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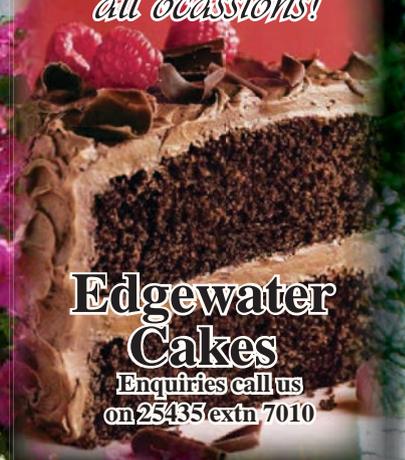
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Teariki Heather



Mark Brown

Like him or loath him, the controversial Akaoa Member of Parliament Teariki Heather virtually single handed rescued the Cook Islands Party from the brink of a landslide defeat. After CIP leader Henry Puna headed to Manihiki to salvage his eroding voter base Heather took it upon himself to step up to the plate and drive the CIP campaign from Rarotonga.

Heather's northern group strategy was crafted around his cunning use of Cook Islands Radio broadcasts, not a gifted orator in the Mark Brown mould, Heather's abrasive commentary struck a chord with those in the far northern Islands, the Demo broadcasts were listened to and Heather returned their luring attempts with solid political counter punches nullifying any ground gained by the Demos.

Unlike the Demos who would spend most of their air time wasted on pleasantries sending greetings to all the constituencies, Heather wasted no time sticking the knife into the Demos even to the extent of

pointing out the weaknesses of the individual Demo candidates.

Visits to the southern outer Islands were calculated and timed to perfection with Heather accompanied by Mark Brown on most trips. Committed to demolishing the Demo influence in the outer islands Heather soon relished the opportunity to establish a personal network and sow the seeds of his leadership ambitions. Highly enthused by the feedback he was getting Heather became the CIP X factor beyond Rarotonga.

Heather's off shore involvement was becoming a distraction in his own Akaoa constituency but he managed his time well and made every effort to be present at all the Puaikura rallies demonstrating his support for Patrick Arioka and his friend David Akanoa. Even when he was away the television commercials featuring all three Puaikura candidates gave the impression Heather was on the Island.

When Heather spotted the CIP Mitiaro candidate Tuakea Tangatapoto in Rarotonga

despondent and in a defeatist state of mind and confession, Heather said some stern words of encouragement then returned to Mitiaro with him and applied the X factor campaign strategy. Heather's intervention produced a staggering result.

When it looked like the One Cook Island Movement and Tungane Williams had the Mauke seat tied up, Heather swooped and applied the X factor and gained the retention of the seat for the CIP. In the face of a Demo clean sweep in Mangaia, X factor Heather led a small team that achieved the unthinkable, a razor edge victory over Tetangi Matapo in Tamarua.

Heather did a successful tour of duty to Atiu as well as Aitutaki. Just before the elections when Mona Ioane appeared as if he was losing the Vaipae Tatau seat to Kete Ioane, despite his prior commitments to the Ui Ariki Day, Heather followed his instincts and made a priority dash to Aitutaki at his own expense to apply the X factor on behalf of Mona.

The defeat by Mona was a real shock to the bewildered Demo camp in Rarotonga because Drollet had visited only days before and returned with an exaggerated glowing report Kete would win handsomely. Sadly for the Demos where ever the unwanted Drollet intruded the curse of defeat followed.

While the lazy Henry Puna coasted in Manihiki, it was the pumped up Mr X factor Teariki Heather who conjured up the CIP victory in the outer Islands. Credit must be given where credit is due. If Heather survives an Electoral Petition in Akaoa his X factor contribution against huge odds deserves rewarded recognition as the new leader of the CIP and Prime Ministership with the Deputy position rightfully going to an outer Island MP. In considering political experience and seniority the obvious choice for DPM is Atiu's Nandi Glassie.

A petition loss for Heather will open the door for Mark Brown to become the new CIP leader, then that's another story. - George Pitt

APOLOGY TO MR. KAVE RINGI AND RETRACTION

On 23 April 2014, the Cook Islands Herald published an article written by Mr. George Pitt.

The article alleged that Mr. Kave Ringi had engaged in improper activities, in a conflict of interest in relation to an immigration business in the Cook Islands with Mr. Eddie Drollett, and implied that Mr. Kave Ringi had acted in a corrupt manner.

The Cook Islands Herald acknowledges that all of those allegations were completely untrue and without foundation. The Cook Islands Herald and Mr. George Pitt unreservedly retract all and any references in the article to Mr. Kave Ringi and the untrue allegations and implications of corrupt and improper activities by him.

The Cook Islands Herald, as publisher, and Mr George Pitt, as writer of the article, also both apologise to Mr. Kave Ringi and his family for any loss, harm or embarrassment caused to them by the article.

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Leadership changes for both CIP and Demos



Henry Puna



Wilkie Rasmussen

Once the Election winds of political change have settled, internal shuffling in both the Cook Islands Party and the Democratic Party will heighten with whirl wind forces that bring forth new Party leaders. With both current leaders, Henry Puna (Manihiki) and Wilkie Rasmussen (Penrhyn) about to become entangled in Petition proceedings a loss for both will make the changes smooth transitions and less divisive for both Parties.

If either or both survive the petitions, Puna has to retain and Rasmussen has to topple Willie John, their removal will be confrontational with little political damage to either Party due to high level of dissatisfaction by both Party power brokers.

Neither was able to lead their Party to a convincing and commanding victory that demonstrated a mandate to govern by the people. The CIP victory is hollow and marginal and at best a reinforcement political reform is long overdue. The CIP may have won more seats after all the votes have been counted but secured a lesser percentage of the vote at 41% to the Demos 46%

therefore, they are a minority government that must govern with caution remembering more people don't want them than do.

Rarotonga voters have made their wish very clear, they don't want the CIP or Henry Puna as Prime Minister. Winning only three of the ten seats in the economic basket of the country is a slap in the face for Puna's administration, a fact not lost by the CIP rank and file on Rarotonga who acknowledge if Puna is still in charge at the next Elections, they are vulnerable and unlikely to win any of the Rarotonga seats that will be also contested by the One Cook Islands Movement.

The CIP could only muster 40.77% of the votes on Rarotonga and 41.83% nationally, a staggering anomaly out come for a governing victory.

OCIM are adamant they will be a fully fledged cashed up political alternative contesting no less than 14 candidates at the next General Elections. Buoyant by the outstanding results achieved in a compressed time frame and on a limited budget, the OCIM have wasted no time embarking on a proactive marketing and branding strategy.

With budget deficits projected by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management for the next three years the CIP government is stuck between a rock and a hard place with a serious lack of imagination and inventive innovation to build a productive economy. The CIP's campaign Pledge document offered no economic development substance so it will be business as usual, taxing anything that exists and squandering public funds on more travel rorts and self pleasuring indulgences.

Once again the CIP will limit Parliamentary sittings to a bare minimum to fudge their serious lack of skills and maturity in Parliamentary debate and substance. The unsophisticated outer Islanders will be out of their depth exposing the political gap between the Rarotonga based MPs. With most of the CIP herd from the outer Islands, their contributions will be to utter yes or no in the House, most of the verbal exchanges will fall on Takuvaine's sharp shooter Mark Brown.

Dissent within the Democratic Party is no longer being suppressed, many

including respected Demo veteran laveta Short have gone public and criticized the Demo campaign for lacking substance. As predicted by this publication the Demo Secretary and Opposition Leader Rasmussen's CEO Eddie Drollet would be the Demo's biggest liability and catalyst for defeat, now a reality acknowledged by many within the Party. Both Rasmussen and Drollet must accept responsibility for the embarrassing failure of the Demos. Between them they have received up to \$500,000 in salaries perks and expenses since the 2010 Elections but have failed miserably to advance the Party beyond the 8 seats they won in 2010. With everything in their favour to win the 2014 Election the disorganised campaign master minded by Drollet turned into a shambles and defeat.

2014 was Drollet's fifth Election and he is no smarter or astute from those experiences, even to the point he is still not familiar with the Electoral Act. Drollet's cognitive ability is seriously distorted by his own self grandeur that even his big supporter Titikaveka's Selena Napa must have serious doubts.

When Rasmussen had the chance to dump the inherited Drollet and build a focused winning team housed in the Opposition office he capitulated and retained Drollet whose contribution to the campaign table was a scatter brain losing plot. Rasmussen must give an account and refrain from muzzling a Party Conference where his leadership can be contested for the first time.

Any seats retrieved by recounts or Electoral Petitions will be not of Drollet's doing, in fact the Petition reserve fund of \$5,000 from each Rarotonga constituency (\$50,000) according to Drollet is empty. This is becoming a serious issue of resentment among the Rarotonga electorates as they believe Drollet has ear marked funds for Rasmussen and Manihiki's Apii Piho.

Without Rasmussen, Drollet is fully aware his highly paid tenure in the Democratic Party is over. In order to save his Penrhyn seat Rasmussen deserted the Demo campaign and left the Party faithful to do the hard yards. On two occasions Rasmussen gave his Party false hope by boasting he was confident he will retain the Penrhyn seat unopposed. Deputy President of the Demo Party Tupou Faireka on several occasions on live radio broadcasts appealed to Willie John to step aside and let Penryhn have their first Prime Minister in Rasmussen.

