

34TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. 9TH - 16TH OF JULY 2023 RAROTONGA.



Hebrews 10:25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. NLT



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34th General Assembly, 9th -16th of July 2023, Rarotonga.



Group Photo of the 34th General Assembly 2023. Taken at Nikao CICC Church.

The Cook Islands Christian Church (C.I.C.C) held its 34th General Assembly from the 9th to 16th of July 2023, hosted by Rarotonga and the six Ekalesia of Avarua, Matavera, Ngatangia, Titikaveka and Arorangi. In attendance were the President of the CICC, the General Secretary, Treasurer, Legal Advisor, members of the Executive Council and Program Directors, as well as Dele-

gates, Observers and Orometua's from each Ekalesia all over the Cook Islands, New Zealand, Australia and Tahiti, including representatives from the Uniting Church of Australia. Others who were included in this Assembly were the former President, retired and widowed Orometua's and the Office Staff of the CICC Headquarters. The General Assembly is held every two years, and it's a very important assembly, as it determines the direction and Pathway of the CICC, as well as creating and amending rules, policies and regulation, also making recommendation on the works carried out by the church organization. This General Assembly was an important one due to the fact that the Orometua's Rotation programme took place this year, and the General Election was held this year as well, due to COVID-19 disruption in 2021 that forced the election and Assembly to be deferred at a later time and date away from any COVID disruption. And it was passed in this General Assembly that the election be carried out this year and it was so, those who were Successful were Successful and those who were not, try again next time!!!!

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200 Years Celebration for the Arrival of Christianity to Ngaputuru and Rarotonga 2023.

This Year was also an important year, especially for Atiu, Mitiaro, Mauke, and Rarotonga, due to the fact that these four islands have celebrated 200 years of the arrival of Christianity to their shores. Much effort and organizing by the communities were put into these celebration and as we have seen both virtual and in-person it has been a success. Many People and communities from all over the Cook Islands, New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific came to witness this special event as well. We can say a happy 200 years, but a question and thought still lingers around us now is, **WHERE TO NEXT? WHAT NOW?** These are question we need to figure out, for the many generations to come.



For more Highlight & Photos read Page 8-12

Introduction

Kia Orana and Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Kia Orana to whom ever receives this newsletter, whether it may be here in the Cook Islands, in New Zealand, in Australia or even in Tahiti, may the Love and Grace of God be with you all. On that note let us give thanks to God for giving us this opportunity for meeting again through this newsletter, this is the 91st Issue of our newsletter and the 3rd released of this year, ever since it was established back in 2005. I would like to give thanks to our former General Secretary Nga Mataio for the hard work in publishing and editing our previous newsletters through out the past years. And I hope as the new Director of Publication, responsible for our newsletter, we can work together in keeping everyone well informed on the important events and subjects that take places in our CICC Organization where ever it may be held.

Yes this is my first newsletter, and in this newsletter outlines two of the most important event that took places this year, between the months of July, August and September 2023. The main event in this newsletter are as followed, the **34th UIPAANGA MAATA(GENERAL ASSEMBLY)**, the **200 YEARS GOSPEL CELEBRATION TO NGAPUTORU AND RAROTONGA** and it includes some other articles as well.

This newsletter will be a new look to everyone and shorter than previous edition, for I believe a new person brings in new ideas, and now its our honor to show you that new change. Changes and update will also come to the current CICC web page and a new Page will be introduced as well, whether it may be on social media or a internet website, but this page will be designed to share not only Photographs, but it will include videography of interviews, sermon, stories and events conducted in our Ekalesias and in our CICC Organization. These changes are not a take down of the old ways but simply bringing the old into the Mordern ages, as we see the quick changes happening around us. And change does take time to implement and until such time preparation are to be taken.

But for now lets return our attention to this newsletter, and please help share the news to all who finds interest or not, in keeping up to date with important events happening in our organization, but at the moment please enjoy reading on through this short newsletter and we will meet again in the 92nd Issue.

On Behalf of the team at Takamoa, GOD Bless us all.

Mark Ahiao. Director of Publications.

Whats on Sale at Takamoa?

- * Biblia Tapu (Bible) Soft leather Cover- \$45.00
- * Biblia Tapu (Bible) Hard Cover- \$20.00
- * Puka Imene (Hymn Book)- \$20.00 N/A
- * Tia- \$5.00
- * Karere- \$10.00
- * Pure Epetoma- \$7.00
- * Puka Pure- \$12.00
- * Baptism Book- \$45.00
- * Marriage Book- \$45.00
- * Burial Book- \$45.00
- * CICC Flags- \$50.00
- * Bicentennial Neck Ties- \$10.00

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“United we Stand, United we Can!
United we Sit, we do not Achieve anything!”



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Registration Day

“No I.D, No Entry!”



Pictured above here are some delegate that have registered themselves for the general assembly and if they had issues, they surely have been addressed by the former GS Nga Mataio and his team.



Above here also is our brothers and sisters from the Uniting Church of Australia accompanied by Rev. Tau Williams, who have come to register for the General Assembly as invited Guest.



And once registration was done, these group of handsome Orometua’s decided that tea or coffee and biscuits are the way to go after what may have been a busy registration day.

Opening Day

“Forward! March!”



The President of the CICC and the members of the Executive Council leading the Procession into Ngatangia CICC church for declaring the General Assembly Open! And delivering the church service.



The Uniform Organization played a major role in the procession, forming a guard of honor for the delegates, paving the way into church. It sure has been an honor and privilege.



After such a long day in church being filled by the message of God, it was now time for the Assembly to nourish their body and soul with food and drinks hosted by the Ngatangia Ekalesia, “that was delicious!”.

Day One Workshop

“Thinking caps on!”



To start of the day was a devotion conducted by Rev. Panu Rouru and house keeping rules as well as order of programs and locations were then addressed by the GS Nga Mataio.



Above here is one of many sessions held during day one workshop. This particular one is based on Law & Order presented by the legal Advisor Junior Ngatokorua.



During lunch time, everyone’s favorite time, delegates released their thinking stress by nourishing their bodies with food, drinks, coffee and tea. The host of the day was Matavera Ekalesia. YUMMY!

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Day Two Workshop

“Drain your Brains!”



Day two was quite the same as Day one, with many more workshop to be discussed and recommendations to be made by the Delegates of each Ekalesia. Pictured Above is former director of Evangelism Ken Ben.

Lunch time! Hosted by Avarua Ekalesia. We know that Avarua likes to be on top of everything, even if their not, I guess lunch was still “delicious”. Pictured Above is Avarua Mama’s having lunch.

And at the end of day two, it was then time to listen to all proposed Recommendation, which was then accepted by the Assembly and later on presented into the meeting of day four. Now this was just a warm-up.

Day Three Assembly

“The War is On!”



Day three started off with a pure ngutuaire hosted by Rev Teava Nanai and following that was the program and house keeping rules presented by GS Nga Mataio, then official opening prayer By the President.

And in Rev Teava Nanai’s words, “The War is On!!” there were various report given by members of the EC and delegates that like or dislike the report, had the chances to Address them.

