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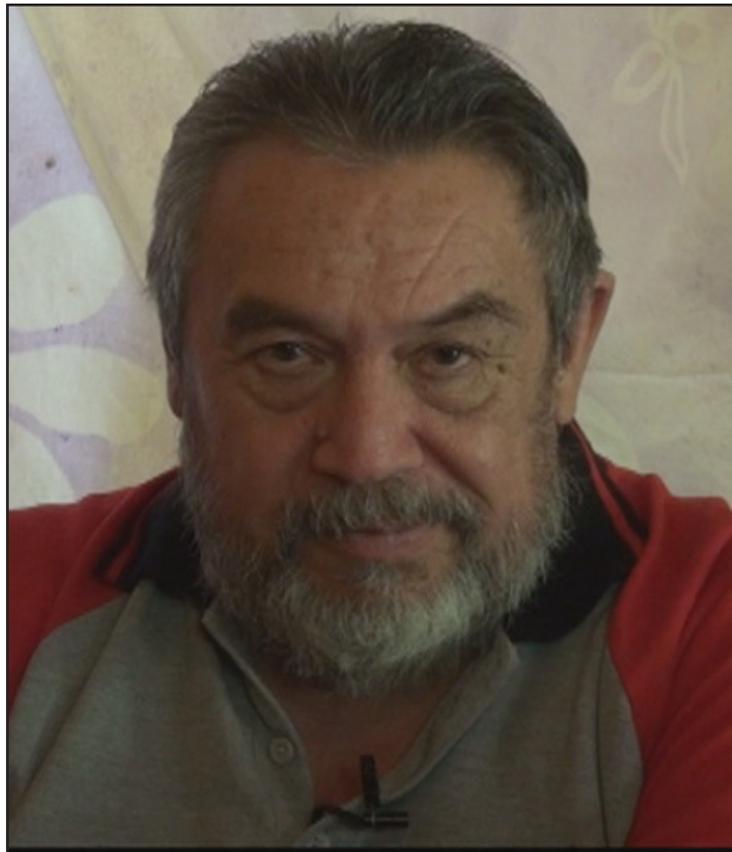
# Police investigation under pressure from government

After Crown Law failed to have the Police arrest and charge George Pitt on a trumped up contempt of Court breach they have made every effort under the persistent prompting of the Financial Secretary Richard Neves to smear him. In an orchestrated victimising campaign focusing on discrediting the messenger and ignoring the message it is evident Neves and company have some deep secrets to hide that expose the truth about how corrupted the management of public funds has become, simply put Alex Frame's legal advice clearly incriminates the CIP government.

Pitt said he was visited at home by two Police officers last Monday too late in the day for him to arrange legal representation. As is his right Pitt is permitted to remain silent, but said "Once I realised the Police were in breach of their own investigation process I was under no obligation to cooperate till they were not taking instruction from Crown Law staff."

I advised them I would be making a complaint of their non compliance of their own code of practise concerning an investigation. I made a verbal complaint to a superior Police Officer later that evening. Crown Law had over stepped their responsibility as a complainant, being forcibly instructional at the prompting of a very nervous Neves who had become desperate to silence Pitt.

"It was my discernment the Police had been coached and instructed to arrest and charge me," claimed Pitt, "this is very troubling, Crown Law has compromised their integrity, try as much as they will to extract themselves from this, they have already lied. I would believe the Police any day before accepting the twisted words crafted by the politically influenced and



George Pitt - making a stand for media freedom

manipulated Crown Law."

The interview conducted by the Police was recorded and then partial filmed once a CITV news reporter arrived to witness the Police intervention.

Pitt said he felt sorry for the Police who had been misled by Crown Law, there is a line in the sand between the independence of the Police and Crown Law and in their hasty desperation to gag him they knowingly crossed that line.

Crown Law are also guilty of misleading Justice Williams in their application for an interim injunction that prevented Pitt from even saying he had been served the Court order. Pitt said the Court Order was sought in his absence in a hurried telephone hearing with Williams in New Zealand. "These hearings can take several hours to arrange but I was not notified in a

deliberate attempt to keep me in the dark," said Pitt. The Justice based his decision on a one sided overstated application, that denigrated Pitt and amplified the importance of client privilege.

Pitt said after speaking to Crown Law acting boss Cheryl King about why she had given out two copies, one in full and an edited version of Frame's advice she became highly agitated and began talking down in a threatening manner. She must think I am ignorant of the law and the Constitutional rights afforded to Cook Islanders. "As a media owner and practitioner for the last 18 years I am familiar with my Constitutional rights and many legal facets relative to the media," said Pitt.

The moment King said the legal advice had gone between two parties, that is herself and Frame, client privilege no longer

existed. "King is either ignorant of the laws of privilege or she was attempting to bully me into compliance with her demands," stated Pitt. "I wasn't going to fall for her erroneous threats."

King is the victim of her own breaches of legal protocol, without Bob Williams's permission she gave a copy, an edited one at that to Neves who forwarded it on to another party, again without FIU permission or knowledge.

King should be taken to task for this serious transgression of client privilege. Government has announced and investigation into how did Pitt obtained copies or a copy of Frame's legal opinion. Look no further than Cheryl King said Pitt, King distributed an unauthorised copy to Neves who in turn leaked it to others implicated in the draft copies.

To hide this corrupting of confidentiality Crown Law and Neves with poop up to their necks are anxious to cover their tracks of guilt. Fortunately for King and Neves Williams is overseas otherwise he would have plenty to rap King's knuckles over.

Giving Neves a copy is inexcusable but it demonstrates how far his tentacles of influence has penetrated. Little is known about why FIU initiated their investigation and if it is as a result of a formal complaint.

Despite the investigation being ongoing at Neves prompting Crown Law issued an astonishing statement highlighting the comment in true Neves piece meal fashion. "Dr Frame's final opinion does not suggest misconduct by any government official."

How convenient that Crown Law is the self appointed unauthorised spokes person for FIU. Minister Mark Brown has thrown his weight in behind the corrupt lot at Crown Law and the lawless Neves who is hell bent

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# Where does privilege start and end?

By Charles Pitt

The following is an extract from a media release by Crown Law which was issued following the granting of a gag order by the High Court to prevent the media from publishing a leaked copy of the legal opinion provided by constitutional lawyer Alex Frame to the FIU who were investigating an issue concerning s 70 of the Constitution.

*"Prior to finalisation, the general aspects of the draft opinion were shared with a limited number of senior government officials to clarify some points. The final opinion was provided in full to the Head of the FIU.*

*Dr Frame's final opinion does not suggest misconduct by any*

*government official.*

*At all times the advice was legally privileged. It is a fundamental principle of the justice system that clients and their lawyers can communicate in confidence. Legal privilege protects all communication between lawyers and their clients when giving or obtaining legal advice."*

Crown Law has not elaborated how the provision of general aspects of the draft legal opinion to others outside of the FIU who are the "client" does not breach lawyer/client "privilege." Further Crown law does not confirm whether or not the FIU, as the client, consented to the privileged information being shared with other parties.

At any time one of these parties would have been exposed to the

possibility of the opinion being leaked to other parties.

Is it that providing only "general aspects" of the opinion does not constitute any breach of privilege? Is privilege only invoked when the whole of an opinion is leaked?

The failure of Crown Law to provide a full explanation to the public raises concerns about the level of secrecy being practiced by the Executive. Crown Law's attempt to mitigate political fallout and public concern reflect

badly on that agency of the state. Indeed the performance of the agency will no doubt be subject to review should a new government come to power.

It should be clear to all agencies of the state and indeed the Judiciary that public confidence in the Executive is fading and what the public is seeing with increasing frequency is attempt after attempt to cover up short comings and questionable actions. The time for openness cannot come quick enough.

on saving his backside at the expense of others.

Brown wasted no time in providing the Police investigators with a quick fix on their investigation into Pitt, on the front page of the CI News he emphasised Pitt had already committed a criminal offence by obtaining stolen documents, how bizarre, Alex Frame's legal opinion had never been reported stolen. Brown continued to influence the Police investigation by stating on Radio and Television Pitt had broken the law. Whatever happened to the rule of law that one is innocent till proven guilty?

Rather than refrain from making his scatter brain comments that Pitt is guilty while the Police are conducting a government filed Police complaint Brown's police, judge and jury impersonation is making him look like a hallucinating clown.

Pitt said if he ever had to face the Judiciary he would enter a plea of not guilty and defend himself. Part of Crown Law and Neves strategy is to make Pitt engage legal counsel in his defence as a means of inflicting financial hardship on him.

With unlimited resources at his finger tips courtesy of Cook Islands taxpayers, Neves can

wage a legal battle as he did over the Cook Islands Superannuation Fund (CISF) at a huge cost to the tax payer and to 64 year old defendant Pitt, a cash strapped local pensioner. And we all know when it comes to pensioners Neves takes no prisoners but there will always be an exception.

"At the end of the day, what did the flawed interim injunction achieve?" asked Pitt, "It has only served to amplify the depth of political corruption that is crippling the country." "The resilience of the media isn't going to diminish; the collective maturity and experience of the practitioners aren't going to be bullied into silence by this corrupt CIP government."

Arresting Pitt will only attract unwanted international media attention that will add more wood to the fire government has no idea how to extinguish.

Pitt concluded by saying "Crown Law is undeniably infested with a political virus, which is evident by the unauthorised leaking of privilege information to Neves, in King and Neves' efforts to absolve themselves from this serious indiscretion and misconduct they are endeavouring to criminalise a political issue by victimising me."

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# Minister points the finger and accuses the media of dirty politics

The Cook Islands Party government is under siege and they only have themselves to blame, under extreme pressure to disclose secrets that would have them exposed for corruption, the once media attention seeker show boat Financial Secretary Richard Neves has become tongue tired and selective if interviewed. On radio interviews, Neves refuses to discuss times and dates of events nor will he answer questions preferring to beat around the bush.

Finance Minister Mark Brown's latest defensive trade mark dismissive out burst was to accuse the media of dirty politicking. Even accusing George Pitt of trying to overthrow the government in other words sedition. As usual Brown pretending to be alarmed makes sweeping statements without providing one shred of detail to qualify his accusations, that's simply playing dirty politics.