Rasmussen also stated several times he would not have to return to his constituency as his victory was assured, in fact he was reported to have said

that Willie John would step aside for Penryhn's first prime minister. Little did Rasmussen know he was being fed incorrect information to give him a false sense of security, the same ploy was used by the CIP in Pukapuka and Rakahanga. Rasmussen is now hallucinating and clutching at imaginary straws to win Penrhyn by an Electoral Petition, a delusion and a waste of money unless he funds it from his own pocket.

Realising the social unrest accumulated against the CIP by the likes of the Grey Power and Te Mato Vai petitioners was a hurdle too great to overcome the experienced engine room team turned their attention to the outer islands.

Rasmussen and Drollet have prioritised scarce Party funding for his Petition not on the basis of its merits but because he is the leader. As one punter wrote recently it has left the demo's leaderless and the appointment of Smiley Heather as interim Leader is a sure sign that Rasmussen wants nothing more than a continuation of the existing situation, a Party in opposition for another four years and Drollet and Rasmussen with their respective higher than normal salaries.

While the highly paid Drollet sat in his ivory tower during the campaign delegating crucial responsibilities to novices and inexperienced first time volunteers, the Demo campaign soon lost its way while the CIP electioneering driven by a handful of experienced synergised campaigners clawed ground back every day. Even in his own Tupapa back yard Drollet let the Demo team down by his exaggerated reports their

Two Ronnie's comedy show.

When Rasmussen spoke on television on economic development he was left looking inept and incompetent meanwhile Mark Brown the CIP spokesperson sounded more knowledgeable and convincing. In the back ground Rasmussen left finance and economic development spokesperson James Beer out of the crucial broadcasts because it would have given Beer more exposure and a justifiable replacement for the fruitless Rasmussen.

Whatever the CIP did worked because they had an organised strategy to win the 13 available outer Island seats regardless of the confronting circumstances. The Eddie Drollet led Demos failed because they took the outer Islands for granted and assumed even Demo strong hold Mitiaro was in the bag, every reason to dump the current leadership and begin rebuilding before being over taken by political new comers OCIM.

But do not be surprised that the CIP would like nothing more than the continuation of Rasmussen as leader in opposition, a secret no longer. So far his worth has been best illustrated by not calling a conference before the election which the CIP did, avoiding a national debate and the clumsy handling of the TMV petition in Parliament. Unless the Demo's can get some ascendancy back in the petition process which is highly unlikely, if all the money gets spent on Rasmussen's futile petition attempt then the Demo's are in opposition for another four years.

- George Pitt

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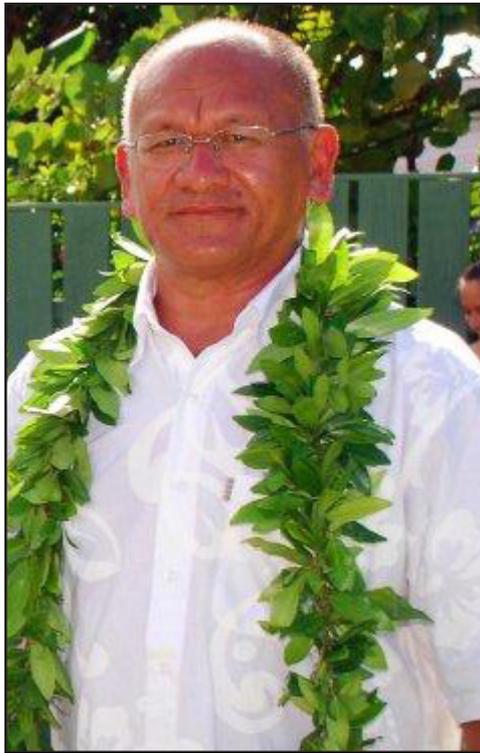
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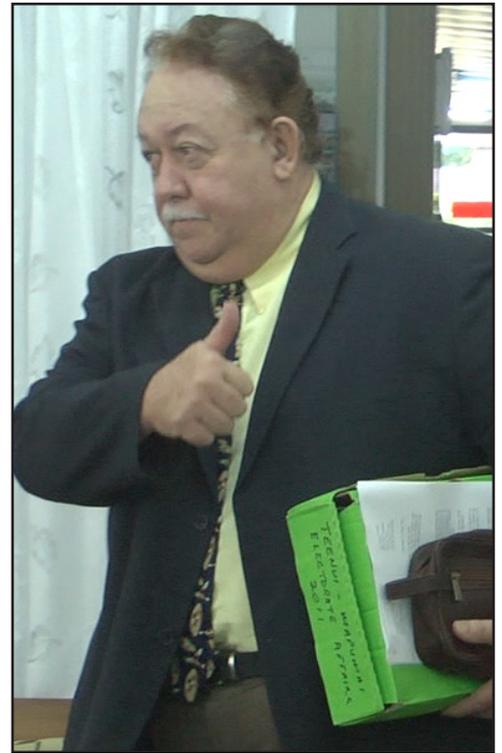
Leadership contenders waiting for the dust to settle



Beer - The Demos future



Drollet - Should shoulder the blame



George - Experience and advice disregarded

Whether the losing Democratic Party Leader Wilkie Rasmussen wins the Penrhyn seat by petition or not, a Party Conference is being mooted to put all positions on the table for election. A doubtful petition victory over Willie John will not guarantee Rasmussen's inherited Leadership of the DP. His poor performance supported by Party Official and his personal CEO Eddie Drollet will not withstand any politicking and resistance to his replacement. Both Rasmussen and his side kick enforcer Drollet are acknowledged political liabilities that are no longer useful cogs in the bigger wheel of the DP.

Drollet's lack of political and information reach meant he fed distorted intelligence to his boss Rasmussen; Drollet's lack of accuracy was laced

with presumptions and ear ticklers that kept Rasmussen in his cocoon isolated from the political realities eventually got exposed as political fraud. Drollet was desperate to cling to his fat at salary he fed Rasmussen ear ticklers not what the leader needed to hear and digest.

There is no sympathy for the introverted individualist Rasmussen or the centric Drollet who have seriously failed the legion of hard working unpaid volunteers who are vowing to disengage themselves unless there are significant leadership changes to the political and Party wings. Both men have been highly paid but failed to bring the DP the results assumed and taken for granted. Both men have conducted their personal sideline businesses from the tax payer funded Opposition Office at the expense of preparing

everything down to the small details in order for the DP to be campaign ready.

The obvious tipping point was predicted if James Beer was to win the Murienua bye election, but instead of capitalising on that result by entering into preliminary talks with the two CIP time bombs, Teina Bishop and George Maggie, Rasmussen in haste and poor judgement threw cold water on his first opportunity to become Penrhyn's first Prime Minister.

A strategic plan to force the CIP government's hand had been crafted and fine tuned over several months based on a Beer victory. Norman George was privy to the likely scenario but was not an active participant. Rasmussen's immediate response was a stubborn stand of rejecting a coalition with any defecting CIP MPs. Without disclosing the details,

Rasmussen's susceptibility to paranoia, lack of political strategy and leadership failed at that point, forever depriving himself of his elevated dreams and political ambition to be the Prime Minister.

Having also deprived and let down the Demo family and supporters because of his self interests, from that time on, the deferral mentality driven (Now noted by the Titikaveka Demo committee) Rasmussen didn't deserve to ascend to the Country's political throne.

Had Rasmussen comprehended and grasped the rare political opportunity acting in the interest of the wider Democratic Party, there would have been no elections till 2015 giving the Democratic Party government adequate time to strengthen their position going into an Election prepared and

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The next step

Vehicles powered by compressed air

By Charles Pitt

What is the next step in vehicle technology? A strong possibility is vehicles whose engines are powered by compressed air.

With the world-wide move to reduce emissions harmful to our environment, vehicles that operate on alternative energies will become the major priority. The Chinese government has recently announced its intention to have one third of its vehicle fleet operating on alternative energy by the year 2021. In the Pacific, Samoa has a goal to have a better designed transport system using renewable energies.

With many Pacific nations already committed to reducing harmful emissions for example, from vehicles which operate on fossil based fuels like petrol and diesel, alternative energy powered vehicles may soon become a reality in the Pacific.

A New Zealand company has been at the forefront of development of vehicle engines powered by compressed air which perform outstandingly and promise to head the drive to pollution free (emissions/noise) motoring.

IndraNet Technologies Ltd, a small, private company, has specialized in the development of new technologies in the energy sector for more than 10m years. Through its Australian subsidiary, Air Volution Ltd, it will soon begin the manufacture and sale of a range of vehicles which operate on compressed air.

Tata Motors, the largest vehicle manufacturer in India has already successfully trialed the technology and acquired the rights to market the vehicles in India.

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Leadership contenders waiting for the dust to settle

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cashed up.

Though lacking political experience, James Beer's stand out value added campaign performance has propelled him into leadership contention so much so, he without solicitation is the individual influential Democratic Party insiders are openly acknowledging and looking to for future leadership. Beer's decisive leadership in the vacuum through the absence of Rasmussen only served to amplify the deficiencies of their inherited leader Rasmussen and his incompetent side kick Drollet. Rather than face the embarrassing defeat at a Party Conference and be rejected for a Rarotonga MP, Rasmussen, Drollet and Party President Sean Willis should exit for their own sakes gracefully and with respect to those they have failed miserably.

Their insistence a pre election Party Conference would be divisive has proven to be counterproductive and

the likes of Selena Napa need stop being a stool pigeon for Drollet and Rasmussen even if they promised her a Cabinet posting. Without the conference, the outer Islands where disengaged and became politically fragmented with campaign synergies lost. The blatant self preservation antics of three people have cost the Party dearly and they must be put out to pasture, end of story.

Not only has Beer's leadership stocks been raised in the Demo Party but he has also attracted the complementary attention of the CIP who see him as a serious and genuine threat to them in the future.

