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From the General Manager, Apia

Malo ni! and Greetings.

I hope you all like the new Te Vakai outfit. We are hoping to make the newsletter more appealing and reader friendly for our readers, friends and friends of friends.



General Manager
Joe Suveinakama

As you are aware we have just completed the General Fono for 2010 2 weeks ago. Some big decisions were made especially in regard to the short term solution to shipping and the total transport solution for Tokelau which includes the consideration of air service. The General Fono was also able to confirm its budget for 2010/2011. Though it is almost half of the year it is really useful to get the budget ticked, now its time that we get on with the work!

Talking about work we have been able to complete the Economic Support Arrangement (ESA) Review. The review focused on how relevant and effective the funding from New Zealand for 2007/08-2009/10 has been in regard to Tokelau's development. We are hoping to get the Review Report which will provide useful information in dis-

cussing the next ESA 2011/12-2013/14. To the ESA Review Team thank you! Talking about the review there will be some interesting stuff that will be printed in the next Te Vakai edition (3rd Edition), we will print out stories from the review of the most significant changes (MSC) in our communities. We hope that through these stories we will be able to get a picture of how things are going especially the delivery of our development programmes.

This week we have also had some discussions with NZ Audit who are currently conducting the annual audit. Tokelau welcomes the review and audit as we believe it will bring together issues and challenge some of the way we do things within the public service and government.

I would like to thank the village

and people of Atafu for hosting a great General Fono. I have been advised by Jonathan Kings and Tiffany Babbington that they really enjoyed their time in Atafu and especially attending the General Fono. Thank you Luisa for returning Jonathan's mobile phone. I would also like to acknowledge the support of the Council, the GF and the members of the Public Service at the village and departments.

Finally I hope that we will enjoy this edition of the Te Vakai especially as we print some of shots of Miss Tokelau- Meleka Mativa, as she prepares for the Miss South Pacific Beauty Pageant in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from 26-27 November. From all members of the TPS we would like to wish all the best for Miss Tokelau and Team Tokelau to the Miss South Pacific Pageant.

Any comment to improve the Te Vakai will be welcomed. tevakai@gmail.com

Fakaofu

Nukunonu

Atafu

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Fono November 2010 at Atafu

Ulu's Statement at the General Fono November 2010 at Atafu



Ulu o Tokelau
Faipule Kuresa Nasau

I acknowledge the presence of God's servant and his message of light and life to guide our deliberations.

I also acknowledge the:

- ▶ Kau Hauatea
- ▶ Representatives from the Government of NZ
- ▶ Members of the General Fono & the Council of the Ongoing Government
- ▶ Fatupaepae of all the villages whom I understand are also here to showcase their handicrafts
- ▶ The family of Tokelau
- ▶ I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all those who are here to provide Tokelau a helping hand – Fakafetai – lahi!

We attend this General Fono at a very critical time for Tokelau. Not only does this General Fono mark the end of the first decade of the 21st century, it also presents far reaching challenges that Tokelau probably has never been confronted with before. At the June General Fono I challenged all of us with regard to the kind of legacy we would like to leave behind.

Last month we had the review of how well Tokelau utilized the Economic Support (ESA) provided by the Government of New Zealand from July 2007 to June 2010. I am advised by the officials that while review suggests that Tokelau has used these funds to support its development priorities, it is evident that more can still be achieved. The analytical work provided from the review points out that our decisions are still not in line with our policies. While we pour funds into health and education it still remains minimal to demonstrate that these are our national priorities. We say we value our women, young people and children we need to show that our decisions in budget are in line with our policies.

We now look forward to the final report of the Review of the ESA and the Public Expendi-

ture Review (PER) which I do understand will provide some of the much needed information to guide the discussions of the next ESA for 2011/12 onwards.

In talking about moving forward, as the General Fono we have agreed that the Tokelau National Strategic Plan 2010-2015 is our blue print for development for the next 5 years commencing from July this year. While our strategic plan presents a comprehensive working document, our national priorities remain as follows:

"Shipping is the most urgent priority in order for Tokelau to realistically address the critical core services of health and education. Shipping is also the backbone of Tokelau's economic development and village development under the National Strategic Plan. The construction and completion of schools, hospital and the relevant economic development infrastructure including working towards a robust telecommunication and renewable energy remains pivotal for any sustainable service delivery. The implementation of these national priorities and processes are at the core of our Plan taking into account the environment we operate in and the integrated and collaborative approach required

for sustainable development of our country and her people."

We must act in line with our policies and priorities. One of the most noticeable things from the ESA Review is their observation that TOKELAU IS KILLING ITSELF. The observation conveys that while we are not addressing problems of health service delivery we have made it worse by ordering more junk food and have encouraged a life of reliance on things from abroad. Tokelau, if there is a time we need to ACT and WORK TOGETHER it is today... it is NOW.

This will require the General Fono to be more focused and strategic in its deliberation and be more visible and effective in the villages. To the Chair of the General Fono, you have a huge responsibility on your shoulders and we pray that God will give you wisdom to be clear with our deliberations.

As the Ulu o Tokelau and Faipule, I look towards this session of the General Fono for some important decision as highlighted during the village consultations last week. We will need to realign our budget with funds provided by NZ under the 1 year interim funding arrangement for 2010/2011. We need to respond to the proposals for the short-

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term shipping arrangement and the future of Tokelau's transport. We need to be clear with our development priority and needs.

The implementation of the Tokelau National Strategic Plan 2010-2015 is the over arching umbrella for our development programmes. I would ask that the General Fono confirm our priority statement. We will also be discussing the way forward for renewable energy and how we prepare for the construction under the Infrastructure Development Project (IDP)

To Jonathan Kings the Director for the Office of the Administrator and Tiffany Babington the Deputy Director who are our friends and colleagues representing the Government of New Zealand, I thank you for your patience and understanding and I hope that your presence in Tokelau and especially during the General Fono will give you not only a feel of issues that challenge us but to also have a better feel of Tokelau and the 'faka-Tokelau'.

Please convey our gratitude to the leaders of the Government of New Zealand and Tokelau wish to continue dialogue and discussions so that we can continue to advance development commitments. Also convey our gratitude to the crews of the HMNZS Otago and the recon teams who were suppose to come to Toke-

lau at the end of this week. We have been advised that due to some serious fault they are not able to make the visit. We look forward in seeing them in Tokelau in the not too distant future.

In the coming days we hope that the GF will provide the direction for the Council or its representatives to formally approach the NZG with issues following this GF. Given that the Minister of Foreign Affairs could not make it to Tokelau we are hoping to present our issues from the GF to him in NZ hopefully before the beginning of the festive season.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Fatupaepae for their initiative during this GF. The Fatupaepae are continuing to demonstrate why they are the backbone of our community. I encourage all members of the GF, our colleagues from NZ and officials to visit and purchase handicraft from their stalls outside. I wish the work of the Fatupaepae all the best.