Brown's claims are false and a deliberate attempt to mislead the public and cannot be left uncontested because he has become the personification of the state of political play in the land. The Minister's verbal barrage is evident he is on the ropes and his back is hard up against the wall, not thinking clearly his scattering brain is fully engaged ranting political rubbish. If he was the subject of a Public Health tutaka he would be told to clean it up.

The more the government hangs out their dirty laundry disguised as spin doctored information releases the more they display their desperate efforts to convince an unbelieving public they are the real deal. The CIP government is corrupt and their desperation to refute that is falling on deaf ears.

During the last sitting of Parliament both the Prime Minister Henry Puna and Brown



Prime Minister Henry Puna and his side kick Mark Brown

pontificated the CIP government was a model of good governance principles. Under questioning Brown mocked the Opposition while assertively stating they had nothing to hide, Puna reinforced that claim by moralising his government had no secrets, in other words the government was accountable and fully transparent in the financial management of the country's finances.

Mark Brown is playing politics and then to arrogantly guillotine the Budget to deny debate is playing politics, after only eight days of sitting in 2015 before abandoning our principles of democracy is playing politics.

Brown was right when he said politicking was at its worst but he failed to admit it is his government that is playing grubby politics. Raiding Pensioner's Bank savings accounts during the Christmas

season was playing politics. Full credit to Teina Bishop who couldn't stomach the wretched politics the CIP government was wallowing in and in disgust he resigned from Cabinet.

Promising to pay the robbed pensioners back it came with conditions in favour of the mad tax men, that promise was dragged out and three had died before there was progress, that's playing politics Mr Brown. Two marches by Grey Power on Parliament were scoffed at by Puna's government, when the Grey Power confronted Puna on the lawn at the Prime Ministers offices Puna pointed his finger at Neves and stated several times "He has got the law", again playing politics of the most abusive kind.

Over 2,000 distraught citizens signed a Petition that raised serious questions about the \$60

million Te Mato Vai project, again ignored by the government who bowed to the demands of the China contractors over and above the concerns of the people, that more grubby politicking. The obvious conflicts of interest that dogged the Deputy Prime Minister Teariki Heather were blind eyed by Puna and the rest of Cabinet, tolerated because Heather's perceived threat to Puna's leadership, playing politics was now becoming an art form, 100 percent pure.

Another petition, this time with over 4,000 signatures questioning government's plans to sell out our precious marine resources is delivered to Parliament, the Te Ipukarea Society driven petition calls for a total ban of purse seine fishing in Cook Island waters. Puna makes more empty promises and

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then left the petition untouched, more theatre of politics being served for public consumption. The Ministry of Marine Resources and Puna simply take no notice; they say one thing and do another gambling our future marine stocks for a quick fix \$10 million.

In between all that Neves and Brown tried to sell off our Telecom Cook Islands to global teleco Digicel. The politics they played got nauseating but BTIB held out to give local parties time to do due diligence, the delays sent Digicel elsewhere ditching the too difficult French Polynesia as well. All manner of greedy politics was on full display and it wasn't being orchestrated by the media.

Unafraid to report on the corruption that was now the trade mark of the CIP government, a fearless media was now a thorn in the government's flesh. Every effort was being made to discredit those who questioned government or reported unfavourably.

The 50 year Independence celebration exuberated the moral debauchery that had engulfed the CIP government, parliament was made redundant after sitting for 36 days in the last three years and along with it went the democracy the founding fathers had established our self determining independency. Puna has now embraced a Presidential style of governance often wearing sunglasses at formal events or functions. And Mark Brown accuses the media of playing politics.

Take a long hard look in the mirror Mark, the person you see is the political actor. Need we say anymore about Brown's best friend Mike Henry and the Schoonergate scandal? Neves is caught out blatantly lying on National Radio which only confirmed how corrupted the government had become. The public want proof of anything that Neves puts out for media releases, his blanket comments are no longer accepted as factual or the truth, validation is required. Who was playing the grubby politics here Mr Brown?

This was followed by the Manihiki landowner's threats of

destruction of the just completed \$2 million NZ Aid funded solar power installation. Government responses to media scrutiny became gibberish with spin doctoring that was contradictory. Politics at new depths of controversy and when questioned by the media Brown accuses us of playing dirty politics.

A recent round of controversy sending the government into their bunkers under siege is the Democratic Party's view the government has acted outside the law in making unauthorised expenses. Rather than get caught up in the bureaucracy and delaying tactics of a compromised monitoring group

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of public watch dogs the Demos lead by Murienua's MP James Beer is heading straight to the High Court.

Caught up in the government's web of defenders, the Public Service Commissioner Russell Thomas is a political eunuch and impotent in matters needing investigation, in his eyes Neves can do no wrong even when he lies to the people. So much for his charade of Public Service Excellence, this week the PSC gives Neves an award for excellence, if that isn't playing silly walks politics what is? Thomas has lost the last marble bouncing around between his ears. The Director of Audit Allen Parker is limped wristed and absent more often than not and PERCA chairman Geoff Stoddard has compromise written all over his forehead. Crown Law's acting boss Cheryl King is the latest sucker to pander to Neves' whims and fancies; all four are dancing to the control freak Neves' tune

playing politics without shame or embarrassment. Playing politics? Look in your own backyard Mr Brown.

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This government has refused to provide requested information under the Official Information Act (OIA) that would incriminate themselves and validate they have acted outside the law. Twice the Office of the Ombudsman has instructed the Cabinet Secretary to hand the information over but

outrageous scandalous claim the media was playing the most dirty politics he had ever witnessed? Unlike Brown I have refuted his unqualified vitriolic insults of the media for doing their job as the Fourth Estate and have been specific in my claims the CIP government without dispute are the instigators and culprits of playing dirty manipulative politics.

Mark Brown has a lot to answer for in the manner his Ministry of Finance is riddled with shambolic complications. By comparison the New Zealand government submits audited financial accounts within three months after the end of the financial year, yet the micro economy of the Cook Islands takes three years to produce audited financial statements. The last audited report submitted was for 2011 (35 months after balance date) Year 2012 is yet to surface now nearly 30 months since balance date.

Under Neves' watch delayed audited financial statements are the perfect alibi for his incompetence and cooking of the books. Neves has made little if any effort to rectify this major deficiency in the management of our sovereign funds. By the time the books get audited Neves will have long gone and out of reach to answer to his discrepancies.

It simply isn't in Neves and Brown's interests to have the books audited because that would expose the lies and cover ups they are getting away with and that's another example of the dirty politics they revel in like pigs happily rolling around in the mud. If New Zealand can do it why can't we? Or is that playing dirty politics because we dared to ask that embarrassing question?

There are many other examples that can be mentioned that leave no uncertainty that the Puna administration is characterised by its conflicts of interests, corruption, lies and secrecy, this government has everything to hide. They are a disgrace and an embarrassment to decency and democracy. To stand over the vulnerable pensioners with their heartless politics of fear will haunt this CIP government for many years.

- George Pitt

# Mark Brown - do the right thing, take the yellow card and stand down

Minister of Finance Mark Brown has gone on the record and admitted last week in a media confession he is under an investigation by the independent government agency the Financial Intelligence Unit (IFU) (see CI News November 4 2015)

Instead of making flippant admissions and blaming Demo MP James Beer as the complainant for the investigation (later denied by Beer) he inadvertently revealed a more serious side to this admission.

Brown would do well to seek legal advice, because it is very obvious that the FIU has not denied there is an investigation into him and this is not just anyone, it is the FIU. In most cases the police are the likely people to do this, but new powers by the FIU recently passed have increased their powers of investigation. The FIU can for example call in the NZSFO with any consultation with any other Crown agency and that is quite a powerful tool.

Brown repeated this in a radio interview the same week,

saying he had nothing to hide, Brown said he welcomed the investigation because "I'm confident they've got nothing to hide."

The fact that he is talking to the media about an ongoing investigation can be perceived Brown is trying to bring undue influence on the outcome. This manipulative tactic is indicative of the government's legal processes when their performance comes under scrutiny. The proper response by Brown would be to decline comment as the matter was under investigation.

The pressure on the FIU head Bob Williams is now that the high ranking Minister Brown has suggested no contest is to maintain an independent impartial investigation when Brown has stated his position before even being interviewed by FIU officials. Just another grubby abuse of his political powers, a subtle stand over of a government employee.

Brown should know a lot better, but his scatter brain cannot resist making inappropriate public

statements.

Although Brown may have been taking this a little less seriously then he should have been there is a law, the supreme law of the country to be exact: the Constitution, which says that the Prime Minister may advise the Queens Representative and at the Queens Representative's discretion may suspend the Minister.

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of Cabinet or of the Executive Council until the [Queen's Representative], acting on the advice of the [Prime Minister], has revoked the aforesaid instrument under the Seal of the Cook Islands

Brown's refusal and failure to be stood down if not by Puna then at his own accord as did the former Minister Teina Bishop is indicative of the sheer arrogance of this CIP government that they are above the law. Successful Vaitau candidate Moana Ioane is excluded from his admission to Cabinet while there is a Police investigation into alleged bribery.

Brown must do the right thing and exhibit some moral fortitude and step down while the FIU investigation is being conducted. Brown must keep a lid on his silly rantings and take a back seat till he is cleared of any wrong doing.

Henry Puna needs no reminder what he said on the 15 September 2015, "I am compelled Cabinet complies with the law." He added they must follow the law, "We can only follow the law."

- George Pitt

## Cooks must withdraw media injunction - PFF

Monday 9th November 2015

Pitt Media Group director George Pitt has been criticised over the years for breaches of media ethics, but now claims media freedom to inform the public, after government took an injunction against him to stop publication of a leaked legal opinion.

Government in the Cook Islands must withdraw an injunction stopping media from publishing a constitutional opinion that criticises overspending, says PFF, the Pacific Freedom Forum.

"Using the courts to prevent publication of a public document discussing public issues around public spending is not democratic," says PFF Chair Titi Gabi.

"Nor is this a good look for a country that was praised for

introducing the region's first freedom of information laws in 2008", she says.

The decision by the competing daily newspaper to initially kill a story on this issue for fear of legal action from government is proof of a "chilling effect" on freedoms of speech, says Gabi.

Fundamental human rights and freedoms guaranteed under section 64(e) of the Constitution of the Cook Islands include "Freedom of speech and expression".

Says Gabi, "Crown Law is wrong to claim the opinion by Dr. Alex Frame is legally privileged and confidential information, and may be in conflict with the Official Information Act."

