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STATEMENT BY THE ULU O TOKELAU
FAIPULE KERISIANO KALOLO, ON THE OCCASION OF THE TOKELAU VISIT BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL ATAFU, JUNE 2012

(Tokelau Greeting) Acknowledge our Almighty God for his love is everlasting and abiding. Acknowledge te tamana Faifeau toeaaina and faletua and the toeaaina, Taupulega and people...

Your Excellency, the Governor General of New Zealand and the Regents of the Realm, Lieutenant General, the Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae, The Administrator of Tokelau, Mr Jonathan Kings, The Chief of the NZ Navy, Rear Admiral Tony Parr, and Distinguished Members of the Governor General’s delegation. I would like to warmly acknowledge the hardworking and professional Senior Officials and the crews of Her Majesty’s New Zealand Ship Otago represented her by the colourful and beautiful kapa-haka group. To the distinguished Commanding Officer Dave McEwan and the crew of the HMNZS Otago, thank you for hosting myself, Atene and the Tokelau delegation on your vessel. We felt like we were at home and your warmness and generosity has made our journey through the vast ocean and through the villages quite comforting and rewarding. Your Excellency, over the last 2 days and also today you have visited the regent of Tokelau under the realm of New Zealand. We are so blessed that you have been able to visit us 3 times. We humbly receive your message from the Government and the people of New Zealand and those of the Tokelau communities. Your Excellency, Tokelau’s relationship with New Zealand is unique and special to us. I hope in your brief visit has given you and your distinguished delegation a better understanding of this regent, its land and the people. Equally I hope that you have been reassured of the warmth of our relationship, through the voices of our children singing the New Zealand national anthem and as conveyed through our sincere words of welcome. Our people value our constitutional bond and share deep cultural links with the people and the Government of New Zealand and that our close Maori kinsfolk in Aotearoa. In your visits through the islands you will have heard some of the challenges that we face as New Zealand citizens. You would have heard resoundingly the importance of the urgent need for an efficient, reliable and safe transportation service. Thank you to the Government of New Zealand there are initiatives currently underway for a temporary (2) year charter arrangement of the PB Matua; and a longer term transportation arrangement which includes a new vessel and airstrip. Your Excellency, it is important that we get a vessel that will carry the New Zealand citizens of Tokelau safely from Apia. We also hope that the transportation solution will ensure that the 3 atolls remain connected by a regular service to ensure that thisregent prospers sustainable. Your Excellency is also aware that we are also working with the Administrator of Tokelau to ensure that the shipping services will be supported by a robust ship-to-shore infrastructure and process to address safe ship-to-shore transfer of passengers and cargo. Your Excellency, you would have heard pointedly from all the villages the importance of improving our health and education system to support and build our people and communities. While the village are at different stages of construction we continue to be committed to ensure these important projects are completed by the end of the year. We are also persevering on the renewable energy as a strategy to deal with our environment concerns and the limited resources that we have. The renewable energy project will allow Tokelau to be lesser reliant on the expensive fossil fuel and therefore we would be able to direct the savings into key areas of addressing non-communicable disease, building on strong primary and secondary education system, sustaining and managing our fisheries resources and exploring economic opportunities in the villages for our women (Fatupaeape) and the aumaga. We are working closely with the Administrator of Tokelau, Mr Kings, to ensure that lessons learnt from the current phase 1 of the Infrastructure Development Project are put in place in order that phase 2 of the Infrastructure Project are carried out most efficiently. As you mentioned Your Excellency, this would be a good example of the vision of needing Tokelau solution to meet Tokelau opportunities at Tokelau’s pace. On a more serious note, thank you Your Excellency for your reassurance of the commitment and support by the Government of New Zealand to Tokelau’s development. The Administrator of Tokelau continues to give us wise counsel as we work together to deliver and change the lives of our people, The New Zealand citizens of Tokelau for the better. Allow me on behalf of our fathers- na toeaaina, the General Fono, the Council for the Ongoing Government of Tokelau and all our people reiterate our commitment as a regent of the realm and to the unique and special relationship with the Government of New Zealand. Your Excellency, your willingness to engage and work with the leaders and people of all our communities is a demonstration of your continuing commitment to all citizens of the realm. With your visit, Tokelau’s voice has become louder through that of your good self Sir and that of your delegation. On behalf of the people of Tokelau, thank you New Zealand for all your continuing support- Fakafetai lahi lele! Finally, Your Excellency over the last few days, beginning when we first met last Wednesday at the resident of the NZ High Commission to Samoa and throughout the Samoa Independence 50th Jubilee Celebrations and on board the HMNZS Otago you have made me and Atene feel very comfortable. We have been humbled by your generosity and the continuing support from all the members of your delegation. Until we meet again, I pray and that the Almighty will guide you and your delegation home safely and will continue to bless your leadership over the realm and ALL her people. Fakafetai...
English Week Develops Matiti Confidence

Teachers at the Matiti school found that the English Week was a great teaching initiative to develop the students confidence in many ways. The teachers at the Matiti school have literally come out to express how delighted they have been with the students in their effort and the hard work, has paid off. The finding from this year to last year have seen an enormous improvement with how they express themselves and also the potential when they are put through test. Finding the confidence to wear costumes, standing up during performance and entering the spelling world were all exposed during the activities held throughout the week. The Juniors to year six were given activities such as storytelling, spelling bee, general knowledge quiz and impromptu speeches.

