



COOK ISLANDS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Greet all God’s people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings.
Philippians 4:21.

True to what our opening scripture says, I alongside my colleagues here at CICC HQ humbly greet you all in the name of Christ Jesus. We offer our warm greetings to you our brothers and sisters in Christ, here on Rarotonga, throughout the Cook Islands, New Zealand, Australia, Tahiti or wherever this newsletter finds you, Kia Orana.

We have hoped that this past three months has brought you a refreshing start, peace, prosperity and

most of all, unity with stronger faith for the year 2025. Oh my! how three months have gone by so quickly, and news and stories to be told.

This is newsletter issue number 97, first out of four released quarterly for the year 2025. The number 97 allows us to reflect on the many past issues and articles submitted by many authors since the first released Newsletter back in 2005. *That’s like 20 years ago.*

Although the first quarter of the year is like waking up from bed in the morning, it is the most crucial part of the year as we begin planning and coordinating

leadership, activities and programmes for the whole year.

Wanting to know what’s within this Issue or seeking a specific topic?
You can certainly find articles written by numerous authors through this issue, and for easy navigation, can be found in the content section on this page.

I do hope you will enjoy reading through this newsletter and keeping up to date with news both known or unknown to you, and as always i will see you all in the next issue!

Kia Manuia!

Mark Vincent Ahiao
Director of Publication CICC

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AKATAINU OROMETUA

I te Sabati ra 2 o Mati 2025, i te ora 2 i te aiai, kua akatainu’ia atu e toru Orometua ou i roto i ta tatou akono’anga Metua. Kua tupu teia akakoro’anga maata i roto ia Ziona Tapu, te are pure o te ekalesia Avarua mei tei matau ia i te au tuatau i topa.

- Ko te ingoa o teia au Orometua ko:
1. Rev. Principal Taura no roto mai i te ekalesia Otara Branch,
 2. Rev, Maurima Dean ekalesia Frankston,
 3. Rev. Ngauraiti

Ngauraiti ekalesia Invercargill.

Kua tomo mai teia au Orometua e toru ki roto ia Takamoa ei apii’anga i teia mataiti i topa, 2024. I teia mataiti kua riro mai ratou ei Orometua ou i teia ra. No te akatupu’anga i ta te Atua i anoano. Kua iki’ia mai ratou, no runga i to ratou turanga teitei i roto i ta ratou au apii i Takamoa, e kua ariki’ia e te Kumiti Maata.

Me te ui nei tetai pae, e eaa i akatainu vave ia ratou?

Kote tumu, tetai au ekalesia I Nutireni kare o ratou Orometua. Te ekalesia I Dunedin, te ka mono’ia e Rev. Ngauraiti. Te ekalesia

Etaretia Porotetani Maohi i Tahiti, ka tere atu a Rev. Dean ki reira. Ko Rev. Taura, ka oki aia ki Nutireni, tapapa atu ei i tetai ekalesia ka va mai nana.

Manganui te aronga tei tae atu ki teia akakoro’anga, mei te au kopu tangata, taeake e te au mema ekalesia katoatoa.

Kua akaoti teia anga’anga maata na roto i tetai takuraa i roto i te Ruatoka Hall i uta i Takamoa. Na te ekalesia Avarua, I akateateamamao I te kai, turuturu’ia e te Kumiti Maata o te CICC e te Rarotonga Konitara Ekalesia katoatoa.

Tataia: Mark Ahiao
Tutu: Kapi 3

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- * CICC Flags - **\$50.00**



RAROTONGA KONITARA EKALEZIA GROUP PHOTO 2025

I te Paraparau ra 13 o Peperuare, mataiti 2025, kua akatuera'ia atu te uipa'anga mua a te Rarotonga Konitara Ekalesia (RKE) no teia mataiti. Kua raveia te reira ki roto i te are pure o Silo i Matavera; ko te ekalesia Matavera oki te akaaere o te konitara i teia mataiti.