"There are centuries of precedence worldwide for news media to publish leaked

documents", she says.

"Claiming that government documents paid for by citizens, taxpayers and the general public are confidential is bureaucratic nonsense."

PFF Co-Chair Monica Miller says the injunction is especially dangerous for small states such as the Cook Islands, given how little public information is available.

"A journalist has quite rightly reported that Parliament has sat for just 90 days over the last five years.

"Parliament Hansard records are not available online, further depriving citizens of access to what should be freely available public information."

The injunction was taken out against Pitt Media Group director, George Pitt, whose

family owns a newspaper, and a TV and radio station.

Miller notes that Pitt has been subject to years of professional concern about his public dismissal of journalism ethics, multiple conflicts of interest, and highly personal attacks on competing journalists, as well as different politicians who he has been aligned with at different times.

"Saying that the media should be free to do its job is quite right, but media owners must also ensure they follow generally accepted ethics in journalism.

"They cannot act as if they were media thugs one day, then hide behind media ethics the next."

But she agrees that the legal opinion should have been made public, according to law.



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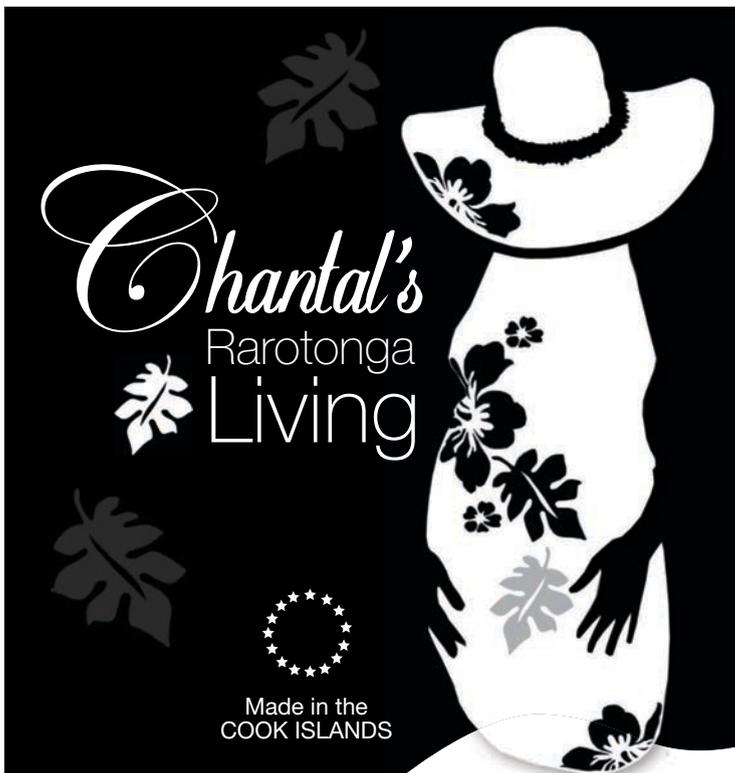


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# TE KAVE KÖRERO

Host: Tony Hakaoro, WED 4th Nov 2015

## Acting outside their powers

George Pitt, owner of the Pitt Media Group, was the guest speaker on Te Kave Kōrero on Wednesday 4th November 2015.

Pitt was interviewed in relation to the Police's actions in attempting to arrest him on Monday 2nd November for an alleged breach of an Interim Injunction ordered by the High Court of the Cook Islands.

Part of the interview is transcribed here for Te Kave Kōrero readers to follow.

At the beginning of the interview, Te Kave Kōrero presenter, Tony Hakaoro, put it to Pitt that the Police acted unlawfully.

"I am of the opinion that the Police had acted 'ultra vires', outside their powers, in other words, when they came to your property, they came unlawfully. What did they say to you when they arrived George?"

"Well you know we opened with some pleasantries, you know, this is a small country, everybody know each other, once I realised what the intent of their meeting with me was for, then you know, they come at 3.30 on a Monday afternoon, they read me my rights, tell me my rights and then, where can I get a lawyer at this time of the afternoon, at the drop of a hat?" responded Pitt.

"When this started were you under the impression that, they came, did they indicate that they came to arrest you or if they didn't give an indication, were you under the impression that they came to arrest you or was it an impression that they came to interview you?"

"Well, they started off by interviewing me, and I said, well, you know, what's this all about? Once I could figure out what's it's all about, you see, I know Police procedure when a complaint is laid. I know their procedure, it was obvious to me they were not following the procedure that they were being prompted by Crown Law to carry out this action because when they were talking to me about the breach of this injunction and I said, who said I had breached it and they said Crown Law said

and I said who's Crown Law? You know, they make the complaint, and they said I had breached it and you came straight here, that's not Police procedure".

"George, from the time the interview commenced, how long into the interview did it become apparent to you that this was in relation to the injunction?"

"Well, it was not long, was only a couple of minutes, because I asked them, you know, please be specific and then when I realised I couldn't get a lawyer here, I mean it was coming on to four o'clock on a Monday afternoon. My brother Trevor came across to see what the Police was doing here, so he picked up a camera and he was gonna film it, then he decided to get the television crew down here so that's our witness".

"Now, before the commencement of the interview did they give you the caution that you have the right to consult a lawyer?"

"Yes".

"They did? Alright.

"And did you exercise your right under that caution?"

"Well, like I said Tony, where are you going get a lawyer at 3.30 in the afternoon, and they said, you know, you don't have to say anything, well I know that. When they said they wanted me to go to the Police station for my interview I said no I'm not going to the Police Station. Then they said okay, we will take you there and I said what do you mean, going to the Police station for my interview, I said no, I'm not going to the Police station".

"Then they said, okay, we will take you there and I said, what do you mean, he said well, I said no, you won't take me anywhere and they said we will arrest and take you there. I said no you won't arrest me and you won't take me anywhere".

"Fortunately for them their Police Commissioner was in Australia, unfortunately the Acting Commissioner was not available to talk to so they started

to get agitated that I would not go with them to the Police Station. Why would I want to go to the Police Station for?"

"When they said that they were going to arrest you, how did you take that? Did you take that as being a threat or did you take that as an utter statement to put their point across to you?"

"Well it's normal you know Police work, you know, they were just doing their job, I don't think they followed their process but you know when Police interview someone, you know, they've got to show they've got a bit of authority. I felt a bit sorry for them actually because these people are being misled by Crown Law".

"Crown Law, who are they to tell the Police what to do?"

"At the beginning of the interview did they make it clear to you that they came to see you in relation to the injunction or did that come later on after you started the interview?"

"Well they said that they came here cause they had received a complaint from Crown Law, I said who in Crown Law, they wouldn't tell me".

"Did they ever say or did they make it clear that they came to your home to investigate the complaint?"

"Well, that's along the lines when we initially talked and I said well who made this complaint, Crown Law, you know, a Ministry doesn't make a complaint, I said an individual makes the complaint".

Te Kave Kōrero thanks Pitt for coming onto the programme and explaining the conversation he had with the Police on the day the Police reportedly attempted to arrest him.



# TE KAVE KORERO

Host: Tony Hakaoro, FRI 6th Nov 2015

## MFEM launches new online tax filing

Finance Minister, Mark Brown and Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MFEM) Officer, Chiavanni Le Mon, were the guest speakers on Te Kave Kōrero on Friday 6th November 2015.

The subject matter of discussion was MFEM's new e-tax online system.

Earlier in the afternoon on 6th November MFEM launched its new e-tax online system at the National Auditorium attended by business and company employees and other interested parties including the media.

In Maori Brown acknowledged and thanks the programme for the opportunity to come onto the programme to discuss the launching of the online Value Added Tax (VAT) returns.

"Ae, no te a`a, thank you e Tony no teia tuātau kia tomo mai au ki runga i te ratio kia akakite atu, kia akamāramarama ki a tatou katoatoa no runga i te akakoroanga i teia rā koia oki no te launch anga o te online VAT returns o te au business aere especially te au aronga kua retitaia ratou i te VAT, e, i teia tuātau oki, ta tatou i mātau, me tae ki te rā rua ngauru o te marama, ka aere atu tatou ki runga i te opati o te MFEM ka apai i ta tatou form, e oti i reira, ka tutaki tatou i ta tatou VAT, me kare, me e refund taau ka rauka mai, ka apai koe i taau form e ka lodge oki koe, you have to do it personally ea".

Brown said MFEM has started an online lodgement system whereby one can visit MFEM's website and lodge documents online so one is not required to go to the office to deliver a payment check, one can transfer funds from a bank account into MFEM's account.

"I teia taima kua akamata oki te MFEM i te akatuera i tetai online, online lodgement, ka rauka i a koe, na runga i taau computer, i te aere ki te website o te MFEM, e, tuku pouroa i taau apinga aere ka tata koe, online, so kare koe e aere akaou ki te opati apai i taau cheque, ka rauka katoa i a koe i te transfer i taau moni mei roto mai i taau account i ko i te pakinga ki roto i te account

o te MFEM, te Revenue Management".

Furthermore Brown said businesses or companies can also pay their PAYE taxes using MFEM's online system therefore eliminating the need to write a cheque and delivering it to the office. He added that one can do this from within the office or from home via a computer.

"Kare, pērā katoa te PAYE. Te kite ua nei te au business aere e, me aere ana ratou i te au marama i te apai i ta ratou form no te VAT, kapiti oki te PAYE ki teia ta ratou ka tūtaki, so me aronga anganga tetai i roto i taau business, ka tūtaki rai koe i ta ratou tero, PAYE i te au marama katoatoa, so kapiti ki teia VAT nei, me tūtaki reira koe i taau moni, ka rauka i a koe, na roto mai i te computer, online, kare koe e aere akaou tata i tetai cheque kia apai ki runga i te opati, ka rauka i a koe i te rave pouroa i teia au apinga aere mei tei roto koe i toou opati, me kare, tei te kainga, na runga i te computer".

MFEM Officer, Chiavanni Le Mon, said that MFEM has made filing VAT and PAYE returns and making payments much easier utilising its new internet service.

"Yes, so the Ministry of Finance has been working on making taxes easy for our tax payers so now you can log online and pay your VAT and PAYE. You can file your returns online and can also pay your VAT and PAYE".

Le Mon said the ability to file Income Tax returns with the online system would be available in the new future.