To end my statement I would like to thank all of us for the 3 years we have worked together in the interest of all of Tokelau. It is only when we all work together that the distinct voice of Tokelau becomes the loudest.

The importance of safety at sea is very critical if we value our lives and that of our young people. Let us address safety at sea

in our homes and in our schools, in our villages and in our department, let us address safety at sea as a nation so that Tokelau can be safe.

The issue of safety at sea is one which is quite heavy in all our hearts. We all know too well the importance of this, following the recent incidents here in Atafu last month and earlier in the year. I would like to thank all the villages especially from Fakaofu and Nukunonu for their unwavering support and prayers. I acknowledge the support from the Government of New Zealand through the Royal NZ Air Force and the Rescue Coordination Centre. Likewise, I acknowledge the support from the Government of Samoa through the Samoa Police Force for the use of the MV Nafanua to assist in the search. I would also like to acknowledge the support from the Governor and the people of American Samoa. The support from all whom through their prayers we are able to live through the dark moments. We pray for the souls of our beloved. We also pray that the spirit of Tokelau continue to move as we develop Tokelau. We are addressing our issues and challenges so that we can move ahead with one voice ... the voice of Tokelau.

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May God continue to bless Tokelau

tokelau

Ē laga kita ko te fanau, ko te lumanaki ia o fenua



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Tokelau's Flag

The Country's Official Flag

Tokelau's Flag depicts a Tokelauan canoe sailing towards the manu (Southern Cross). The canoe symbolises Tokelau's journey towards finding the best governance structure for its people; the Southern Cross symbolises a navigational aid for the journey. The Southern Cross has helped Tokelauan fishermen navigate the waters around Tokelau for centuries while they have fished to sustain families and villages with its riches.

The white stars of the Southern Cross are a symbol of Christianity, an important part of everyday life in Tokelau. White also signifies the cooperation and unity among the atolls of Tokelau and a shared aspiration to secure a

better life for Tokelauans. Yellow signifies a happy, peaceful community. Blue signifies the ocean on which Tokelauans depend for their livelihood and is also the colour of the sky which holds the stars that direct Tokelau's people.

Tokelau's flag has been under development for a number of years. In 2007 a competition was held to design a new flag and the final version, approved by Tokelau's General Fono in February this year, is based on the winning design. As is customary for official flags of the Commonwealth, the flag was granted a Royal Licence by Her Majesty the Queen in August 2009.

The official blazon (technical de-

scription in heraldic terminology) of the flag is:

Azure a Tokelau Canoe or in the hoist a constellation of the Southern Cross composed of four Mulletts Argent. [Azure = blue; or = gold or yellow; Argent = silver, but normally shown as white]

In lay terms the description is:

On a blue flag a stylised Tokelauan canoe (in full sail) in yellow and in the hoist (position nearest the pole) four white Mulletts (heraldic stars).

Tokelau received its first official flag from the Governor-General, Hon Sir Anand Satyanand, at Government House on 7 September 2009.

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TOKELAU ALA MAI

Fono November 2010 at Atafu

New Zealand's Statement at the General Fono November 2010 at Atafu by Jonathan Kings

First I would like to give thanks and praise to our Father in heaven for this opportunity for us to meet.

- ▶ Chairman and distinguished members of the General Fono of Tokelau
- ▶ Ulu o Tokelau
- ▶ Faipule and Pulenuku
- ▶ Distinguished members of the Taupulega of Atafu
- ▶ Other Grey Hairs
- ▶ Officials of the Tokelau National Public Service
- ▶ Members of the Atoll Public Service
- ▶ Friends



Jonathan Kings
Acting Director
Office of the Administrator
of Tokelau

I bring greetings from Hon Murray McCully, Minister of Foreign Affairs and John Allen, in his role as acting Administrator of Tokelau who could not unfortunately be with you here today at the opening of this October General Fono here on the beautiful atoll of Atafu. Both still hope to visit within the next year.

I also pass on their heartfelt condolences for the recent losses families here on Atafu have suffered. Such losses, especially of those so young and on the back of the losses earlier this year, are national tragedies that will remain in our collective memories for a long time to come.

I am pleased and honoured to be able to attend this General Fono, on the Minister's and acting Administrator's behalf, and on my first visit to Tokelau, as the Acting Director of the Office of the Administrator. I acknowledge that I am very new to the role and, following after David Payton, have a lot to learn about the realities of Tokelau. I am hoping you as Tokelau's leaders will help me understand those realities.

As we meet here at this General Fono, there are a number of important issues that we will

need to discuss in detail over the next few days but I thought it would be useful start my statement with a summary of the current New Zealand context.

While there are some signs of recovery, New Zealand is still in the midst of significant recession and the outlook for the global economy remains mixed. Our government deficit is \$13.3 billion and set to increase. The public sector is under ongoing scrutiny and questions of efficiency, effectiveness and value for money remain high in the minds of our political leaders. Delivering better, smarter public services is one of the government key policy drivers to faster economic growth. Substantial changes to programmes and services have been necessary. Hard decisions have needed to be taken with more to come and priorities closely followed and I am sure that your families in New Zealand have kept you abreast of situation New Zealand is facing.

The past year has been a busy and a challenging one for Tokelau as well as for those in New Zealand responsible for the relationship. As you are only too

aware, the New Zealand government's scrutiny of the public sector has also been extended to Tokelau and led to this year's interim one year funding package, the quantum of which has now been confirmed by Hon McCully and the results included the papers provided to you.

Usually New Zealand's funding is provided over a multiyear timeframe. The changed approach this year reflects that major decisions are yet to be made on transport and renewable energy as well as on the ESA and water, sanitation and waste management reviews. As such, we have allowed ourselves time, during this interim year, to develop a further multiyear funding arrangement which best meets Tokelau's prioritised needs over the medium term and which seeks to refresh the principles of partnership in light of the current context.

The task of providing quality services and living conditions for Tokelau's people remains however the primary focus in the relationship based on the commitment of Tokelau and New Zealand leaders in February 2008, in the aftermath of the second self-

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determination referendum, that there should be "an appreciable period of time" before any further act of self-determination was undertaken by Tokelau, and that both parties in the relationship would devote their time, efforts and resources to addressing the core requirements of the atoll populations.

This commitment stands as the cornerstone of the relationship and represents the clear position of the New Zealand government. Several of the most complex issues facing us are close to being resolved but we all know that service delivery on the atolls needs even greater effort if Tokelau is to have viable communities with a good quality of life.

On the crucial issue of transport, a replacement service for the MV Tokelau has now been identified. In the lead up to this General Fono, you will have been provided with information on where that process has got to as well as the recent Request for Information results on air services. My hope is that the discussions at this General Fono will provide a clear decision on how you wish to proceed. I will be keen to carry the results back to New Zealand.