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The English week have only took place twice and looks to be an annual event through the Matiti school calendar. A great deserving disco celebration ended the week. The next upcoming event for the students is the Tokelau Week which is set to be next term.
Governor returns from Tokelau

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Governor-General, Lt Gen The Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae impress by how strong the cultural links of Tokelau has with New Zealand. The purpose of his visit noted the importance of the relationship New Zealand has with Tokelau. Welcomes to all three atolls with cultural formalities, General Governor visits many site including the Infrastructure Development Projects including the Tokelau Renewable Energy Project which has been in progress. The 3 days visit by Governor-General was accompany by officials from New Zealand and Tokelau which he sailed on the Offshore navy Patrol Vessel, HMNZS Otago.

Tokelau Wishes Samoa a Happy 50th

His Highnesses Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese and Masiofo Filifilia on 30th of May receive gifts from The Ulu o Tokelau, Kerisiano Kalolo and his good lady Atene Kalolo on behalf of the Tokelau Government. Wishing Samoa a happy 50th birthday and to continue a broad and strong Tokelau commitment to building its partnership with Samoa. Tokelau values the relationship with the Samoan government and in recognition of Samoa’s 50th anniversary of independence handed over gifts and long for the best during their celebrations.
Tokelau joins the highly successful PNA Vessel Day Scheme

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The Ulu of Tokelau, Faipule Kerisiano Kalolo, today signed an agreement on behalf of the people of Tokelau and the eight Pacific Island Countries that make up the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) to join the highly successful purse seine vessel day scheme (VDS). The eight PNA countries that include the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Republic of Marshal Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu established the VDS in 2007. The VDS is the system that is used to sustainably manage the world’s largest tuna fishery that is located in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean. The PNA Fisheries Ministers are meeting at Alotau in PNG to make key collective decisions in respect to the conservation and management of their tuna fisheries. Tokelau’s application to participate in the VDS was positively and warmly considered by the Fisheries Ministers. Recently the VDS was awarded Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification. The MSC certification clearly demonstrates the integrity and the success of the VDS in sustainably managing the Western and Central Pacific Skipjack Tuna and Yellow-fin Tuna fish stocks.

The VDS has also provided the foundation for the sustainable economic development of the PNA countries. Over the last 3 years revenue earned by countries participating in the VDS has more than trebled and it is forecast to increase further over the next 3 years. The Faipule said that, “Tokelau shares mutual interests with the PNA countries and is of a view that by working cooperatively with the PNA it will further strengthen the VDS and bring mutual benefits to all parties”. The Faipule also noted that “joining the VDS is an integral part of the new Tokelau Fisheries Policy and associated Offshore Fisheries Plan designed to maximize the economic benefits to Tokelau from the sustainable use of it’s Exclusive Economic Zone”. “Tokelau does not have the comparative advantages to develop their own large scale catch, processing and marketing sectors. It’s fisheries economic development will focus on maximizing the benefits that comes from being a fisheries resource owner”. While participating in the VDS will impose some relatively small management and administration costs on Tokelau, the benefits, that are estimated to be in the millions of dollars, will far exceed these costs.

The Faipule further added, “Strategically, the sustainable economic development of our EEZ is a critical step towards a greater level of self reliance and self determination”.

The Vessel Day Scheme (VDS)

The Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) is a scheme where vessel owners can purchase and trade days fishing at sea in places subject to the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA). The purpose of the VDS is to constrain and reduce catches of target tuna species, and increase the rate of return from fishing activities through access fees paid by Distant Water Fishing Nations (DWFNs). The total allocation of fishing days is set and apportioned between Pacific Island members for one-year periods up to three years in advance. The VDS is implemented as part of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Conservation and Management Measure for Bigeye and Yellowfin Tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (CMM2005-01). The VDS replaces the purse seine vessel number limit of 205 vessels under Annex 1 of the Palau
Aims and rules of VDS

By setting limits on the number of days purse seine vessels fish, the VDS is a management tool to limit fishing within sustainable levels. However it also has an economic objective of creating competition between Distant Water Fishing Nations (DWFNs) to purchase units of fishing effort in days, at the highest possible price. To prevent or constrain technical changes in fishing power and efficiency that may lead to maintaining or increasing catches as a result of the implementation of the VDS, a fishing day under the VDS has been apportioned based on vessel length:

(i) every fishing day by a purse seine vessel with a length overall of less than 50 metres shall equate to a deduction of one half of a fishing day;

(ii) every fishing day by a purse seine vessel with a length overall of between 50 metres and 80 metres shall equate to a deduction of one fishing day; and

(iii) every fishing day by a purse seine vessel with a length overall in excess of 80 metres shall equate to a deduction of one and one half fishing days.