During the breaks, Nikao mapu entertained us with musical dance, despite the rain, and hosted tea and lunch for the day. And a special occasion commemorated the formation of the nikao Ekalesia.

Day Four Assembly

“The Love Is On”



Day four unlike day three had many more report addressing challenges and questions we face at this time, one notably would be our youth, as we face declining numbers of our youth attending church.

One of the highlight of this meeting was the Election, the motion was put to defer or the election take place this year, with majority ruling in favor for it to take Place. Despite some opposition.

Yes I have to add a photo of lunch to recognize the hard work our Ekalesia do to feed the Assembly, to enlighten their mood after an intense meeting. The host was the Arorangi Ekalesia. “tummy is Full”

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SDA Dinner Day Four

“Wine & Dine”



On Thursday evening, the Seventh-Day Adventist church hosted the General Assembly Delegates for dinner. With warm welcomes greeted by the MC and the Acting representative, pastor Toroma.

By the looks on Papa Nga Mataiao’s face, it has been an enjoyable evening, taking a break from a busy meeting day and spending time with friends, colleagues and family, just simply relaxing.

We also had entertainment of singing from the host, as well as the Delegate. With various songs and tune, we all managed to have a fun time together as one People. “Meitaki to the SDA for the dinner”

Day Five Assembly

“The War Is Over”



Day five was a day that any remit can be addressed by the Assembly, and an opportunity was given to representatives from the United churches of Australia to address the General Assembly.

The election process was conducted by the retiring GS Nga Mataiao and the Api-anga’s. It was surely an intense feeling for all the nominees and also for the delegates responsible for voting.

The day ended with a feast hosted by Tikitaveka Ekalesia, after an intense election, the Assembly now breathe a sigh of relief and celebrated those who were successful and those who were not as well.

Closing Day

“Adios Amigos!”



It was finally the closing of the General Assembly 2023, hopefully new things have been learnt and changes made for the betterment of our Faith and our CICC organization for many generations to come. **WHERE TO NEXT?** Yes that’s a big question for us as an Organization, and we have to be prepared for the years to come and hopefully after this General Assembly we have our answers. The Assembly then ended with a feast, and it was time to say goodbye to those leaving and to those who will be staying, see you later. But for now **“Adios Amigos!”** and see you again in 2025.

200 Years Celebration for the Arrival of Christianity to Ngaputuru and Rarotonga.

Mark 16:15 - And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

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200 Years, Gospel Celebration in Enuamanu 2023.

“Turou Aria Mai!”



Above here is the members of the Executive Committee at the time, who arrived to witness the 200 years celebration on Enuamanu, it must have been a really long flight of about 45 minute.



The committees were then welcomed in a traditional manner by this Rangatira, and were graced with flower ei's. I believe it is always an honor to be welcomed in a traditional way.

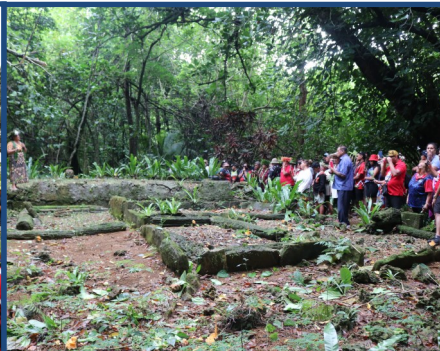


After the welcome and exchange in greetings, it was time for the Guest to part take in light refreshments provided by the host. By the looks on that food it must have been refreshing and delicious.

“Tourist or not?”



And now visitors and guest had the chance to go and tour the home of Ngamaru Ariki and hear about the history of the place. Likewise with Rongomatane and his residence and the many places along the way.



People also got the chance to visit this Marae, which surprisingly looks well preserved and still intact, and yes its in the middle of nowhere but took some time to get there. Its good exercise.



After touring various places such as the Marae and the Are Ariki, it must have been tiring, so the only thing to do is have lunch together with everyone and do some talking instead of walking.

“Seek first the Kingdom of God.”



The main day started with the welcoming of important guest from the Government the Church and the traditional leaders, then a church service was then held on this special day and challenges were then give by the Orometua of the service, President Rev Tuaine Ngametua in continuing to uphold the faith for another 200 years to come, yes its not easy but if we keep trying by faith then eventually one day we will get there. Straight after the church service. An unveiling of a stone was then held, in recognition of the arrival of Christianity to Enuamanu. So to conclude, lets not waste what our ancestor has built for us, instead lets embrace it.



200 Years, Gospel Celebration in Nukuroa 2023.

“Welcome to Mitiaro”



The Executive committee alongside Ngamaru Ariki had arrived to Mitiaro from Atiu, to also celebrate Nukuroa’s 200 years celebration since the arrival of Christianity to their island.



They have been welcomed by the Tetava Ariki, Julian Aupuni Vaa tuatua and all those who attended to welcome the guest. After the welcome at the airport, they were then transported to the hall.



Once they arrived at the hall, meal was served, they then get to enjoy Mitiaro delicacies that might be similar to other islands, but nevertheless they get to enjoy their meal and relax.

“Upon this Rock I will build my Church.”



Above is guest witnessing the unveiling of one of the homes believed to be the home of Travel Tou Ariki, one of the chiefs of Mitiaro and President of the house of Ariki. If I’m wrong correct me please.



Here attendees also get to witness the unveiling of a plaque recognizing the landowners and chiefs who gifted the land for the church to be built on, unveiled by the President of the CICC.



After the unveiling of the plaques it was then time for any presentation both by the people of Nukuroa and the visiting guest, to be presented, then I believe lunch is served?

“Another 200 years to go”



And on the final event, depicted the hand over of a bible from Rongomatane Ariki to Tetava Ariki, and with Tetava Ariki leading the procession to the Betela CICC church where a formal church service took place in remembering what a significant day it was for Nukuroa Enea and it should be a proud moment for everyone. But must continue to carry on the faith for another 200 years to come. and after that service there was another unveiling of a plaque, to remember the ministers who served the Mitiaro CICC and another to recognized the 200 years of the Gospel to Mitiaro. **“Today we Celebrate, Tomorrow we Work.”**

200 Years, Gospel Celebration in Akatokamanava 2023.

Prophecy



The celebration started early in the morning with a depiction of what may have happened when the missionaries first landed on Akatokamanava and then later accepted by the island people in 1823.



This is Tararo Ariki and his wife leading the procession, it is believed to be, that his ancestor Tararo accepted Christianity to Akatokamanava, it should be a proud moment for Akatokamanava.



Yes these Orometua are believed to be waiting for the main event or the food, because it is still early in the morning and the procession is making their way to the grounds where the final event takes place.

“Noou Noou e Akatokamanava”



The main event started with the combine effort and attendance by all who came to witness this special event, both across the government, church organization as well as the traditional leaders and society too.



A formal church service took place as well to mark this special day, Delivered by the President of the CICC Rev. Tuaine Ngametua, encouraging everyone to be steadfast in keeping the faith.



