



FAKATUFONO NIUE

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From Fale Fono:

- Ministers Hon O'love Jacobsen and Hon Pokotoa Sipeli are still away overseas but Acting Minister Ekepule Mrs Maihetoe Hekau and Acting Minister Billy Talagi respectively will continue to assume their portfolios in their absence.
- Minister Hon Togia Sioneholo's substitute for this week is Acting Minister Ekepule Ms Esther Pavihi.
- Tuesday 19th October and Wednesday 20th October [next week] are Public Holidays. The Flag Raising Ceremony will be held at Fale Fono. Formal dress is required during the ceremony but Aloha shirt for the Fiafia afterwards will be acceptable.
- National Show Day is on Wednesday 20th October



Notes from the Fono Ekepule on September 16th 2010

Motions [the results were published in the #66 Tau Tala Niue] but here are the details:

The Fono Ekepule opened with the Speaker's notices that included a 'one minute silence' in remembrance of former Ekepule Makaola Hukui [1985-1987] Mrs Aliitasi Hipa was also mentioned in the Speaker's despatches.

Acting New Zealand High Commissioner was thanked for returning to Niue to run the NZ High Commission Office and the Speaker advised the Fono Ekepule of Mr Mark Blumsky's appointment to the New Zealand High Commission Office in Niue. Mr Blumsky will take up his new post before the end of this year.

Tabling of Reports:

The 2010 Niue Philatelic and Numismatic Co Ltd Report

Motions:

- The three hour debate on this motion: 'that the EU allocation funds of €400,000 should be shared among the 14 villages for their community projects

instead of putting it all on a single village accommodation project at Avatele.' [This motion was put forward by Alofi North Ekepule, Va'aiga Tukuitonga]



Yes it is a locally grown yam....

Premier Talagi explained that unlike other EU funds in previous years this allocation was granted because EU had approved the Government's project proposal regarding the Avatele Village accommodation project that will be managed by a specially appointed person and that any accumulated profits could be shared with the remaining villages for their projects. But the important aspect in allocating all the funds into a single project is that the Government would like this project built and completed unlike some village projects which are still incomplete due to cost over – runs and other related problems. Premier Talagi further informed the Fono that discussion with village council representatives regarding this matter has already been held and they were aware of the plans for the Avatele Accommodation project. The motion as expected was defeated [8-10] although it was hard fought.

- 'To seriously consider the jobs of public servants' who are nearing retiring age before asking them to retire.' Ikipule Togia Sioneholo reminded the Fono Ekepule of the 2004 Niue Public Service Regulations which exclude the Fono prerogative. As



Talaiti 'puga' house in Vaiea, severely damaged by Cyclone Heta in January 2004

matters stand the option to retire at 55 years and compulsorily at 60 years is in the regulations. The extension to continue after 55 years of age remains the prerogative of the Heads of Departments who notify the Niue Public Service Commission and the incumbent to either retire or continue. There is currently no ACT to

govern this. This motion was carried 11-3

- ‘That the Government houses which were part of Cyclone Heta package should not be sold.’ This motion was narrowly defeated, 8-7 in a contentious issue that lasted over an hour of discussion. Minister Togia Sioneholo reminded members that maintaining these houses are costly and ‘we are not getting much for them from rentals therefore selling of these houses, as recommended by PEC in the last Fono to which they all agreed, is not a new idea. Ekepule Jack Willie commended the move, congratulated and noted that Cabinet has already ‘moved on it’ instead of procrastinating.
- ‘That Niue should create its own honours list for our own local residents,’ was carried, 10-5. Although most agreed not many were forthcoming with ideas on how this could be done satisfactorily. The member from Namukulu noted that the ‘flag and the guns salute’ are no longer adequate to award someone who has done so much for his/her country. Our people in New Zealand are using the honours system well but we need our own.
- The motion to ban smoking from public and work places was carried 8-3. The member from Hakupu reminded members of the lessons learned from the Niue Public Health presentation during a SPC funded ‘shouted breakfast’ earlier in the morning, that smoking is one of the biggest causes of NCDs. While most agreed that it was a useful motion there is still the rights of a person to smoke and we do not have the legislation in place to ban smoking except from public and work places.