"At the moment Income Tax is not yet available on the system but we hope to

be able to launch that if not February, in March next year, where they'd be able to log online and see all their income tax returns that have been filed in the past years and then also lodge current year's as well".

"A salary or a wage earner is required to do their income tax returns, that is part of phase two and phase two is likely to be launched in February or March next year", said Le Mon.

Le Mon said the online registration process is reasonably easy and should take just a few minutes for a business officer or employee to register online for MFEM's new e-tax online system.

"The registration process is basically your business name, your business RMD number and a contact number and then you press submit".

"So, once you're registered for online filing, that's it, it's only a one time process. If you forget your password or your login details, give us a call and we can reset those details for you".

"Registering for a tax type, say for example, for the first time registering for VAT or PAYE, is a separate step to registering for online services so once you register for the online services it will give you access to your VAT or PAYE returns", said Le Mon.

MFEM's new e-tax online system is already 'live' and operating at present.

Te Kave Kōrero thanks Minister Mark Brown and MFEM Officer Chiavanni Le Mon for coming onto the programme. Meitaki maata

## Contestants line up begins

The countdown to the Miss Pacific Islands Pageant has begun with five weeks to go before the Cook Islands hosts the Miss Pacific Islands Pageant. The final registration date for countries for the regional showcase has been extended to allow Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands to stage their pageants and choose their representatives for the Miss Pacific Islands. These countries registrations will bring to 7 the number for the pageant including Miss Cook Islands.

The Miss Solomon Islands Pageant was launched this week and will be followed by Miss Papua New Guinea shortly. These countries have confirmed participation at the pageant in December – they just don't know who their contestant will be.

# TE KAVE KÖRERO

Host: Tony Hakaoro, MON 9 NOV 2015

## MMR spends time with media

William Framhein, owner and radio presenter of Radio Matariki FM, was the guest speaker on Te Kave Kōrero on Monday 9th November 2015.

Purse seining was the subject matter of discussion.

Earlier in the day Framhein was present at a media session held at the office of the Ministry of Marine Resources in Tutakimoa.

Framhein said in Maori that the session was about providing information from the Ministry of Marine Resources particularly with respect to giving out or sharing information with the community as well as giving notices of the works the Ministry is now wanting to do.

“Na te Marine Resources teia kapikianga kia tae mai te tuanga o te media i te tikitiki manako, me kare, tikitiki mārama, mei roto mai i nga tuanga no te mea i teia tuātau ta tatou i aere mai na roto, kua mānga apikepikē te tuanga o te Marine Resources i te tuku atu i te au nuti ki vao ki to tatou iti tangata, pērā katoa i te tuku atu tetai au tamanakoanga no tetai au angaanga ta ratou e inangaro nei kia raveia, e te vai atu ra te au tuanga mānga ngatā i a ratou i te tuku ki vao oki i to tatou iti tangata”.

Framhein said the Ministry of Marine Resources is seeking advice as to how to disseminate information utilising the media and information regarding fishing licences, the income from those licences and the amount of fish being taken out of our waters.

“Te inangaro nei te Marine Resources i te tiki mārama ka akapeea ratou i te tuku atu i te au tuanga nuti mei roto mai i to ratou Tipatimani no te mea, me akara tatou, kare e maata roa ana te nuti mei roto mai i te reira Tipatimani a tatou, especially no runga i te tuanga talicensing te au paī tautai no vao mai i to tatou basileia, tuanga moni te rauka mai nei mei roto i teia au licences, te tuanga o te ika ta ratou, ta teia au ravakai e apai nei mei roto mai i to tatou moana”.

It is an irony however that according to Te Kave Kōrero presenter, Tony Hakaoro, Ben Ponia, Head of Ministry at Marine Resources, declined an invitation to be interviewed on the programme given the media session earlier in the day.

“I a koe, i a koe e akarongorongo mai nei i ta tatou porōkarāmu Te Kave Kōrero, anoano au i te akamārama atu, e, i teia aia, kua aravei atu au i a Ben Ponia, kua pati au kia kake mai ki runga i ta tatou porōkarāmu, inārā, te akakite mai nei e, kua akakite mai a ia e, manamanatā a ia i teia aia, e uipaanga kē atu tāna ka piri atu, kare a ia i reira e tae mai ki runga nei i Te Kave Kōrero”.

Framhein said that in the media session the Ministry of Marine Resources came with an intention to criticise the media.

“I taku akaraanga i roto oki i te iriiri kāpua i teia pōpongi kua aere mai te tuanga o te Marine Resources ma te manako akakino i te tuanga o te media”.

Framhein added that the Ministry had intended to criticise the media but the media is unmoved with its responsibilities in the country.

“I roto i to ratou au manako tei tae mai ratou ki roto i teia uriuri kāpua kua oti i a ratou i te akatakakē, mē kāre, i te akakino i te tuanga o te media no te mea kare oki te media e tapaepae i ta ratou tū angaanga e rave nei i roto i to tātou Basileia”.

Framhein explained that if criticisms are directed at the Marine Resources the media’s role is to inform the public of such criticisms and if the Ministry of Marine Resources doesn’t want to correct them then it really is their fault.

“So, ko tetai akaraanga, me ka tae mai tetai au akaapaanga mei roto mai i to tatou iti tangata ki runga i te Marine Resources, well ka akakite te media i te reira akaapaanga ki

te katoatoa, kia mārama, me kāre, kia kite te katoatoa i te manako a tētai tangata, mē kare, a tētai putuputuanga”.

“Mē kāre te Marine Resources e inangaro i te akatano i te reira, well, no ratou te maki i tāku ākaraanga e kua na reira rāi i teia pōpongi ki mua i te ngā tangata mei roto mai i te Marine Resources, e, eiaa rātou e aere mai ma te manako i te akakino i te tuanga o te media”.

Framhein said the media is their friend and they should cooperate to work together or along with the media.

“Ko te media, e au taeake tēia no rātou ea, tērā ua, kia kimi rātou i tētai rāvenga, ka akapeea rātou i te angaanga kāpiti ki te media. Eaa ta rātou ka rave kia piri mai ki te media no te mea, mei tāau i kite i teia avatea, kua aere koe kua pati koe kia piri mai ki te media”.

Speaking briefly about the deal with the Spanish Framhein said it appears it is a done deal already.

Speaking about the outer islands Framhein said the Government has given approval for fishing vessels or companies to fish within 24 nautical miles of each island despite the aronga mana expressing a wish for a hundred mile exclusion zone.

Framhein said it is disappointing that the petition against purse seine fishing signed by 4000 signatories are still unaddressed and may never be addressed until Parliament sits sometimes next year.

Te Kave Kōrero thanks Framhein for his contribution to the programme.  
Meitaki maata

## NZ Supports Aeronautical Charting

The programme has identified a total of 38 regional aerodromes from within the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. All nine Cook Islands aerodromes are included into this project and the grant signed on Thursday confirms the commitment between New Zealand and the Cook Islands to ensure the smooth delivery of the activity.

New landing procedures and charts will enable enhanced aviation safety, reliability and allow fuel savings to be achieved over the existing conventional landing approaches. There could be benefits to island commerce, access to health services, and support of humanitarian aid. High Commissioner Hurley stressed the importance of safe aerodromes to the communities in the Pa Enea noting the vital role this infrastructure plays in connecting the nation. “New Zealand is fully behind the Cook Islands’ endeavours to maintain these vital national assets, and I see this project contributing toward these efforts”

Airways New Zealand has been awarded the contract for the work, which is expected to start in early 2016.

# More contestants confirmed

Miss Fiji to the 2015 Miss Pacific Islands has been confirmed with the crowning of Zaira Begg from Ba town as the Telecom Miss Fiji 2015. The finale event was held in Nadi on the 24th of October, to choose the representative from Fiji to the Pacific showcase to be held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands early next month.

Along with being crowned Miss Fiji Zaira Begg was the winner of the Talent and Research Topic, and Traditional Costume sections of the Pageant. "Miss Fiji can look forward to a lot of support when she is here, from our friends and families in the Fijian community" said Clee Marsters President of MCIPA.

More recently Miss American Samoa to the 2015 Miss Pacific Islands has been chosen with the crowning of Suluga Talofaalii Taliau as Miss American Samoa. Suluga was chosen from amongst five beautiful contestants on Saturday 31st October at the finale show of the Miss American Samoa.

Miss American Samoa is the latest contestant to be crowned and confirmed in the lead up to the Miss Pacific Islands Pageant in December. "The last time the Miss South Pacific was held in the Cook Islands the pageant was won by Miss American Samoa Lupe Aumavae" quipped Marsters.

## Our Frontpage model



Our frontpage model this week's Herald issue 792 is 21 year old Ahleesa Sosene. Ahleesa was a contestant in this year's Miss Cook Islands Pageant 2015 and works at Southpac Trust. Check out our website [www.ciherald.co.ck](http://www.ciherald.co.ck). and facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ciherald](http://www.facebook.com/ciherald)

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# Miss Niue has been confirmed



Excitement continues to grow in the countdown to the Miss Pacific Islands with Miss Niue Elaine Karena the 6th contestant to confirm participation at the cultural pageant to be held in the Cook Islands next month. With national pageants to be held later this month in PNG and Solomon Islands, this will bring to 8 the total number of countries confirmed to participate at this years' cultural showcase.

Miss Niue is of Niuean and Cook Islands ancestry so will expect to receive extra support from the island communities here during the Pageant. "We are so excited to see Niue competing again this year. They have won the title on two occasions and are always serious contenders for the crown. Their contestant is part Cook Islands Maori which will make it extra special that she is competing!" said Cleo Marsters President of MCIPA.

Elaine is the former Miss Niue Aotearoa 2014 and the current Miss Niue 2015. Like many

Pacific Islanders Elaine comes from a large but close knit family being the youngest of five siblings; and a proud Aunty to four nieces, five nephews and one great nephew!! Elaine's Father Mark Karena was raised on the island of Mangaia. Elaine's Mother Caroline Faleuka is Niuean and was born and raised in the beautiful village of Namakulu. Elaine's maternal grandparents are the late Meleina and Emanuel Faleuka of Niue. Elaine is a proud member of the Sandringham Niue Pacific Islands Church in Auckland.

