



## Reports on Member of Parliament grants and discretionary donations in the Cook Islands

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#### Nikao Sokattak FC

Ngamau Mere Munokoa OBE (born 13 August 1944), also known as "Aunty Mau", is a member of Parliament and former Cabinet Minister. She was the third woman elected to the Cook Islands Parliament and the first to hold the post of Cook Islands Deputy Prime Minister.



**Nikao** is a village settlement on Rarotonga. It is located on the north coast to the west of the capital Avarua.



Nikao is the home of the Cook Islands Parliament, Tereora College (the oldest secondary school), Nikao's modern Cook Islands Christian Church, and the international airport.

The sports ground is a very popular location for sporting events and functions.



Nikao Sokattak FC is a Cook Islands Football club located in Rarotonga. It currently plays Cook Islands round cup, the top level of Football in the Cook Islands.

The Nikao sports field is a popular ground used by sports teams, schools, and the community. It is reserved for the Nikao Sokattak FC and also for many other sports codes such as touch rugby and cricket. There was an issue with the condition of the sports ground on the southern side of the field with puddles of mud and water. It was checked and found that the water and some sewage run off through the drain system from the Education Ministry was not flowing freely due to field drainage block. The grant from the Cook Foundation assisted with the cost of draining the area to be from the eastern side right through the west end of the field.

## Penrhyn Fishing Association

Willie John Is the Member of Parliament for Penrhyn.

Penrhyn Fishing Association is a community organisation. Members use their own boats, motors, and petrol. The grant from the Cook Foundation will allow them to purchase a freezer in Rarotonga for shipping to Penryhn. Once there they will fill the freezer with fish to sell in Rarotonga and then use the funds from the sale of the fish to purchase frozen goods to send back to Penryhn for the fishermen and their families. They will aim to buy another freezer in the future to expand the service for all the community members.

Penryhn is an island in the northern group of the Cook Islands in the South Pacific Ocean. It is a small island with a population of 257.



## Tengatangi, Areora, Ngatiarua Growers Cooperative

Nandi Tuaine Glassie is the member of Parliament for Tengatangi/Areora/Ngatiarua, Atiu. Nandi was born in Atiu and graduated from the University of Auckland. He was first elected to Parliament in 2006 and is currently the Minister of Health and Agriculture.



The community group formed from three districts of the island of Atiu, Tengatangi, Areora, and Ngatiarua was created and established in June 2015 with the purpose of agriculture revival. With the Government of the Chinese' generous donation of agriculture machinery to assist the agriculture sector in the outer islands of the Cook Islands, the community group was lucky to receive a majority of Chinese machinery.

The agriculture work will focus on its main production, Taro, a locally grown vegetable for consumer consumption in Atiu. The issue the community has is that the majority of the Chinese machinery's are diesel and oil fuelled. Like most outer islands, the prices of diesel and oil in Atiu are very high, so management has decided to purchase their fuel from Rarotonga where the cost is much more affordable. The Cook Foundation granted funding for fuel and oil from Rarotonga, just to kick start the operation. Work has already started on the project and progress has been made on two sites located in the village of Ngatiarua, with fencing covering an area of just under 5 acres, being 1 site just over 2.5 acres, and the other completed of just over 3 acres.

Atiu is an island 187km northwest of Rarotonga, and is in the southern group of the Cook Islands.



The three villages cover most of the island of Atiu, with Ngatiarua being the largest village on the island.



## Tamarua Girls Brigade

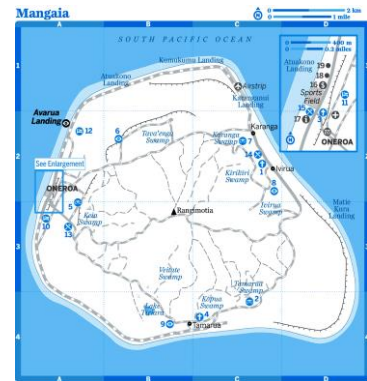
Tetangi Matapo is the Member of Parliament for Tamarua, Mangaia.

The Tamarua Girls Brigade Company consists of a Captain, Girls Brigade officer, and 12 girls (age 3-18) who meet every Monday evening for two hours to do various activities that enable the girls to learn physical, spiritual, social and educational activities that will enrich their lives. They do various activities in the community such as helping the elderly, cleaning community buildings and even celebrating special occasions for the mamas and papas in the village.

The Girls Brigade has given young girls in the Tamarua village the opportunity to gain knowledge and acquire skills for the betterment of their lives and to unify the community. The girls also utilise the knowledgeable mamas in the community by learning embroidery skills or even art and craft skills. The group wear special uniforms to represent their company and have been granted funding from the Cook Foundation to purchase uniforms, badges and stationary.



Tamarua is one of the six traditional districts on the island of Mangaia, Cook Islands. Mangaia is the second largest island after Rarotonga and is the most southerly in the Cook Islands.



### **Tangoenua O Tupapa Growers Inc.**

George Angene is the Member of Parliament for Tupapa-Maraerenga; he won the seat in the 2010 election.



The group was granted funding from the Cook Foundation to purchase a trailer from Rarotonga Welding to enable them to mobilize the mulcher so that they can have access to it as it is very heavy to move manually. This will enable them to recycle the clippings and assist with composting. To sustain the project a small hireage fee will be charged to maintain the mulcher and trailer.

Tangoenua O Tupapa Growers Inc. is a community group that includes women interested in flower gardens to promote tourism and vegetable gardens for healthy eating.



### **Vaimaanga Community (Community Grant)**

The Vaimaanga Community are very involved in guiding their youth into active and educational activities. A new program initiated by community members has been completed to provide a safe place for the youth of Vaimaanga to get together through the provision of sport facilities.

The Community youth requested to have a skate ramp installed at the YMAM field in Vaimaanga. It is the best place to build due to the space available and approval by the YWAM board. There is already a playground set up at the field so it is a great place to build the skate ramp. Also regular volleyball is currently underway and an application for FIFA for children's soccer posts has been made.

The youth are very excited about the skate ramp and are learning new skills from the skate man himself.