The apportionment between vessel length and a fishing day can effectively be modified over time to account for changes in fishing power and efficiency. This modification of the relationship between vessel length and fishing capacity, in addition to the ability to change the total number of days that can be fished over time provides the ability to change catch effort relationships.

When apportioning fishing days under the VDS, specific allocations have been made for regional fishing arrangements to which the PNA are a Party. These regional arrangements are the States of Micronesia Arrangement for Regional Fisheries Access (FSMA) and the Multilateral Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America (US Treaty).
**Staff Update ...**

**New appointments**

Congratulations to the following staff on their appointments;

- **Mr. Christian Slaven** has been appointed to the position of IT Manager for the next 3 years. Chris has been working as the Database Developer & Administrator for the last 6 years and had to undergo a rigorous recruitment and selection process for his new appointment as the Head of the IT Team. Congratulations Chris!!!

- **Ms. Makereta Kaurasi - Manueli** has been reappointed as Financial Accountant with the Finance Team. In accordance with CROP practices and the Staff Regulations regarding the 6 year rule, Makereta had to reapply for her position and had to go through the full competitive recruitment & selection process. Congratulations Mak!!!

**Contract Renewals**

- **Ms. Seema Deo** has renewed her contract as Communications & Outreach Adviser for another term of 3 years.

- **Ms. Theresa Fruean - Afa** has renewed her contract for another 3 years as Secretary & Division Assistant for Environmental Monitoring & Governance.

**Contract Extensions**

- **Ms. Helen Tuilagi - Ah Kuoi**’s contract has been extended for another 6 months as Records & Archives Assistant.

**Cancellation of Appointment:**

- **Ms. Faialio Agaiva’s** appointment as Assistant HR Officer has been annulled.

**HR Activities for May.....**

**Market Data Survey Positions Advertised Locally:**

John McGill of Strategic Pay will be at SPREP on the week of 21st May for conducting the survey. John’s visit will focus on data collection and meeting with the major employers in the Apia market however, there will be an opportunity for the staff and Staff Committee to meet with him. A schedule will be sent out closer to the date of the survey.

**Staff Regulations Review:** Staff consultations will take place in the next few weeks. The key objectives for the review is to separate the policy issues from operational matters and ensure the Staff Regulations is kept up-to-date and that it provides an enabling mechanism for the Secretariat to address changes and challenges in the market in an efficient and effective manner.

**2012 Triennial Review Positions Advertised Internationally:** There will be final consultations with the Executive, Senior Management Team and staff on the final report by the Consultant and on the outcomes of the CROP Harmonisation Working Group meeting hosted by SPREP last week.

**TIP of the month.....**

Professional Fees: You can claim professional fees relevant to your area of work for membership with a recognised professional institution for up to USD$200 per annum. Click here to view Policy

**Where are we.....**

**RECRUITMENT**

- **Database Developer Administrator** - Recruitment process to resume now that ITM appointment has been finalised.
- **Management Accountant** - Appointment to be confirmed.
- **GEF Project Coordinator** - Telephone Interviews scheduled for Tuesday 8th May 2012
- **Climate Change Coordination Adviser** - Appointment to be confirmed
- **Adaptation Support Officer - Climate Change - Prescreening**
- **Climate Change Communications Officer - Shortlist**
- **Publications Officer** - Prescreening
- **Information Resource Centre & Archives Manager** - Prescreening

**Current Vacancies**

1. Invasive Species Adviser, 2. GEF Support Adviser, 3. Environmental Monitoring & Governance Adviser, 4. Environmental Planning & Monitoring Intern, 5. Programme Assistant, Climate Change (6) Assistant HR Officer

Applications Close: Friday 11th May 2012

**Do you know what Makelesi does?**

**Name:** Makelesi Gonelevu

**Position:** Knowledge Management Officer

**Brief Description of Role:**

My role at SPREP is to develop the “Pacific Climate Change Portal”. A chunk of my work involves collaborating with CROP agencies and national climate change units in PICTs to put in place mechanisms that will guarantee that there is coordinated approach to ensuring that the portal becomes the hub for all climate change related information in the region. A lot of time is invested into researching information and knowledge management solutions that are user friendly and takes into consideration the challenges of internet connectivity in the PICTs. Part of my portal work is the establishment of the Pacific Climate Change Information Network (PaCCIN) which facilitates information exchange between SPREP and climate change practitioners in the region. Capacity building in the PICTs will follow soon after the launch of the portal to ensure that climate change practitioners have the capacity to utilise the portal to its full potential.