Members of the Niue community on Rarotonga are encouraged to come out in support of their contestant in this years Miss Pacific Islands Pageant

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# Good eating, high yield and disease resilience - the goals of taro project

by *Te-Riu Woonton*

Taro is one of our everyday staples. But with limited land ownership, limited time available to most people, climate change, ongoing biosecurity threats, taro now has a demand that exceeds supply. And when that happens, taro or any of its alternatives such as maniota and kumara become very good business.

The Ministry of Agriculture, FAO and SPC along with other Pacific countries have for some time now been looking at how to breed a more disease resilient taro but that is also good eating, high yielding. Although, climate resilient would also be another good attribute.

“The main purpose of this is to identify some varieties for good eating, and which will also tolerate diseases such as the most serious disease of taro, known as taro leaf blight that affected the taro in Samoa in 1993,” says William Wigmore, Director of Research at the Ministry of Agriculture. “Over the years Samoa went through an intense breeding program to identify varieties of good eating qualities, good yielding and good tolerance. The variety they were growing at the time was a variety which originated from Niue, and was highly susceptible to the disease. This variety was wiped out. This affected the whole taro industry in Samoa, they had to stop the export of taro to NZ which was a major export at the time, worth about 20 million.”

The genes of 13 varieties of taro from Samoa and 15 varieties of taro from Cook Islands were crossed to provide 18 new cross varieties. 1300 plants in total were planted using these crosses which were then harvested in July of this year. 30 plants were then sent to Samoa for disease testing. The program leader from Samoa was very impressed with the



**Various taro varieties on display at World Food day on 16th October 2015**

varieties bred.

The Ministry of Agriculture also identified 350 plants from which to conduct further research with.

“In order for us to move forward in this breeding program and since we plan to do more breeding in the near future we need to reduce the number of varieties we will be selecting and taking into the next round of breeding. From the 350 plants, we are looking at maybe in the next year or two to narrow it down to about 20 plants in total from a figure of 1300. We really need to narrow it down to identify the real best taro.”

So while ensuring food security is the primary concern of the Ministry of Agriculture, Wigmore says they are looking at getting these varieties into the hands of farmers who are strong in taro production.

“You are probably aware that we don’t have adequate supply of taro on the market, through the supermarkets and shops on the island, likewise in the outer islands. I noticed when I go to these islands; they find it difficult to supply their own taro. So with the materials that we have selected, farmers have shown much keenness in taking these materials up, so we will be working closely with them, especially the farmers who are

strong in taro production.”

“The other thing affecting the taro production in the country is the changing weather pattern. Mangaia for example, probably used to be the biggest producer of taro in the country for many years but now they find it difficult to supply their own needs of taro and one of the problems is the inadequate rainfall on the island to help maintain the cultivation of taro at a sustainable level.”

While the demand is high for taro, those involved in the production are able to make a very good living out of it comparable to income made in countries like Australia.

“This is a very important crop for us; in fact it’s the most important crop for us Cook Islanders likewise in Samoa.

There is still a lot of market out there, especially the local market. Some people have been talking about exporting to New Zealand, but I think we’ll find it difficult to compete with countries like Samoa and Fiji, I think we have the market here and we should concentrate on supplying our markets until such time the production gets really high. That’s when we can look at exporting, or processed products of taro.”

“Our cost of production is relatively high which would mean once our taro arrives on the market in New Zealand, the price will be much higher than taro from Samoa and Fiji. Maybe we can look at swamp taro or taro pa’i as a niche market in New Zealand, but I think the best thing for us is to concentrate on supplying to the local market.”



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# MMR Partnerships for Engagement



By Charles Pitt

On Monday morning at the New Hope Church Hall in Parekura, print, TV and radio editors and their teams were invited to participate in a “Media Dialogue” which was jointly facilitated by Forum Fisheries Agency Media Officer Lisa Williams and Helen Greig of the Ministry of Marine Resources.

The objective was to share perceptions, questions and ideas for raising awareness and strengthening quality coverage of Cook Islands and regional fisheries.

In this case, the media dialogue session looked at insights and progress on trending stories, and it provided a focussed space for frank and open sharing of views.

The discussion and workshop style allowed a ‘neutral’ environment for government and media practitioners to share their challenges and ideas for ensuring the public conversations on Fisheries, in particular the tuna fishery, are robust, balanced, and to raise ideas to build awareness of the region’s shared Oceanic resource.

Secretary of Marine Resources Ben Ponia spoke on current and future issues affecting the industry regionally and locally.

One of the issues was the lack of data on regional fishing activity which would give a better perspective of how the Cook Islands was placed compared to other Pacific nations.

Those present agreed MMR should be more proactive in making key data available.

It was decided that the Forum Fisheries Agency organise a further workshop where detailed structures be put in place to enable accurate and timely reporting on fisheries issues. This workshop will also include a session on what the FFA calls “Tuna-nomics” which is the study of how the industry impacts on the economies of Pacific Island states.

# Reporting on the future of fisheries

By Hayley McNabb

On Monday media news editors and reporters attended a half day workshop organized and facilitated by Lisa Williams of the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) and Helen Greig of the Ministry of Marine Resources (MMR), at the New Hope Church hall.

The workshop was to inform and update the media representatives about the future of fisheries in not only the Cook Islands but the rest of the Pacific region. It was to also give local media the opportunity to provide feedback to the FFA and MMR as to constraints faced by the media in reporting on the tuna fishing industry and how reporting on the industry could be improved.

It started at 9am with an opening prayer and then Lisa Williams from the FFA based in Honiara, Solomon Islands, briefly explained what the program will be. Everyone then introduced themselves talking a little bit about their backgrounds and what they do and what they expect from this workshop. Then there followed a discussion lead by Ben Ponia about purse seine fishing and over fishing affecting stocks of big eye and other tuna species. Ponia spoke about

the future impact of climate change which would see more skipjack tuna migrate further to the east. He said warming seas could result in a drop in Albacore stocks while Yellow fin tuna could end up off the coast of South America.

Journalists present expressed concern at secrecy within the industry, the lack of data and the reactive nature of MMR to criticisms especially over purse seining.

Three report papers prepared by the FFA and Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) were handed out; The Tuna Fishery Report Card 2015, the Coastal Fishery Report card 2015 and A Regional Roadmap for Sustainable Pacific Fisheries which outlines the goals and strategies for oceanic and coastal fisheries for the next ten years. It also explains how they will achieve these goals which will require commitment by leaders to 11 strategies that will allow our region to take control of the future of our fisheries and will be facilitated primarily by the FFA and the SPC working together.

However, it is important to note that many of the issues require high-level political direction and whole-of-government implementation at the national level.

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# Asking tough questions about the current Political Situation

By Norman Goerge

**A** week can be a long time in politics. We have a marginal government for 16 months now. After the General Elections of July 2014, the outcome was a draw 12 all for the CIP, One Cook Islands and Democratic Party.

The Avatiu-Ruatonga Democratic Party MP Albert Nicholas Junior was lured to join the CIP Government with the offer of a Ministerial Post. The offer was accepted. Albert was given unlimited privileges and access by a desperate PM Henry Puna. The spoils were massive.

Today, the CIP government is kept afloat by Albert Nicholas. If Albert was to leave the Government, we will be back to a draw. The QR will be duty bound to dissolve parliament and call for a new General Election.

What happens to those like Albert who provides the slim chip of power for the CIP? To begin with, for Albert it is a journey into wonderland.

From a modest labour related background to a high paying salary of \$87,000.00. Add to it a free motor vehicle and support staff, the conversion is a life changer into the good life. How long is it likely to last? There is an old saying that all good things come to an end.

The end comes in election year when a government nears the end of its term, the linchpin role snaps- the power chip provider no longer counts.

Study the current Avatiu-Ruatonga scenario. All attempts to lure John Henry to accept a top diplomatic post overseas, in order to create a CIP Candidate vacancy for Albert Nicholas Junior in Avatiu-Ruatonga, has failed.

To his credit, John Henry has spurned all honey coated offers of a top high paying salary, with perks to go with it. John Henry has displayed his integrity and

self-worth by his determination to reject the corrupt offers to use him and shift him out of the way, for the convenience of others.

John's determination to stand for the CIP again at the next general election to win his seat back, is the right stuff. John has won the respect and admiration of this columnist.

I believe the Democratic Party is now in the midst of deciding a resolution by the Avatiu-Ruatonga Democratic Party to expel Albert Nicholas Junior from the Democratic Party. The Democratic Party has all the evidence it needs to expel Albert, pursuant to its Party's Constitution.

What happens when Albert is expelled? (it is not a question of "IF" anymore...)

The Demo rules have been broken. Albert's decision to join the CIP government was not endorsed by the Democratic Party and he has refused all offers to return.

Expulsion means Albert cannot stand for the Democratic Party at the next general elections. There is no room for him to stand for the CIP. He will be on his own. This is the downside to a "filler" role. One minute you are the hero of the party in need. When the party in need no longer needs you, they spit you out! You become a political outcast. Albert needs to think really hard.

In my view Albert Nicholas Junior has a small chance of stopping the expulsion. He has to consult with the Demo caucus and leadership in days, not weeks.

No doubt the ones who will stop him from returning to the Demo ranks are those who need him and use him for their jobs and positions. Then if Albert's political career comes to an end after only one term, those hangers on who are locking him in, will abandon him to seek other opportunities.

Albert may feel he has enough

personal support to win on his own merits. That is high risk! My experience is that you have to affiliate with one of the two big parties. Politics is a high risk business. Sometimes the luxuries of power can tranquillize your mind into blind comfort. And with the abuse of the CIP government being experienced at present, a lot is expected of Albert right now!

If Albert needs real evidence on what the CIP does after using a good Demo/Alliance MP, he needs only look back to see what they did to his late father Albert Peto Nicholas. As someone who was very close to Peto, I just hate my bro's son to be mistreated like him.

If on the other hand young Albert was to resign his Ministerial Post and return to the Democratic Party, he will become an overnight hero for the Demos and the whole nation. This can pave the way, for a snap election. His re-election will be assured for a long time ahead.

Albert has a final choice to make. If Albert decides to hang on, then that is his choice. He will have no one else to blame if he makes the wrong choice..... Over to you Albert, I rest my case.

The Aitutaki allegations:

Bearing in mind the presumption of innocence before guilt, there remains two potential by-elections in Reureu, Ureia and Nikaupara-Arenikau electorates and the Tautu Vaipae electorate. Again the proverbial burden of making choices arises again.