Kua akamata te uipaanga i te ora 5 i te aiā na roto i te reo akaaravei'anga e te akono'anga pure tei raveia mai e te Tekeretere Vaitoti Tupa, e te Orometua Rev. Ngatokorua Joe o te ekalesia Matavera. Ko Rev. Ngatokorua Joe, Tama

Akaaere, Natana Mataio, Tekeretere, e Haua Koroo, Mou Moni, ko te au akaaere ou o te Konitara teia no teia mataiti 2025.

Kua riro teia uipa'anga mua, i te akaaravei'anga mai i te au akaaere ou i te uipaanga katoatoa, ripoti na te au ekalesia e ono e te putuputu'anga CICC tuke tuke i runga nei ia Rarotonga. Pera katoa te akatano meitaki i te porokaramu no teia mataiti katoatoa. Tena ia tetai pae anga'anga maa ta me kore porokaramu tei tupu i roto i teia nga mara ma e toru i topa; koia ko te

akatuera'anga i te porokaramu o te au putuputu'anga katoatoa i roto i te CICC, Uniform Organisation, Tekeretere Mapu, Akatainu'anga Orometua Ou, e te Women World Day of Prayer.

Kua irinaki au e, kua maroiroi te au ekalesia o Rarotonga nei i te akatupu'anga, ma te taokotai, i teia au porokaramu na roto i te meitaki e te mataora. Te vai ra oki te katoa'anga o te porokaramu.

I muri ake i te uipaanga, kua neke te katoatoa ki tai i

Gibeona, te are apii Sabati o Matavera, no tetai nenei anga tutu o te au mata i roto i te konitara, e kua ariki'ia ki tetai takurua tei akateateamaomao'ia e te au mema ekalesia o Matavera.

Kua oronga a Puna Rakanui i te reo akameitaki'anga mei roto atu i te Konitara ki te ekalesia Matavera no te kaikai tei ariki ia no teia akakoro'anga. E mei reira, kua oki atu te katoatoa ki to ratou au kainga.

Tataia: Mark Ahiao
Tutu: Marianna Mataio

TERETERE MAPU KI MATAVERA



AVARUA MAPU GROUP PHOTO TERETERE MAPU 2025

I te Sabati ra 16 o Peperuare 2025, kua akatuera ia te angaanga mua a te putuputuanga mapu, koia ko te "Teretere Mapu", o Rarotonga nei.

Kua maroiroi te au mapu i te rave anga i ta ratou au tuanga tatau e te akateretere i te autu'anga o te pure e te imene i roto ia nga Ekalesia e ono, i te reira ra.

Kua riro na te mapu e te au metua mei roto mai i te

tapere Tutakimoo e pera a Papa Orometua Metu Une e tona akaperepere e nga Apiianga no Avarua i mata i te Ekalesia ki te Ekalesia Matavera.

Kua maruarua tikai ta ratou au tuanga tatau e te tuanga o te imene apii Sabati e te reo metua tei o'ora ia mai ki te katoatoa i roto ia Silo. Kua akamouia to ratou Manako Maata i roto i te Salamo 26 - Noo ki roto i te Atua.

Kua pera katoa te Anau Mapu o Matavera, kua mataora katoa ta ratou tuanga tatau e te imene i taua ra, ra. To ratou Manako Maata.

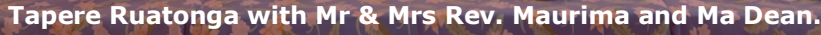
"Mapu, Kua papa ainei koe no te tavini i te Atua".

Kua riro e na te Tapere Titama\Tupapa i utu'utu i te tere i taua Sabati e kua akaoti te akakoro'anga na roto i tetai takurua i roto i te are apii Sabati Gibeona e oki rava atu te tere ki

Avarua.

Te Atua te aroa no tatou katoatoa.

Tata tua e te nenei tutu na: Teokotai Ngamata



ANGAI'ANGA O TE OROMETUA

***Tata tua e te nenei tutu
na: Mark Ahiao***

AKATAINU
OROMETUA





Iti tangata Manihiki e te Orometua Principal e tana vaine, Akamura.