And above here is the cutting of the cake, I hope none of these young looking men don't have any toto vene, because if they ate that cake, the secretary of health is not going to be too happy.

Party time!



To end the night and the celebration is “Party Time!”. It was time for Mauke enua to entertain everyone else and in return they are entertained as well. Many various groups have practiced their singing and showing off in front of everyone of how high or low, loud or quiet they can sing and also getting up along with the chair to show those moves they've been hiding, just simply having fun and reflecting on what our Ancestors has created as a legacy for all of us to carry on, a legacy that we serve God, and keep the faith as they have during their time. It was then time to say Goodbye and see you all in Mangaia for their 200th celebration 2024.

200 Years, Gospel Celebration in Tumutevarovaro 2023.

“Turou Oro mai!”



The celebration started with a traditional welcome (Kiriti Marotai) of the Delegates from Vaka Paikea, Delivered by Anautoa. It symbolizes the Arrival of the missionary to Rarotonga.



With the welcome kindly received, the Procession then moved up the road to Avaiki Tautau, the area near the Takuvaine meeting house, where the memorial stone of Papeiha’s first Sermon.



With the procession welcomed by the Pu Tapere Papa Tekura Potoru and Vaitoti Tupa, a short prayer service was then held on Avaiki Tautau at Papeiha’s memorial stone.

“Pull down those Veils!!”



The procession then continued from Avaiki tautau to Takamoia theological college with the unveiling of monuments built in recognition of the 200 years of the arrival of the gospel in Cook Islands.



Above here is the Director of the Bicentennial unit Ta Vainerere. Who was responsible for the creation of these monument, and supported by his family and the Apiianga’s from Takamoia.



Above here also is the High Chief’s and representative from Te Au O Tonga, representing the three Makea, unveiling the monument recognizing the Arrival of the Gospel to Tumutevarovaro.

Celebrating The Fruit Of The Gospel Of Jesus Christ



After Takamoia, the procession then made its way to the Auditorium where the last event took place, the theme was **Celebrating The Fruit Of The Gospel Of Jesus Christ**. Many official representative from the Government, the RAC and the Traditional leaders attended the whole celebration. The last celebration portrayed the history of the LMS and CICC, a really good message from the Chairman of the RAC as well as a re-enactment of prophecies before the arrival of Christianity to Aitutaki and all the islands that recently celebrated their 200 years. As well as a presentation show, based on the theme. **“A job well done.”**

Akatokamanava Mauke Enuā 200 Mataiti Taenga Evangelia – Tamaki Makaurau Journey.

Every group and family have a story to tell... welcome to ours...

Our journey begins with preparations underway for Akatokamanava Mauke Enuā Association Incorporated Society (AMEAIS) Tamaki Makaurau NZ as we began planning to attend the 200 Mataiti Taeanga Evangelia gospel celebrations to be held on our homeland of Akatokamanava Mauke Island. Christianity was introduced to Akatokamanava Mauke, 23 July 1823 and this celebration was to honour the arrival of the gospel onto our island. We were joined together by something greater than our personal preferences and life circumstances as we embarked on our journey back in Auckland New Zealand, the beginnings of 2022. Our first fundraising event started with a Uapou during Akatokamanava Mauke Enuā Tamaki Makaurau’s Nuku Celebration Day held in May 2022 where our target of \$20,000.00 was raised and sent through to the Akatokamanava Mauke 200 Mataiti Committee organisers as our contribution to assist in this celebration. The year was



then followed by multiple fundraising events for our Tere party travelling over to Akatokamanava Mauke Island for this celebration with weekly practices of Imene, monthly meetings after meetings, fundraising events, purchases of our kakau etc... all to connect with one another as we em-

barked on this journey. We didn’t always get along when putting our plans into place where we agreed to disagree and vice-versa, but that did not stop us from having each other’s backs.



Once settled into our accommodation at either Kimiangatau Oire ‘Good News CICC’ where a majority of our Tamaki Makaurau Tere group stayed, or either at homes of families in Ngatiarua, Areora or Makatea Oire’s, though we were able to meet daily for morning and evening prayers, kaikai’s, discussions of our daily programme, to address any matters of concerns that arose and continuation of our Imene practices. Did our practices of Imene pay off for us? It sure did!

AMEAIS Tamaki Makaurau arrived in force on the island of Akatokamanava in groups of 11 over a period from July 14, 2023 through to July 20, 2023. Each of our groups were welcomed with the receiving of pare ei and long ei’s – the sweet smelling fragrances of the ara and tiare alluring us onto Akatokamanava – “Welcome to Paradise” from family, friends, others known and unknown to some of us.



Tinged with grief and sadness a few days after our arrival on Akatokamanava Mauke with the sudden death of our beloved patron Rev Papa Panu Raea who passed away on the morning of July 17, 2023. He was a man who showed determination to travel with our group to his homeland of Akatokamanava. "I'm going home" he announced at Rarotonga airport while awaiting his flight home to Mauke. We dedicated our special aitamua "Karo Au Ki Runga, Akameitaki au, I te Atua" composed by Mama Nga Moupia especially for our group for the 200 Mataiti Taeanga Evan-

gelia o Akatokamanava 2023. We sang with pride whilst remembering a much loved, treasured and dedicated person and patron to Akatokamanava Mauke Enuia Tamaki Makaurau, a godly man as we laid him to rest. Yes, Papa Panu, you are home, and you will be dearly missed by all. Until that glorious morning.

Papa Panu – "You have fought a good fight, you have finished the race, you have kept the faith. There is laid up for you the crown of righteousness which the Lord will give to you on that day" – 2 Timothy 4: 7-8.



"E te atua teia taku e pati nei, kia takai uake au kite Oneone Enuia o taku Uitupuna"



The excitement of our journey continued as we begun commemorating the 200 Mataiti Taenga Evangelia. Each morning leading to the big day started with ke tangi to Tokere no te pure at 4.30am. Rutu ia nei Kimiangatau to Oiretumu Opetipa akamutu ei. Daily morning service conducted by a different denomination on the Island – Cook Islands Christian Church (CICC), Catholic, Latter-Day Saints (LDS), and Seventh-Day Adventist (SDA) with each giving honour, praise and wor-

ship to our heavenly father.

Theme Song: Noou... Noou E Akatokamanava, composed by Rev Micheal Akava and sung by Mere Darling Dashwood.

This theme song ended each morning and evening sessions. A beautiful song that inspires Mauke Nui e tu ki runga (stand up), there is a great and powerful god...we have been shown with the light today... 200 years now on Akatokamanava.

Programme

RA TAI (Day One) – Tuesday 18 June 2023

Aiai - Opening ceremony / Te Totouanga.