Questions and Answers:

1. That the Education Report by the consultant from the NZ Ministry of Education will be tabled as it becomes available
2. Regarding asbestos stockpile – Premier Talagi reported that New Zealand has approved \$450,000 to ‘get rid of the asbestos by the end of the year. “We are looking at how to ship them to New Zealand as well as meeting the NZ Bio-security requirements
3. Compensation for former MPs and former Speakers – there is no money allocated for this and Cabinet is still waiting for NPSC to complete the report.
4. Questions 5-10 were all withdrawn.
5. That the Government has no plans at present to extend the Aged Care Unit at the Hospital
6. That the sealing of areas outside the Outside services and Heavy Plant [and the roadway to the Industrial Park area, will be done when the tar seal drums arrive this month
7. That IWP is working towards harvesting rainwater with water tanks
8. The Police Report on dogs: The Police is continuing to attend to unregistered dogs and may require that female dogs be spayed
9. That the EDF 10 \$5 million to fund renewable energy projects will be used for renewing power cables and to purchase more solar panels
10. Regarding the NZAid Telecom Project: This project is expected to start in November when the machines and equipment arrive The three main areas to benefit are – telephone connections, Mobile GSM and internet to connect all villages on the island.
11. Current UNESCO funded Projects:
 - To enable BCN to document Niuean Culture and traditions

- To establish and develop an Niue based Education Curriculum Framework for schools in Niue
- To develop an Education toolkit to capacity build and strengthen Science Education
- Atuhau Fuata Moui Hakahakau Project
- To train BCN staff on Radio/Television production Techniques
- To reprint Edwin Loeb's 'The History of Niue'
- To reprint Niue Bilingual Dictionary to support Niue Curriculum Framework

Constitution Celebrations Programme: [Public Holiday only]

Tuesday 19th October: Flag Raising Ceremony at Fale Fono, beginning at 12pm, and

Wednesday 20th October: National Show Day at the Niue High School grounds, 6am start.

Private Sector Business Expo also at Niue High School

New Event for this year: Round the Island Bicycle Race Relay

When? Friday this week, 15th October

Requirements:

- Men**
- Starts at Alofi, finishes at Alofi
 - In Relay Teams of six riders [maximum]
 - Prizes: 1st \$800
 - 2nd \$700
 - 3rd \$600
- Women**
- Starts at Mutalau, Toi, Hikutavake - finishes in Alofi
 - In Relay Teams of three riders [maximum]
 - Prizes: 1st \$500
 - 2nd \$400
 - 3rd \$300

All enquiries to Joe Mahakitau, at DAFF phone 4032

Other Major Events:

1. ***Village Show Days:*** Avatele Village Show Day, Saturday October 16th
Mutalau Village Show Day, Saturday October 23rd

2. ***Vaka and Youth Raft Races:*** At Sir Roberts' Wharf, Monday 18th October at 7.00 start.

All other enquiries regarding the full programme please phone Community Affairs at 4019.

Niue's Golden Warriors

Niue's Under 19 Relay Team comprising of Michael Jackson Junior, Poni Fasio Kapaga, Xavier Niua-Tofa and Lisihau Leolahi created sports history for the nation when they defeated New Zealand in the 4x100 meters relay in an Athletics Oceania Meet in Cairns last month. This was Niue's first ever Gold Medal on the Athletics track and the boys, all of whom are under 18 years of age, are still developing their physical capabilities.

TTN published in TTN #67 that Niue's team, although first to the finish line, was disqualified due to an alleged 'over running the mark' during a baton change. This was later rectified during the medal ceremony when Niue's Team was awarded their Gold Medals. Well done boys! We at TTN would like to suggest that our Golden Warriors deserve a Victors' Parade, don't you think?