Mema ekalesia no Avarua e Nika.



Tuanga no te kaikai, tei aka'teateamamao'ia e te Ekalesia Avarua e te RKE.

ANGAI'ANGA O TE OROMETUA OU



Ko te katoatoa o te tapere Rua-tonga e tetai pae no Avatiu tei tae ki teia angai'anga.



Te Orometua Maurima Dean e oronga nei i tona reo akameita-ki'anga.



Oronga taonga rima na te Orometua e tana vaine.

LOOKING AHEAD!

- BOYS BRIGADE COOK ISLANDS CAMP, RAROTONGA 11th–20th April 2025
- RAROTONGA RAC THANKSGIVING SERVICE 13th of April 2025
- EASTER SERVICE— Last Supper—THUR 17th, Good Friday 18th, Resurrection 20th of April 2025
- EASTER MONDAY—21st of April 2025
- ANZAC DAY—25th of April 2025
- CICC DAY—24th of April 2025 (OBSERVED ON SUNDAY 27th of April)
- RAROTONGA TERETERE APII SABATI— 18th of May 2025
- KINGS BIRTHDAY—2nd of June 2025
- GIRLS BRIGADE FOUNDERS DAY—10th of June 2025
- 35th GENERAL ASSEMBLY 13th–20th of July 2025



OUR FUTURE OUR YOUTH CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Kia Orana and greetings in the wonderful name of our lord and saviour Jesus Christ. We have hoped that you have enjoyed a peaceful and prosperous holiday season and, by now are prepared for the many teachings and blessings God has in store for the year ahead.

2025 so far has been busy for the youth department! We've been involved in a number of events over the past three months, and we are so excited to share some of these stories and experiences with you all.

This youth corner update will feature;

- ◆ **Upcoming events**
- ◆ **The blessing of the new RYC Executives**
- ◆ **Combined Opening Parade Avarua – Boys Brigade Birthday**
- ◆ **Teretere Mapu**
- ◆ **Girl Guides World Thinking Day – Ngatangiaia**

Happy reading and may God bless you all.

Brought to you by **Destiny Nicholas, Youth Media Officer.**

**DON'T LET ANYONE
LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE
YOU ARE YOUNG,
BUT BE AN EXAMPLE
FOR THE BELIEVERS
IN SPEECH | IN CONDUCT | IN LOVE
>> IN FAITH AND IN PURITY. <<<**
1 TIMOTHY 4:12

Our verse of encouragement for our youth in this issue is taken from;

1 Timothy 4:12, which encourages young people to prove their faith through their actions and character and not allow age to diminish their impact. It is a call to live life that reflects the values of Christ.

Upcoming Youth Events

Religious Advisory Council – Thanksgiving Service – End of Cyclone Season Sunday 13th April

Combined CICC Easter Monday Sports – Ngatangiaia Host Monday 24th April

ANZAC Day Parade - Friday 25th of April

Teretere Apii Sabati - Sunday 18th May

Youth Rally - Sunday 22nd June - Matavera Host

NEW RYC EXECUTIVES

The Leadership of the Rarotonga Youth Council (RYC) rotates amongst the six CICC Ekalesia's Youth Groups of the island, with each holding the Oe or term of leadership for two years. From 2025-2026, Ngatangiaia Ekalesia Youth group will serve as the RYC Executives, overseeing meetings and programme activities outlined by both the islands youth council and the CICC National Youth Council Director – Dr Tuaine Unuia.

We are very honoured and blessed to present to you our new Rarotonga Youth Council Executives;

- ◆ **Chairlady – Mrs Maru Mariri-Tepou**
- ◆ **Vice Chairlady – Ms Destiny Nicholas**
- ◆ **Secretary – Ms Repeta Kirikava**
- ◆ **Treasurer – Mr Travel Williams**

This team of leaders are dedicated and devoted members of the Ngatangiaia Ekalesia Mapu and have been on leadership roles for their youth group for a number of years.