The Lady Naomi has been confirmed as fit for purpose. I am confident that the substantial upgrades proposed will address remaining concerns about safety and comfort as well as cargo requirements over the next few years. But the Lady Naomi is only a short-term solution. A priority is to work together to find

an affordable long-term solution.

The improved safety and comfort provided by the Lady Naomi's upgrade will be enhanced by improvements to the transfer of people and cargo from ship to shore. The scope of these improvements is still being developed but proposed directions have also been provided to you.

A request for information on air services has resulted in a range of options for Tokelau to consider and information on these options is also in the information provided. Our Minister is personally excited by an air service for Tokelau, which he sees as being a sensible, workable and sustainable part of Tokelau's transport solution including to address the more effective management of medical evacuations.

Provision of better quality education and health infrastructure is also now underway. I understand that construction supplies for the Infrastructure Development Programme have just started to arrive and that construction will be completed over the next year. In the short to medium term, the quality of services will also need to be enhanced to ensure Tokelau is meeting its human development needs as outlined in its National Strategic Plan 2010-15. VSA's education report and Tokelau's recent population health screening have also highlighted clearly the challenges to be addressed.

Further information has also been provided to you on the outcomes of the recent Expressions of Interest process assessing

the proposed shift by Tokelau from diesel-based generation of electricity to a solar powered system. Clearly the shift makes sense on many levels but the cost is a major factor that both partners need to confront realistically given EOI respondents are suggesting this could be twice that originally estimated. Hard choices will therefore need to be made if Tokelau wants to proceed including on how the TREP will be funded. Providing energy to your communities with always be costly, whether by diesel or solar.

Chairman

This General Fono will confirm Tokelau's budget for 2010/11. This is a key responsibility that lies at the heart of your role as representatives of your atolls and of Tokelau. New Zealand continues to be as generous as possible in its funding of Tokelau, and has no intention of changing this approach. However the needs of the atolls remain higher than the funding available and Tokelau's leaders will need to make hard decisions and set priorities that may require some preferred activities to be set aside.

It is my hope that these remarks will serve to guide the work of this important meeting. I look forward to hearing and participating in your deliberations and the future directions that these hold for Tokelau. I believe this is an exciting time for Tokelau. I wish you wisdom and courage as you take your decisions in the best interest of Tokelau and all its people.

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Accommodation Toke-Lauhigano(Lelata), Samoa

<p>ST\$45 • Accomodation Rate Per Night</p> <p>• Include Breakfast and Dinner</p>	<p>ST\$15 • Accomodation Rate Per Night</p> <p>• Does not include Breakfast and Dinner</p>
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General Fono Delegates in session in Fakaofu last year.

Tokelau fono tackles key challenges

Tokelau's General Fono is discussing how to proceed with projects about developing transport, renewable energy, and infrastructure development plans.

The General Manager of the Tokelau National Public Service Jovilisi Suveinakama says the fono is considering how Tokelau can move forward within its budget, which is largely funded by New Zealand.

In the 2009/2010 financial year, New Zealand's assistance was just over 11 million US dollars.

Mr Suveinakama says it's likely more funding assistance will be needed to move ahead.

"We'll be discussing some of the strategic issues that Tokelau

has been dealing with New Zealand, which is how we will move forward with the funding

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arrangement, that's number one. And also be talking about the interim shipping solution and also the future of Tokelau's transport.

And talking about Tokelau's renewable energy project and infrastructure development project, and how we will implement Tokelau National Strategic Plan."

Jovilisi Suveinakama.

The General Fono will last three days.

TRANSPORT KEY ISSUE ON TOKELAU FONO AGENDA

Transport is a major issue to be raised by Tokelau's General Fono this week.

Tokelauans, who are New Zealand citizens, rely on a 20-year-old boat linking Samoa with their three atolls.

The General Manager of the Tokelau National Public Service, Jovilisi Suveinakama, says several options were put together by a panel in New Zealand to address Tokelau's ongoing transport concerns.

He says the recommendations include the possibility of an airstrip being built or a float plane being used.

But Mr Suveinakama says Tokelau's preference has always been, and still is, primarily for a replacement ferry. "Our biggest barrier at the moment is to get a shipping service addressed and basically make sure that we have a ship that's actually reliable, and safe for our travelling community. That I think would be the biggest and the most clear of our priorities."



MV Lady Naomi

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TRANSPORT CENTRAL CONCERN OF TOKELAU FONO

Upgrading the Samoan charter vessel, the MV Lady Naomi, has been a focus of a General Fono in Tokelau this week.

Delegates from Tokelau and New Zealand discussed how best to proceed with developing Tokelau's transport, renewable energy and infrastructure projects.

The Minister of Health in Tokelau,

Pio Tuia, says one of the key suggestions was for repairs and renovations to be made on the ship, the MV Lady Naomi.

"The improvements need to be done to the ship because now it is very inconvenient, you know, in the place where the passengers are sleeping. Even inside, the air-condition-

ing is not working properly. Looking also at the area where they do our unloading on our vessel, it's very, very dangerous because it's very close to the end."

Pio Tuia says Tokelau is also considering selling the MV Tokelau, which it believes is too old.



Faipule Pio Tuia

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FAQs about Tokelau

What is the size of Tokelau?

Tokelau consists of three atolls. The largest atoll is Nukunonu at 4.7 sq. km. Fakaofu and Atafu are 4 sq. km and 3.5 sq. km respectively. The atolls are three to five metres above sea level at the highest points.

What currency is used?

New Zealand currency is the main currency used in Tokelau. However Western Samoan currency is sometimes used.

What is the typical climate

Warm and humid for much of the year. The wet season lasts from November to April, and the dry season from May to October. The average maximum daily temperature is approx 30 C.

What is the population?

The total population of Tokelau is approximately 1500. Atafu has the largest population of approx 600, followed by Fakaofu with approx 500 and then Nukunonu with approx 400.

How to get to Tokelau?

Tokelau has no airport. So you must fly to Apia (Samoa) and then travel by boat to Tokelau. A return fare on the boat is approximately NZ\$286. Travel time is usually around 24-28 hours. The boat runs every 2 weeks subject to change. For information on boatbookings and tentative schedules, please contact filipo.lui@mfat.govt.nz or ruby@lesamoa.net.

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Polynesian interested in Tokelau air link plans



Tokelau's Minister of Transport, Foa Tolua



The only form of transportation for Tokelau is a Boat Trip

Samoa's Polynesian Airlines says it is interested in working with any company planning to offer an air service to Tokelau.

Its chief executive officer, Taua Tielu, says two foreign companies have expressed an interest in Polynesian's equipment and facilities for such a service.

Tokelau's Minister of Transport, Foa Tolua, says the proposal for

an air service to Tokelau is being pushed by New Zealand.

"... two foreign companies have expressed an interest in Polynesian's equipment and facilities for such a service"

Officials from the governments of Tokelau and New Zealand are to meet end of the month to discuss the air service proposal further.