Any politically bullying and grandstanding by Party hench man Drollet and Rasmussen's dwindling supporters must be dealt with contempt swiftly. New comers Captain Tama and Albert Nicholas didn't stand and win to be in opposition and be under the threat of being at high

risk casualty because of the lack of access to resources while the leader sits in an air conditioned Opposition office with his CEO both collecting fat cat salaries.

Eddie Drollet the Rarotonga conduit for the outer Islands candidates fed the engine room toilers exaggerated progress reports. Instead of having a comprehensive strategic plan to win as many if not all 14 outer island seats Drollet became complacent and lazy expecting victory to fall into his lap. Instead of sending the best and most aggressive Demo leaders to the outer Islands Drollet himself went off on a tiki tour observing rather than actively participating in the political engagements to ensure voters were solid and unwavering.

All the up talk the Demos would canter in with 18 seats must be an all time Election fantasy prediction, never has one individual (Drollet) mislead so many in the political history

of the Cook Islands, a fact political historian Howard Henry will no doubt include in one of his publications in the future.

When the inexperienced first time Demo Party campaign manager, Rasmussen's brother in law Piltz Napa was questioned at the beginning of the electioneering what was the Demo strategy to win the 14 outer Island seats, there was no response, nor did the Demos intelligently address that issue with any conviction of priority. On the instructions of Rasmussen the resourceful veteran Norman George the most experienced political campaigner, was over looked as an outer Island strategist and tactical advisor to the peril of the Demos.

For the first time the trend Cook Islands elections are lost was reversed by the CIP who won an election in the face of defeat, but then there is still the Electoral petitions to be heard.

- George Pitt

Desperate times call for desperate actions

The decision by officials to allow a group of Cook Islanders resident overseas but stranded in Penrhyn because of travel difficulties, to vote for the CIP candidate in the general elections on 9 July appears to be a desperate action to gain the seat.

By Charles Pitt

Incumbent Penrhyn MP Wilkie Rasmussen lost on the night of the election to the CIP's Willie John who had the advantage of votes by a group of islanders stranded in Penrhyn because of travel difficulties. The stranding was long enough for a loop hole in the Electoral Act to be exploited allowing the stranded islanders to vote.

Rasmussen is challenging those votes and while the law may provide a legal loophole not apparent previously, there is good reason to raise a challenge.

Put all legislation aside and ask yourself this one simple question, "What was the point of being self governing?"

Is it not to determine our own future by electing the governments and therefore the policies we want not what someone else living in some other country and paying taxes there, wants.

Cook Islanders who choose to settle overseas, work overseas, pay taxes overseas, should not have any right to determine the

future of those who elect to stay behind.

If we allow these outsiders to vote and influence our future, then who is to say that come 2018, 5,000 of these outsiders fly in, stay long enough to qualify to vote, vote the way they want, then leave expecting us to like it.

We did away with the overseas seat because those living overseas did not pay taxes here or contribute to the country's development.

The decision was made to go self governing and that decision must be respected. Otherwise,

what is the point of staying a self governing nation? What's the point of having our own Constitution, public service, MPs?

We may as well go back to the old days of being run by people living in another country.

My hope is that, regardless of what any Act may allow, the High Court disallows those votes for the higher principle of preserving our sovereignty, our right to self determination.

News Briefs *By TeRiu Woonton*

PM says CIP motivated

The Prime Minister has announced that the successful win at the poll for all members of his Cabinet has given his team the motivation to proceed with governing. The government administration is continuing he said, while the normal Constitutional processes are carried out under applicable law. That means the country's finances will fall under the 3 twelfths rule for expenditure and the legal system administers any challenges. The Prime Minister said he is encouraged by all the team members being on board to govern and that there will be operational continuity.

Gospel Day

Rarotonga Gospel day is observed this Friday 25th of July. This will be the 3rd year that the Rarotonga Gospel day has not been observed as a public holiday. This year, the CICC Ekalesia is commemorating the newly refurbished Memorial stone of John Williams, along with the memorial stones of Papehia and Tapaeru Ariki. The Gospel arrived in 1823 making that 191 years of Rarotonga commemorating Rarotonga Gospel Day.

PM questions Demo motives

The Prime Minister Henry Puna says he's disappointed that the Opposition seems to be back-flipping on every issue raised before the election, including Political Reform. This is only confusing the people because the Democratic Party can't make up its mind what it supports and what it doesn't, Puna says. The Prime Minister said that the Cook Islands Party was very supportive of engaging in reforms but had no such support from the Opposition. Puna said the CIP remains consistent with its policies and commitments and the people need stability – not the uncertainty of coalitions. He said the Democratic Party wants to use the courts to fight its battles and questions whether it will use overseas sources to pay for it.

Brown to lead Palau delegation

The Prime Minister has delegated Minister Mark Brown with the responsibility of representing the Cook Islands at the forthcoming Pacific Islands Leaders Forum in Palau, on 29 July. The Minister will leave tomorrow with a small delegation from Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister's advisor Trevor Pitt. Pitt says he will be supporting the Minister's participation in the pre-Forum gathering of Polynesian Leaders in Auckland this weekend. Brown will be attending the Polynesian Leaders Group in New Zealand with the Leaders of French Polynesia, Samoa, Niue, Tuvalu, Tonga, Tokelau, and American Samoa. He will then join a NZ Air Force flight out of Whenuapai to Palau. The Prime Minister has charged Brown with contributing to the Pacific Leaders' deliberations on proposed changes to the Pacific Plan, and also the nomination of a new Secretary General to head the Secretariat.

Maeva Nui programme confirmed

The program for this year's 49th Te Maeva Nui Celebrations has been confirmed, with local participating teams, Aitutaki, Mauke, Mitiaro, Atiu, Manihiki, Vaka Puaikura, Oire Nikao and Takitumu and international participating teams; Taoroa Kapa Haka Roopu and Whakatane Trident High School, Kapa Haka. The first event to take place is the float parade and the official opening ceremony. The float parade will commence from 10am and there are 15 teams confirmed to woo the crowd. On Tuesday the 29th of July, is the 1st lot of cultural dance performances from 7pm at the National Auditorium. During the day from 9am to 2pm is the CI Trade Day, which will be held at the Maire Nui Park. The same schedule goes for Thursday 31st of July and Friday 01st August. On Saturday 2nd August, from 1 to 2pm at the National Auditorium is the Tangi Kaara and on Monday the 4th of August at 10am at the National Auditorium is the constitution day ceremony followed by the Awards and the official closing ceremony at 11am. This year's theme for the celebrations is The Costumes of Our Communities and Tribes, Te Rakei Tupuna O Toku Matakeinanga.



Congratulations to Mrs. Metua Tereora

The woman of the month for this month is Mrs. Metua Tereora, commonly known as Aunty/mama Kia.

Personal profile

Metua was born in the village of Tamarua in Mangaia. Her father is Taomia Tangimetua and her mother is Rungai Puturi of Mangaia. Her parents had 8 children and she only has one sister left; Mama Tu Motu Kora. Mama Kia married Tereora Tavave, known to many as Blue Tiger from Avatiu in late 1954 and together they have 6 children, 30 grand-children and 40 great-grandchildren.

Nursing Career.

While in Mangaia, she was chosen (along with Tangi Bishop nee Robati) to train as nurses. This saw her enter into the nursing workforce in Mangaia in 1952. She then moved to Rarotonga in 1953 where she continued her nursing role before going on to graduate as a staff nurse in 1954. After marriage and children, Mama Mia was transferred to become a district nurse, she still remembers how she visited clinics and amazingly, still remembers the children from the clinic visits who are now all grown up and married with children. During that transition period in 1996/1997 she had the privilege of working with the late Dr. Teariki Matenga and Dr. Koekoe Mokotupu in a private clinic (at the Tupapa Clinic) for 3 years. In the year 2000 it was back to the Tupapa Outpatient where Mama Kia worked tirelessly before retiring in early September in 2010. A memorable experience during her working career was her very first trip to Fiji. In 1954, when nurses graduate, they would be posted to Fiji for work experience; 2 nurses at a time

would be sent and she had the opportunity to work there. That was something she thoroughly enjoyed and will never forget.

Sports.

For those of you who know Mama Kia, she is and has always been a massive supporter and number one fan of the Avatiu Eels and the Avatiu dragonflies. She actually had to hold off on finishing up this very profile due to a very important Avatiu Eels rugby match. Before coming to Rarotonga she played basketball for Tamarua club in Mangaia then for Tupapa when she moved here. She clearly remembers her a couple of her team players; Atinata Wichester and Mama Teupoko Kamana who she played with in the Tupapa club. After getting married to her Avatiu prince, she played netball for Avatiu; alongside team mates Keu Patu, Mata Manarangi, Mata Moekaa and Mum Pere whom she recalls was their 'champion goalie'.

Church.

These days Mama Kia is a member of the Avarua and Avatiu Ekalesia and tries to help out whenever she can. She goes to early morning church and Sunday services- Mama Kia believes that all wonderful things that she has experienced in her life and the strength that she has, all comes from the Lord God Almighty. She grew up in the Tamarua Ekalesia back in the days, when her father was Assistant Minister to the Tamarua Ekalesia.

Groups and Organizations.

Mama Kia is one of the founding members of the Family Welfare, alongside Aunty Vereara and Mama Tuki. During her younger years, she was a member of the Tamarua Girls Brigade in Mangaia and today,



Woman of the Month of July, Mrs. Metua Tereora, known as Aunty/mama Kia.

she supports any fundraise events and activities for uniform organizations and sports. She is also a member of the Mangaia Culture Group and like all the other Cook Island mamas; she enjoys taking part in the singing with the other mamas and papas.