**Career Highlights:** Seeing organisations collaborating to make this work. I’m hoping the portal will become a tool that climate change practitioners in the region will turn to first and foremost to find information for their work in relation to adaptation and mitigation and that eventually it will help improve the lives of Pacific Island communities in dealing with climate change.

**Hobbies and interests:** Hiking up mountains, reading biographies, baking/cooking and spending time at the beach.
Tokelau Affairs Liaison Office in Apia takes part celebrating Samoa 50th. The staff took part at the parade march in front of the parliament house at Mulinuu as a working day. Tokelau Office were among hundred plus group to march pass Head of State His Highness Tuatua Tupua Tamasese and his masiofo Filia, Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele malielegaoi members of parliament and official guest including the Ulu o Tokelau.

Tokelau’s Atafu community to pass on ancestral knowledge to the new generation

The Vaka project in Porirua, Wellington was funded by Creative New Zealand to support the maintenance of the heritage arts and culture of the Tokelau peoples in New Zealand. The project is led by the Atafu Tokelau Community Group where traditional knowledge in vaka making is passed on to a new generation, especially Pacific Islanders born in New Zealand. The vaka project incorporates hands on teaching of skills, customs, knowledge of tools, naming different parts of the vaka, stories of fishing, navigation, jokes & speaking the Tokelau language to encourage & inspire the next generations. The community group has an education space for the absolute beginners & wider community. The Vaka project is based at http://www.creativenz.govt.nz/en/results-of-our-work/funded-artists-and-their-work/atafu-tokelau-community-group-inc

Photos: Tokelau Office staff based in Apia.
Governor-General to visit Samoa and Tokelau

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The Governor-General, Lt Gen The Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae, is to visit Samoa to mark both the 50th anniversary of the Pacific nation’s independence and the Treaty of Friendship between the two nations. Following the State Visit to Samoa, Sir Jerry Mateparae will also undertake his first visit to Tokelau, as Governor-General.

The Governor-General said the visit to Samoa will reaffirm the strong ties and bilateral relationship between the two South Pacific nations, symbolised by the 1962 Treaty of Friendship - the only country with which New Zealand has such a Treaty. Samoa became independent on 1 June 1962. “Both New Zealand and Samoa are rebuilding in the wake of natural disasters, and the support has been reciprocal,” said Sir Jerry Mateparae.

“More than 130,000 New Zealanders of Samoan descent now call New Zealand home and make up about half of our Pacific Island population. Their significant contributions are reflected in New Zealand’s national and international achievements, highlighted by the talented Samoans who have excelled in the arts, literature, sport, film-making, music, business and a host of other areas.”

Sir Jerry Mateparae was Chief of the New Zealand Defence Force at the time of the Pacific tsunami in September 2009, where the Royal New Zealand Air Force and the Royal New Zealand Navy, along with some 150 military personnel responded in the immediate aftermath of the disaster. The visit to Tokelau will reinforce the special ties between New Zealand and Tokelau.

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http://www.voxy.co.nz/politics/governor-general-visit-samoa-and-tokelau/5/124471
Phase two of the Planning and monitoring workshop was held at the Millennia hotel in Apia. Over twenty senior management team members from all different Government sectors took part. There were three main objectives of the workshop with one to reach a common understanding on how to prepare a budget from the consolidated action plan, appreciate how annual SMT performance can be formulated utilising sector and village action plan. To update participants on status of result framework for JCfD and TNSP and to arrive to an agreement on guidelines for development of monitoring and evaluation policy. Workshop strategy to built in different activities to get the outcomes of a tentative 2012-2013 budget, draft guideline for the SMT performance review, agreement on sector report template and process for 2011-2012 in transition results framework. To understand results framework for JCfD and TNSP programme all sector activities and guideline for development of M&E policy are confirmed to be used to draft policy. The workshop concluded with list of plan activities towards the budget, a clear understanding of JCfD and a clarification around activities discussed.
Four graduate from Samoa
Tokelau officers will join officers serving on island to raise the number of Police Officers to twelve.

Kovati Gasoloa, Tavita Pue, Gau Gaualofa and Hegaloa Hegalo were four Tokelauan among the officers that graduated from the Samoa Basic Recruitment ceremony held on May 21. Flanked by officials, fellow officers, family and friends, after weeks of intensive training, 52 officers from the 4th Samoa Basic Recruitment Officers officially took the oath at the “Hall a Tina” at Apia.