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New NZ/US declaration evokes joint aid delivery plans

New Zealand's Foreign Minister says the Wellington Declaration co-signed with the US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton outlines how the two countries' aid responsibilities can be put into action to benefit Pacific nations.

Murray McCully says the new

We're looking at projects in places like Tokelau, Samoa, and other parts of the region.

US aid base in Suva will have a budget from next year and this offers significant partnership opportunities for New Zealand as well as Australia.

He says humanitarian and climate change issues are a priority. Mr McCully says the Tongan energy roadmap to self-sufficiency is a good example of where New Zealand could work with the US

to support a one megawatt solar power plant in Nuku'alofa. "I've been talking to the US administration about becoming one of our partners in relation to that and subsequent projects. We're looking

at projects in places like Tokelau, Samoa, and other parts of the region. And we're really in the early stages of engagement with the US about which bits they feel comfortable about supporting." Mr McCully says future humanitarian projects are also likely in Solomon Islands and Kiribati where both New Zealand and the United States have historical links.

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Miss Tokelau 2010

"Our young women now have more options in terms of career choices, study paths, and the introduction of the internet to the wider community in 2009 has bought the world to our schools and workplaces"



Miss Tokelau
Meleka Mativa

Malo ni!!

My name is Meleka Mativa. I am 18 years of age, and am honoured to represent the hidden jewel of the Pacific as Miss Tokelau 2010. I come from a strong Christian family and my spirituality and my culture are the cornerstones of my life as a young Pacific Island woman.

I am a student of the University of the South Pacific, Fakaofu Campus. I am working towards entry requirements into the Fiji School of Medicine, where I hope to train as a doctor, and hope one day further my education and become a surgeon.

My hobbies include reading, playing netball, participating in Church and village activities and enjoy spending time with my family.

It is an honour to be named as Tautiti Tokelau 2010 in June this year and with this honour came a lot of responsibility. My experiences as Tautiti Tokelau 2010, has been very exciting and eye opening. I thrive in the responsibility as a role model for our young people.

As a young Pacific Island woman in 2010, the expecta-

tions are higher than they were 10 years ago. I now have the opportunity to study at a tertiary level through the USP distance learning program. I am thankful for the opportunities afforded to me as I am not limited by distance that would once have not made this possible. Our young women now have more options in terms of career choices, study paths, and the introduction of the internet to the wider community in 2009 has bought the world to our schools and workplaces.

I look forward to participate in the upcoming Miss South Pacific to share my unique culture with my sisters from the Pacific and likewise learning from them too.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank, the people of Tokelau, Taupulega and Fatupaepae of Tokelau, the Council of the Ongoing Government and the General Fono for the opportunity to represent my beautiful country Tokelau. I would also like to acknowledge the support of my parents, friends and family.

**Fakafetai lahi lele.
Meleka Mativa**



why quit?

SMOKING

live a healthy life

hurting yourself

- ⊗ Smoking is an addiction. Tobacco smoke contains nicotine, a drug that is addictive and can make it very hard, but not impossible, to quit.
- ⊗ More than 400,000 deaths in the U.S. each year are from smoking-related illnesses. Smoking greatly increases your risks for lung cancer and many other cancers.

hurting others

- ⊗ Smoking harms not just the smoker, but also family members, coworkers and others who breathe the smoker's cigarette smoke, called secondhand smoke.
- ⊗ Among infants to 18 months of age, secondhand smoke is associated with as many as 300,000 cases of bronchitis and pneumonia each year.
- ⊗ Secondhand smoke from a parent's cigarette increases a child's chances for middle ear problems, causes coughing and wheezing, and worsens asthma conditions.
- ⊗ If both parents smoke, a teenager is more than twice as likely to smoke than a young person whose parents are both non-smokers. In households where only one parent smokes, young people are also more likely to start smoking.
- ⊗ Pregnant women who smoke are more likely to deliver babies whose weights are too low for the babies' good health. If all women quit smoking during pregnancy, about 4,000 new babies would not die each year.

why quit

- ⊗ Quitting smoking cuts the risk of lung cancer, many other cancers, heart disease, stroke, other lung diseases, and other respiratory illnesses.
- ⊗ Ex-smokers have better health than current smokers. Ex-smokers have fewer days of illness, fewer health complaints, and less bronchitis and pneumonia than current smokers.

MANAGE RISK for food safety

Food Poisoning

9 Contributing Factor



Preparation of food

- Use of an unsafe food source
- Inadequate cooking of food
- Inadequate thawing of food before cooking
- Preparation of food too far in advance

Storage of Food

- Contamination of cooked food
- Improper storage of cooked food
 - prolonged storage of cooked food between 4 C and 60 C

Personnel and consumption practices

- Infected food handlers
- Consumption of raw food
- Use of leftovers

Due to recent changes of the Lady Naomi sailing schedule, Sevens training for preparations towards the Pacific Games, has been cancelled for this month. Team training will commence once a month starting in February 2010 through to July.

Your monthly training schedule will be advised once the new annual boat schedule is released. Sevens management and athletes are advised to continue your training regimes on your own respective villages until February.

NOTICE

Tokelau National Games

The last Tokelau games were held on Nukunonu in 2008. No games were held in 2009 due to Tokelau taking teams to the Pacific Mini Games in the Cook Islands. Atafu hosted the Tokelau Games in Sep-

tember this year. Rugby Sevens, Netball, Kilikiti and Table Tennis were the only sporting events to be played in the tournament. Samoa Referee Association (SRA) and Samoa Netball Association (SNA) as-

sisted by providing 3 referees/umpires to adjudicate the games. Oceania Table Tennis Development Officer, Scott Houston also carried out workshops to develop the game of Table Tennis.

A workshop was held with aims of updating coaches and managers on the new Sevens international rules to improve the sport in the country. This was conducted by the referees from Samoa.

The Sevens Competition only took a day with the morning round robin and the afternoon thrilling played final. Six teams took part with the skilled Atafu winning 'A Grade' and Nukunonu running out with the 'B Grade'.

A development training squad has already been selected with plans towards entering Sevens Tournaments in Samoa. This is towards finalizing a Tokelau Sevens Team for the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia.

Rugby Sevens:



Netball:

The Netball Competition was a great success. The standard and level of play was found by the umpires to be very impressive. A workshop also took place aiming at introducing new international netball rules to the coaches and managers.

Six teams competed but the skillful and tal-

ented Fakaofo dominated by winning both the 'A' and 'B Grade'. To add to their successful campaign the netball coach, Tavita Gaulofa was named as coach of the Tournament.

A Tournament Team was selected after the netball competitions. Among the 72 players, 16 were chosen for their outstanding netball performance during the tournament.