Favourites/Hobbies

After finding out what her hobbies and favorites are, you will discover she is a 'hands-on, do it yourself' type of lady. Although she does not belong to any particular Women's group, she enjoys embroidery work such as tivaevae, pillowcase and cushion making. She sews her own bed and cushion covers, she weaves her own baskets and also makes her own kikau brooms for the family. She is very fond of her seafood and enjoys going into the sea to collect it herself. Same goes with taro and rukau; she is very

familiar with the taro patch and gets her own taro and rukau herself. Planting is a past time hobby for Mama Kia, she loves to plant taro, maniota and kumara. A random and interesting fact about Mama Kia is that her favorite colour is red, even her family know of her love for the colour red and if they were ever to purchase her something, it would have to be in the colour red. If the front-page was in colour, you would be able to see how beautiful she looks in her red dress. Lastly and more importantly, she loves to be around her many children, grand-children and great-grandchildren.

Her awards dinner evening will be held tonight at 6pm at the Islander, formerly known as the Aquarius. Watch CITV news on Thursday night for a close-up interview with the woman of the month.

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Marae Moana Raui Workshop

The traditional leaders gathered to review the Raui systems in the Cook Islands at a National Raui Workshop held last week. Participants at the workshop were the Ui Ariki and Aronga Mana from Aitutaki, Atiu, Mauke, Mitiaro, Mangaia and Rarotonga - the Northern Group islands having already been consulted in February 2014.

The conference was under the umbrella of the Marae Moana project of which the Ui Ariki and Koutu Nui reps have been an integral part of the project from its inception in late 2011. Chairman of the Marae Moana steering committee, Liz Wright-Koteka provided an update on the marine park project.

Latest developments include the setting up of a private trust to administer the funds that have been offered by international donors to promote and legally establish the Cook Islands marine park. There has already been substantial funding provided, notably Oceans 5 which funded the first year of the project and has extended their support for 2014-2015.

Oceans 5 funded the consultation visits to all the Pa Enea in the Southern and Northern Group to gauge the views of the outer islands to the marine park concept - which as the leaders are already aware - was very enthusiastically embraced by the Pa Enea.

Another original donor is Conservation International who provided funding to visit Mauke, the first Pa Enea island to be consulted by the reps from the steering committee in late 2012.

Other contributors include the Waitt Foundation which provided a ship to carry a team of local marine researchers led by Dr Teina Rongo to conduct a survey of the coral and marine life of selected islands in the Southern Group. Support was also received from Living Oceans whose patron, a Saudi prince, provided transport for the delegation from the steering

committee to visit the island of Palmerston.

A new major donor is that of IUCN-Global Blue which provided the funding for the Aronga Mana to review an document the Raui system in the Cook Islands.

Other programmes under this funding include the legal analysis of existing environmental and natural resources legislation and provide options for the declaration and zoning of the marine park. They also support a national stocktake of marine biodiversity and physical oceanography data for marine spatial planning.

Kelvin Passfield from TIS provided an explanation of another funder known as Global Environment Fund (GEF) which is funding a 'Ridge to Reef' project which includes most of the Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) that have already been declared. Notable KBA include the Takitumu Conservation Area (TCA) set up to save the Kakerori bird from extinction; Takutea wildlife sanctuary under the stewardship of the Ui Ariki and Mataiapo Tutara of Atiu and the Cloud Mountain proposal by the Koutu Nui leaders.

The National Environment Service (NES) made a presentation on their own Raui awareness programme. On hearing this, the leaders have asked that NES consult with the Ui Ariki and Koutu Nui to ensure that their Raui awareness message is consistent and in harmony with that of the Aronga Mana.

Then there was Kevin Iro, the original proponent of the marine park moemoe'a, who explained the use of Sea Sketch mapping system to mark out marine park zone. On the second day, the Tumu Korero from the Pa Enea made presentations on the Raui system on their home islands followed by lively debate.

Janet Maki, former Ombudsman arrived to present her legal analysis of customary law as it exists in the Cook Islands. Janet said the mana of



the traditional leaders remains and that it is open to them to invoke Article 66A of the Cook Islands Constitution that legally recognises the views of Aronga Mana on matters relating to Akonoanga Maori.

Her presentation made a deep impression and the leaders were provided with a copy of her analysis to take back to the Pa Enea for discussion with their Matakeinanga.

The final presenter was Nan Hauser who provide insights into her research into whales over her 17 years of work in the Cook Islands. Her work includes DNA testing of whales, that they have ever changing whale songs as they pass from location to location. And that her whale tracking work has

revealed that whales appear to be able to navigate in a straight line without deviation and then abruptly change course which precisely matches the tilt of the Earth. Nan was able to convey the wonder and mystery of the gentle giants of the Ocean to the leaders.

The workshop will be followed up with visits to the Pa Enea to carry out on-site visits to Raui areas for documentation in a National Raui Report as well as digital footage that will be used for awareness purposes. The Ui Ariki and Koutu Nui are eternally grateful for the financial support of our funders without whom the Raui review would not have been possible.

Press release by the Raui Secretariat

Victory celebration for Maggie the Man!



It was another night of celebration for Action Man George Maggie who wrapped up his campaign victory by hosting a function on Saturday evening to thank his many supporters for standing by him during the recent elections. The turn out was well attended, food was good and the entertainment excellent said a happy Maggie.

The occasion was also attended by Leader of OCI Teina Bishop with a contingent from Aitutaki as well as Mauke candidate Nane Williams and her family as well as other VIP guests. A special appearance by the Korero Maori Dance Group with their brilliant dancing and drumming helped make the occasion a very successful one. Music was provided by Rere, Andre and co which also helped set the atmosphere for a very entertaining evening.

The event was held at the

Rakahanga Hostel where Maggie took the time to thank his committee, his close supporters, OCI Executives, his Parliamentary colleagues, Air Rarotonga pilots and the many people who stopped by throughout the campaign to offer their support. The result on the night was overwhelming and I have them to thank for believing in me. They have sent a very clear message that it's time for change.

With the elections now over, Maggie intends to focus his efforts on assisting OCI Leader Teina Bishop to determine who they can work with should the opportunity arise given the slim winning margin by the Cook Islands Party over the DEMOS. For now, he is taking time out in Aitutaki this week to assist Bishop with a couple of small development projects.

Rumours of OCI "returning to CIP" to give them a 14 seat

majority has been ruled out at this stage as OCI awaits the outcome of the recounts and likely petitions. It's too early to make any decisions but at least for now the door is still open and that's a start, says OCI President George Turia.

Turia stated earlier that there had been no formal approaches made to OCI to form a coalition however, informal discussions between various factions have commenced "to test the waters" and to look at possible scenarios should they arise. It is better to be in a position of preparedness and to anticipate various options rather than allow certain political preferences to dictate the terms of any likely coalition.

The next few weeks will certainly be a challenging time especially for the CIP Caretaker Government as potential petitions and counter petitions are likely to drag on

creating more uncertainty for our country. This situation does not provide the stability initially promised by both parties during the campaign and merely reflects the lack of credibility people have towards their leadership in the style of campaigning we have just witnessed.

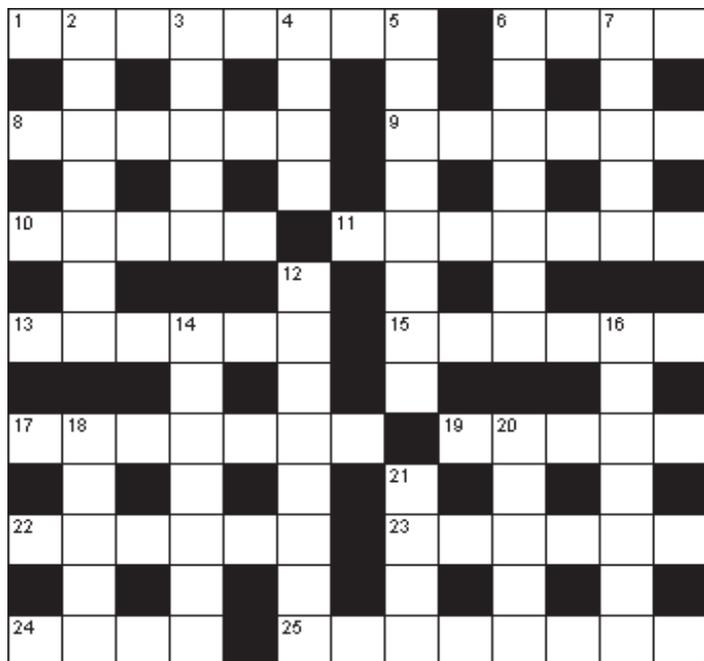
What we see now is finger pointing, vendettas and personal attacks on individuals which is totally unwarranted given the size of our voting population. The 2 main parties need to take some responsibility for the negative behaviour experienced during campaign promotions which I believe added to the confusion and uncertainty for the voter said Turia. OCI has already completed its post election analysis which will remain "in house" at this stage. We have identified a number of trends which are likely to impact on future political campaigns and that is a cause for concern.