For Tautu Vaipae, a merger for one candidate only to represent Demo-One Cook Islands is all that is needed. The two outstanding ladies should be able to sort this out between themselves. Just stay away from a rattlesnake bearing gifts from Rarotonga.

Arenikau may have its own unique features. I do not know enough about the inner political

system there to comment. We should allow the existing structures of Arenikau to turn on its own wheels.

Some soul searching questions- Are we going to let things drift into an abyss with arms folded? Are we to watch, then look and stare at the way the country is being slowly strangled? Are we going to watch our country writhe and roll with the agony of financial and Constitutional abuse? Are we going to stand idly by as our proud country withers away into desolate indignity?

The hero of freedom of speech for now has to be the ebullient fearless George Oswald Pitt. The man is willing to risk life and freedom in the name of free speech! I cannot comment further as the matter is subjudice. Never forget who slew the dragon! Kia kaha e te toauritumu!!

Not enough information is getting to the little people out there, and to the outer-islands. We need events translated into Maori. Our people must be made aware of the critical issues taking place. The people have a right to know. The bedrock of public opinion must be sort.

I heard the Demos are planning to file a judicial review application to the high court and they have instructed a QC to act. That is the way to go. Discoveries issued later will make available the original of Dr Alex Frame's opinion.

We heard the Minister of Finance declare that they have nothing to fear, GOOD! Then shut up and wait for the judicial review! There is an old saying, "No matter how long the night, the day is sure to come!" Tutu matakite! Ka rokoia koe e te po kino ete po kerekere, e ara! e ara! Translated- Be warned of the coming of the fearsome dark night, awake! awake!

Ka kite!

# NZ X Factor winner Beau Monga back on Raro

By Poko Utia

Last Friday morning the Herald spoke with NZ X Factor winner, Beau Monga at Tereora College where he gave an impromptu performance for students. Monga is 21 years old, he is part Tahitian and part Cook Islands. His father is Cook Islands, Tahitian and Atiu. Monga admitted he is not very familiar with his Cook Islands family side so he was unable to go into details about that.

We then asked him to tell us about the highlights of the NZ X factor Competition he took place in; he then responded saying he tried it out for fun. He didn't want to take it too serious because it was a serious event. He said winning the competition was probably the best feeling he had. "I'm just proud to be a Cook Island and being able to go on national TV is definitely

an exciting feeling express some Cook Islands culture. Overall I enjoyed the whole experience, I learnt new things and met wonderful people which was definitely a highlight of mine."

We asked what were his thoughts when he was invited to perform in the Cook Islands. He said he was ecstatic because it had been six years since he was last in Rarotonga and being able to come back and perform in his homeland was a great opportunity. We asked him about his schedule here on the island. He said they got off the plane and had a feed. The next day they went to the radio station to promote the show that will be performed later on Friday night.

He hopes everyone will enjoy his show and he would like to make a shout out to all the people of the Cook Islands that will be present at the show.



Beau Monga with CITV's Jasmine Pokino

# New Zealand's singing Ambassadors feel right at home

By Poko Utia

On Monday, the Herald spoke with members of the much acclaimed and much travelled singing group, Modern Maori Quartet, Matariki Whatarau, James Tito, Fran Kora and Maaka Pohatu.

They have been brought here by Motone Productions in partnership with Why Square Ltd to perform two shows at the Empire Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The quartet is a class act reminiscent of that other famous quarter to come out of New Zealand, the Howard Morrison Quartet.

As to their visit to the Cook Islands, they responded by saying that they love it here, it feels like home to them and they especially like that locals would say to them welcome home. They felt a warm feeling when



Modern Maori Quartet: Matariki, James, Fran and Maaka

people would say that to them.

For some it was their fourth time to the island and they are loving it. They said it's always a good time to be here, also being with the anau (family) again. We asked the group why they decided to come to

Rarotonga and perform, they replied saying that it's kind of a working holiday trip originally they were supposed to come here and write some new music but they got carried away with the island beauty and they will be doing some shows like the

one they did at the 7s in heaven on Saturday.

The team landed on our shores Saturday afternoon and the duration of their trip last for 8 days which is an exciting time for them to get out among the locals and entertain people too.

# Young Enterprise Scheme award winners



# Team “Kuki & Co” winner of Most Innovative company

*Tereora College YR 13 Business Studies Prize giving*



Kuki & Co members: Czaria Mackenzie-Hoff-Communications Manager, Ariana Kiely-CEO, Geena Napa & Dannette Daniels-Sales & Marketing Manager, Agnes Daniels- Productions and one male, Tama Aitken-(not present in photo)

*By Courtney Matai*

The last Year 13 Business Studies team, Kuki & Co are made up of 6 team members who had won the Most Innovative company certificate for the design, manufacture and marketing of the Toddle hug. This team consists of 5 females, Czaria Mackenzie-Hoff-Communications Manager, Ariana Kiely-CEO, Geena Napa & Dannette Daniels-Sales & Marketing Manager, Agnes Daniels- Productions and one male, Tama Aitken-Finance Manager. Kuki & Co’s mission is “To Provide Safety All Around”, as their Safety Straps are aimed at parents with toddlers from the ages of 1-6, as it creates a safer alternative to the pareu’s that most people use to secure

their child on the back of a motorcycle. Their Toddle Hug is made up of three types of material, Neoprene, Nylon and Polyester. The Neoprene is a wetsuit material that allows the straps to be breathable, and the nylon material was used for the buckle, and as for the polyester thread was used for sewing and putting the product together. Tama Aitken, the Finance Manager came up with the idea of the Safety Straps and was agreed on by the group to be their Final product idea, because it was a very innovative idea. The reason why they’d all agreed to produce the Toddle Hugs is because there is an issue here to do with child

safety, and so they created their Toddle Hug safety straps to help parents to safely secure their child on the back of a moving motorcycle. During the Production of their product, Kuki & Co found a few difficulties such as finding a tailor that could do the specific adjustments and tailoring of their product. other than that, they found that their product will provide the community with

a safer alternative. As well as ensuring that the child won’t fall off the moving vehicle when sleeping. They aim to make \$2000 by the end of the year from their last sale of 50 Toddle Straps to BCI. This small Start-up company are also hoping to get the Rental Businesses involved with their product by purchasing it and therefore renting it to tourists who come to rent a Scooter.

## CORRECTION

In last week’s report on team “Simplicity” reference was made to the organizations which sponsored the “Dragon’s Den.” BTIB were incorrectly named as the Sponsor. For reader’s information the following sponsors should have been mentioned - The Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Rarotonga and ANZ Bank.

# Let us fix our eyes on Jesus *Part 1*

## Encouragement Column

With Senior Pastor John Tangi

By Senior Pastor John Tangi

I believe the path-way we're going through in life is very exciting and challenging. Therefore the purpose of this article of Encouragement is to give you some guidance on the way ahead. In the Bible in Hebrews 12v.2 (GN) it reads "Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right-hand side of God's throne." There are three important lessons I want to draw your attention to from this reading.

1 Our Focus v.2(a) reads "Let us keep our eyes fix on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end". In a rough sea the captain keeps watching his compass to make sure he stays on course. No one knows what lies ahead for any of us. We all have our plans and dreams but we believe God is in-charge of our future. Sometimes in life, we will come to a dangerous path where the way ahead seems to be very difficult and we can panic and fall into terrible trouble, or we can fix our eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ and follow him, and we will find at the end of our journey that we have been kept safe by his amazing grace.

Our reading gives us encouragement when it says that Christ is "...whom our faith depends from beginning to end." This means at least three things.

First, He laid the foundation for our faith by His death and resurrection. He made our salvation possible.

Secondly, He provided the perfect example for us to follow. Even when He was tempted in the wilderness, He did not give in. And in the Garden of Gethsemane, He submitted to

the will of His Heavenly Father.

Thirdly, He gives us the faith we need when we feel like quitting. All true faith comes from Him because faith itself is a gift from God. In Jesus Christ we find everything we need.

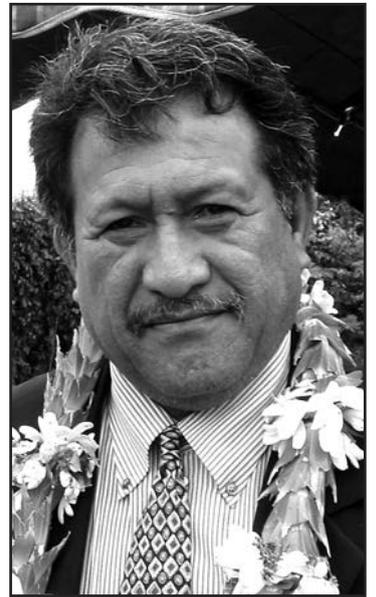
2. Our Example v.2(b) "...He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, ..." The words in this phrase: "joy" and "cross" don't go together. There is no joy in death by crucifixion, but Jesus went to the cross and endured the pain and despised the shame that He might obtain the joy that would be His afterward. The reference to joy is to do with obedience to His Father's will! The joy of completing the work of redemption! The joy of bringing glory to His Father. The joy of triumphing over death and hell. These joys were His but they came at a cost.

There is in this phrase the principle of delayed gratification (enjoyment; pleasure; delight). We can see this principle at work in our own lives. Giving up the good to obtain the best. We give up food that we might lose weight. Students give up social life to study. There is sacrifice involved - one is forfeited that a higher one might be achieved. That is why our children study and do their school works at home for hours rather than watching TV or playing video games. On the other hand that is why families leave their loved ones and travel to other countries or communities. They want the joy of seeing others come to Christ. In all these things there is pain involved, but it is pain endured for the sake of the joy that comes when the goal is reached. Jesus said, "Follow Me" and He went to the cross. Are you willing to follow Him? Are you willing to endure pain

and difficulty knowing the joy of fulfilling God's will for your lives?

If we take this phrase and put it in words that Jesus might have said, it looks something like this: "I want the joy of seeing my Father's house in heaven filled with His redeemed children. Therefore, I am willing to suffer the pain and shame of a brutal death on a cross." No pain, no gain. No suffering, no glory. No cross, no crown. No tears, no joy. Keep your eyes on the prize through Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

I will conclude this theme in Part 2 of the next issue of the Cook Islands Herald. God bless



### PUBLIC NOTICE



#### " FAMILY LAW BILL" INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Public is hereby advised that a Parliamentary Special Select Committee for the Family Law Bill has been established to go over the Bill and invite public submissions. Written submissions are to be addressed to the Clerk of Parliament, P.O.Box 13, Parliament Building, Nikao. Those who wish to make oral submissions are invited to make known their intentions to the Clerk of Parliament on telephone 26500 or email john.tangi@cookislands.gov.ck Closing dates for submissions is Friday 11th December 2015, 4.00 p.m. Copy of the Bill with Explanatory Note are available on the following website <http://www.pmooffice.gov.ck/> Otherwise a hard copy can be obtained from Parliament at \$10."