Police Commissioner, Lilomaiava Taioalo, praised the graduates for pursuing a career in as law enforcer. By successfully completing their training, these fine men and women have demonstrated their commitment to law enforcement. That is a great privilege, since there is no higher responsibility, than preserving public safety. “We can all be rest assured that our communities, our families and our residents will all be protected,” said the Police Commissioner.

The expectations will be high and confident that the inner strength and confidence they have will meet the goals one hundred percent. As police officer they are to behave and serve as that is their calling. “With that calling comes courage and integrity” and have encourage them to be brave.

The officers have been training in the field of traffic, investigations, court work for ten weeks. Tokelau officers will join officers serving on island to raise the number of officers to twelve.
Mere longevity is a good thing for those who watch Life from the side lines. For those who play the game, an hour may be a year, a single day's work an achievement for eternity.
The 40th Tokelau International Festival ended on Monday 9th April with a success. 3000 people arrived into Porirua hosts for the Festival for the Easter Weekend to compete in Volleyball, Netball, Rugby League and Tag and competing for Tokelau Cultural Dancing Trophy. The weekend was further enjoyed with great weather, Tag started off the competitions on Saturday, then Netball and Volleyball and ended with League.

Po Fatele was impressive as each region performed their cultural performances, “A fantastic night of Tokelau dance culture. I am impressed with the creativity that each region bought to the competition, different formations, outstanding performances from all that danced” National Sports Coordinator”

A combined service was held on Sunday and ended with the Expo where more cultural performances were held, career pathway stalls and showcasing Tokelau handicrafts.

Monday were the sports finals, “The sport Tag were the winners in my eyes, to see soo many young children participate and compete, it was fantastic to include the children into the programme. Development in any sports should start from the Grassroots level and this has been fantastic for Tag am looking forward to great things from Tokelau Tag” Susan Perez

The weekend ended with the Prize Giving see following for results.

A successful weekend of showcasing our Sporting Talents and Culture and we look forward to seeing everyone in Rotorua for the 41st Tokelau International Festival.

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40th Tokelau International Festival
Simalua Keresoma graduates with a Diploma in Nursing. Her graduation cap, gown and tears of relief said it all — the passion, memories and hope. She is one of only two that has successfully complete the course. Among the hundreds that graduate, Simalua was the only Tokelauan. Families and friends were among the ceremony and Simalua is under the Department of health scholarship scheme.
American Samoa’s renewable energy efforts lauded

American Samoa is being lauded for making renewable energy one of its priority projects for Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. An official with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Misty Conrad, says investing in renewable energy now will bear fruits for the territory in the future. She says American Samoa is the only territory she knows that has conducted studies about the viability of wind power. “And it’s important because it helps to reduce the risk to investors. You need to understand what your wind regimes are, what the speeds are, what the turbulence is, to make sure that you’re purchasing the right size, the right type of wind turbine.” The US Renewable Energy Laboratory’s Misty Conrad. Nearby Tokelau is aiming to be using 90-percent renewable energy by the end of the year, using solar energy.

Pacific Music Awards finalists announced

The finalists for the 2012 Pacific Music Awards have been announced with David Dallas and Adeaze both securing four nominations each, while Kas Futialo – a.k.a. Tha Feelstyle – is nominated in three categories. Dallas is nominated in Best Pacific Male Artist for his critically-acclaimed 2011 album The Rose Tint. The album also earns Dallas nominations for Best Pacific Urban Artist, Best Pacific Song for ‘Take A Picture’ and Best Pacific Music Album.

The Tupa’i brothers, otherwise known as Nainz and Viiz of RnB/Soul group Adeaze, will go head-to-head with Dallas in three of those four categories. The duo’s self-released 2011 album Rise and Shine is up for Best Pacific Music Album while the brothers will also contest Best Pacific Urban Artist and Best Pacific Group. Their single ‘Paradise’ is also nominated for Best Pacific Song.

Kas Futialo joins Dallas and Adeaze in the battle for Best Pacific Music Album with his 2011 release Good Morning Samoa, an album based on the concept of a radio station that energizes the island of Samoa. The winner of the Best Pacific Music Album category will be presented with a Tui and recognised at the New Zealand Music Awards later this year. The velvety voice of Wellington-based music veteran Bella Kalolo has seen her 2011 album Without The Paper gain her a third successive nod for Best Pacific Female Artist. Kalolo’s joined in the category by RnB queen MzJ for Love Changes Everything and jazz/funk songstress Iva Lamkum with Raise Your Glass.

Veteran group Te Vaka return to the nominees circle with their seventh album Havili. Made up of musicians and dancers from Tokelau, Tuvalu, Samoa, Cook Islands and New Zealand, Te Vaka are joined by Adeaze and The Hypnotics in the Best Pacific Group category. They will also face off against Kas Futialo and 2PouzFynist in the Best Pacific Language category.