RA RUA (Day Two) – Wednesday 19 June 2023

Popongi - Akamata te tuanga o te Pure – Ekalesia CICC o Mauke nei **Aiai** – Imene Tuki Night

RA TORU (Day Three) – Thursday 20 June 2023

Popongi – Akamata te tuanga o te Pure – Katorika o Mauke nei **Aiai** – Musical Dance Night

Ra A (Day Four) – Friday 21 June 2023

Popongi – Akamata te tuanga o te Pure – Ekalesia LDS o Mauke nei **Aiai** – Stringband & Ute. Tamaki Makaurau presentation of our special song "Karo au ki runga, akameitaki au, i te atua"

RA RIMA (Day Five) – Saturday 22 June 2023

Popongi – Akamata te tuanga o te Pure – Ekslesia SDA o Mauke nei **Aiai** – Everyone preparing for the big day on Sunday.

RA ONO (Day Six) – Sunday 23 June 2023

Religious Advisory Council (RAC), Ariki's, Missionaries and the people of Mauke -including visitors.

Popongi – Re-enactment of the Arrival of Christianity with everyone on the island of Akatokamanava Mauke - Raro i te ava i Taunganui – Ruapu e tana tuanga. Marae Orongo. The walk to Opetipa from Ava Taunganui by all the people from babies to mapu's to the elderlies and all visitors to Akatokamanava. An awesome effort by all. A once in a lifetime opportunity, maybe never to be repeated again by many of us.

Aiai – Uapou Kapiti, Pupu Imene and Closing of Akatokamanava Mauke 200 Mataiti Taeanga Evangelia 2023.

"I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness" – John 12:46.



Our free time each day was spent exploring and touring the island of Akatokamanava visiting the museum, the ariki marae, the solar company and water towers, Vaitongo Caves for a swim, the various beaches for picnics, the drive through the makatea, visits to family and friends (individual preferences), simply relaxing and not forgetting our Imene practices.



And then there was the FOOD! Plentiful and in abundance, daily and on point! Our Kimiangatau Oire. Kapitirangi Hall was the said restaurant to go to providing Tamaki Makaurau and other Tere Party groups staying in Kimiangatau Oire with three daily meals during our entire stay on Akatokamanava. The families of Kimiangatau Oire played a crucial role ensuring their guest were taken care off. Hold your head up high people

of Kimiangatau – Job well done! Thank you for your hospitality, your friendship, your imene’s and your love and support.

As with all groups, Tamaki Makaurau had their ups and downs as no group comes away unscathed but things were easily resolved as we were reminded daily, “Always expected the unexpected”.

To end our journey,

Tamaki Makaurau per family were given Tiare Maori, Tiare Teina and Uto trees plants to plant alongside the inside white wall behind Kimiangatau CICC in honor of our attendance at the 200 Mataiti Taeanga Evangelia o Akatokamanava 2023. Akatokamanava Mauke Enuu Tamaki Makaurau is grateful and thankful to be a part of this awesome celebration. Friendship and Memories has been made and these will remain in our hearts forever.

Special Acknowledgment to:

The Religious Advisory Council (RAC).

Rev Micheal Akava and his Committee for an awesome job in presentation of the 200 Mataiti Taeanga Evangelia o Akatokamanava 2023.

Orometua Pareta Ezekiel and wife for ensuring our well-being were met and the abundance of love and support shown to us.

Te Haui Tauu and wife Ngatoko for their guidance love and support and for being our tour guides.

Orometua Metu Une and family for their guidance ensuring we continued

to show love for each other.

Kimiangatau Cook Islands Christian Church & Good News for use of their accommodation provided to Akatokamanava Mauke Enuu Tamaki Makaurau Tere

Oire Kimiangatau families for provision of plentiful sustenance of food

Papa Nooroa for daily preparation of food in between meals

All transportation drivers for pickups and drops off whenever required.

Our Patron – Papa Rima

Our Patrona – Mama Tuaanga Ben, Mama Tu Paniani

Inangaro Tupuna (Love) for his unremarkable Master of Ceremonies (MC) during the celebration for the people of Akatokamanava and its visitors to this awesome celebration.

The band – JP Nehemia, Roger Nehemia, Ngatupuna Maeva & others for the tireless, unrelenting music played throughout the whole of the celebration.

Luka 19:10 “Äere mai nei oki te Tamaiti a te tangata e kimi i tei ngarora e akaara” Luke 19:10 “For the son of man, came to seek and save those who are lost”



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Auckland.*



RIPOTI NO TE UIPAANGA A TE KUMITI AKAAERE O TE PCC, 13-16 TEPETEMA 2023, PENINSULA HOTEL, SUVA, FIJI

1. AKATOMOANGA

E ripoti poto teia no runga i toku tere ki Suva, Fiji, no te uipaanga openga a te PCC Executive Committee tei raveia mei te Ruirua 13 ki te Varaire 15 Tepetema. Kua akaruke atu au ia Rarotonga nei i te popongi Sabati 10 e kua oki mai i te Maanakai 16 Tepetema. Na te PCC te au akapouanga katoatoa no runga i toku tere (patete, ngai nooanga, katikati), mari ua te moni tauturu no te tereanga mei tei matauia (travelling allowance), no roto mai i te opati i Takamoa.

Ko taku ripoti openga teia iaku i runga i te PCC Executive Committee, ka tau i te au mata i te tuatau o te uipaanga maata te ka raveia ki Noumea, New Caledonia, i roto ia Noema e tu mai nei.



3. TERE ATORO I TE LOMANA NAVULAGI ECO-FARM

E farm teia mei tetai ora e te apa (1.5 hours drive) i vao ake ia Suva tei oko te PCC i nga mataiti i topa. Te akakoroanga, e tanu kai e pera tetai atu au tu rakau, pera te angai manu (puakatoro, puaka), no te oko ei tauturu i te pute moni a te PCC. E akakoroanga katoa no te terenianga i te mapu no te kimi ravenga no to ratou oraanga kopapa, te au mapu tika'i e o nei ki roto i te rima o te ture.



Some of the PCC Executive members on a field tour of recently-purchased \$1.2m 50-acre eco-farm outside of Suva.



2. POROKARAMU UIPAANGA

Teia i raro nei te au tumu manako me kore au ripoti tei akara e tei uriia, ka tuku katoaia ratou ki te uipaanga maata i Noumea:

- ◆ PCC General Secretary
- ◆ Programmes
- ◆ Finance & General Business
- ◆ Institute for Mission and Research (IMR)
- ◆ South Pacific Association of Theological Schools (SPATS)
- ◆ Assets Management Unit (AMU)
- ◆ Pacific Theological College (PTC)
- ◆ Pacific Ecumenical Structure (PEC)
- ◆ External Evaluation of PCC
- ◆ General Assembly 2023 update on preparations

Te katoaanga o te porokaramu uipaanga tena ia tei topiriia mai ki muri i teia ripoti.

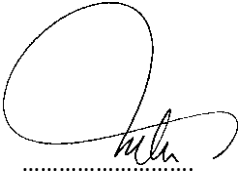
MANAKO OPENGA

Ko te rua tuatau (term) teia iaku ki runga i te kumiti akaaere o te PCC, e ka mata akaouia tatou te CICC ki runga i teia kumiti i te uipaanga maata i muri ake i teia e tu mai nei (2028) no nga mataiti e 5, 2028-2033, e atiangā meitaki no tetai mata o tatou i te reira tuatau kia o akaou atu ki runga i te kumiti. E ngateitei e, e tikaanga matutu no te CICC i te tauturu anga i te akateretereanga i te au porokaramu angaanga a te PCC no te meitaki e te tupuanga o te Evangelia ora a Iesu Mesia i roto nei i te Pasifika.