Unfortunately Netball will not be hosted at the next Pacific Games in New Caledonia. A meeting with Tokelau netball officials was held at the end of the tournament to:

Evaluate the Netball Tournament.

To seriously consider formalising Tokelau Netball Association. Start discussions of "Where to from here" for Netball.

Tokelau Table Tennis the newest member to Oceania Table Tennis Federation with credit to Oceania Development Officer, Scott Houston. 90 players attended the evening workshops, a table tennis tournament was held on its final evening with Nukunonu winning.

With the talent seen during the workshops Tokelau has the potential to send its first ever Table Tennis Team to the Pacific Games. The executive Table Tennis Association President, Dr Tekie Iosefa and also onboard are Mete Lui and Falaniko Aloisio as vice Presidents.

The OTTF have donated AUD\$5000 worth in equipment for Tokelau, to assist in developing the sport. 6 Tables, 30 rackets, nets and balls are on its way to Tokelau.



Table Tennis:

Aims and Goals

Rugby Sevens

- ▶ To formalise "Tokelau Rugby Association"
- ▶ To become associate members to the IRB, FORU
- ▶ Seek assistance to develop rugby coaching skill, players, etc.
- ▶ Participation in Pacific Rugby Competitions
- ▶ Tokelau Rugby Association to work on a 5 year strategic plan.
- ▶ Tokelau Rugby Sevens Committee splan towards the Pacific Games in New Caledonia
- ▶ On the Sevens successful Competition we should also be looking at expanding into age grade for future development.
- ▶ To promote Rugby Sevens within schools.

Netball

- ▶ To formalise "Tokelau Netball Association"
- ▶ To become members of Oceania Netball.
- ▶ Participation in Oceania Netball Competitions.
- ▶ To develop a 5 year strategic plan
- ▶ Netball os not hosted at the Pacific Games next years, to look at other options to Develop Tokelau Netball

Table Tennis




- ▶ To develop a 5 year strategic plan.
- ▶ Look into having table tennis program with in schools as part of their physical education curriculum.
- ▶ Invite Oceania Table Tennis coaching courses In Tokelau for 2011
- ▶ Each village to develop Table Tennis competitions

FAQs about Tokelau

What language are used?

Tokelauan is predominantly used on the atolls. It is related to Samoan and Tuvaluan. English is taught as a second language and is widely understood. There are dialect differences among the three atolls. Tokelauans read the Samoan Bible and some speak some Samoan. Most who live in Tokelau have very rudimentary knowledge of English as a second language. Tokelauan is used in the schools.

Frequently used words:

-  Taloha ni (Welcome)
-  E a mai koe? (How are you?)
-  Ko ai to igoa? (What is your name?)

What are the main religion?

The main religions are the Congregational Christian Church (on Atafu and Fakofu) and the Catholic faith (on Fakaofo and Nukunonu). The Seventh Day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses are present in small numbers.

Education?

Each atoll has their own school with classes beginning at pre-school and carrying through to Year 10. The Year 11 class is hosted on a different atoll each 5 years and is made up of students combined from each atoll. From there they will select the top eight or ten students for a scholarship overseas to further their education. Staff members are qualified teachers, usually from Samoa, Fiji, and NZ.

What type of food are available?

The typical local diet consists mainly of fish, coconut products, breadfruit, poultry, pork and other imported food e.g. canned foods, drinks, etc. which are available at local cooperative and private stores.

Tokelauan battle for Mana by-election candidates



Kris Faafoi

The Mana by-election candidates are using the last hours of campaigning to build support and remind locals to vote tomorrow.

Labour's Kris Faafoi, National's Hekia Parata, Greens candidate Jan Logie and independent candidate Matt McCarten are all battling for votes in the unique electorate.

Although the Mana electorate is Labour territory, there are suburbs that are true blue National.

"We have very wealthy parts in fact the fourth richest in the country and we have some pockets of depravation and all of those are interested in how we raise the standard of living," Parata said.

The people of Mana have a median household income of 64,000 compared to the national median of 59,000.

"I'm someone who's come from a working class background and done ok in life. I got a good tax cut on October first but there are some families that got nothing or very little and I'm someone who wants to look after everyone," Faafoi said.

Faafoi is confident of winning tomorrow's by-election but it hasn't been an easy campaign for the party that has held the seat for more than 50 years.

Parata is a strong challenger and there are no right-wing candidates threatening to significantly erode her vote, while Faafoi's support is going to be split by unionist McCarten and Logie.

Today Parata was surprised by her supporters at a cafe in Porirua and was nearly in tears as she thanked her supporters for all their hard work.

"He's made the job harder for us but we stepped up the effort and we're confident we're going to get there," Faafoi said yesterday.

"We don't think he's going to make that much of an impact that he would dent our chances of winning." But although Mana will almost certainly still be a Labour seat on Sunday morning, Faafoi isn't likely

to hold a majority as strong as the 6155 gained by Winnie Laban in 2008.

Laban, who caused the by-election by resigning her seat to take up a position at Victoria University, had held Mana since 2002 and generated a strong loyalty vote.

Faafoi is a new boy on the block and doesn't live there, although he is committed to moving in and has strong family ties in Mana.

Labour is also mindful that although Laban held that big majority, the party vote in 2008 was much closer and Labour's majority was 2508.

That indicated the strength of Laban's personal popularity, and Faafoi is starting from scratch.

Parata, a current list MP, ran against Laban in the last election and Mana is familiar territory.

"We've been very organised and on top of the issues that are important to these communities," she said.

"I'm confident we've done all that we can, we are getting a positive response."

"By Saturday we will have done all that it's been possible to do."

She has had strong support from Prime Minister John Key, who has smiled his way through the streets and shopping malls of Porirua.

"Win, lose or draw, she's run a fantastic campaign and proved herself to be a hard-working, articulate and intelligent candidate and Member of Parliament," Key said.

Labour's biggest worry is a low turnout, and every voter Faafoi has been able to shake hands with has been given the message - get to the booths on Saturday.

Key knew the score on that: "If our voters turn out and their voters don't, you've got a new MP."

While turn-out on the day is yet to be determined early votes are pouring in. An Electoral Commission spokeswoman said by end of business on Wednesday 1721 advance votes had been cast - that's up on the 1341 cast at the same point during 2008's general election.

FACTS ABOUT earthquakes

THE EARTHQUAKE IS CAUSED DUE TO MOVEMENT OF TECTONIC PLATES BELOW THE EARTH'S CRUST WHEN THEY ARE PUSHED, PULLED OR JOSTLED AGAINST EACH OTHER.

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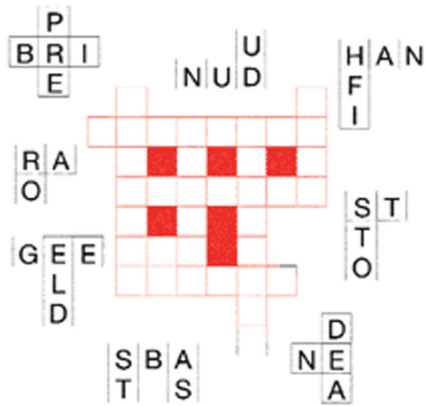
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PEOPLE, PROPERTY, COUNTRY AND THE WORLD AS A WHOLE.