Post election wrap up for George Maggie





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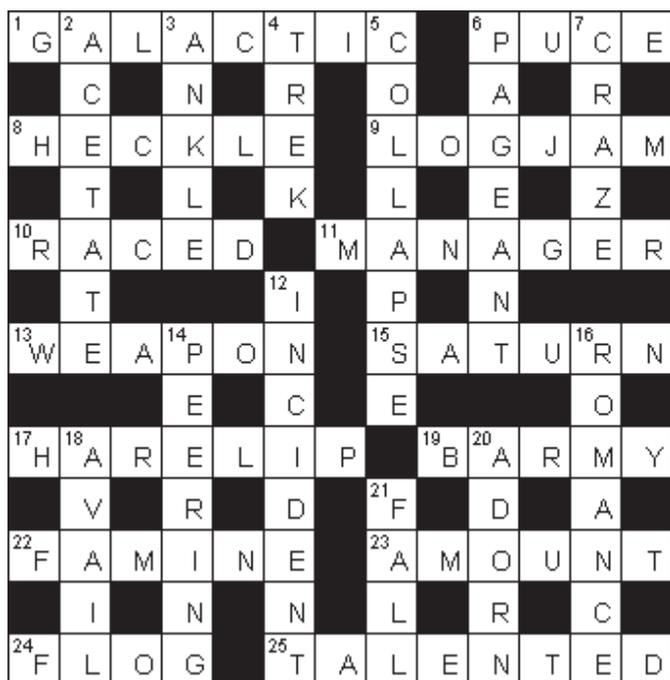


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- 8. Harass (6)
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- 10. Ran swiftly (5)
- 11. Office head (7)
- 13. Instrument used in combat (6)
- 15. Sixth planet (6)
- 17. Deformed lip (7)
- 19. Frothy (5)
- 22. Starvation (6)
- 23. Quantity (6)
- 24. Beat with a whip (4)
- 25. Having ability (8)

Down

- 2. A salt of acetic acid (7)
- 3. Slender part of the leg (5)
- 4. Migrate (4)
- 5. Cave in (8)
- 6. Costumed procession (7)
- 7. Derange (5)
- 12. Event (8)
- 14. Looking closely (7)
- 16. Love affair (7)
- 18. Benefit (5)
- 20. Enhance (5)
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Tips!

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Use the Charms bar. Access the charms menu by holding your mouse in the upper right corner and dragging directly down. This will bring up your system time, as well as a menu, which is used to control several function of the computer. It is a powerful and important menu and you will want to know it.[3] •Search is very similar to the All Applications button on the original start menu. However, for some apps pressing the search charm will search within that program, rather than searching the computer. Pay attention to this. •Share is used when doing tasks like viewing pictures. Share items to attach them to emails, place them in your SkyDrive, or a number of other functions depending on the file. •Start returns you to the start menu. • Devices allows you to access things like a second screen, or to set up and use printers. What is available will depend on what you have and what program you are using. •Settings can access the current application settings in some cases, but will otherwise access the computer's settings. This is how you turn the computer off or put it to sleep, connect to the internet, manage the sound, personalize the computer, and access the control panel, among other functions.

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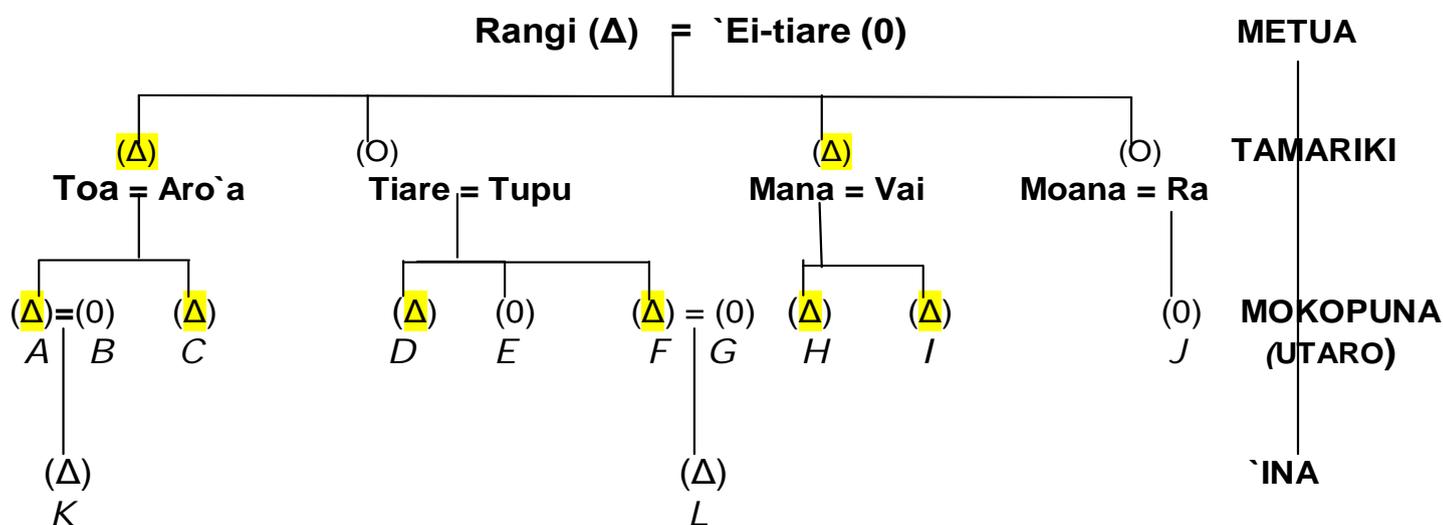


TE REO MĀORI

Piri`anga Kōpū-tangata: Family Kinship

tātā`ia e Rutera Taripo

I tēia `epetoma, ka `ākara tātou ki tēta`i tu`anga pu`apinga i roto i tō tātou ora`anga i te Kūki `Airani nei, koia `oki, tō tātou Piri`anga kōpu-tangata.
This week, we will look at an important part of our Cook Islands life, which is our Family kinship.



“ **Kia Orāna. Ko au tēia ko Toa (e tuatua nei)**”
“Greetings. This is Toa speaking now”

- 1 **Ko Rangī tōku metua-tāne / pāpā, `ē ko `Ei-tiare tōku metua-va`ine / māmā**
My father is Rangī, and my mother is `Ei-tiare
- 2 **Ko Mana tōku teina, `ē ko Tiare rāua ko Moana ōku tuā`ine**
Mana is my (younger) brother, and Tiare and Moana are my sisters
- 3 **`E tuā`ine rāi rāua no Mana**
They (2) are also Mana’s sisters
- 4 **`E tungāne `oki māua nō rāua**
We (2), of course, are their brothers
- 5 **Ko au te tuakana ō Mana, `ē ko Tiare te tuakana o Moana**
I am Mana’s (older) brother, and Tiare is Moana’s (older) sister
- 6 **Ko au rā te mātāmua/mata`iapo o tō mātou kōpū/puna**
But I am the first born/eldest of our family



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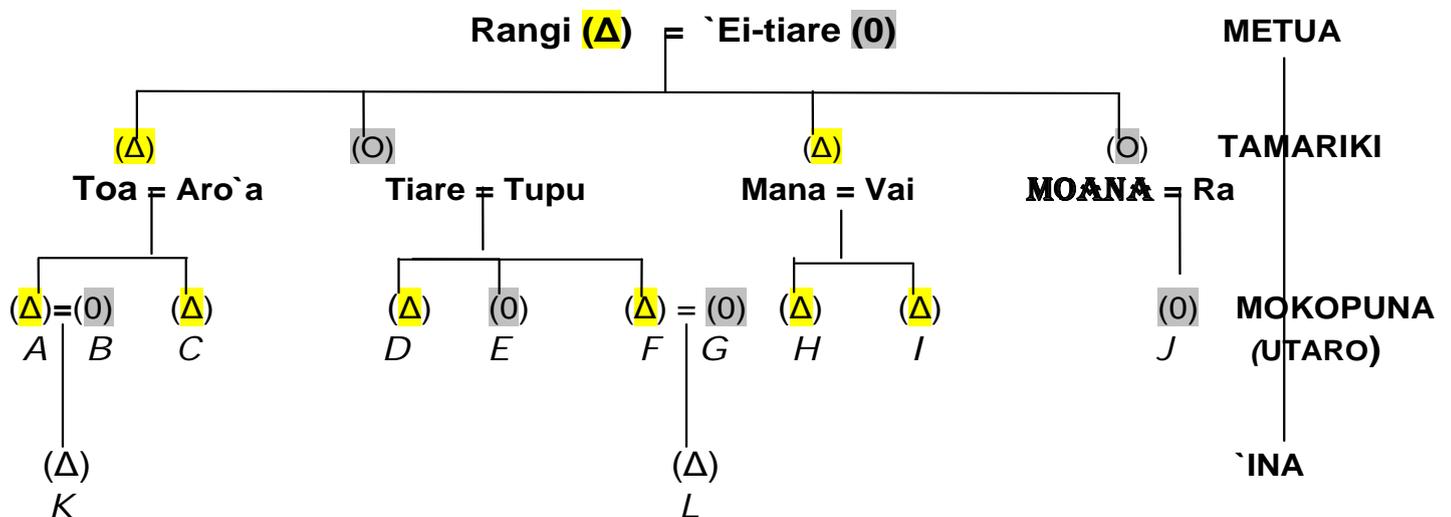
TE REO MĀORI

Piri`anga Kōpū-tangata II: Family Kinship II

tātā`ia e Rutera Taripo

Kia Orāna `aka`ou kōtou kātoatoa i tēia `epetoma, ka `ākara `aka`ou tātou i tēta`i tu`anga pu`apinga rāi i roto i tō tātou Piri`anga kōpu-tangata, ma te `ākara atu ki te piri`anga o Moana.

Hello and greetings again to everyone this week, again we will look at another important part of our Family kinship, looking at Moana's connection.