POPANI

Tena I reira e te kumiti te ripoti poto no toku piri atu anga ki roto i te uipaanga openga a te kumiti akaaere o te PCC i mua ake i tana uipaanga maata ki Noumea i roto ia Noema e tu mai nei.

Kia orana e kia manuia.


Tataia e Nga Mataiao

**Mata o te CICC ki runga i te kumiti akaaere o te PCC,
2018-2023**

Nga Mataiao

Medium Churches Representative on PCC Executive Committee, 2018-2023 (one of 2)

PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**DRAFT AGENDA**

		Tues 12/09	Wed 13/9	Thurs 14/9	Fri 15/9
9 – SEPT ARRIVALS AND TRANSFER TO ACCOMMODATION	8am		Executive Committee Meeting		Depart for Lomana Navulagi Eco-Farm
	9am		Devotion by Moderator	Devotion by Deputy Moderator	
	930am		Welcome Apologies Minutes of Last Meeting Matters Arising	11. PTC Report 12 a. Pacific Ecumenical Community Structure Working Group Session 1	
	1030am	<i>Morning Tea</i>			
	11am	12.45pm Finance and General Business gather	Programs Report – Ms. Frances Namoumou and Staff Finance and General Business Committee Report	12b Pacific Ecumenical Community Structure Working Group Session 2 (If needed) 13. Constitution Update	Farm Tour and Talanoa
	1pm		<i>Lunch</i>		
	2.30pm	Finance and General Business Committee Meeting Opening Prayer Welcome /Apologies Minutes of Previous Meeting GS Report Finance Reports / Audits AMU Report GA Finance and Logistics Any Other Business	IMR Report SPATS Report AMU Report	14. General Assembly Update: Pre-Assembly Opening Worship Programme Plenary Business Sessions Logistics Any Other Business Vote of Thanks Closing Prayer	Free Time Departures begin
	4.30pm	<i>End of Business Sessions</i>			
	6pm	Kava / Talanoa / Dinner / Free Time	Sevusevu and Welcome Dinner for Executive Committee and Staff	Dinner At China Cub hosted by GS	

34 Uipaanga Maata 2023

Salamo 119: 1

“E lamepa taau tuatua no toku nei vaevae ei turama no toku nei arataa”

Kia Orana kotou I teia ra manea. Kua raveia te akatueraanga ete topirianga I te Uipaanga maata ate au Orometua ki roto I te Ekalesia Ngatangia I te popongi ora 10.00 I te Sabati ra 9 ete Sabati ra 16 no Tiurai I roto ite Are Pure ko Ebenezer. Kua manea ta te Ekalesia Ngatangia angaanga I raverave mai, mei te tuanga o te takirua e tae uatu I te akanoonooanga I te au teriketi katoatoa. Kua apai ratou I teia tuanga mate matutu e te maroiroi. Kia akameitakiia ratou tei akaatinga I to ratou tuatau no teia angaanga maata I roto I ta tatou Evangelia. Tei Teretere mai mei te Pa Enea no teia akakoroanga, kua irinakiia e kua mataora te reira.

Kua kapiti katoaia mai te anau mapu Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade e te Girl Guides note akararangianga I teia ra maata. Kua riro te putuputuanga o te anau mapu I roto I teia tuanga, ei tuanga **Guard of Honour** ia ratou katoatoa I roto I teia Uipaanga maata. Kua manea te au tuanga katoatoa tei raveia I teia nga Sabati.

I roto I te epetoma kua raveia te Uipaanga maata takapini I roto I te nga Ekalesia e 6. Kua tae atu matou tetai au mata, ki runga I te taua o Nikao, mei roto mai I ta matou Ekalesia Arorangi mei roto I teia au tuanga tatakita: -

- ♦ **Konitara Vainetini kua mataia mai ete Diakono Vaine – Mrs Apii Heather**
- ♦ **Konitara Mapu kua mataia mai ete Tekeretere – Ms Samantha Tepai**
- ♦ **Konitara Apii Sabati kua mataia mai ete Puapii Sabati – Mrs Anne Ben – Tou**
- ♦ **Konitara Uniform kua mataia mai ete Arataki Mapu Girl Guide – Ms Nina Neubauer & Ms Ngara Katuke**
- ♦ **Mema Tauturu – Diakono Akangaroi, Avaiki Aperau e Jane Poa Wichman**
- ♦ **Mata o te Ekalesia Arorangi, mataia mai e te Tekeretere o te Uipaanga Diakono - Diakono Kimiora Taokia e te Diakono Iro Rangi, Tekeretere – Diakono Okirua Teokoitu e pera katoa te Orometua Soatini Tinirau**

Ko te tuatau mua rai teia, I tetai pae ia matou, ka tomo atu ki roto I teia Uipaanga maata. Kua mataora e kua irinaki e kua rauka ia matou I te kite mai I tetai au tuanga no te tuatau ki mua. Kia matutu e kia maroiroi I roto I te Atua.

Tena mai tetai au tutu no te angaanga maata tei raveia ki roto I te Ekalesia Nikao. Te au teriketi e te au mata o te au Ekalesia mei Australia, Nu Tireni, Pa enua Tokerau, Pa enua Tonga, Papua e to Rarotonga nei.

Kia Manuia.

Te karanga nei te irava: - Ioane 14:27

E au taku e vaio ia kotou nei, ko taku nei au taku e o atu no kotou: kare mei ta to te ao oronga, taku oronga ia kotou.

Tataia e: Ngara Katuke





Uipaanga Maata I Arorangi

“Aere mai nei te tamaiti ate tangata e kimi I tei Ngaro”

Popongi humaria, sumaringa e te akaieie tikai teia. Kua akamata teia popongi I tetai au turanga nate Ekalesia ki tana teriketi e noo nei ki roto I te ngutuare Kalavaria. Kua riro te metua tane Orometua mei Australia I to tatou iti tangata Aborigine I te rave mai te pure popongi, I mua ake ka kai ti ei ratou. Kua akaaravei mai te Diakono Kaota Turariki I te au teriketi no te mea, kua riro teia popongi e na te Tapere Rutaki ratou I akonokono. I roto I teia kapu Tianga, kua akamaara ratou e te au mema Ekalesia o Arorangi I te ra anau-anga o tetai mata mei te enua Nassau mai. Kua imene e kua mataora ratou.



Teia te rua o te tuanga o te reira ra I roto I te Vaka Puaikura.

Turou, Oro Mai ki runga I te paepae o Tinomana Ariki. Aere mai, tomo mai, ki roto I te nao o te Atua ko Ziona Tapu.