Our new RYC Leaders had an intimate dedication and blessing at Ebenezer Ngatangiaia CICC Church on Sunday 2nd of February, by Rev. Haraveikore William, who encourage the leaders to serve the youth council with the same humility and conviction it requires.

All the best to the new committee and wishing you all the best and God's leading you all during your tenure as Rarotonga Youth Council leaders.



COMBINED PARADE



A combined uniform organisation parade on Sunday 9th February 2025 marked the opening, hosted by the Avarua Ekalesia. This event brought together all uniform organisation companies of the Girl Guides, Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade from each of the six Ekalesia's on Rarotonga in commemoration of the Avarua Boys Brigade companies 90th Anniversary since its formation in the village. Established on February 18th, 1935, by the late Robert Lye Challis of the London Mission Society (LMS), Avarua NO.1 Company is, and holds the distinction of being Rarotonga's first Boys' Brigade Company. We are privileged that the Boys' Brigade



companies and their esteemed programs are still operating to this day. We honour our Boys Brigade leaders, supporters and volunteers for their time, attention and crafting activities in keeping the boys and young men of our community out of

trouble and lessons of life skills. The Boys Brigade Motto "Sure and Steadfast" encourages our boys to be reliable, perseverant and to always be committed.

All uniform organisations assembled at the Ruatoka Mission Hall of Takamoa for the annual opening parade of the year led by Boys Brigade President Lt. Bob Williams and his opening remarks and formal opening prayer. The parade marched their way to the Avarua ekalesia Church, Ziona Tapu, led by the Girl Guides followed by the Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade and Brass/Marching Band. Everyone settled in church and awaited the colour parties to enter and present the flags or colours. A brief history of the Boys Brigade



company was presented by Lt. Bob Williams followed by the formal order of service. The day's service was delivered by Papa Principal Rev. Tere Marsters with a lovely but powerful sermon titled "God's Divine Guidance" in relation to the scripture reading for that day, Psalms 24. As the service concluded, the parade marched back to Takamoa.

The parade was filled with emotion as we honoured the life of our beloved sister, April Ngametua who has departed this world to be with God. Daughter of the CICC President Rev. Tuaine Ngametua (Moutaiki) and



Mama Akevai Ngametua; who served in the Girl Guide companies of Nikao and Avarua, whose significant contributions, kindness and sense of humour touched many lives. The Parade conducted a march towards the residence of the President at Takamoa to pay tribute to our daughter, sister, cousin, aunty, and friend. It was a beautiful gesture from the uniform organisations.

The Parade ended their way back to Ruatoka Mission Hall Grounds to conclude the opening combined parade service and tribute. One Respective leader from each organisation gave a short address in wishing the Boys Brigade No.1 company of Avarua, a Happy Birthday. This part was then closed off with a prayer by Lt. Danny Areai who then invited the Parade to enjoy light refreshments at the Sinai Hall, followed by the cake presentation.



TERETERE MAPU

The scripture in Mark 16: 15-16 says, "Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to all creation" is the very essence of our Teretere Mapu, a chance for our youth of today to share the Gospel message with other congregations of the Cook Islands Christian Church on Rarotonga. Each youth group visited a neighbouring congregation, to present a message based on Psalms 26 or any chosen theme they have selected. This particular article features the three congregations of Vaka (District) Takitumu. Matavera who travelled to Ngatangiia, Ngatangiia to Titikaveka and Titikaveka to Arorangi. Despite the significant decline in youth participation in this Teretere Mapu programme, it was awesome to see how passionate and creative our youth are about spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, and becoming an inspiration to other young people out there!

This Teretere marked the first one of this year, with 3 more Teretere events to look forward to.