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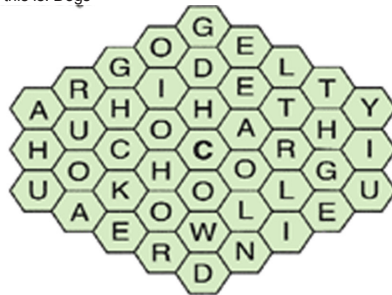
Jigsaw

This jigsaw grid has been broken up into several pieces. Can you fit it back together to reveal the names of seven places in Australia?



Hexwords

Starting with the letter in the centre each time, move one hex at a time in any direction to find six words related to the theme. The remaining letter spell out another related word. The theme for this is: Dogs

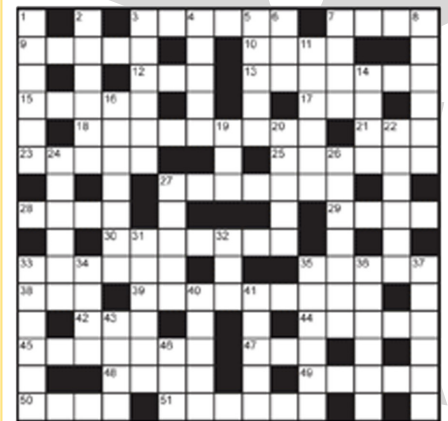


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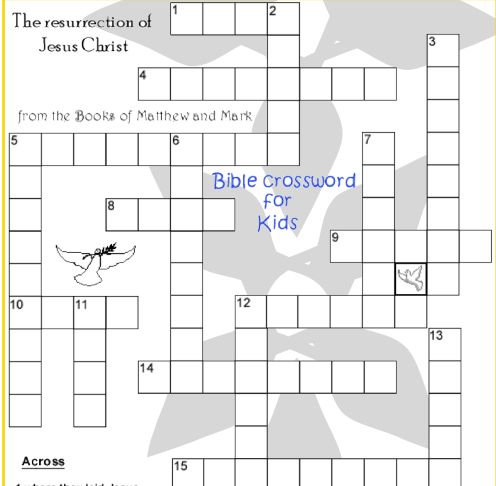
Drag it: The price to pay to win

Crossword #1



- | ACROSS | DOWN |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 3 Find out | 1 Whole |
| 7 Look after | 2 Move gratingly over |
| 9 Recess | 3 Barren place |
| 10 Eternal city | 4 Dance |
| 12 Wrongdoing | 5 Sing softly |
| 13 Wealthy | 6 Spinning toy |
| 15 Astound | 7 Web |
| 17 Convict | 8 Circuitous way |
| 18 Persons employed | 11 Fish |
| 21 Large antelope | 14 Incites |
| 23 Luxury | 16 Fanatics |
| 25 One who grants a lease | 19 And not |
| 27 Smokeless explosive | 20 Select group |
| 28 Alight grain store | 22 Devotional exercise |
| 29 Head-cook | 24 Dried grape |
| 30 Circus swing | 26 Hide |
| 33 Sibilates | 27 Stop |
| 35 Of the kidneys | 31 Consider as affront |
| 38 United | 32 Do wrong |
| 39 Set apart | 33 Inn |
| 42 Reverential fear | 34 Close up |
| 44 Watery part of blood | 35 Uttered gratingly |
| 45 Natural gifts | 36 Jumpy state |
| 47 Immerse | 37 Restricts |
| 48 To let stand! | 40 Zest |
| 49 Happening | 41 Finished |
| 50 Elevator | 43 Direction |
| 51 Indicated assent | 46 Perfect score |

Crossword #2



- | Across | DOWN |
|---|--|
| 1 where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt. 27:60) | 2 Jesus shed His _____ for our sins |
| 4 the place where Jesus died (Matt. 27:33) | 3 Judas Iscariot _____ Jesus (Matt. 27:4) |
| 5 Jesus and two thieves were _____ together (Matt. 27:38) | 6 Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt. 27:54) |
| 8 mother of Jesus | 7 Jesus said "My God, My God, why hast thou _____ me?" (Matt. 27:46) |
| 9 The angel said "He is _____ He is not here" (Mark 16:6) | 7 a title of Jesus (It means anointed one) (Matt. 27:17) |
| 10 They made Jesus wear a scarlet _____ (Matt. 27:28) | 11 They laid the _____ of Jesus in a tomb (Matt. 27:59) |
| 12 Jesus was betrayed for _____ pieces of silver (Matt. 27:3) | 12 Jesus wore a "crown of _____" |
| 14 Jesus was _____ of any crime (Matt. 27:4) | 13 our Lord and Saviour |
| 15 The 12 companions of Jesus | |

FAQs about Tokelau

Is there accommodation available?

The Luana Liki Hotel can be found on the atoll of Nukunonu. Prices are approximately NZ\$50 per person a day including all meals. For more information: telephone/fax 690-4116

Currently there are no hotels on Atafu and Fakaofu, however accommodation can be arranged through local families prior to or upon arrival.

What common Transport is used?

Small boats on the sea and a few vehicles that run coral tracks are the main forms of transport. The tiny, fragmented size of the settlements means walking is often the most reliable way of getting between points.

Village Activities?

Sports

Many Tokelauan men and women regard cricket-island style (kilikiti) as their national sport, which can sometimes involve almost the entire village. The bat is made of a three-sided wooden piece resembling a war club while the ball is made of rubber. Teams are divided by boundaries, committees, associations, and sometimes kilikiti is played to mark special days in the Tokelauan calendar. Many other introduced sports including rugby, netball, and volleyball are favorites, particularly among the youth, and are played annually during the inter-island competitions.

Music and dance

Fatele is the common form of dance. It is usually performed at village gatherings or major events and is believed to have been introduced from Tuvalu. Performed in a group, the songs begin with a stanza, which is repeated three to six times followed by an increased pitch and tempo. The singing is often accompanied instrumentally by a wooden box (pokihi) and a biscuit tin (apa) used as drums. There are also forms of song and dance adopted from Samoa and the Northern Cook Islands.

Protect Environment

Tokelau is abundant in marine resources, but has very limited land resources. Consisting of three tiny atolls, Tokelau is comprised of 127 islets or 'motu' varying in length from 90m to 6km, and in width from a few meters to 200m. The country's rich marine resources include lagoons, reefs, and deep-sea. Fisheries have yet to be thoroughly recorded. Population growth could potentially pose a threat, yet it appears that the population has stabilized at about 1,575 people.

