

# Cook Islands



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On the 9th May at Princess Anne Hall CIBA Development Team Ngaoa Ranginui, John Taulu & Eric Gamez delivered a ShuttleTime Teachers Course as part of the College ShuttleTime programme. Teachers from the Colleges around the island



Kia Orana kotou katoatoa!

2015 was a great year for Cook Islands badminton which saw many historic 'firsts' for the association.

- The first Cook Island Representatives to compete in an international event at the Oceania Badminton Championships in February in New Zealand. Meitaki maata John Taulu, Ngaoa Ranginui and Kate Scott for your tremendous effort.
- The first Cook Islander to be elected to the Oceania Badminton Board, Congratulations Gail Eraio
- The first Inter-College Badminton Tournament held at Princess Anne Hall on June 26th.
- The first time Badminton has ever featured in the Cook Islands Games and lastly,
- The first time for the Cook Islands National Badminton Championships that were held in December.
   Congratulations Eric Gamez and Ngaoa Ranginui our first Mens and Womens Singles Champions for 2015-2016

It has been CIBA's goal to focus on junior development in the schools and the community by providing development programmes like ShuttleTime and making badminton more accessible. Already we have identified potential within our schools and hope to form development squads to compete at competitions in the region.

None of this would have been possible if it weren't for the hardworking committee and supporters who have generously given their time to ensure badminton is nurtured and most of all enjoyed by all.

CIBA thanks all its key stakeholders, sponsors and it's players for their support throughout the year and we look forward to continuing to build on those relationships in 2016

Kia Manuia.

Thomas Mereana-Ngauru PRESIDENT



In February 2015 Cook Islands Badminton Association were advised that Oceania Badminton would be conducting a Player Pathway workshop in conjunction with the Oceania Badminton Championships being held at North Harbour Badminton Centre, Forrest Hill and the Oceania AGM in Northcote, Auckland, New Zealand. Cook Islands Badminton Association felt that this was a good time to widen our knowledge and just gain firsthand experience of the many facets of badminton outside the Cook Islands.

## Oceania Badminton Championships



The Cook Islands were invited to take part in the Oceania Championships which are held annually and would be a great opportunity for us to compete with other pacific island players in the region. The Cook Islands entered 3 players namely Ms Ngaoa Ranginui, Mr John Taulu and Ms Kate Scott. Kate is a young Cook Island player living in Hastings, New Zealand who represented the Cook Islands in the Singles Event and partnered up with Ngaoa in the doubles. Ngaoa & John paired up for the Mixed doubles and Singles Events as well as John partnering up with David Yao from Guam for the Mens Doubles event as Guam had only one player. David then paired up with Kate for the Mixed Doubles Event.



While none of our teams won their games our players held their own and each player came away from the tournament with increased game knowledge and a bigger appreciation of what to expect when playing in International tournaments. Hebrew Tom joined the team to participate in the umpires and lines judges training which was conducted during the Oceania Championships. Along with Ngaoa and Kate they were allocated games to practise their linesman and umpiring skills. There was also time to go through the event management and tournament organising to capture the amount of work and detail that goes into organising such an event in the anticipation that one day we will be able to host similar events in the Cooks. The team were accommodated at the North Shore Motel and Holiday Park where we were also joined by Kate's mum Nga Scott who drove up from Hastings. We shared a 2 bedroom self-contained Lodge for the week. Transport was provided to the North Shore Stadium although as we did have our own vehicles they were used quite frequently. The trip was an eye opener and we look forward to the next competition. By Gail Eraio







# Player Pathway Plan Workshop

Ian Wright of Badminton World Federation (BWF) and Chris Solly, a Director of World Academy of Sport conducted this 3 day Workshop at the Poenamu Hotel in Northcote, Auckland, 9 - 11 February, with participants representing the countries of New Zealand, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Tahiti, Tonga, Guam, and Oceania Para-Badminton.

There were approximately 20 participants and we were divided into 4 groups. Each table was given a base plan with facts and figures relating to Badminton for a fictitious country that we had to name and design a flag The group then had to create a player pathway plan given the problems, advantages and objectives of badminton of their new nation. Our group's fictitious country was called AuCooFi being a combination of Australia, Cook Islands and Fiji. The group put together a realistic working plan for AuCooFi which would become that country's four year working plan. The AuCooFi group were Thomas Ngauru, Gail Eraio and Eric Gamez with the addition of Carline Bentley (Fiji) and Geraldine Brown (Aus), the Oceania Badminton Association President.