Te akakite iatu nei ki te katoatoa e kua akatupuia e te Paramani tetai Kumiti Takake no te Ture Tamanako note Kopu'tangata. Kua akaue ia teia Kumiti kia akara ki roto i te Ture Tamanako ma te kimi matatio i tetai au tuanga no te akameitaki atu i teia kia tau no te akateretere'anga e kia ripoti atu teia au kimikimi'anga ki te Paramani. Ko tetai uatu tangata tei anoano i te tuku mai i to kotou manako no teia, kia tata mai ki te Karaka o te Paramani Clerk of Parliament, P.O.Box 13, Parliament Building, Nikao. Me kua anoano koe i te aravei e te tuatua i toou manako kite Kumiti kia akakite katoa mai kite Karaka i runga i te tereponi 26500 me kore kote rorouira john.tangi@cookislands.gov.ck . Ka topiri'ia te aka'ari'anga manako a te Varaire ra 11 o Titema 2015 i te ora 4 i te avatea aiai. Ka rauka mai teia Ture Tamanako ki runga i te roro'uira a te katoatoa <http://www.pmooffice.gov.ck/> me kore kia tiki mai i teia no ko i te Paramani e \$10.

John Tangi  
Clerk"



PUBLIC NOTICES  
THE COMPANIES ACT 1970 SECTION 336

Notice is hereby given, that the undermentioned companies have been struck off the companies register and That the company is now dissolved.

No	Year	Name
103	1973	Cook Islands Gas Centre
180	1976	Mainline Brown Construction (Pacific) Limited
783	2006	Flame Tree PTY Limited
785	1987	Strickland Engineering & Transport Limited
819	1988	Top Shape Health & Fitness Centre Limited
893	1989	Maire Nui Nurseries Limited
970	1990	Plantation Villas Limited
1019	1990	M & S Limited
1470	1995	Muri Beach Building Contractors Limited
1626	1997	Vaitamanga Holdings Limited
1714	1998	Directserv Limited
1720	1998	Express Cook Islands Line Limited
1733	1998	Express Cook Islands Line Agency Limited
1745	1998	Aitutaki Dive Limited
1841	1999	Matarii Limited
1858	2000	Samade Limited
1902	2000	Island Craft Manufacturing Limited
1940	2000	Scott & Austvoll Properties Limited
1951	2001	Polynesia By Design Limited
2039	2001	Kids in Action Limited
2056	2002	M.D.S. Limited
2090	2002	Pandanus Lodges PTY Limited
2106	2002	Rarotonga Vending Limited
2109	2002	Pacific Expeditions Limited
2247	2003	Pacific Heights Limited
2255	2003	Rainbow Beach Bungalows Limited
2267	2003	The Colonial House Limited
2303	2004	Yellowbird Lagoon Villas Limited
2417	2005	Nikao Beach Bungalows Ltd
2438	2005	B & C Limited
2441	2005	Bishop's Rentals Limited
2442	2005	Magic Reef Limited
2508	2006	T.M. Motors Limited
2549	2006	Cook Islands Times Limited
2556	2006	Rite Price Limited
2565	2006	Te Kaka Agencies Limited
2615	2006	Raro Rocket Park Limited
2627	2007	Cook's Cookies Limited
2642	2007	Miro's Café Limited
2660	2007	Cetek Construction Limited
2677	2007	Antaio Construction Limited
2705	2007	The Village Beauty & Spa Limited
2716	2007	Orongo Aitutaki Limited
2728	2007	Hitz FM Limited
2731	2007	Rarotonga Funeral and Mortuary Services Limited
2758	2008	Aitutaki Sunset Limited
2800	2008	Natura Group Limited

2826	2008	S & S Garage Rental Limited
2829	2008	Pacific Energy (South West Pacific) Limited
2847	2008	Mortimer Investments Limited
2876	2009	T,S Waste Disposal Limited
2885	2009	Cook Islands Car Rentals Limited
2997	2009	Ansaari Arts & Catering Services Limited
3070	2010	Nail Box Limited
3073	2010	Te Kou View Limited
3081	2010	Hugh Graham Enterprises Limited
3092	2010	Sebant Limited
3139	2011	Cook Islands Philatelic Bureau Limited
3150	2011	EL Bulli Limited
3196	2011	Tradewinds 2011 Limited
3205	2012	Raro Wrappers Limited
3210	2012	Maiata Trading Limited
3216	2012	Mark Short Legal
3228	2012	Island Eyes Limited
3260	2012	erla Enterprises Limited
3286	2013	Fidelis Limited
3302	2013	Pacific Rainbow Limited
3309	2013	Aroha Villa Limited
3314	2013	Pacific Focus Group Limited
3319	2013	Villa Raro Limited
3320	2013	G & S Transtrucks Limited
3335	2013	T&S Limited
3338	2013	Vans 2013 Limited
3340	2013	Ngapuhi Filmworks Limited
3343	2013	Godinet & More Limited
3354	2013	Zip Cook Islands Limited
3360	2014	The Planners-Cook Islands Limited
3361	2014	Raro Labour Hire Limited
3362	2014	Raro Security Limited
3363	2014	Pacific Flavours Limited
3367	2014	Project Fuels Cook Islands Limited
3368	2014	La Taverna Limited
3369	2014	Cook Islands Cultural Academy-Manavanui Limited
3371	2014	Potiki Holdings Limited
3372	2014	Treasury Management Limited
3373	2014	Paradise Holiday Homes Rarotonga Limited
3379	2014	Cook Islands Gourmet Limited
3381	2014	Bed Rock Limited
3384	2014	N&A Electrical Limited
3390	2014	La Trattoria Limited
3391	2014	Ravenga Digital Cook Islands Limited
3394	2014	P&D Properties Limited

**Dated at Rarotonga this 5<sup>th</sup> day November, 2015**

Marie Haupini  
Deputy Registrar of Companies

Seems government has set up a secret squirrel division chooks. Who is its CEO? Filchard Peves? Who is the Minister in charge? Brown Marks? It seems the very squirrels involved in secreting away the acorns are the same individuals on government's so called Anti-Corruption Committee! How convenient! And how convenient these same squirrels can extend their tentacles and obtain suppression orders to gag whistle-blowers without those being silenced being able to present any counter-arguments in a public arena! And we live in a democracy? Where are the checks and balances against abuse of power? The answer lies in some secret squirrel file at an unknown location!



Chooks, if you think tuna at \$25 a kilo in Rarotonga is expensive, you will find that on Australia's Gold Coast, tuna sells for \$40 a kilo! Not surprising that there are some Aussies who just don't eat tuna and have not eaten tuna for years!



Word beating out on the Atiu taro jungle tom toms chooks is that a new group has arisen and is eyeing up a bid to run the affairs of the new Atiu Hostel due for its official opening in December. Beating a path to Bird Land is the current head of the Hostel Committee to stave off this takeover attempt by some Johnny come lately. With the magnificent, grand, imposing, palatial structure nearing completion, many overseas Atiuans will be winging in for the big ceremony and even bigger feed.



End of year chooks and our educational institutes are dishing out prizes to the top achieving scholars and in that other institute, Ecole de le publique service, prizes have also been awarded to top achievers. Head Master Fussy Thomarse, has awarded Head



Boy Filchard Peves the top prize for Creative Accounting, first fifteen captain Brown Marks has received the top prize in Fiction Writing while foreign student Henri Foonah easily took out the top prize for Travel Studies. School Dux is Engineering Studies student Tearaway Feather who received a tractor, a quad bike and a bulldozer.



When is a local not a local? When he's a Fijian! Bula! Police say a local crashed a sponsor's vehicle on the way from the Sevens in Heaven but others say it was a Fijian! Bula!



Revealed this week, a top secret government plan to gain membership of the United Nations! The plan exposed is for the island of Mangaia to declare itself an independent nation. All other Cookies will of course be Mangaian citizens entitled to free entry into Mangaia and also Mangaian passports.



Whisper chooks is that shortly work will commence to install large pipes in an effort to flush out Muri lagoon. A bulldozer will be brought in to prepare the way for a large pipe stretching from the shore to one of the motus. Protest will be futile as the DPM himself may be at the controls of

the machine. With the nutrients and other impurities flushed away, the green algae's food supply will be gone resulting in algae-cide.



Rumour is chooks, a small, marine life form actually feeds off the algae in Muri lagoon. Perhaps Ecologists should do a study into how the life of this marine organism will be affected by the flushing of the lagoon. What part in the food chain does this organism play? If the organism is destroyed, how will humans, higher up the food chain be affected?



Yikes chooks! Our Colonial Masters have resurfaced in another guise! The old days of "Me, Colonial Master, you, Native servant," are well and truly back minus the starched whites! Consider the three main players in the Crown Law legal opinion leak affair, "Alex Frame-gate." Acting Solicitor General, King-a Kiwi, Finance Secretary Neves-an Aussie, High Court Justice-a Kiwi. Where in this group is the Cook Islander? He's on the receiving end!



While Mahatma Nandi was in Putin land spouting forth about corruption, accountability, openness, transparency and honesty before an international audience of head nodding clones,

back home, a government agency was and still is doing its best to prevent transparency, openness and accountability and in the process has dragged in as many other state agencies to support their highly questionable actions.



What on earth was our globetrotting, golf playing, ukulele strumming, Elvis impersonator PM, Henri Foonah doing at the UNESCO conference way yonder in gay Parea, France? A high ranking official from the Ministry of Education could have gone and covered our backsides not the PM who is also Minister of Education. How many other Pacific PMs were there? Wonder if Foonah got to rub shoulders with the Crown Prince of Norway? Truth probably is, Foonah wanted to flee the country quickly while the stove was on high over Alex Framegate, Manihiki airport landgate, and other "gates" affairs. Running off and abandoning his embattled, bruised Finance Minister to face the media onslaught and cop all the blame! Some leader!



