ended with the Nadeshiko celebrating their first world title. She and 13 other members of the USA squad were on duty that fateful night in Frankfurt, a defeat they have now avenged in style.

Awarded the adidas Golden Ball as the tournament's most outstanding player, Lloyd later described her side's performance as "historic", while goalkeeper Hope Solo said it was the greatest moment of her career. The seven-goal encounter was the highest-scoring final in the history of the competition and drew an enthusiastic response from US President Barack Obama, who tweeted his congratulations to the victors: "What a win for Team USA! Great game @CarliLloyd! Your country is so proud of all of you. Come visit the White House with the World Cup soon."

Records for Sawa, Formiga and Marta

Despite failing to retain the title, Japan have plenty of reasons to be cheerful. Coach Norio Sasaki seemed to agree, saying that it was a success in itself to reach the Final. Canada 2015 was veteran Japanese midfielder Homare Sawa's sixth



FIFA Women's World Cup 2015

World Cup, a record for the competition, which she now shares with Brazil's Formiga, who also became the tournament's oldest markswoman.

With her strike against Korea Republic in the group phase, Formiga's team-mate Marta became the highest all-time scorer in the Women's World Cup with 15 goals, one more than the great German striker Birgit Prinz. The Brazilians advanced from the group phase as the only side along with Japan to win all their group matches, but exited the competition in the Round of 16, going down 1-0 to Australia.

Third place went to England, their best finish in the competition. The Three Lionesses secured the last place on the podium courtesy of a 1-0 win over Germany, a victory that broke a 20-game winless run against their old foes. England's ground-breaking run featured a quarter-final defeat of the hosts, who advanced beyond the group phase for only the second time, much to the delight of the more than 1.3 million viewers who followed their progress on TV.

Germany again missed out on a place in the top three, just as they had done on home soil four years ago, when they fell in the quarter-finals. With legendary goalkeeper Nadine Angerer having now retired from international football and coach

Silvia Neid set to hand over the reins to former international Steffi Jones at the end of 2016, the Germans face a transitional phase.

Judging by the talented youngsters they unveiled in Canada, however, Die Mannschaft would appear to have grounds for viewing any generational handover with optimism. FIFA Fair Play Award winners France can also look forward to a bright future. Though dejected to lose on penalties to the Germans in the quarter-finals, with Eugénie Le Sommer, Louisa Necib and Camille Abily in their ranks, Les Bleues have plenty of talent to sustain them in the years ahead.

Coast to coast

Perfectly encapsulating the tournament slogan 'To a Greater Goal™', the eight debutants (Côte d'Ivoire, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Spain, Thailand, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Cameroon) mostly acquitted themselves well on their first appearances on the big stages, with the Dutch, Swiss and Cameroonians all reaching the Round of 16.

Boasting players of the calibre of Asisat Oshoala, Veronica Boquete and Shirley Cruz, Nigeria, Spain and Costa Rica respectively brought a breath of fresh air to the competition and showed that the women's game

is on the up and up around the world.

Canada's national motto is A Mari Usque Ad Mare (From Sea To Sea), which is entirely appropriate for a tournament in which games were staged from Moncton in the east all the way to Vancouver in the west and across five time zones in all, a first in the history of the game.

"This World Cup should serve as inspiration to all the member associations," commented Lydia Nsekera, Chairwoman of the Committee for Women's Football and the FIFA Women's World Cup, at the tournament's closing press conference. Nsekera also urged the champions not to rest on their laurels – while the seventh women's world finals are now over, the eighth are already hoving into view.

So it's goodbye Canada 2015 and salut France 2019!

Participating nations

Australia, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, China PR, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Japan, Korea Republic, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, USA.

Final standings

1. USA
2. Japan
3. England
4. Germany