Kia Orana. I te paraparau ra 13 no Tiurai, kua raveia te Uipaanga maata ate au Orometua I roto I te Ekalesia Arorangi. Kua riro e na te tavini o te Atua, Papa Orometua Soatini Tinirau I rave atu ite tuanga o te Pure, no te akamataanga. Kua riro rai te tuanga akateretere I te Uipaanga e nate tama Tekeretere maata, koia a Nga Mataio e te Peretiteni Maata, koia te Orometua Ngateitei, Papa Tuaine Ngametua (Moutaiki). Kua kapiti katoaia mai tetai I ta tatou anau Apiianga e to ratou au tokorua, ei tauturu I tetai au tuanga tei anoanoia kia rave ratou I te reira ra.

Kua rave te Uipaanga maata I tei porokaramuia no te reira ra. Kua akaariia mai tetai au Ripoti mei roto mai ite au taeake te rave nei I ta ratou au tuanga tei iikiia ratou kia rave mai. Mei te tama akatere o te Tutu Evangelia – Mr Ken Ben, e pera katoa te metua vaine o te Welfare- Mrs Nga Papatua. Kua akarongo katoatoaia tetai au tuanga mei roto mai ite tama roia – koia a Ngatokorua. E au tuanga puapinga katoa tana I apai mai ki roto I te Uipaanga maata. Kua akaoti te Uipaanga maata, mate katakata e mataora, no te mea kua akaoti vave ua te reira I mua ake ka kaikai ei. Kua arikirokiia ratou ki tetai takurua I roto I te ngutuare Aroa Nui. Tena mai tetai au tutu, tei neneia ei akaraanga naau/kotou. **Aleluia, Amene!**

Tataia e: Ngara Katuke



38th World Conference

Our theme says “DREAM, ACT, LEAD: THE FUTURE IS OURS “

Karimera! (Good morning)

The Girl Guides Association Cook Islands was represented at the 38th World Conference in Nicosia, Cyprus by Head Delegate, Ms Ngara Katuke and Young Women delegate, Ms Destiny Nicholas in July 2023.

They departed Rarotonga on the 19th July and returned home on the 8th August 2023. Destiny participated into the Young Women forum in Larnaca from 24th – 25th July 2023 and later joined the main conference. The main conference in Nicosia was held at the European University of Cyprus.



We learnt a lot from the World Conference. We have enjoyed the long journey to Cyprus and we are hoping to share to our members the best way we can and show our appreciation.

The Cook Islands are now 9 years in our Full Membership with WAGGGS. We wish to expand and implement some strategies, so we can grow our organization to the future for our girls and leaders.

Here are some that we can look into: -

1. *Constitution & Bye Law*
2. *Policy & Rules*
3. *Membership Records & Fees*
4. *Funds Development Network*
5. *Strategy Plans*
6. *Curriculum – Handbooks*
7. *Communications*
8. *AP & WAGGGS connections*
9. *Training Opportunities*



Our travels to Cyprus was with long flights, but we have returned home safely.

“**Meitaki korereka**” to all our guide members, friends and families for supporting us both financially throughout our fund raising plans.

“**Meitaki Ngao**” for the GGACI National Council for covering a huge portion of our returned airfares. “**Meitaki Maata**” to our God for keeping us safe.

Thank you to one of our sponsor for your large financial support, Madeline Sword-Tua and Jessie Sword. Our families in New Zealand, Keu & Tangi Mataroa and Patipati & Ngaakapi Kareroa for looking after us in New Zealand.

DREAM, ACT, LEAD: THE FUTURE IS OURS

Girls and young women were in the epicentre of our attention when deciding the theme of our 38th World Conference. Their right to a bright future is the primary goal of our Guiding Movement, as defined by our vision for the next decade in Compass 2032. They can dream of the future; and the World Guiding Movement, through its Member Organizations, offers them the values and the experience they need to act, grow, thrive, and lead the effort for a better tomorrow; for their own lives, but also for the whole planet.

Our parallel commitment to sustainability was combined in the logo we chose for our World Conference.

It firstly incorporates light, symbolising the sun rising for our common future, as it shines in Cyprus an average of 2,700 to 3,500 hours per year, making our island literally the brightest country in Europe. And secondly our ethnic flower, the Cyprus Cyclamen (Cyclamen Cyprium) native to woodland at 300 to 1,200 metres elevation in the mountains.

Endemic to the island, first identified by the Austrian botanist Karl Georg Theodor Kotschy in 1862, this perennial, with its heart-shaped leaves, thrives also in the coastal cliffs, often finding an anchor in the crevices of rocks. To us symbolising how the beauty of nature is never weak, even if it looks so, but it can find and give life anywhere, even on a rock.

Cyclamen = from the Greek word Κύκλος = Circle also symbolising the circle of never-ending life, and the never-ending bond we Guides share, as we meet seeking to live happy days together.

Our logo is based on a painting created by 9-year-old Danae Constantinidou, the winner of a competition we organised for this purpose among our young Members.



We are proud and delightful for the opportunity granted to us both.

“THANK YOU” for believing and trusting us both to represent the Cook Islands to the Young Women’s event and the 38th World Conference in Lanarka and Nicosia, Cyprus. **Kalinita (Good evening)**

Deuteronomy 31:8 says “It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed”.

Tataia e : Ngara Katuke.

Free Being Me

Psalm 139: 14 says “You are beautiful for you are fearfully and wonderfully made”.

Welcome! Free Being Me Project (FBM) in The Girl Guides Association Cook Islands (GGACI) have been conducted for 18 months from March 2022 to August 2023 on the island of Rarotonga. The Girl Guide Companies of Avarua, St Joseph, Nikao, Arorangi, Titikaveka and Ngatangia have worked joyfully with just over 400 girls, boys and supporting adults. Dedicated girls, leaders and committee members have journeyed together with the six girl guide companies on the island. Our members are certainly looking forward to keep promoting the values and positivity of what Free Being Me brings for our girls and boys on the island to live against society of materialistic world and advertisements. We acknowledged and appreciate WAGGGS for keeping our Girl Guides updated and providing funds where it is needed most to help develop our young minds and bodies of our awesome Girl Guides of the nation.

The closing ceremony of our Free Being Me Award evening on Monday 28th August 2023 was a success and witnessed by many supporters from the six Girl Guide companies, other uniform organisations, church groups and parents. It was a night of joyful feelings to see the girls receive their badges and t-shirts. Special Guest speakers were appreciated with their

words of thanks and encouragement to all the girls and sponsors who helped in their own way on this journey. The girls were appreciated in taking on this fun learning path way. Stakeholders were acknowledged for their huge support and contributions.

The Award Night begins with an awesome Devotion by Rev Teava Nanai together with the Youth Groups of Nikao CICC Ekalesia from the Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade and Girl Guides. We acknowledged the presences of the Cook Islands Boys Brigade Organisation – President, Mr Bob Williams and the National President of the Cook Islands Girls Brigade organisation, Mrs Tangi Taoro, Tinomana Tokerau Ariki and other VIP Guests. The parents and committees of the Girl Guide Companies from each Guide companies on Rarotonga showed their support and contribution. The National President – Mrs Haumata Hosking, thanked everyone for attending this special evening. The MC of the evening, also acknowledges our Stakeholders for their continuous support throughout the FBM Project.