Tokelau's major environmental problems include: overexploitation of certain fish and other marine species, coastal sand, it's (albeit tiny) forest resources; pollution of freshwater lenses from improper disposal of chemicals and coastal waters from both land-based sources and shipping; and due to the country's limited space, a serious solid waste disposal problem.

Other environmental concerns include frequent storms and cyclones, climate change and sea-level rise, and the need to improve environmental awareness, education, planning, management, and legislation, as well as to integrate environmental and development policies.

Our ment

**"MUCH OF OUR WASTE IS
MADE UP OF GLASS, METAL,
PLASTIC AND PAPER"**

Waste

We humans create such a lot of rubbish! Between 1992 and 2008 household waste increased by 16% and we now produce just under half a tonne per person each year.

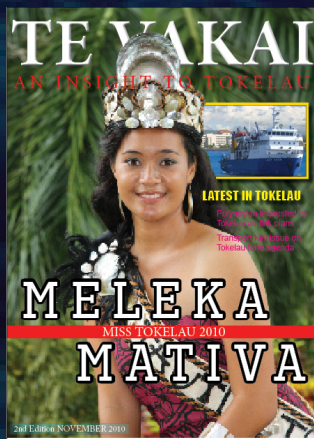
Most of this is taken away by dustmen and buried in enormous landfill sites or burned in incinerators - both of these actions can be dangerous for the environment.

Is all our rubbish really rubbish? If you think about it, much of what we throw away could be used again.

It makes sense to reuse and recycle our rubbish instead of just trying to solve the problem of where to put it! Encouragingly rates of recycling have increased so that we recycle 35 % of our household rubbish, although we could recycle up to 80%. Much of our waste is made up of glass, metal, plastic and paper.

Our natural resources such as trees, oil, coal and aluminium are used up in enormous amounts to make these products and the resources will one day be completely used up.

We must cut down on energy use.



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Fono Fakanuamua

KUPU A TE ULU O TOKELAU, NOVEMA 1, 2010 I ATAFU



Hon. Ulu of Tokelau
Kuresa Nasaru

E fakatulou atu ki te fakatahi mai o te Kaukauna a te Atua ma tana kupu mala-ma ma te ola kua taki ai a tatou talanoaga.

E fakatulou atu foki ki te:

- ▶ Kau Hauatea
- ▶ Hui mai te Malo o Niuhihi
- ▶ Hui o te Fono Fakamua ma te Malo Fakaauau
- ▶ Fatupaepae mai na nuku e talitonu au e fakatahi kitatou ke fakaaialia foki a latou meataulima
- ▶ Te kaiga o Tokelau
- ▶ E kavea foki tenei avanoa ke fakatulou atu ai kia tekilatou uma kua mafuta fakatahi mo te tuku atuga o he lima fehoahoani ki Tokelau – Fakafetai – lahi!

“Ko te felakuakiga ko te vaega pito hili ona fakamuamua vave ka eke mafai ai e Tokelau ke fakamaoni ona fakafetaui na tautuaga taua o te ola malolo ma akoga. Ko te felakuakiga ko te ivi tu ia o te atiakega o te tamaokaiga o Tokelau ma te atiakega ona nuku lalo o te Peleni Takiala a Tokelau. Ko te fauhia ma te fakamaeaga ona faleakoga, falemai ma na fakatula-gaga talafeagai mo te atiakega o te tamaokaiga fakatahi ai ma te galulue agai mo he hihitemi fehokotaki lelei ma he malohiaga e ola ina malohiaga fakatenatula e tumau pea ma vaega taua o te fakatumaugia o te fakataunukuga ona tautuaga”.

Kua fakatahi kitatou mo tenei Fono Fakamua ihe taimi taua lahi mo Tokelau. E he gata ko te Fono Fakamua tenei e fakailoga ai te fakaikuga o te 10 tauhaga muamua o te henitili 21 kae e tuku mai ai foki ni lukitau mamao atonu e heki fakafahagahi lele ma Tokelau ihe taimi kua teka. I te Fono Fakamua o luni na ko lukia ai kitatou uma e uiga pe he talafakaholopito nei vehea te fofou kitatou ke tuku e kitatou io tatou tua.

I te mahina kua teka na fai ai te iloiloga pe tulaga vehea nei te fakaaogaga e Tokelau tana tupe lalo o te Maliliea Lagolago ki te Tamaokaiga na tuku mai e te Malo o Niuhihi maia lulai 2007 kia luni 2010. Kua fautuagia au e te kaufaigaluega e venei, e ui e takua mai e te iloiloga ko te tupe tenei na fakaaoga e Tokelau ke lagolago ai ona atiakega e fakamuamua, e matau e lahi atu ni vaega e mafai ke auhia. Ko na fakamatalaga kua tuku mai e te iloiloga e fakahinohino mai ai ko na tonu e kitatou ko heki agai tonu lava e tuha ai ma a tatou fakatatitiga. E ui e liligi atu na fakatupega ki loto o te ola malolo ma akoga e foliga mai koi taigole ke atagia mai ko ienei ko na vaega e fakamuamua e te

atunuku. E kitatou takua e fakatauagia ia fafine, tupulaga ma fanau e tatau ke kitatou fakaaialia ko a tatou tonu ite vaeavaega o te tupe laina tutuha ma a tatou fakatatitiga.

Tatou taipule ola mo te maua mai o te Lipoti mulimuli o te Iloiloga o te Maliliea Lagolago ki te Tamaokaiga ma te Iloiloga o te Fakafanoga o te Tupe e talitonu au e tuku mai ai ni fakamatalaga e manakomia ke taki a tatou talanoaga mo te Maliliea Lagolago ki te Tamaokaiga mo te 2011/2012 ma tua atu.

I haku talanoaga mo te agai ki mua, na malilie kitatou te Fono Fakamua ko te Peleni Takiala mo te Atiakega o Tokelau 2010 – 2015 ko te ata tonu ia m na atiakega mo te tahi 5 tauhaga e kamata atu ia lulai o te tauhaga nei. E ui la ko te pelei takiala e tuku atu ai ni tuhihiga lautele, ko na vaega e fakamuamua e te atunuku ko ienei:

“Ko te felakuakiga ko te vaega pito hili ona fakamuamua vave ka eke mafai ai e Tokelau ke fakamaoni ona fakafetaui na tautuaga taua o te ola malolo ma akoga. Ko te felakuakiga ko te ivi tu ia o te atiakega o te tamaokaiga o Tokelau ma te atiakega ona nuku lalo o te Peleni Takia-

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Ko kitatou e tatau ke havavali e tuha ai ma tatou fakatatitiga vena ma na vaega e fakamuamua. Ko he vaega pito hili ona mataugia mai t eloiloga o te Maliliea Lagolago ki te Tamaokaiga ko te fakaikuga ko TOKELAU E TAMATE E IA IA IA LAVA. E ui e he fakaitiitia e kitatou na fakafitauli tau ola malolo kae kua fakalalahi e kitatou e kui ite laku mai pea ona meaakai lapihi ma fakamalohia he olaga e fakalagolago pea ki na koloa mai fafo. Tokelau, kafai e iei he taimi e tatau ai ki tatou ke GALULUE

ma FAIFAIMEA FAKATAHI ko nei ... ko NEI LAVA.