A total of 14 artists and groups were announced as finalists at a function in Auckland on 16 April, hosted by the Pacific Awards Music Trust and Auckland Council, at the University of Auckland’s Fale Pasifika venue. “This year’s line-up of finalists represent another exciting group of talented musicians and are a true testament to the talent and creativity of Pacific artists here in Aotearoa,” says Pacific Music Awards Trust spokesperson Reverend Mua Strickson-Pua.

“The finalists demonstrate an exceptionally high standard, a strong community and language component and industry excellence. “We have a great mix of established and emerging artists nominated across the categories and combined they show us that Pasifika music and as a culture itself are alive and well in New Zealand.” The awards are in their eighth year and winners are to be announced at an event celebrating and honouring Pacific music and artists at Manukau City’s TelstraClear Pacific venue on May 28.

Fakaofo Take Part in Pacific Festival Workshop

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A representative from the Fakaofo atoll took part at a three day workshop held in Solomon island for preparation of the Pacific Arts and Culture festival in June. “The purpose was provide a briefing on the 24th meeting of Council of Pacific Arts and Culture. In specific, information useful to Fakaofo with their preparations to the Pacific Arts Festival. The 24th meeting of the Council of Pacific Arts and Culture was assemble in Solomon Islands for three day Council meetings. The main objective of the meeting are to enable the delegates to review the host nation’s preparations and also confirm and see how they could make their own preparations towards the 11th Festival of Pacific Arts.

The Pacific Arts Council also reviewed the cultural developments and cultural heritage preservation initiatives from the member countries as well as cultural industries developments. And as part of providing the first hand information’s the Local Organizing Committee led the Council of Pacific Arts Festival delegations for a site visit to AE Oval, King George six, Solomon Islands College of High Education at Panatina, Kukum and Festival village. The 11th Pacific Arts Festival is schedule for the 1-14 July 2012 and over 3000 officials and participants from the Pacific countries are expected to attend.” stated in the report.

New approach to tackling Pacific family violence

Associate Minister for Social Development, Hon Tariana Turia, today launched Nga Vaka o Kaiga Tapu, Pacific Conceptual Framework for addressing family violence in Pacific communities at an event in Mangere, Auckland.

Minister Turia also launched seven associated specific cultural frameworks for the Cook Islands, Fiji, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga and Tuvalu nations. “This ground breaking approach to addressing violence in Pacific families uses culture and the unique world view of each of these Pacific communities to develop solutions to stopping family violence in their New Zealand communities,” said Mrs Turia.

“Culture is a key element that drives the way we behave and relate to the world, it also shapes our values. Understanding cultural perspectives and the way people from Pacific communities view the world and applying that to our practice - the way we work with them - will, I believe, help produce solutions that effect real changes to family violence incidence in our Pacific communities.”

Mrs Turia “The great thing about these frameworks is that they provide an excellent basis for any range of issues across the social spectrum. Their starting point is that their own cultural perspectives define the way they relate to the world. Their focus on cultural strength as a means for achieving wellbeing is to be applauded”. The frameworks were commissioned by the Ministry of Social Development, and the work was led by the Pacific Advisory Group which advises government on addressing family violence in Pacific communities. Pacific Advisory Group Chairman, Fa’amatuainu Tino Pereira, said this work begins a new and courageous way forward for Pacific communities. “These frameworks are a start to providing long lasting solutions to addressing family violence in Pacific communities and leading to wellbeing,” he said.

A series of fono were held over a number of months to get ideas from Pacific groups about how best to address family violence in their communities. This culminated in the Champions for Change fono where members of the Pacific community and those that work in the Pacific family violence sector came up with a range of solutions including the development of these frameworks. All documents, including the Pacific Conceptual Framework, the seven ethnic-specific Pacific frameworks and a literature review are available on www.familyservices.govt.nz.
People travelling between the Apia to Tokelau route will now have it easy with the new Tokelau vessel (PB Matua) which has replaced the MV Tokelau. PB Matua is now the new passenger vessel that have taken over from the old and tiny MV Tokelau.

Part of the interim ferry arrangement for the Total Transport Solution Project, Matua is the short term solution while Tokelau awaits its new boat being built. Matua comes after the Tokelau Government agrees to New Zealand's wishes to discontinue MV Tokelau from carrying any more passengers due to safety of the people.

People sailing will now expect to reach the island less than the previous 26 normal hours and also getting in on a comfortable, safe and hygienic ride. Matua advances from the MV Tokelau with 9 knots to a 14 knots per hour. Also packed with a health section with specific cabins assigned to medical needs along with more cabins for passengers.

It will be operated by an 11 man crew with 6 coming under the previous MV Tokelau. It will also carry a maximum 36 passengers.