Niue ECE and Primary Entertain special guests from Favona Road Primary School



Niue ECE children welcoming their visitors



the frangipani and *maile* could be found turned up at the Niue High School Hall all but lost in

It was a very special day for all our ECE and Primary School children – meeting their guests and then spent the next few days getting to know them as the visitors were gradually absorbed into the local environment bonding, sharing and learning from one another and enjoying each other's company.

The most common reaction from the visitors was, 'we didn't know that we have so many cousins and relatives living here still – it is awesome!'

The event was a celebration, festival and a party all rolled into one gigantic carnival with local hosts having the advantage of knowing where all

the colours and the fragrance of their fresh floral decorations. For a week day event the venue was packed with parents, Niue High School students and interested audience showing as usual their support for their youngsters.



[from left] Mrs Itzy Tukuitonga, Mrs Lose Siakimotu [former Education Director] Mrs Janet Tasmania [Director of Education] Mrs Lois Kirkbridge[Principal of Favona Road Primary School and Acting Minister Ekepule Maihetoe Hekau

“It is a pleasure and privilege to have you here with us,” announced Mrs Itzy Tukuitonga, Principal of Niue Primary School. “It is not often that our children get to meet a large number of their peers all at once and in one place, and for this I thank you all, parents, caregivers, teachers and supporters for bringing your children to Niue to bond and reaffirm their ties with

their families and in particular the ancestral homeland of their tupuna.”



Favona Road pupils performing the Niue Falelupe Lullabye

guests sat in quiet appreciation knowing that when their turn came they too would be expected to reciprocate in kind.

As is the normal practise the hosts were the first on the stage to welcome their guests. They introduced themselves then they sang danced and they chanted while their

Our local children really turned it on for their guests, beginning with the ECE pupils – some of whom are already showing early signs of promising entertainers while others, needing more tutoring in self-confidence took a few minutes longer to warm up to what was expected from each of them. But it was their senior siblings and older playmates that showed their adaptability to the changing times performing with such gusto and energy – the songs, dances and chants all seamlessly merged from one item to another.



But it was the guests from Favona Road Primary that practically left us adults in the audience filled with wonderment and respect – we could not believe that all the performers could speak Niuean as well as they did. They each told us who they were, who their parents and grandparents are, the people they are related to and the village/s where they are from. We were delightfully impressed and the performances that followed were even more extraordinary – the songs and dances from the past, especially the ‘*Fale Lupe* Lullaby’ that we have not heard for over 50 years! In fact they were so confident none was tempted to revert to using English language when they were stuck for the right words. Well done Favona Road, we are sure that our local children have learned something worthwhile from your visit.

Mrs Mele Nemaia, spokes-person for the group was proud of

the children. “We need for our children to see the reality of where their parents and grand parents come from,” she told TTN. “Most have never been here yet they are quite happy to learn the language of their heritage. I believe that our Niuean language will be lost only if we are not committed or passionate about it. We are fortunate at Favona, our principal is very supportive of what we are trying to achieve. Niuean language to us is very important and coming here reaffirms our connection to the land of our ancestors.”

We hope that you have enjoyed your Niue experience as much as we have enjoyed your being here with us. Kia monuina e fenoga ha mutolu ka liliu atu ki Niu Silani!

Adorra Misikea Launches song CD

“This is not about making money out of one’s talent,” explained Ulumotua Young Vivian who was asked to bless a CD of songs by Ms Adorra Misikea. “This is about showcasing a talent from a long line of family musicians and composers; pride of the village, the church and the young people; confidence in oneself and to realise her own worthiness in her future. I congratulate her for these values and qualities that she had learnt from her parents.”



Adorra herself is a remarkable young woman – friendly, caring, confident and self-assured, stunningly beautiful [Miss Teen Niue in 2008] multi-talented with a matching future if she continues down the same pathway.

Grandmother and matriarch of the Hakupu Talagi family, Mrs Matalose Talagi, is very proud of her grand daughter’s achievements. “It is not surprising,” she confided, “she comes from a very musical family whose songs and compositions – we are very proud of who we are and what we have done.”