The Patroness, Lady Tuaine Marsters closed the Free Being Me Project with an encouraging words and the Nikao youth entertained the crowd with a special South African dance move.

Meitaki Ranuinui to our Papa Orometua Teava Nanai and the Nikao CICC Ekalesia and our sisters and brothers in the Uniform groups for your participation and support.

Kia Manuia kia kotou katoatoa.

Psalm 128: 2 says “You will definitely enjoy what you've worked hard for — you'll be happy; and things will go well for you.” The Good News: God rewards those who work hard, and that can come in a variety of ways. But if you continue to put in a solid work ethic, you deserve whatever is outcome.



Tataia e : Ngara Katuke.



“Namaste “

My journey to Sangam World Centre, to attend a Regional Facilitators Training. I was among the facilitators that got chosen from each Member organisations of the Asia Pacific Region. The training is specifically on Free Being Me and Action on Body Confidence. This was planned and organized by the WAGGGS Global Team for Free Being Me Program.

There were 18 participants from 10 Member organisations plus the Sangam staff members in the Management level and Administration attended this training. Here are the 10 MO's: - New Zealand, Australia, Cook Islands, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Malaysia, India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Thailand.

Plus, their Volunteer staffs at Sangam are from Mexico, Madagascar, UK, USA, Australia, Hong Kong and India.

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts has been working for more than eight years to bring about a real, positive and lasting

change in how all young people see themselves. The Free Being Me curriculum aims to empower girls to reach their full potential in life through activities that strengthen body confidence and self-esteem, so that the way they think they look never holds them back. Young people learn to stand up to social pressures, value their bodies, challenge beauty stereotypes promoted in the media and advocate for a healthy body image to their friends and community. By improving the body confidence of a generation, WAGGGS can make a meaningful impact in girls' lives and empower them to always be unstoppable.



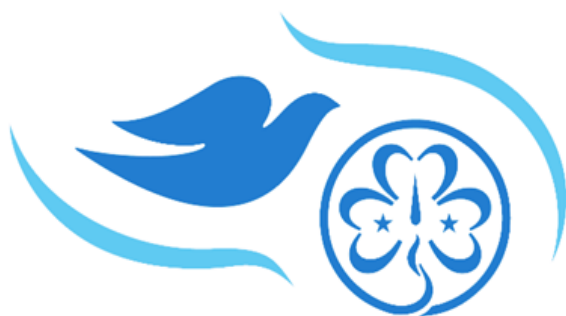


Free Being Me (FBM) is an educational programme that promotes body confidence and a world free from appearance-related anxiety.

FBM first began in 2013, developed in partnership with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), the Dove Self-Esteem Project (DSEP) and Dr Eric Stice, Dr Carolyn Becker and Dr Philippa Diedrichs from the Centre of Appearance Research (CAR). Since then, an incredible six million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 80 countries have taken part in Free Being Me.

I was proud to represent the Cook Islands to this Regional Facilitators training in India. I have learnt and understand the reason of bringing passionate leaders to this FBM Training. I admired the uniqueness and colourfulness of the Indian culture, food, landscape, religion, fashion and so forth. India is one of the richest countries in the world. They have a high number in population and have great geography.

We were taken to two places where recently celebrated their Krishna Janmashtami, we got to



witness how they celebrate this event, by building a human pyramid, the story behind this celebration is so unique.

The training has a full on program each day and thankful to our trainers from UK and South Africa had a lot to share to the participants. We did a lot of group work/discussions and share on how we can improve and implement the program.

I would like to say “Thank you so much “to our Global Team to Rio Otara and Abigail Bobby for offering the opportunity to the Cook Islands to participate at this special training. It was the first of its kind that they were offered to us in the Asia Pacific Region.

God bless you all!

Proverbs 3:5-6 says: -

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths “.

Tataia e : Ngara Katuke.



SPECIAL FAREWELL – Orometua Soatini & his family

“Be strong and be firm” this is some of Papa Orometua’s words in his speech.

Sumaringa ke kotou katoatoa!

The Arorangi Uniform groups (Boys Brigade, Girl Guides and Girls Brigade) their leaders planned for a special Monday evening to farewell their Papa & Mama Orometua, on te 18th September 2023 at 6.00pm - Papa Soatini and Mama Mere including their two grand-daughters – Lupe Hewett and Hannalear Tinirau were hosted for a Kaikai farewell by the members.

The Leaders and the girls from the Arorangi Girl Guides company started their farewell speeches and a Oora with a Tivaevae gifted by the Captain, Mrs Tapu Munro whom are in New Zealand at the time of this event. It was presented to the Orometua by our Young Leaders and our ngakau aroa.

Our two long serving leaders from the Arorangi Girls Brigade company, Aunty Taamo Heather and Aunty Tangi Taoro and their girls presented a beautiful Tivaevae each to the Papa and the Mama Orometua with their favorite colors – Ocean blue and Purple and their ngakau aroa.

Boys Brigade Leaders, Simona Aumetua Nicholas and Mata Kelly with Deacon Teariki Purua spoke on behalf of the Arorangi Brass Band and the Arorangi Boys Brigade Company, with their ngakau aroa.

It was a sad moment for us, but we all shared our stories on how Papa Soatini and Mama Mere have shown their support throughout their 10 years in the Arorangi CICC Ekalesia. Their grandchildren have been part of the 3 uniform groups since they came in 2014. We will surely miss them all.

We all wish them the best in their new Ekalesia and we hope to meet them all again in the near future.

Aere ra e Papa e Mama Orometua e ta korua anau tamari-ki.

Kia Manuia I roto ite aroa polia o te Atua.

Tataia TRO

Tutu neneia Nina Neubauer e Tutai Mauke



34th ROUND RAROTONGA ROAD RUN 2023 “Be prepared “

Greetings in the mighty name of our Good Lord and Savior. On Saturday the 23rd of September, the six Girl Guide Companies on Rarotonga participated in the 34th Round Rarotonga Road Race event for the water stations. This is another way where Girl Guide provides their services to the community with a strong relationship to the society for 18 years now.

The organizing committee member, Ms Matariki Wilson communicate with our National Secretary, Mrs Upokotea Tuakana for the logistics to enable Girl Guide Companies for their service. We were allocated to 11 water stations around the island. The morning started at 5.30am and the weather was not in our favor on the day, but as a true Girl Guides, the girls and leaders sing, smile and a lots of cheering to our strong runners in the morning. At the end of the race, each participant was provided with a taste of fresh fruits and sweetened drinks which was also prepared by our Girl Guide companies.