Hard on the heels of his bouncing travel money cheque affair comes news the high flying AH once denied he was accompanied on an overseas jaunt. Denied that is until a photo was produced. Seems AH has the PM Foonah travel virus and being so afflicted (no anti-dote) feels he must attend as many overseas chin wags as he can.



Just why Cook Islands MPs and officials feel they are obliged to dash off and attend every overseas meeting they are invited to, is a mystery. There's no need to rush off overseas at the drop of a hat. Most of these "talk-fests" result in no tangible benefits for the Cook Islands. Give your apologies, stay home and do some work. Attend to the urgent affairs of the nation and earn your big bucks!

FAT CATS

Number 2, Cabinet wants the IAAF investigation into Russian athletes drug taking to extend to Cook Islands athletes!

But we don't win medals!



A HARD  
TOO HARD  
IMPOSSIBLE

COCONUT ROUNDTABLE

Rumour has it Government wants the IAAF drug investigation to include Cook Islands athletes as well!

But none of our runners ever win!

Exactly! Maybe they've been drugged!



VACANCIES



COOK ISLANDS INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Government of the Cook Islands

VACANCIES

The Cook Islands Investment Corporation has two full-time positions available, and is seeking applications from individuals who are energetic and passionate about Cook Islands development.

**Properties Manager**

The Properties Manager will lead the activities of the Properties Division.

The Division is responsible for managing Governments property assets including schools, hospitals and health-clinics, and administrative and support centres on Rarotonga and the Pa Enua, and governments housing stock on Rarotonga.

**Project Finance / Infrastructure Committee Support Officer**  
The Project Finance / Infrastructure Committee Support Officer will provide financial management support to the Special Projects Unit, secretariat support to the Infrastructure Committee, and coordinate asset management improvements across the Infrastructure sector.

The Terms of Reference for the Properties Division, and Job Description for the Project Finance / Infrastructure Committee Support Officer is available from [www.ciiconline.com/advertisements/](http://www.ciiconline.com/advertisements/) or by email to [anne.taoro@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:anne.taoro@cookislands.gov.ck).

If you wish to join our dynamic and fast paced team, we encourage you to send your CV with a covering letter outlining how you fit the position, to [anne.taoro@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:anne.taoro@cookislands.gov.ck).

Deadline for applications is 8am, Tuesday 17 November 2015.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



COOK ISLANDS INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Government of the Cook Islands

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
DESIGN SUPPORT SERVICES

The Cook Islands Investment Corporation is seeking registrations from local businesses / individuals with a technical design background, to provide support services when required for the following projects:

1. Tereora College Rebuild project
2. Apii Nikao Rebuild project
3. Vaikapuangi redevelopment project

Expertise will, from time to time, be required in the following areas:

- Architecture and design
- CAD technicians (ArchiCad)
- Quantity surveying
- Civil Engineering (Geotechnical, Environmental, structural, 3-waters)
- Services Engineering (Fire & safety, ICT, Electrical, Plumbing)

Please register your services by completing an Application Form.

Structural Assessments using Non-Destructive Testing equipment  
Structural assessments, using NDT equipment, are required immediately for a number of government properties on Rarotonga. NDTs are used world-wide for determining the cause and depth of cracks, concrete cover, and the location and sizing of rebars. Four (4) Government properties need to be assessed in the next two months. Intermittent assessments will be required for upcoming new construction projects, and for future structural reporting.

This is an opportunity for our local engineering experts to expand their services to include NDTs – (currently not available locally). If you intend to venture into NDT assessments, please register your interest by completing an Application Form.

The Application Forms for the above are available from [www.ciiconline.com/advertisements/](http://www.ciiconline.com/advertisements/) or by emailing: [eusenio.fatialofa@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:eusenio.fatialofa@cookislands.gov.ck)

Application submissions end at 4pm, Wednesday 25 November 2015.

For further details please contact Eusenio Fatialofa, phone 29391 or by email (as above).

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



REGISTRATION OF INTEREST

Te Aponga Uira (TAU) invites 'Registration of Interest' (ROI) from qualified companies for the supply, and/or hosting and delivery of diesel fuel and lubricants for use by TAU in its diesel generators at Avatiu, Rarotonga.

ROI forms are available from TAU offices during business hours, and can also be emailed out on request.

Completed ROI forms will be accepted by mail, email or hand delivery until 3pm on the 16th November 2015, Cook Islands Time.

Contact Marlene Cuthers, PO Box 112, Rarotonga, Cook Islands.  
Phone +682 20054, Fax +682 21944,  
email [marlene@electricity.co.ck](mailto:marlene@electricity.co.ck)

PUBLIC NOTICE



PUBLIC NOTICE – AVATIU VALLEY ROAD

Residents and users of Avatiu valley road are advised of an impending project start for TAU civil works at the Power station that will affect road traffic between now and November 2015. In particular they are asked to show:

1. Carefulness in the area in question from the Power station to the intersection at Avatiu Ara metua.
2. Awareness of heavy vehicles, plant and machinery which may be parked on the Avatiu valley road
3. Adherence to speed limit, warning signs, traffic direction from time to time etc.

VACANCY

Looking for experienced Tilers.  
Ph: 25800 or email: hr@rarotongan.co.ck

PUBLIC NOTICE



Business Trade Investment Board  
**Cook Islands**

**BTIB MORNING AND AFTER5 BIZ TALK  
'TeKoanga Business Pathways Program'**

Special Presentation by:

Metua Vaiimene from  
Cook Islands Tourism Co-Operation

Topic: - Business Opportunities – Where are they?  
Based on the AUT Cook Islands Visitor Survey 2015

**When:** Monday 16th November 2015

**Session 1:** 10am to 12Noon

**Session 2:** 5pm to 7pm

Refreshments will be provided

FREE REGISTRATION

Please register your interest with Moari Halston or Lydia Marsh  
(Limited to 15 persons per session)

**email:** moari.halston@cookislands.gov.ck  
or Lydia.marsh@cookislands.gov.ck

For any enquiries Phone: 24-296

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Information is being sourced on a Women's Committee known as the Au Vaine from 1926 to the 1940s.

"The Rarotongan \*Au Vaine\*, or women's committees, were an officially recognised active organisation from 1926 to the mid 1940s. A silver "Au Vaine Cup" was commissioned by the Resident Commissioner in 1928 and awarded to the village with the most overall points in the annual tutaka.

We would like ask the general public that may have any information as what happened to this cup, or why the \*Au Vaine\* seem to have been disbanded after World War II.

If anyone has information about the \*Au Vaine \*or the Au Vaine Cup, please contact

Queen Pa on email: ariki.merepa@gmail.com  
or Hannah Cutting Jones on email: hannahcuttingjones@gmail.com

Local contact: Chantal Napa Ph: 27057 Mob: 77058  
Meitaki Maata

VACANCIES



**INFRASTRUCTURE COOK ISLANDS  
VACANCIES:**

1. Finance Manager
2. Project Civil Engineer
3. Planning Civil Engineer

Infrastructure Cook Islands (ICI) invites applications for the above positions. We are seeking for qualified and experienced professionals in these key areas. To apply please submit your letter, the application form and CV to Mr Ngametua College Pokino, Secretary for ICI, by email on ngametua.pokino@ici.gov.ck, or hand deliver to our office in Arorangi. Application closes 3pm Friday 20th November 2015. More information for each of the positions below.

**1. Finance Manager**

This is a senior position responsible for providing quality financial management and advice to the whole Ministry, to ensure a transparent and accountable financial systems and processes in compliance with all government legislations and policies. Experience in project management and project financing and dealing with donor funds is an advantage. We are looking for someone with a Degree in Accounting and a Chartered Accountant with a minimum of 3 years experience in similar position within the public sector.

**2. Planning Civil Engineer**

This is a specialise position for a qualified Civil Engineer responsible for preparing infrastructure capital project documentations and undertaking strategic planning and programming of infrastructure capital projects implementation. We are looking for someone with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering Degree and with a minimum of 5 years experience planning and designing of infrastructure capital projects. Someone with technical designs, project management and project financing skills and experience is an advantage.

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For more information please contact Diane Charlie-Puna on 20321 or email diane.puna@ici.gov.ck for a copy of the application form and job description for the specific position you're interested in.

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## FOOTBALL UPDATE

# Victory capture FFA Cup in Australia

**M**elbourne Victory added more silverware to their trophy cabinet with a 2-0 win over Perth Glory in Australia's FFA Cup final in Melbourne on Saturday.

The Victory became the first side to concurrently hold all three domestic titles, having won a third A-League premiership-championship double in the previous 2014/15 season. Melbourne were well deserving of their two-goal half-time lead, following a strong opening 45 minutes.

Victory went ahead in the 35th minute when midfielder Oliver Bozanic lashed home after a good build up down the right from Jason Geria and Kosta Barbarouses. Melbourne doubled their advantage seven minutes later with skipper Carl Valeri's through-ball found star striker Besart Berisha,



whose first touch took him past the final defender. The Albanian goal poacher then fired a brilliant strike across Glory keeper Ante Covic and inside the left post.

Glory looked dangerous at times on the counter-attack and had most of the play in the second half but could

not finish off their chances. Victory played the last eight minutes with ten men after Valeri was sent off for a second bookable offence after a scything tackle on Dino Djulbic. Valeri was also sent off in the A-League grand final against Sydney FC earlier this year.

Barbarouses was awarded the Mark Viduka Medal as the player of the match. The defeat meant Glory are still to win any silverware in the A-League era, having lost last year's inaugural FFA Cup final to Adelaide United and the 2011-12 A-League grand final to Brisbane Roar.

# Nigeria win U17 World Cup

With an outstanding team packed with talented players, Nigeria successfully defended their crown at the FIFA U-17 World Cup Chile 2015. Furthermore, the west Africans took centre stage when it came to the individual honours too.

Top scorer Victor Osimhen and captain Kelechi Nwakali both made their mark on the competition, and after winning the adidas Golden Ball as the tournament's best player, the latter followed in the footsteps of Cesc Fabregas and Toni Kroos, who are now key members of the senior sides with their respective national teams. Osimhen set a new U-17 World Cup goalscoring record, while Mali's Samuel Diarra and Ecuador's example of Fair Play were also recognised in the honour's list established and overseen by FIFA's Technical Study Group (TSG).