GIRL GUIDES WORLD THINKING DAY

World Thinking Day is celebrated by all the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Movements around the world. This day represents the International Day of Friendship and fellowship amongst the many young girls and women of the world. This year Ngatangia Girl Guides Company No.3 of Rarotonga hosted the special occasion in a two-part celebration, first part, at dawn service and the second part a celebration ceremony. This day was also the blessing and dedication of the new executives for the Girl Guides Association of the Cook Islands;

- ◆ **National President (NP)** – Ms Ngara Katuke
- ◆ **National Commissioner (NC)** – Mrs Upokotea Tuakana
- ◆ **National Secretary (NS)** – Ms Elizabeth Hosking
- ◆ **National Treasurer (NT)** –



GIRL GUIDE ASSOCIATION COOK ISLANDS EXECUTIVES

Mrs Nooroa Maora

- ◆ **National Programs coordinator (NPC)** – Ms Repeta Kirikava.

The Dawn Service was conducted by Papa Orometua Rev. Haravei Williams, who delivered a beautiful sermon based on the scripture reading of that particular day, Joshua 10:1-15. Everyone then made their way to the Ngatangia Sunday school hall where we held part two of the program, the celebration ceremony, which involved the World Thinking Day history and cake presentation, and special acknowledgements to long service

members.

It was an extra special evening as well celebrating Mama Pani Ben's 80th Birthday, who is a pillar and dedicated member of the Girl Guides movement. It was a special way to honour her service to the girl guides association of the Cook Islands. We concluded this event with more acknowledgements, and a closing prayer for the event and the blessing of the light refreshments by our very own Rev. Williams. We all then enjoyed the lovely spread provided by our Ngatangia Girl Guides Company no.3 and the Ngatangia Ekalesia.



ARORANGI GIRL GUIDES' COMPANY

Special Ceremony
Jeremiah 29: 11 says
"For I know the plans I
have for you, declares
the Lord, plans for wel-
fare and not for evil, to
give you a future and a
hope".

On Saturday 8th February to Sunday 9th February 2025. The Arorangi Girl Guides Company held an overnight camp and a special ceremony for our girls, after the dawn service in the Arorangi CICC Ekalesia. This was a special occasion to honour our girls for their dedication and outstanding efforts.

Flying Up for Ms Kate-tubeta Katuke.
In the Guides section for their Enrolment are the following girls: -
Ms Heirani Mare
Ms Rea Ahsin
Ms Juliette Tiputoa
Ms Julian Tiputoa



Our girls from the Guide section, that went through a Graduation and Investiture ceremony were: -

Ms Feliza Nicholas
Ms Esther Taokia
Ms Joanne Nooroa
Ms Tiana Marsters
Ms Gisele Marsters
Ms Alexia Exham
Kareroa
Ms Samantha Mose

Our young women that was Promoted to Young Leaders were Ms Penina Katuke and Ms Tepori Exham Kareroa. They were welcomed by our Leaders, Ms Tutai Mauke and Mrs Emy Punua Matai.

Humble appreciation and thank you to our Young Leaders – Ms Nina Neubauer, Ms Merran Munro and Ms Romehael Rau-raa for their leading role in our ceremony. Meitaki maata to Mama Tinomana

Ariki, Mama Orometua Tabitha Tumua Makara, Mama Orometua Akangaroi Ititau Mare and Lady Tuaine Marsters for their part in enrolling our young women. Papa Orometua Mata Tumua-Makara for his dedication prayer and blessing of this special ceremony.

Meitaki maata to all our parents and committees, uniform leaders and the Ekalesia for their huge support and contribution towards our weekend camp and our special ceremonies.

Our Guide Motto says
"Be prepared".

Kia Manuia. Te Atua te aroa.

Written by the Leader,
Ms Ngara Katuke
Pictures provided by the
Young Leader, Ms Nina
Neubauer



THE END

See you in next issue! CICC Newsletter 98.



*This is the full frame picture utilized on the introductory page of this newsletter.
It depicts the inner view of 'TE VAI ORA CHAPEL' at Takamoa Theological College.*

Taken by Mark Vincent Ahiao.



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