



REPORT OF THE COOK ISLANDS TRUSTEES

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1. MATAVERA KUMITI OIRE – MAINTAIN/CLEAN WATER STATION



Matavera CICC Church, Location of one of the three water stations in Matavera – A central hub of the village.

The Matavera Water Station was opened on 9 Sept 2015 by the Hon. Kiriau Turepu, Member of Parliament for the village of Matavera, with the generous support of the Cook Foundation. The water station provides filtered, ultraviolet (UV) treated water safe for Matavera Village community to drink.

The village of Matavera, with support from the Cook Foundation, now boast three water stations, providing clean drinking water for the people of Matavera. The Stations are serviced regularly by a local community member and is relied on by the whole community for clean drinking water. The Cook Foundation continues to support the water stations with financial assistance to purchase replacement water filters, general maintenance and cleaning services.

The island of Rarotonga has experienced more than normal rainfall and filters have had to be cleaned and changed quite frequently to maintain quality drinking water for the community. This request for assistance approved by the Cook Foundation recognises the importance of quality drinking water for a healthier community, providing financial assistance for water filters, general maintenance and cleaning during the period January – September 2018.

CREATIVE TRAIL COMMITTEE – WALKING FOR THE CREATIVE CENTRE

The Creative Centre was founded in 2002 and is a day centre that provides care and activities for people with special needs over the age of 16. The centre aims to find pathways to as much independence as possible for people with special needs, and includes activities, lessons about various crafts and visits to events and community. The centre is necessary service, providing a positive and happy place for Cook Islanders with special needs, and is not possible without the support of sponsors, fundraising activities, and donor funding. The centre opens 48 weeks of the year and closes of the Christmas and New Year period.



A few Creative Centre Members on an outing



Walking the Te Araroa Trail for the Creative Centre, Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

After a visit to the Rarotonga Creative Centre, local resident James Talbot was so moved by what he saw he decided to put effort into raising funds to support the Creative Centre in a big way. With the support of his wife Ani, he committed to, and took on the challenge, to walk the length of New Zealand to raise money for the Rarotonga Creative Centre, specifically facilities for overnight respite care.

Talbot is an experienced hiker, who has completed many of New Zealand's trails. He will walk the 3500 kilometres beginning at Bluff, the southernmost point of the South Island, and ending at the tip of the North Island, Cape Reinga (Te Ara Roa Trail) within 5 months. The trek has been named the Creative Trail and James the Creative Hiker, in honour of the Creative Centre, its students and staff.

The Cook Foundation approved a request received from the Creative Trail Committee for financial contribution, towards specialised equipment, food etc to enable James fundraising venture.

James had raised \$19,080 at the end of May 2019.