“ Kia Orāna. Ko au tēia ko **MOANA** (e tuatua nei)”
“Greetings. This is Moana speaking now”

- 1 `E tama-tamā`ine au nā Rangī rāua ko `Ei-tiare
I am a daughter of Rangī and `Ei-tiare
- 2 Ko au `oki te `openga ō tā rāua `ānau `ē `ā.
I am the last born of their children / siblings
- 3 Ko Tiare tōku tuakana, `ē `e teina au nōna
Tiare is my (older) sister and I am her (younger) sister.
- 4 `E ngā taokete `a Aro`a `ē Vai nō māua
Aro`a and Vai are Tiare’s and my sisters-in-law, or
Aro`a and Vai are our sisters-in-law
- 5 `E tuakana-tāne nōku a Tupu, mē kārē ra, `e taokete-tāne.
Tupu is my older-sister’s husband, or my brother-in-law
- 6 `E taokete-tāne tāku tāne nō Tiare, mē kārē ra, `e teina-tāne
My husband is Tiare’s brother-in-law, or younger-sister’s-husband



How to overcome the storms of life

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

Each one of us have encountered in life difficult times - times of trials and testings. Call it whatever you like, it's a storm of life. Well, I have good news for you, whatever your storm of life is, you can overcome it. In the Bible in Mark 4v.35-41 is the story of Jesus Christ that you can learn some practical lessons from for the next time you encounter a storm of life. The background to this story is that Jesus had just finished ministering the Word of God, and was travelling in a boat with His disciples to the other side of the lake to do more work for God. While travelling in the boat, a storm came up and there was panic on the boat.

In life there are three types of storms that we face. Firstly, there are the STORMS WE CREATE OURSELVES. Galatians 6v.7 reads "...We reap what we sow." And Proverbs 22v.8 reads, "He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow." In other words if we sow evil, we will reap evil. But if we sow good things we will reap good things. If children have gone to the extent of disobeying their parents, it is natural for the parents to discipline them. This is what we call the Storm created by you upon your own self. People are being taken to court and then into jail because of stealing. It's a storm brought upon themselves by their own actions. "We reap what we sow." If a child swears in the home, that child will get a smack from the parents.

Secondly, there are also STORMS THAT ORIGINATES FROM GOD. These are experiences that we have that can be called the dealings of God in our lives. The purpose of God here is to get rid of those negative things in our lives, and to make us more productive and useful for God! Jesus said in John 15v.2 (GN) that "He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and

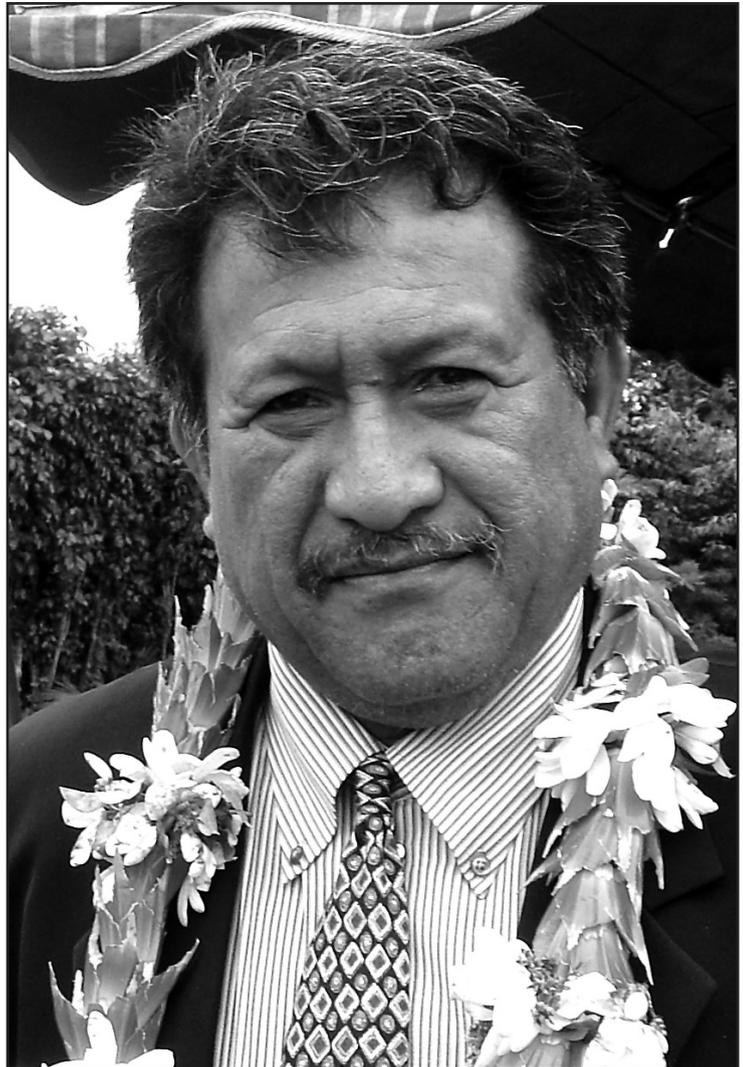
bear more fruit." There are many Biblical references that speak of suffering, trials or testings that are for the purposes of positive personal spiritual development, where God is the source of the Storm. Hebrews 12v.5-6 (NLT) reads "My child, don't ignore it when the Lord disciplines you, and don't be discouraged when he corrects you. For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes those he accepts as his children." Spare the rod, spoil the child!

Thirdly, there are the STORMS WE ARE OPPRESSED WITH THAT ORIGINATES FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE OF GOD, from either demonic forces, or people around us. These are storms caused by Satan. John 10v.10 reads that "...Satan is a thief who comes to steal, kill, and destroy..." I Peter 5v.8-9 (CEV) reads "Be on your guard and stay awake. Your enemy, the devil, is like a roaring lion, sneaking around to find someone to attack. But you must resist the devil and stay strong in your faith. You know that all over the world the Lord's followers are suffering just as you are." The Storm in the event we read in Mark 4, originates from satanic and demonic forces. This is the context in which I will spiritualise this passage of the scripture. Jesus shows us how to deal with Storms of diversity that originates from outside of God.

If we look at Mark 4v.1-2, we will see that Jesus was teaching the people before travelling to the other side of the lake. And Jesus was so tired and wanted to have a rest. If we read Chapter 5v.1-20, we will see the story of a man possessed with demons that Jesus delivered into some pigs. Friend, Satan opposes people receiving spiritual truth and spiritual deliverance. If Satan can't blind the eyes of the people from seeing the truth, or block their ears from hearing the Word of God, Satan will try to destroy the Preacher (Pastor), the Teacher, or the Spiritual

Encouragement Column

With Senior Pastor John Tangi



Leader. Satan tried to kill Jesus before Jesus could deliver the demon-possessed man on the other side of the lake. Satan will also try and do the same to you and I. Friend, if you do something good for God, the devil will attempt to interfere. Satan is watching, when you are tired he will attack you. Satan waited until Jesus' physical resistance level was low then he attacked. But fortunately, Jesus' spiritual resistance level was still high!

In v.38 of our reading, the disciples said to Jesus as He was resting, "...Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" The disciples made negative confession because of fear! After being taught by Jesus the

Greatest Spiritual Teacher and Leader, fear and panic still exist amongst the disciples. Fear originates from our feelings or emotions. But Faith originates out of the Spirit and has its roots in the facts and the Word of God! If we have Faith in God, we will head the right direction! Do we trust our feelings, or do we trust God's Words. Friend, in order for us to Overcome our Storms of Life, Have Faith In God! Hebrews 11v.6 reads "But without faith it is impossible to please God, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

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

Researching CICC churches

By Charles Pitt

Armed with a research permit from the Office of the Prime Minister, Caroline Hill, a Heritage Architect from New Zealand, is in Rarotonga researching CICC Church buildings for her master's thesis.

As a Heritage Architect her interest is in buildings of a historic nature which may incorporate features portraying local culture. She is also interested in the extent to which restoration work incorporates conservation principles and the extent to which they preserve authenticity.

She explained to the Herald on Tuesday that she is looking at three key things;

(a) Historic significance from a physical and architectural viewpoint,

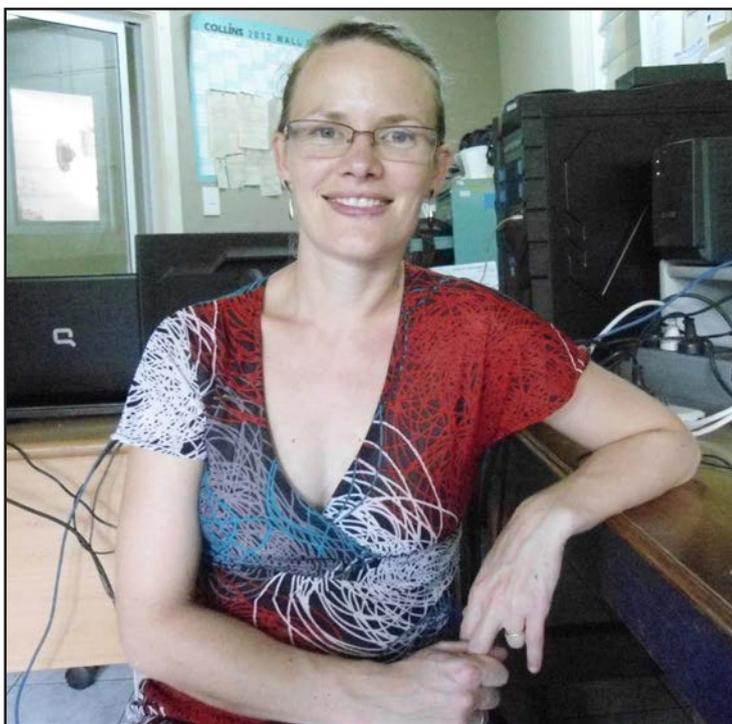
(b) Cultural significance in construction and contemporized modifications, and

(c) The concept of conservation and how international principles in Charters may apply in the Cook Islands.