The new vessel is scheduled to arrive in Samoa on the 25th of June and is scheduled to sail on her maiden voyage on the 3rd of July.

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1 Introduction

Profile of Tokelau Ata o Tokelau is the final official release from the 2011 Tokelau Census of Population and Dwellings. This report complements the previous releases and is aimed at a broad and knowledgeable audience. There is detailed analysis on a range of census topics including: population and demography, social and cultural life, education, paid and unpaid work, and household and dwelling information. There is also a methodology section about the census process, which makes this the most comprehensive report available for users.

The 2011 Tokelau Census was conducted on Tuesday, 18 October 2011 by both local and Statistics NZ staff. Significant planning went into the development, collection, and output of the 2011 Tokelau Census. We consulted Tokelau Public Service staff, key atoll stakeholders, including the general managers, and staff from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on aspects of the census (e.g. questionnaire content and outputs), where appropriate. The 2011 census form was based on the 2006 version, with small content changes and some improvements to existing questions.

Measuring Tokelau’s population is a challenging task

Tokelau’s population has a unique composition. A significant proportion of the country’s population is away from the atolls at any one time, for various reasons (e.g. healthcare or education). In 2006, we put considerable time and effort into developing effective population measures. The focus was to ensure all usual residents were counted whether they were present in Tokelau or not. This approach was repeated for the 2011 Tokelau Census.

Core demographic information was completed by the head of the household, on behalf of absentee (people who usually live in Tokelau, but were away on census night). The census included the Tokelauan Public Service workers, and their immediate families, who were based in Samoa.

Statistics NZ’s involvement in the 2011 Tokelau Census

The Tokelau Government and New Zealand’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade approached Statistics NZ to provide guidance and support to the local staff involved in developing and running the 2011 Tokelau Census. This was similar to our involvement in the 2006 Tokelau Census.

While an important task for Statistics NZ was to ensure the local people’s capability was enhanced, we are likely to have ongoing obligations to Tokelau. We need to ensure a core set of good quality statistics is produced, and can be reproduced, for Tokelau government agencies, New Zealand-based users, and for international agencies.

Statistics NZ also has a role in encouraging the use of statistics in local planning and policy decision making.

Why Tokelau has a census

The census is the official count of the population and dwellings in Tokelau. It provides a unique source of detailed information on the demographic, social, and economic make-up of Tokelau’s population. The census is particularly important because it is currently the only regular official survey undertaken in Tokelau.

The information collected in the census is used by many different groups in varying ways. For example, government employees, schools, and individuals can access and use the census data to help make decisions. Given the uniqueness of Tokelau and its special relationship with New Zealand, international agencies are interested in the data. The census is also a primary source of information for allocating public funding across Tokelau.

A key strength of the census data is that it provides detailed information on the whole population of Tokelau, as well as on the three atolls. Information about people who usually live in the country, but who were away on census night for some reason, is also available from the census.

Time-series information that compares data from 2006 and 2011 is available in this report.
This chapter provides a brief summary of Tokelau’s physical place in the South Pacific, its history, and the country’s special relationship with New Zealand.

Geography

Tokelau is made up of three small coral atolls. The northern-most atoll, Atafu, lies 92 kilometres north-west of the central atoll Nukunonu. The third atoll, Fakaofo, is 64 kilometres south-east of Nukunonu. Tokelau has strong ties with its nearest significant neighbour, Samoa. Supplies are shipped fortnightly from Apia in Samoa, and the Tokelau Public Service office is based in Apia. Except for Fakaofo (which has two villages), the population of each atoll is concentrated in a single village on the western shore, close to a small natural pass into the central lagoon. This allows canoes and smaller boats to transport passengers and cargo from larger ships docked in the deeper open sea.

The low fertility of the coral-sand ‘soil’ means that only a few food crops can be supported in the Tokelau environment (coconut, breadfruit, pandanus, giant swamp taro, taamu, and banana).

History and settlement

Archaeological evidence suggests that settlement of Tokelau began around 1,000 years ago. Most traditions can be traced back through oral history to the past few hundred years. The three atolls worked largely independently of one another, and each was run by a ‘taupulega’ (local chief). However, the similarities between the societies of the three atolls were evident in language and social customs — this is still true today.

European contact with Tokelau was first reported in 1765. Commodore John Byron sighted Atafu; it was recorded as Duke of York Island. From the 1840s, more significant exploration and settlement by Europeans occurred, and they introduced new food and materials. Along with settlement came Christianity and therefore a major societal change. Tokelau became a British protectorate in 1877. Under a protectorate, the country formally agrees (by treaty) to have the stronger country protect it against third parties.