Tau Talanoa

- Our people on the move: We heard that there will be a few locals who will not be here to celebrate the Constitution with us. As far as we know a large contingent of

Hakupu Youth and its minders will be travelling to Shanghai, China, to perform at the World Tourism Expo: Shanghai 2010 which ends on October 31. Premier Talagi will also be in China at the same time on Government business and will not be attending the 36th Constitution Celebrations. Hakupu village will be almost empty without the Darts Club whose members are leaving this week on a tour that includes Wellington in their itinerary. As always it is always the ‘stay behinders,’ few as there are, who will carry the responsibilities of feeding the many domestic animals that will be left while their owners are enjoying themselves. It would not have been much of a burden had the travellers leave enough feed for their temporary carers to care for the animals.

- 1960 - 50 Years ago: The members of the Niue Island Council, appointed by the Governor General, was renamed Niue Island Assembly [NIA] with the inclusion of Toi as the 14th village. A general Election by secret ballot [the first ever for Niue] was held in March for all 18 year olds and over who were permanent residents and who are ‘British subjects,’ were eligible to vote. Public servants were ineligible to stand as candidates.



Niue's icon, the third Arch at Talava

A matriarch, Keua, [a PNG woman] of the Pahe Togia family in Tuapa passed away leaving behind four generations of children from whom some became themselves dedicated to continue the work of God that begun by their grand father Tamatoa and their father.

- Dec: The General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the Resolution 1514 (XV), better known as the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. It also declared in part that: (3) inadequacy of political, economic, social or educational preparedness should never serve as a pretext for delaying independence.
- Reef Shipping Updates:

Forum Pacific	Freight cut/off	Departs Auck	ETA Niue
1. Voyage 007	closed	13 Oct	27 Oct *
2. Voyage 008	28 Oct	04 Nov	13 Nov
3. Voyage 009	19 Nov	26 Nov	05 Dec

*Voyage 007 which was scheduled to arrive on October 22 is delayed due to bad weather. Reef Agent in Niue, Frank Mokoia tendered his apologies and explanations as follows: “*Due*

*to the unforeseen circumstances in which is beyond our control due to bad weather, the vessel is now further delayed.
Our apologies for the inconvenience this may have caused.”*

- Recent visitor Mrs Tapu Igasia could not believe her luck when she decided to celebrate her 73rd birthday at ‘Talo’s Restaurant and Bar’ last week with her husband and family members. “This is my lucky day,” she told bubbly and convivial hostess for the evening, Miss Fanuma Sioneholo. “Great dinner, wonderful welcome and the takihi cake is fabulous – I have never had a *takihi* cake before in any of my birthdays and this one is going back with me to New Zealand!”



73 Year Old Mrs Tapu Igasia [right] about to receive her takihi birthday cake from with Fanuma Sioneholo

Tapu returns to New Zealand this week but being feted and made a big fuss of was the icing on the proverbial cake. It is true that Mrs Losana Sioneholo and her staff make a special point of chatting socially with their guests and their dinner menu, mostly umu cooked local food [but there are other non-local items to ensure her overseas diners are not left to guess what they were eating] live entertainment show and it always starts promptly at 7pm. Try it yourself sometime – you will not be disappointed.

- It is the teachers’ turn to smile this week with their pupils away on a two weeks well earned break. Back in the 1950s school holidays for teachers normally meant catching up on the bush work or just potting around the house while parents who did not work for money would pack up their children for an adventure in the bush gardens, sleeping over for one or two nights. Without the transport that we have today the whole family would walk there and back, a journey that usually took an hour each way. For us children it was hard work but for parents it provided undivided attention to teach us about life, survival, bonding to the land and of working together to achieve our goals. There were opportunities for us to do other exciting things like hunting uga, swimming and fishing – we learned how to entertain and to amuse ourselves without getting into too much strife.

Today’s children have more choices about what they want to during their holiday break. If they are older they would camp in their friends’ homes to watch video movies, or if there are computers in the house and are connected to the internet they had the whole world to explore at leisure until the parents return home after work.