In the Cook Islands many old churches will have been repaired, strengthened and modernized through use of contemporary fittings like windows and doors, electrical appliances like lights and power points and modern building materials like plywood. These all have an impact on the historic authenticity of an old building.

Since arriving Caroline has had discussions with interested parties like the Ministry of Culture, the CICC and Ministry of Internal Affairs.

She returns to NZ on 12 August. On this occasion she does not have time to visit the outer islands which she regrets as she has family connections in Atiu. If she returns to carry out more research she will aim



Caroline Hill

the visit some of the outer islands.

Caroline advises that anyone who wishes to pass on

information to her about the design and construction of our CICC churches on Rarotonga, may contact her on ph 78 589.

Two nights of Fun

By Nadia George

Wow was I blown away by the pure, raw talent that our little island has to offer. Two nights of fun filled performances from both dance and music cultures from around the world. We had hip-hop, Cook Island dancing, Fijian dancing, classic soul song selections, rock legend renditions, original compositions and lets not forget the Wegos? Who knew my friends were just that talented?

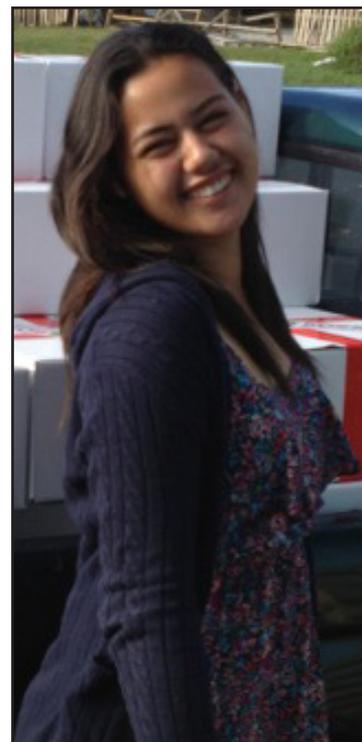
After five or so weeks of in class and out of class time, the senior classes of dance and music had performed to an audience of over a hundred people down at the Nikao hall, last week Wednesday and Thursday. The doors opened and people of all ages came flooding through the door, not all at once of course, but yeah get the general jist. Kids, friends, proud parents, grandparents and even tourists who had just landed on the island, had all crowded into the hall, waiting in anticipation

for the night filled of awesome performances with my favorite, having to have been the dance night of course!

First up was the fierce and flawcy trio of Michael Tangimetua, Justin Pokino and Ngatokorima Paia, with their mastered mix of "dance hall" renditions and hip-hop classics, all mashed together. It was a crowd pleaser for sure, with Miss Pilay and myself out back screaming our faces off as the trio performed their sexy rendition of Jason Derulo's, 'talk dirty'. April Ngametua choreographed a local dance based around her culture, her identity and where she comes from and Grace Loki's cultural Fijian dance depicting her background and where she comes from, performed by students within the dance class was certainly the crowds' favorite of the night. There was even an all boys group that performed a thrilling performance filled with lots of ab flex movements, back flips and even the crowd favorite

of role playing, to Kanye West's classic, 'gold digger'. But the fun didn't stop there. The whole class got up once again to close the show in a final drum dance, to act as the finale of the night.

With all dancers, crew members, technicians and helpers, taking to the stage in a final curtain call bow to end the night. With audience members returning again, the next night to watch a fruit salad mixture of students from Tereora, perform as, soloists, groups and trios, for a night filled with amazing talent and voices by the senior music class of T.C. Unfortunately that story will have to be saved for another time because sadly I am running out of space. But before I forget, a special shout out to the young year nines who were brave enough to get up on stage and perform one of my personal favorite songs of all time...you are amazing. Had to have been one of my favorites of the night. And to all the students that had



performed in the two nights, congratulations and thank you for two nights of talent filled fun. I look forward to next year and not forgetting the senior drama class production.

There seems to be no end to Elvis Enery's cash splash outs. The renovations to the tax payer owned house he resides in at Nikao must have ended up costing more than a new house. When the builder sent his invoice to the CIIC for payment he only received half the amount, it turns out the occupier's kept instructing the renovators to do work not included in the CIIC contract so they aren't going to pay. The dream merchant Demos have vowed to get the Punas to pay up when they get into government.



What a bunch of losers the Demos are turning out to be, Rasmussen, his chief advisor Drollet and Sel Naps should accept their self serving decisions have cost the Demos the chance of being government. No conference, no coalition and all for what? Now the dumb Demos are saying they are prepared to form a coalition to be government, no wonder people say there is no difference between the two major Parties; they both are flip floppers and backward somersaulters. It's a bit late for Sel to start bleeping about not wanting to be in opposition, when the blind lead the blind what do you expect? One thing's for sure her committee aren't happy.



After gobbling up over \$700,000 of public funds over the last three and a half years, the Leader of the Opposition's Office, Rasmussen and Drolley couldn't advance the Demos beyond the eight seats. If that's not a total waste of money what is? Every week Drolley hangs around like a bad smell that's another \$1,000 wasted,



that money could be better spent on more productive efforts than Drolley's pay, bet he doesn't even put in 40 hours of work. Apart from organise the odd raffle what did Drolley do besides his own business that got free internet, free use of computers and photo copying, use of telephone, office space and no electricity bills to pay. Talk about bludging off the taxpayer.



Little do the dumb Demo leaders know the cunning CIP have a plan if the final score is a 12 us, 12 to the others. The CIP don't want the OCIM, they have made a tentative approach to the former PM, Ivirua's favourite son Jimmy M. It seems Jimmy M's advisors have said take it and who could blame him if he did, at least his former office secretary will still have a job unlike Drolley and former leader who will have to actually earn their income.



The travel addicted Elvis Enery has wasted no time in gracing international airport lounges, this week he's off to Palau. How opportunist for the X factor Heta who may just unseat Elvis in his

absence. And who said Heta was a space cadet? When he does, let's hope he keeps his word to Glassie about being the DPM.



Heard X factor Heta sacked two of his staff for not voting for him plus he hired thirty cars prior to the Elections, heaven knows what for?



Jumping the gun and racing out the gate before the horse seems to be quite common in the Cooks. Take for example all those who are parading around pontificating that the CIP have won the election but muttering so with complete disregard for the fact there will be petitions challenging some of the results. There's an old saying, it's not over until the fat lady sings. She hasn't even started singing yet so ty-ho everybody. And to those who think One Cook Islands will not be the King makers, think again. Think again carefully because do you want to end up with egg on your face? Appearances can be deceiving.



Word is some eating place Barons out east are a tad put out by the Muri market's sheer audacity to open five

nights a week! How dare the market stallees heap tourists plates with cheap, wholesome, \$10 meals with lashings of yummy food and drinks. And how dare the market people provide lively, island music, souvenirs and friendly locals to rub shoulders with! And what is it the eating place Barons want? They want a tourist to come half way around the world to eat in a room, looking at other tourists who have come from the other half of the world. Not only will they stare blankly at each other but they will chew quickly through a \$40 meal that barely covers their plate but would look good in an art gallery like the Louvre!



Many lower level CIP bottom feeders have expectations of grandeur so far removed from those of their more sensible and practical leaders that it's beginning to become a worry for the top few who have the political nous to read the "game." The top few can see the writing appearing on the wall and now it is time for near panic. The unseen hand is imparting a message much the same way as occurred in the dream of the King of Babylon which only Daniel could interpret.



The sudden unexplained disappearance of Action Man Maggie caused consternation these past several days as his whereabouts was desperately sought by a distraught wiff. Turning to OCIM hierarchy, all became clear and was exposed to the wiff. The Action man had answered an urgent call to undertake some carpentry work in Aitutaki, helping to install a new bathroom and septic tank.

FAT CATS

Number 2, Cabinet is behaving like all the petitions have been heard!

Purring like a 6 cylinder car!



HARD
TOO HARD
IMPOSSIBLE

COCONUT ROUNDTABLE

Rumour has it, Government is behaving like all the petitions have been heard. They're booking flights to destinations world wide!

Let them go!

permanently!

VACANCY



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EVALUATION SPECIALIST

A short term contract is been tendered for the position of an Evaluation Specialist to be based at the Ministry of Internal Affairs to assist in the Evaluation of the Asian Development Bank - Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction Project (ADB-JFPR).

Qualifications Required:

- A bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification in social sciences or a related field involving monitoring and evaluation;
- A minimum of 5 years of experience working in social/economic development projects with government, development partners, NGOs, or other civil society groups;
- Experience in rapid assessment studies, monitoring & evaluation studies, data management, or impact analysis of development projects;
- Experience in quantitative analytic skills using national census or survey data;
- Excellent analytic and writing skills to prepare assessment reports and impact stories in English;
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills;
- Proven ability to work as a team; and
- The ability to speak Maori is an advantage.
- The work will require Outer Island travel.
- Contract term up to 55 days

Submit Curriculum Vitae, written samples of reports in a similar scope and include hourly and daily rate charges.

Closing date to apply for the position has been extended to Sunday July 28th 2014.