The workshop was very intensive with much discussion, sometimes a little bewildering but eventually very satisfying. We gained an appreciation of the standard of play, and difficulties in running badminton in the other smaller Pacific Island nations, and generally what difficulties and problems each nation had to keep playing badminton in their respective nations. At the end of the workshop when all the PPP's were presented by each group the course Directors awarded the AuCooFi group the Best PPP Award. The standard of these presentations was high and the Cook Islands were very proud to accept the honour. The Cook Islands input at this workshop showed that we have people who are committed, energetic and forward thinking heading our sport.

Following our return home the group were then required to create a PPP for their own country and submit it to Oceania Badminton. Oceania approved our Player Pathway Plan and it is now the blueprint for Cook Islands Badminton until 2020.

by Gail Eraio

## Oceania AGM

This was held on 15<sup>th</sup> February following the Oceania Championships. The Cook Islands had not ever had a representative on the Oceania Board and the CIBA committee believed that it was time we moved up the ladder of international representation and nominated our Treasurer Mrs Gail Eraio for a position on the board of the Oceania Badminton Confederation (OBF). Our nomination was successful and the Cook Islands now



have their own representative on that Board. The OBF have several meetings each year – the first one during this 2015 year was held in China. Unfortunately Gail was not able to attend as other travel arrangements had been made prior to her election and CIBA President Thomas attended as a Delegate. More knowledge, more experience! A seat on the Executive Board enables Cook Islands Badminton amongst other things, to be advised and involved in many upcoming and future international events.

by Gail Eraio



## Teachers Coaching Course

were invited to the course to prepare them for the delivery of the programme in May through June. Teachers from Tereora, Nukutere, Titikaveka & Papaaroa Colleges attended the 4 hour course covering all aspects of coaching, drills and fun activities. It was also a great opportunity to engage with the teachers while enjoying refreshments at the end of the session.



# College Programme

The ShuttleTime College program started in May and was conducted over two months during the PE classes. As the ShuttleTime School program progressed the students Coach's noticed how each of them were improving. At Nukutere a total of eight hours per week were devoted to delivering the ShuttleTime Program. A major obstacle was over come with the permission of The Catholic Diocese to mark two new badminton courts in the St Joseph's Community Hall. Due to the multiple users of the Hall another challenge was setting up and clearing of the courts before and after each session. 2015 marked the first time that badminton had ever been played in Nukutere College. Students from Years 7 to 10 showed great interest in

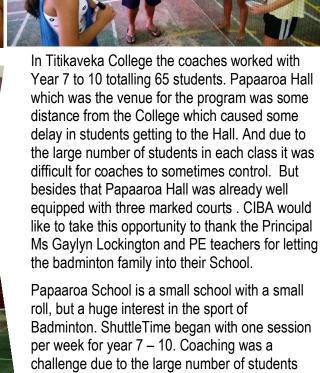


this sport and the improvement in their standard of play was reflected in their performance in the Inaugural Secondary Schools Tournament.

We would like to thank the Principal Mr George Rasmussen, Mr Bill Foster and Ms Tapu Paitai for giving CIBA the opportunity to promote the sport in their school. CIBA is extremely thankful for Oceania and BWF's continuous funding and support of the ShuttleTime programme here in the Cook Islands. Funding allowed for the Training of our teachers and coaches to deliver the Programme.







Papaaroa School is a small school with a small roll, but a huge interest in the sport of Badminton. ShuttleTime began with one session per week for year 7 - 10. Coaching was a challenge due to the large number of students waiting to get as much time at the game as possible. The students were a delight to coach. Thank you to the Staff and especially the late Greg Taikakara and students of Papaaroa School.

Tereora College Shuttle Time was already implemented so P.E HOD and staff were able to conduct their own clasess. With over hundred students in Year 9 -10 CIBA development officers were called in to assist when needed.

CIBA would like to take this opportunity to thank the coaches and volunteers for their support throughout the programme.

By Ngaoa Ranginui



# Inaugural Inter-college Tournament



For the Cook Islands this was the first Inter-college Badminton Tournament which was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the Princess Anne Hall. The college tournament was played in two grades where year 7 & 8 students competed in the Junior Division while year 9 & 10 students competed in the Senior Division. Each college selected teams to compete in Boys, Girls and Mixed doubles. The four schools who played in the College tournament namely Nukutere College, Tereora College, Papaaroa School and Titikaveka College had all been part of the 8 week Shuttletime Program. It was a great way to complete the programme with a one day tournament. The students who participated in the tournament enjoyed themselves especially the donated snack packs that were provided. it was a very competitive competition and highly successful. We would like to thank all the sponsors and volunteers who made the event a hit.