Tokelau’s relationship with New Zealand

In 1926, administration of Tokelau passed from Britain to New Zealand. However, without New Zealand having an administrative base in Tokelau, governance remained ‘lighthanded’. Today, each atoll is responsible for its own public administration; and, since 2003, Tokelau has been responsible for administering its own budget. New Zealand and

3 Population definitions

The 2011 Tokelau Census uses three main population counts to define the population of Tokelau. Readers should understand how the three main population counts are constructed. Each count has an important difference, and users should use the most appropriate count for their purposes.

In the diagrams below, a dark shaded box indicates the group is included in the population count, and a light shaded box indicates that the group is excluded from the count.

**De jure usually resident population**

The de jure population count consists of the usually resident population present in Tokelau on census night plus usual residents who were temporarily overseas at the time of the census. This includes Tokelauan Tokelau Public Service (TPS) employees based in Apia, Samoa, and their immediate families. This population count is of major interest to Tokelau-based data users, as it is used for distributing funds to the three atolls.

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*Figure 1.1* illustrates who was included in the 2011 Tokelau Census de jure usually resident population.

*Figure 3.1 Composition of the de jure usually resident population*
Usually resident population present in Tokelau on census night

The usually resident population present in Tokelau on census night is a count of all people who usually live in Tokelau, and were present in Tokelau on census night. This count excludes visitors from overseas and residents who were temporarily overseas on census night. Residents who were away from their usual address (e.g. on another atoll), but were in Tokelau on census night are counted as part of the population of the atoll where they usually live. This ensures they are part of the usually resident population present in Tokelau on census night for their home atoll.

The majority of detailed census data is available only for this population. This is because the usually resident population present in Tokelau on census night is the only population that answered the majority of census questions and is therefore the population for which the bulk of analysis was done.

Figure 3.2 illustrates who was included in the usually resident population present in Tokelau on census night in 2011.

Figure 3.2 Composition of the Tokelau usually resident population

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Census night population
The census night population count gives a snapshot of the population at a point in time. It is the number of people at the place where they were interviewed on census night. This count includes overseas visitors as well as visitors from elsewhere in Tokelau. It excludes Tokelau residents temporarily overseas.

Figure 3.3 illustrates who was included in the 2011 census night population for Tokelau.

Figure 3.3 Composition of the census night population

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More on Tokelau’s profile in the next Te Vakai Edition

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TINY Pacific nations which are most at threat from rising seas have vowed to dump dirty, expensive fuels blamed for causing global warming. Using coconut biofuel and solar panels, Tokelau - which consists of three island dots half way between New Zealand and Hawaii - plans to become self-sufficient in energy this year.

The leaders of other so-called small island states around the world made commitments at a meeting this week organised by the UN Development Program and the Barbados government.

The Cook Islands and Tuvalu in the Pacific are aiming to get all of their electricity from renewable sources by 2020, while St Vincent and the Grenadines in the Caribbean is aiming for 60 per cent from renewables by 2020.

And East Timor’s government vowed that no family in its capital, Dili, would be using firewood for cooking by 2015 and said half the country’s electricity would be from renewable sources by the end of the decade.

“I know we set ambitious targets, but it is actually exciting,” Cook Islands Prime Minister Henry Puna said. “We don’t see those targets as being difficult. It is very inspiring and that is what is motivating us to get going.” Mr Puna said about 15 per cent of the New Zealand-dependency country’s budget is spent on importing diesel oil. He has called it a “crippling dependence”.

He wants those tens of millions of dollars spent on health and social services and education for the approximately 20,000 inhabitants of 15 islands spread over 2.2 million square kilometres in the Pacific.

The government plans to start converting to solar panels and wind turbines. Already nearly all houses have solar water heaters.

Work will start on Rakahanga in the northern group of islands next year with help from Japan. New Zealand is to fund the energy revolution in the southern islands.

Mr Puna said the energy change was proposed while campaigning for a 2010 election. “We didn’t realise, it but we were tapping into a reservoir of environmental consciousness among our people. The reaction has been fantastic.

“Somewhere in our makeup we are environmentally conscious people, because we have learned to live off the land and off the sea, that is our heritage, that is our tradition and we are just tapping into that again.”

In North America and many European countries there has been resistance to wind turbines sprouting up on land and sea.

“There may well be some in the Cook islands,” said Mr Puna. “But I think once people realise and see the benefits from these instruments there will not be too many problems.”

UN studies show that oil imports account for up to 30 per cent of gross domestic product in some Pacific countries, with prices bolstered by the huge distances it has to be carried.

Ministers at this week’s meeting complained in a statement that despite their “significant actions” to help ease global climate change, international action has been “slow and grossly inadequate”, given the increasing threat to island nations from rising seas.

Their declaration - adopted ahead of next month’s UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro - called for the new energy sources to be made “accessible, affordable and adaptable”, so all threatened island states can take steps to adapt.