Over 243 participants both local and international took part in this annual event that was sponsored by the Bank of the South Pacific (BSP) and assisted by Turama House. Our service to this event never goes unnoticed as this was the highlight that echoed through the night of the event prize giving dinner which was held on Sunday 24th September 2023, 5.00pm at the Edgewater Resort. Our Patroness, Lady Tuaine Marsters including representatives from each company attended this special dinner invitation. To our amaze praises from most participants was shared in the evening but most importantly from the sponsor itself in his own words, **“you are running out there, you get tired and your joints starts to get sore, you almost give up, but when you reach the water stations, you have these young girls cheer you, which boost you up to continue to finish the race. Meitaki maata for your continuous support Girl Guides.”**

On behalf of the GGACI National Council Executives members, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Ms Matariki Wilson, Bank of the South Pacific Management & Staff, Vodafone and other sponsors for giving us the opportunity to be part of this year’s awesome Round Rarotonga Road Race. Meitaki Ranuinui to our dedicated leaders and girls for always going above and beyond. Meitaki Polia and may God bless you all.

Written by the National Secretary, Mrs Upokotea Tuakana

Pictures provided by the leaders of Avarua, Ngatangia and Nikao



Ra anauanga e 60 Mataiti

Salamo 23: 1 “Ko Iehova toku tiaki, e kare rava au e ngere “

Tau Mai! Tau Mai na runga I te pora! Happy Birthday, Kia Orana.

Kua raveia te akaepaepaanga I te ra anauanga o te metua vaine humaria, koia a Tapaeru Kokaua Hagai. Kua putuputu mai, tona au taeake e te kopu tangata ki tetai akakoroanga manea, I te aiiai Ruirua ra 3 no Okotopa kite ngutuare kaikai I Tutakimoa ki roto I te Ariki Café. Kua akatupuia teia akakoroanga e tona au taeake angaanga I roto I te opati o te Cook Islands Investment Co-operation (CIIC). E kua oora atu ratou I te patiangā ki tona au taeake I vaoo ake I to ratou opati.

Kua tae atu ki runga I te taua, tona metua vaine e ora nei, e noo nei ki roto I te oire Nikao, koia a Mama Nga Mokoroa ete Kopu tangata Tuaeivi ete Kokaua I te reira aiiai po. Kua kapiti katoa ia mai, tetai au taeake vaine mei roto mai I te putuputuanga tamaine Girl Guides no Ngatangia e to Arorangi e te kopu tangata Katuke ete Tamarangi.

E tupuanga meitaki tona I roto ite Oire Nikao. E tavini maroiroi aia I roto I te Ekalesia Nikao, mei te Taperere Pokoinu. Tana au putuputuanga e angaanga ana aia ki roto, te Apii Sabati, Mapu, Vainetini, Girl Guides ete tauturu I tetai uatu tuanga I roto I te Ekalesia ete Oire Nikao. Mei roto mai aia I te Ngati Arera, Rakahanga, Manihiki, Mangaia, Aitutaki e Tahiti.

Te vai atura tona au tua tapapa I tona oraanga, inara te irinakianga e kua mataora aia I te reira aiiai, ta tona au taeake o te ngai angaanga I rave mai nona. Koia katoa tetai metua vaine tei roa I te angaanga I roto I teia opati o te Kavamani. Te akameitaki nei ratou iaia, e pera katoa te kopu tangata tei tae mai ki teia ra maata no teia taeake vaine no ratou.

Tataia ete TRO Tutu neneia e tona au taeake



140 Years - Founders Day

Hebrews 6:19
'Sure & Steadfast'



Welcome & Happy Birthday.

The motto of the Boys Brigade is **“Sure and Steadfast”**.

The object of the Boys Brigade is **“The advancement of Christ’s kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.”**

The uniform groups (Girls Brigade, Girl Guides & Boys Brigade) of Rarotonga came together on Sunday 8th October 2023 at a special combined church parade to celebrate the Boys Brigade **“Founders Day”** 140 years of Boys Brigade globally. This is an event, that the Boys Brigade holds every year. The organisation started on the 4th October 1883 in Glasgow, by Sir William Alexander Smith.

In the Cook Islands it was first established in 1935, it is 88 years now. We give thanks to our strong leaders and members in the past and to those whom are still continuing the organisation today.

The current President of the Cook Islands Boys Brigade Association, Mr Bob Williams extend his appreciation to all the Orometua and their Ekalesia members of each CICC Ekalesia in the Cook Islands, New Zealand and Australia whom have served the organisation for many years since 1935. To all our boys and leaders and parents whom have dedicated and committed their time to uphold our Motto and Object.

Meitaki Ranuinui to everyone for your huge support and contribution to all our programs and events every year. **Kia Manuia.**

Written by TRO

Photo taken by TRO



Iriirikapua i Akatokamanava

Kia Orana kotou katoatoa, I te aroa maata o te Atua.

Ko Nina Neubauer toku ingoa. E mapu vaine au, e tauturu nei I te putuputuanga Punanga Tauturu. Te api'i nei au i te reo Kuki Airani e te au peu ete akonoanga o teia enua. Ko taku apii teitei (PhD) te rave kapiti nei kite opati ote University of the South Pacific (USP), ki roto i teia tuanga peapa no runga ite turanga oraanga o te iti tangata Kuki Airani.

I te Monite ra 11, kite Varaire ra 15 no Tepetema 2023.

Kua aere atu au na roto I te tere o te Punanga Tauturu, no te akakoroanga o te Iriirikapua.

My role was becoming their media person and some of the tasks that I did was taking photos and setting up the audio equipment's each day. The purpose of the trip was to hold a 3-day community workshop with government officials, Non-governmental groups, community & traditional leaders and others. The workshop is on Domestic Violence Awareness. This took place at the Sunrise Hall in the district of Ngatiarua. We did a presentation at the Mauke College with the senior students and teachers.

Ake who worked for Internal Affairs, shared her time with us for a tour around the island. I really enjoyed visiting historic landmarks, learning about different stories of what happened on the island as well as exploring the beaches and caves. Tangata and Teata Ateriano invited us for a special church service at the Seven Day Adventist Church in Mauke. The week went by so fast.

We were so honoured with new friends on the island who farewelled us with their island way with beautiful Ei Maire and Ei katu on our departure. While waiting for our flight, Tangata Ateriano entertained us with his ukulele and played some songs and we all joined in.

Kua mataora toku nooanga ki runga ia Akatokamanava e kia akameitakiia te katoatoa tei oraora mai I to ratou ngakau aroa I to matou tuatau I turoto atu ei, I te enua. Meitaki Ranuinui no te akara mai ia matou. Ariki mai e te au taeake I teia reo " Akameitakianga " ia kotou katoatoa. Te Atua te aroa.

Tataia e Nina Neubauer



You Made It!

Congratulation you made it to the end, which concludes the 91st Newsletter of September 2023. it has been quite a busy year for the CICC Organization particularly the recent General Assembly that was held as well as the 200th Gospel celebration that many have come afar to witness. I can say, that it has been a joyous time of the year, where friends families and communities come together to celebrate and help one another. And yes we have come so far with challenges, with each new day giving us all a task to face, but in such due time, we are given the experience, the strength, the wisdom and one another to overcome these challenges in Gods will. I hope that through this newsletter we all have enjoyed in keeping up to date with news both known and unknown to us all. We shall meet again in the next release of this Year. Until then.....Kia Orana, e Kia Manuia.

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