# Inter-college Tournament Results



Senior Boys Doubles Champions TEREORA COLLEGE Faatau Pepe & Toutika Ioane



Senior Girls Doubles Champions NUKUTERE COLLEGE Hailey Kainga & Emiliene Pauka



Senior Mixed Doubles Champions TEREORA COLLEGE Adoni Rairoa & Amber Mateariki



Junior Boys Doubles Champions TITIKAVEKA COLLEGE Mel Brown & Steve M Tangimetua



Junior Girls Doubles Champions NUKUTERE COLLEGE Tiare Tangi Jim & Tschan Hagai



Junior Mixed Doubles Champions PAPAAROA COLLEGE Tu Brothers & Tetia Uka



Senior Boys MVP TEREORA COLLEGE Adoni Rairoa



Senior Girls MVP NUKUTERE COLLEGE Hailey Kainga



Junior Boys MVP TITIKAVEKA COLLEGE Steve Mac Tangimetua



Junior Girls MVP NUKUTERE COLLEGE Tschan Hagai

Overall Junior Champions NUKUTERE COLLEGE

Overall Senior Champions TITIKAVEKA COLLEGE



## Shuttle Time Team Comments

Shuttle time has been a great experience for me, I really enjoyed teaching badminton in the schools. I was in charge of 3 different schools Papaaroa School, Titikaveka College and Nukutere College. I spent on average of 6 hours a week between those 3 schools. It was great to see how keen all the students were to play badminton, especially as a lot of them have never played badminton before. There are a lot of opportunities and few challenges that I have experienced during this year. The opportunities are that the students love playing badminton, they like going out of the school and doing new activity. Not many sports on the island are delivered with consistency, specific skills and a school tournament. The kids are enjoying themselves and they are experiencing success during their class that so it's no surprise they want to play more and more.

The Badminton Association is the strong body behind this achievement and it is only because of their hard work and passion that badminton has seen a huge progress in the last 2 years. As long as the committee will keep the same desire and get support from Oceania, Badminton will it get bigger and bigger in the Cook Islands.

For the challenges: We do have a small pool of players compare to others countries but we could reverse this by rising the badminton standards. For that Oceania needs to know how to build a higher profile for the sport. Badminton needs to be popular and students and teachers need to understand that is a high performance sport, for example shoes should be worn at all time during classes. Oceania should send on a regular basis some players or coaches to Rarotonga. Most of the players have no idea (in term of fitness or technical) of the Australian or New Zealand standards. One of the biggest challenge is that Badminton has limited access to Halls or Facilities. Badminton needs its own facility to move to the next level, without it there is no mid/long term development.

This is really positive and I would love to continue pushing our sport. Thank you for all the good moments and memories . Ka kite E Kia manuia

Eric Gamez

The Cook Islands Badminton Association delivered a Shuttle Time Program to 150+ senior students on Rarotonga from 4 May to 25 June 2015, and ended with our inaugural Intercollege Tournament on Friday 26 June 2015. Four colleges (Nukutere, Tereora, Papaaroa and Titikaveka) were involved in the Program. Students were aged between 13 – 16 and include male and female. The Shuttle Time program was modified to suit the limited class times, limited court space and large number of students in each class.

Contact sessions included warm up and games to teach skills. Students learnt what the sport is about, how to hold a racquet, how to serve, how to play the game, learn the rules, court boundaries, how to play doubles (tournament was for doubles only). *John Taulu* 





# Village Sports Just Play Programme

The Cook Island Badminton Association became partners with Just Play Village Festival programme last year. The programme travels once a month to each of the communities around the island promoting after school sports to 5-13yrs to be physically active and have fun within their own communities. We became involved with the programme in March 2015 at Rutaki School where 44 children from 5-12yrs attended the festival. 19 children aged 7-12yrs were questioned afterwards about which sport they preferred and 5% said they preferred Badminton

As the program progressed Badminton kept improving month by month, and so did the coaches understanding of how to deliver new tasks for each age group. And the children improved on their skills which in turn kept them interested in learning badminton.

At the end of the Just Play Village Program the Coaches had achieved 100% delivery of the message of how to play badminton in a safe environment, fair play and most importantly to enjoy the game. In total there were 809 children who were involved in the Just Play Village programme.