The younger ones would be looked after by their grandparents, non working relations or else parents would take the entire time away from their jobs to be with their children and at the end of the holidays it would be their turn to smile instead of the teachers.

- **Advertisement:**

Applications for Niue Government Scholarships for 2011

NIUE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATION FORM

Personal Details

Surname Given Name(s)

Date of Birth Age as of 1 Jan 2011 Gender F / M

Residential Address

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Phone Number: Email

Area of Study

What is your intended field of study?

What is the name of the qualification that you intend to study towards? (Specify if more than one)

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What is the length of this qualification (in years)?

Which level of study? (Refer to the levels of NZ Qualifications Framework: Circle a level below)

TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL
Specify)

(Levels 1 – 4, 5 or 6)

UNDERGRADUATE

(Levels 6, 7 & 8)

OTHER (Please

.....

Pre-degree

Degree

General Information

Are you a New Zealand citizen? **Y / N**

Do you hold or have you applied for a New Zealand passport or New Zealand permanent residence? **Y / N**

Are you married to a person who holds a New Zealand passport or has a New Zealand permanent residence? **Y / N**

Are you studying in 2010? **Y / N**

(If yes, give details of Course and Institution)

Course

Institution.....

What qualification do you expect to gain in 2010?

Do you hold a scholarship for tertiary studies? Y / N

Are you currently under any bonding system? Y / N

NB: There is a document titled "Halavaka Ki Niue Government Scholarships: Advice for Students: that you should obtain and read before completing this application form. A similar document titled "Halavaka Ki Niue Government Scholarships: Advice for Parents" is also available on request.

HALAVAKA KI NIUE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP

To be considered eligible, applications **MUST INCLUDE** all of the following:

- i. A completed application form
- ii. Your Curriculum Vitae outlining personal details, academic qualifications and work-related experience (no more than four pages)
- iii. Certified copies of all academic transcripts that specify grades or marks for each stage undertaken.
- iv. A certified copy of your birth certificate
- v. A short essay providing details on the proposed area of study and its relevance to your career aspirations (maximum one A4 page)

Note: Certified copies are photocopies which have been signed by a public notary, Justice of the Peace, your School Principal or Academic Registrar, after sighting of your original documents

Other General Eligibility Criteria

- i. Police report to authenticate record free from any criminal offence or fines
- ii. Medical report that you are of sound mind and health

Level of Studies and Areas of Priority

- i. Up to degree level only
- ii. Private Sector Awards
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 - i. Trades & Technical
 - ii. Tourism
 - iii. Hospitality
 - iv. Health
 - v. Retail
 - vi. Agriculture
- iii. Civil Society Awards
 - a. 1 Organic Farming Award tenable in the Pacific Region
- iv. USP Open Award
 - a. Public sector areas of need
 - i. Governance (Law)
 - ii. Agriculture and Fisheries
 - iii. Physiotherapy
 - iv. Accounting

- b. Private Sector (refer above)
- c. Civil Society
 - i. Athletics
 - ii. Performing Arts
 - iii. Agriculture
 - iv. Women Counselor/Librarian

Applications without certified copies will not be considered.

Applications for study in the 2010 academic year must include all details outlined and should be submitted by 4:00pm, Friday 15 October 2010.

Delivered to

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
National Training & Development Unit
Niue Public Service Building
Fonuakula, ALOFI
Hours: 8.00am – 4.00pm (Mon-Fri)**

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Declaration

I declare that the information contained on this form and in my application is correct in every detail. I understand that the Government of Niue reserves the right to confirm the accuracy of the information in my application, and that incorrect statements may result in my being declared ineligible for a Halavaka Ki Niue Government Scholarship.

Signed.....

Dated:.....

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What is on this week end?

1. Avatele Village Show Day starts at 6:00am sharp. Take your money (lot of it) family, friends and visitors and be early or you will miss out of the bargains!!!!

2. 9 hole Ambrose Golf Tournament at the Niue Golf and Sports Club. 1:30pm start

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