Ko te vaega tenei e manakomia ai te Fono Fakamua ke kikila totoka ma fai fakalelei na talanoaga ma ke kitea lahi i luga ona nuku. Ki te Takitakifono o te Fono Fakamua, e lahi he kavega i luga o takuau ma e tatalo ki te Atua ke tuku atu pea te poto ke maina ai ina talanoaga.

I toku tulaga ko te Ulu o Tokelau ma he Faaipule, e kikila au mo he Fono Fakamua e faai ai ni tonu taua e ve ona fakatalanoagia ina fakatalanoaga i luga ona nuku ite vaiaho kua teka. E manakomia kitatou ke toe fakatulaga te tatou tupe fakatahi ma te fakatupega mai Niuhihi i lalo o he fakatupe tahi te tauhaga mo te 2010/2011. E manakomia kitatou ke tali atu ki te pepa fakatu mo he fakatatitiaga mo he taimi pukupuku mo na felakuakiga ma te lumanaki o na felakuakiga i Tokelau.

E tatau kitatou ke manino io tataou vaeega tau atiakega e tatau ke fakamuamua ma o tataou manakoga. Ko te fakataunukuga o te Peleni Takiala a Tokelau 2010 – 2015 ko te fakamalu ia e fakamalumu ai o tataou polokalame atiake. E talohaga atu ki mamalu o Te Fono Fakamua ke fakamautu mai te kupu mo na vaega e fakamuamua. E talanoagia foki e tatou te agai ki mua o te malohiaga e maua mai ina malohiaga tau fakatenatula ma vehea ona tapena atu mo te kamataga o na Galuega Lalahi (ID).

Kia Jonathan Kings te Fakatonu o te Ofiha o te Ulu Fakatonu ma Tiffany Babington te Hui Fakatonu ko ni uo e kavea ma hui o te Malo Niuhihi, ko au e fakafetai aatu mo to koulua onohai ma te malamalama ma

ko au e talohia ko te koulua i ki nei i Tokelau kae maihe lava ite taimi o te Fono Fakamua e tuku atu ai e he gata malamalamaga lahi atu ona matakupu e lukitau kia te kimatou kae vena foki ke maina koulua i Tokelau ma te 'faka-Tokelau'.

Fakamolemole fakaaau atu o agaga fakafetai ki na takitaki o te Malo o Niuhihi ma e tatalo ia Tokelau e fakaaauu pea na fakatalanoaga ma na fetufaakiga ka eke mafai pea ke agai ki mua na maliliega tau ki na atiakega. Fakaaau atu foki ko te matou fakafetai ki te kauvaka o te HMNZS Otago ma te kauhaga nae fakamoemoe e omai ki Tokelau ite fakaikuga o te vaaiaho nei. Kua fautuagia ki matou ona ai ko he fakahetaonu matuia kua he mafai mai ai tenei ahiahi. E fiafia p eke feiloaaki kimatou i luga o Tokelau ihe taimi e he mamao.

Ina aho koi mua e talohia ka tuku mai e te Fono Fakamua ki te Malo Fakaaauu ni taki pe ko tona hui foki ke ahia oloakia ai te Malo o Niuhihi ina matakupu ka maea te Fono Fakamua. Ona ai e heki mafai mai te Minihita o te Va ki Fafo ki Tokelau e fakamoemoe ke tuku atu kia te ia na matakupu mai te Fono Fakamua i Niuhihi ka ko heki kamata na malologa mo na taimi fiafia.

E fia ko kavea foki te avanoa tenei ke fakamanuia atu te Fatupaepae e tuha ai ma a latou fakatatitiaga mo tenei Fono Fakamua. E fakaaauu pea e te Fatupaepae te fakailoa mai pe aihea ko latou ai te ivi tu ona nuku. E fakamalohia atu e au na hui uma o te Fono Fakamua, na hui mai Niuhihi ma te kaufai-galuega ke ahiahi ma fakatau na mea taulima ina fale i fafo. E talohia pea te lelei ona galuega a

te Fatupaepae.

Ke fakaaui taku kupu ko au e fia fakafetai ki a te kitatou uma mo te 3 tauhaga nae galulue fakatahi ai kitatou mo te lelei o Tokelau. Oioi lava kafai e galulue fakatahi kitatou oi fatoi leo lahi ai te leo o Tokelau.

Ko te haogalemu ite tai e taua lahi lele kafai e fakatauagia e kitatou o tatou ola ma ola o tatou tupulaga talavou. Tatou taumafai ke foia tenei fakafitauli i loto o tatou kaiga ma na akoga, i luga ona nuku vena ma na mataeke, tatou kikila fakatahi ki te haogalemu ite tai fakatahi kae ke haogalemu ai ia Tokelau.

Ko te tulaga ki te haogalemu ite tai ko he matakupu e mamafai o matou fatu. E iloa lelei uma e tatou te taua o te tulaga tenei ite kua teka atu na fakalavelave i luga o Atafu i te mahina kua teka ma te kamataga o te tauhaga. Ko au e fakafetai lahi ki na nuku kae maihe ia Fakaofo ma Nukunonu mo taulua lagolago ma na talohaga. Te lagolago mai te Malo o Niuhihi e kui mai ite Royal NZ Air Force ma na Rescue Coordination Centre. E vena foki ma te lagolago mai te Malo o Samoa e kui ite kaufai-galuega a leoleo mo te fakaaogaga o te Nafanua ke fehoahoani ki na hakiliga. E fia fakailoa foki te lagolago a te Kovana ma tagata o Amelika Samoa. Te lagolago maia te kilatou uma e kui ina talohaga na mafai ai ke fakafeagai ma na taimi pogihia. Tatou tatalo pea mo na agaga o kilatou uma kua mihia. E tatalo foki ko te agaga o Tokelau e fakaaauu pea te galue kae atiake ia Tokelau. Ko kitatou e taumafai ke fakafetai na lukitau kae ke mafai ai kitaou ke agai ki mua ihe leo e fokotahi. ... te leo o Tokelau.

Ke fakamanuia mai pea e te Atua ia Tokelau.

"Ko te fakataunukuga ona vaega fakamuamua ienei a te atunuku ma te fakatinoga ko ni vaega taua lahi ia matou peleni fakatahi ai ma te kikila totoka ki te hikomaga e fakatino ai, tuku fakatahiga ma te faifaimea fakatahi e manakomia mo te atiake fai tumau pea o te matou atunuku ma ona tagata".