By Ngaoa Ranginui



## Social Badminton Nights

Badminton Social Nights are held twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm at Princess Anne Hall with racquets provided. Social Badminton nights proved hugely popular with many players taking part. The make up of players included visiting Body Surfers, staff of CITC, members of the Seventh Day Adventist congregation, visitors to Rarotonga, Ex pat's, Government & Business employees. Teachers and students from Palmerston Island here on Rarotonga for education workshops during school holidays were regular attendees. We were also very fortunate to have Tua Bishop who lives in Aitutaki, an ex Auckland Badminton Representative very kindly spend time with our players doing coaching and drills.



We played mainly at Princess Anne Hall which unfortunately was unavailable at times due to Tereora College commitments. We then played at other venues such as Papaaroa Hall (SDA) and St Josephs Hall. We were supported by the donation of racquets, shuttles and nets by Oceania Badminton. People of many walks of life who attended the social nights commented on the convivial atmosphere of the evenings which created much enjoyment and friendly competition.

By Whitney Raukete-Henry

# Cook Island Games 2015

This was the first time badminton has ever featured in the Cook Islands Games competition and was held at Princess Anne Hall on 3rd-8th August 2015. The tournament included men's, women's and mixed doubles. Teams participating were Te-au-o-tonga, Puaikura, Takitumu, Palmerston, Aitutaki and Atiu. Most teams sported their island or vaka uniforms adding to the competitive atmosphere. The games that stood out were the women's doubles Palmerston Island (Teriimaevarua Marsters & Angina Tuiravakai) played against Takitumu (Petulina Taufahema & Bernice Trego) and the men's doubles Palmerston Island (Ahkim Tikaroa & Thomas Ngauru) played against Puaikura (Eric Gamez & Roland Maru) where their competitive, long-lasting rallies had supporters and spectators on the edge of their seats. The tournament was a huge success and enjoyed by an impressive turnout of participants and supporters.

By Ahkim Tikaroa



Results
Men Doubles:

Gold: Puaikura Eric Gamez & Roland Maru
Silver: Palmerston Is Ahkim Tikaroa & Thomas Ngauru
Bronze: Atiu Steven Cuthers and Casper Mateariki

Womans Doubles:

Gold: Takitumu Ngaoa Ranginui & Denise Nanai
Silver: Aitutaki Vaevae Nanai & Eitiare Puna
Bronze: Takitumu Petulina Taufahema & Bernice Trego

Mixed Doubles:

Gold: Puaikura Eric Gamez & Ira Partarrieu
Silver: Palmerston Is Marama Marsters & Thomas Ngauru
Bronze: Takitumu Soko & Ngaoa Ranginui



# Social Business House League 2015



This was the second year running of the Badminton Business House Competition held at the Princess Anne Hall on the 12th-29th October 2015. Eight teams participated in the competition with four teams in each of the A & Social grades. The competition was a teams event made up of open and mixed doubles.

All teams looked impressive in their uniforms in an effort to stand out. Some teams had their sponsors logos with some uniforms coming all the way from NZ.

This years Business House was a huge success. There were a lot of talented players who stood out like young Marii Kaukura who helped her team to a competition win.

By Whitney Raukete-Henry

Results A Grade Champions Vaine Angaanga Toa Runner-up PHAB Shuttlers Third Place PHAB Beauties

**Social Grade Champions Best Sportsmanship Award Most Diverse Team Best Attendance Best Dressed Team** 

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**Most Entertaining Team** Mens MVP A Grade Womens MVP A Grade Mens MVP Social Grade Womens MVP Social Grade Apii McLeod

Vaiakura Kool Kids Hebrew Tom Marama Marsters Tinomana Naea





# Inaugural CI National Badminton Championships 2015

The first ever Cook Islands Nationals was held at the Princess Ann Hall on the 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The tournament featured for the first time Mens & Womans singles as well as Mens & Womans Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Upcoming Junior Hailey Kainga who has only been playing for six months showed who true potential with a stellar performance in the womens singles. She then went on to win the Woman's Doubles alongside Ngaoa Ranginui to add to her inter-college win earlier in the year. Hailey will be nomimated at the 2015 Sports awards for Junior Sportswoman of the year. Chris Nicholas is a returning player who won the Men Doubles with Stephen Cuthers. Impressive performances were given by Tinomana Naea and Adrianna Skurosz who I'm sure will be back next year with a vengeance. The prize giving was held at the Tahiti Café and was an awesome night enjoyed by all and a great end to a great year. Congratulations Eric & Ngaoa our National Champs for 2015. by Whitney Raukete-Henry