For a copy of the Terms of Reference and for any further enquires contact:

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ADB-JFPR Program Manager
Ministry Internal Affairs
PO Box 98 Tupapa, Rarotonga
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Business Trade Investment Board
Cook Islands



RAROTONGA BUSINESS WEEK (RBW)

A RBW will be held from Tuesday 5th August to Friday 8th August, 2014.

This business training week is free. The modules vary in topics including some specialised modules and presenters. The added features of this year's training are the repeat of Website Designing and the One on One Business Mentoring. The details of the modules and times of presentations are as follows:

Workshop One: Website Designing.
Presenter – John Blanchard

Venue – BTIB Training Room

3 Days: Tuesday 5th August, Wednesday 6th August & Thursday 7th August 2014

09:00am to 12:00pm: Lunch Break: 01:00pm to 03:00pm daily
Limited space available

Workshop Two: One on One Business Mentoring
Mentors – Allan & Shirley Cann

This program is ideal for new businesses that are looking at ways of improving record keeping, business performance etc. Allan & Shirley will come to your business premises. By appointment only.

To register your interest please contact:
Lydia Marsh - Business Development Officer
Business Trade Investment Board
Phone: (682) 24 - 296

Email: lydia.marsh@cookislands.gov.ck
Allan Cann and Shirley Cann will be available by appointment "ONLY" during working hours to visit individual businesses for a one on one mentoring.

This business training program is jointly funded by BTIB in collaboration with the Rarotonga Rotary Club, the Wendouree Rotary in Melbourne, Australia and Cann Business Enterprises.

TENDER



**REQUEST FOR TENDERS
MANGAIA SCHOOL BUS**

The Cook Islands Investment Corporation, on behalf of the Ministry of Education and Mangaia Island Government, invites tenders for the supply and delivery of a School Bus to Mangaia – contract C37/14.

A copy of the tender document can be downloaded from www.procurement.gov.ck or by emailing anne.taoro@cookislands.gov.ck.

For enquiries and to register your interest, contact:

Anne Taoro
Phone: (682) 29391
Email anne.taoro@cookislands.gov.ck

Tenders close 3.00pm, Tuesday 5 August 2014.

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TENDER



**SUPPLY AND FABRICATION
OF FUEL TANKS - AITUTAKI
CONTRACT No. C14-02.1**

Infrastructure Cook Islands (ICI) on behalf of Aitutaki Power Supply seeks tender proposals from Contractors for the Supply and Fabrication of Fuel Tanks for Aitutaki, Cook Islands.

A copy of the Tender Document including specifications can be collected during work hours from ICI office in Arorangi. A non-refundable deposit of NZ\$200 will be required before the tender document is issued.

Tenders close at 3pm on Friday, 25th July 2014, and must be submitted to the ICI Office in Arorangi and in accordance with the specific requirements of the Tender Document. Tenders must be submitted in two sets hard copies inside a sealed envelope labelled "CONFIDENTIAL" and addressed to:

The Secretary

Infrastructure Cook Islands

Arorangi, Rarotonga, Cook Islands

All Enquiries to be directed to: Tenga Mana
Project Engineer
Email: tenga@oyster.net.ck
Phone: +682 20321

PUBLIC NOTICE



BREAST SCREENING PROGRAMME

The Ministry of Health in partnership with the Cook Islands Breast Cancer Foundation would like to advise that this year's Mammography Screening Programme will be held from Monday 28th July to Friday 8th of August at the Rarotonga Hospital.

We would like to encourage all women 40 years and over and who have not had a Breast Screen before in Rarotonga to have one this year.

If you were last screened in 2012 and advised to commit to 2 yearly screening, you should be seen again this year also.

If you fall into either of the above two categories please phone the Rarotonga Hospital Receptionist on 22664 for an appointment.

If you are under 40 years and are experiencing breast pain, please phone Dr May on 22 664 ext 813.

Meitaki maata

POROKARAMU NOTE IO ATU ITE U OTE VAINÉ

Akamata ate Monite 28 o Tiurai, kite Varaire ra 8 o Aukute 2014 ite Aremaki, Rarotonga.

Akanooanga:

1. Te au vaine a ngauru mataiti aere atu ki runga
 2. Me kua akara iana too u ite mataiti 2012
- Taniuniu te are maki numero 22664 no tetai tuatau noou.
Te au vaine l raro ake ite a ngauru mataiti, e u maki ete mamae too, taniuniu ia
Dr May numero 22664 ext 813
Meitaki Maata

TENDER



**INFRASTRUCTURE COOK ISLANDS
- WATSAN UNIT**

Sanitation Upgrade Programme - Panel Members to Provide Design, Supply and Install Services for Rarotonga and Aitutaki Systems Upgrade – CW004/2014

The WATSAN Unit of the Ministry of Infrastructure Cook Islands (ICI) is planning for the delivery of a four-year 'Sanitation Upgrade Programme' (SUP), which has the overall aim of contributing to the ongoing protection of public health and improvement in the quality of streams, groundwater and lagoons. A key component of the SUP will be upgrading domestic onsite sanitation systems at up to 1,000 homes in areas of Rarotonga and Aitutaki, to ensure compliance with relevant Regulations and standards. Current 2014 Regulations and standards are available at <http://www.health.gov.ck/index.php/publications/moh-documents>.

The physical works required to upgrade onsite sanitation systems will vary from site to site, ranging from minor repairs of existing septic tank systems, to full design and installation of new secondary treatment and land application systems. The upgrades to these domestic systems must be completed by 31st July 2018.

The SUP follows on from the Waste Management and Sanitation Improvement (WMI) Programme, which included a pilot project to upgrade onsite sanitation systems at over 200 homes in the Muri-Avana area of Rarotonga. That project was successfully delivered through contracts issued by WATSAN, to a 'Panel' of preferred providers of relevant sanitation system design and installation services.

ICI now wishes to identify a Panel of Suppliers ("the Panel") for delivery of the sanitation system upgrade works under the SUP, with a view to commencing physical works during November 2014. ICI therefore invites tenders from suitably qualified and experienced individuals and companies, who wish to be part of that Panel.

To be eligible for inclusion on the Panel, Tenderers must be registered in the Cook Islands as 'Sanitary Professionals and Technicians', in accordance with relevant legislation.

It should be noted that those individuals and companies that were part of the Panel for the WMI Programme, are not required to submit a new tender in response to this RFT for the SUP.

A copy of the Tender document including specifications can be collected during work hours from the ICI office in Arorangi, or can be requested by email below.

Closing time and date for Tenders has been extended to 3pm on Thursday, 31st July 2014 (Cook Islands time) and must be submitted to the ICI Office in Arorangi. Tenders must be submitted in hard copy inside a sealed envelope addressed to: Secretary

Infrastructure Cook Islands

PO Box 102, Rarotonga,

Cook Islands

and clearly marked with "Sanitation Upgrade Programme – Panel Members to Provide, Design, Supply and Install Services for Rarotonga and Aitutaki Systems Upgrade – CW004 /2014" and the Tenderer's name.

Enquiries to: Tangi Taoro
WATSAN Programme Administrator
P: +682 20-321 E: tangi.taoro@ici.gov.ck
Cc: watsan@oyster.net.ck

CITTI Officially Registered as a Private Training Establishment

The Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute has officially been granted registration as a Private Training Establishment under sections 232-235 of the NZ Education Act 1989.

Since its inception in July 2013 the Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute has been working with two International accrediting bodies so as to become registered and be in a position to deliver internationally recognised qualifications; City & Guilds & NZQA. In October of 2013 CITTI was registered and accredited to deliver a variety of programmes and courses in the hospitality sector through London City & Guilds. The next focus was on ensuring that CITTI gained registration and consent to assess with NZQA.

In reporting back to Secretary of Education and Senior Management group from the team who had been assessing the Institute's readiness for NZQA Registration during the recent registration application process, the auditors provided a "glowing" report.

With an overwhelmingly positive NZQA final report CITTI has met all

the requirements for registration. "This is a momentous achievement and to have this achieved from the first visit is outstanding. There are many such institutions in NZ who would not and have not meet the high standards expected to gain this acknowledgement," says CITTI Director Owen Lewis.

In the assessment report auditors stated, "We experienced a very positive collaborative atmosphere amongst the management and staff with tutors sharing best practice teaching ideas and knowledge around students relating to their academic and pastoral care needs."

Secretary of Education Sharyn Paio offered CITTI her congratulations, "This is an outstanding achievement in such a short space of time and on the first attempt."

"The next step is to gain "Consent to Assess" and approval from the Industry Training Organisations but we can now say we are well on track to achieve this," says Lewis, "as it will enable CITTI to provide New Zealand recognised and accredited training programmes in the Cook Islands."

PROPERTIES NOW FOR SALE BY TENDER.

1. Are Dm1 Matavera inland

Te Aurere sec 148 1011sq m .33 year lease. Three bedroom block house - on flat section. Tidy

2. Plot Dm2 Matavera inland

Arekoe Pt section 13N. 1870 sq m .50 year lease . vacant property. Flat

3. Are LH Titikaveka Inland

Turoa Pt sec 33 Turoa , Takitumu. 1299sq m .34 year lease. Two storey, bedroom cottage and sloping section with mature gardens.

4. Are In Matavera Inland

Arepua sec 6 lot 7 Matavera 1030 sqm . 43 year lease . 4-6 bedroom very large family home with many potential uses .Flat

5+6 . Are and plot AD Tupapa Main road waterfront

Vaikura sec 127S2 and 127S2A . Two sections , 1441 sqm and 1631 sqm. Includes a family house in fair condition. 15 years left on lease. Flat

TENDERS CLOSE Midday 31st July



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web site www.cookislands-realestate.com

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