Final Results

Eric Gamez

Women's Singles Champion

**Mens Singles Champion** 

Ngaoa Ranginui

Men's Doubles Champions

Stephen Cuthers & Chris Nicholas

Women's Doubles Champions

Ngaoa Ranginui & Hailey Kainga

**Mixed Doubles Champions** 

Eric Gamez & Ira Partarrieu

Runner-up

Stephen Cuthers

Runner-up

Adrianna Skurosz

Runner-up

Eric Gamez & Hebrew Tom

Runner-up

Adrianna Skurosz & Marama Marsters

Runner-up

Thomas Ngauru & Marii Kaukura





## Fundraising



The Cook Islands Badminton first fundraiser for 2015 was held on 30 January 2015 selling plates of chicken curry. The target was to sell 50 plates at \$10.00 and it was a successful fundraiser. The total raised was \$500. The fundraiser was to help our two Badminton Reps John Taulu and Ngaoa Ranginui to travel to New Zealand and compete at the Oceania Badminton Championship held in Auckland from 12-15 February 2015.

The second fundraiser was Ura Fitness which was held on 8th April 2015 at Princess Anne Hall. This attracted a major turnout and was a successful afternoon with locals and tourists turning up for the event. There were spot and door prizes and the best Ura outfit costume prizes were given to the oldest and the youngest people. There was also

a sausage sizzle which went down well after the hearty workout. This raised a total of \$545. The funds raised were to help to develop and promote Badminton in the Cook Islands through ShuttleTime. Monies would help cover additional expensives for the upcoming college programme and Tournament. Another fundraiser was held on 24th June 2015 which was a quick raffle. A total of 10 prizes to the value of \$30 each was donated by the committee members. All tickets were sold an a total of \$500 was raised. The Badminton committee would like to thank everyone that helped and supported these fundraisers.



By Ahkim Tikaroa

# Equipment Donation



Cook Islands Badminton has been very fortunate to be the recipients of some very generous equipment donations in 2015. In February we received over 100 quality Yonex racquets courtesy of Yonex manufacturers in Japan along with Yonex playing tops. This equipment was specifically aimed at our Juniors who have made huge advances partly due to the improved racquets and gear. One of our greatest challenges we have had in the past was our inabilitity to re-string racquets which we would have to send to NZ. But thanks to BWF we received a brand new stringing machine, strings and equipment so now we can re-string racquets without delay. Meitaki Maata BWF, Oceania and Yonex for your support



Adrianna Skurosz Oh my gosh I didn't realise I made it all the way here! Like · Reply · Message · February 3 at 10:33pm



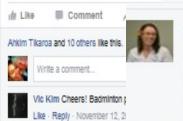
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In March 2015 The Badminton Cook Islands Facebook page received 300 likes. The likes started growing when the page was updating more on what was happening in the community getting children involved in the sport. Fundraising was posted on the facebook page including selling plates of food, Ura Fitness and sausage sizzle and a quick raffle. Competitions were posted on facebook including Cook Island Games, Cook Island Intercollege Tournament, Business House and Cook Islands National Championship. As of today the facebook page is sitting on 1241 likes. by Whitney Raukete-Henry



Adrianna Skurosz Well done girls!

Like · Reply · February 3 at 10:34pm



Nadia Bleaken fabulous work team!! great to see so many happy people enjoying badminton!!!

Like · Reply · Message · November 23, 2015 at 11:55am

## Media

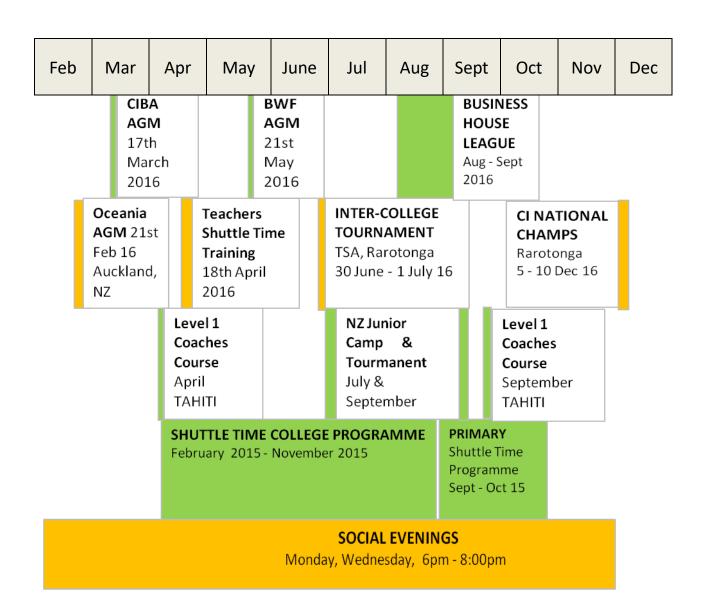
CIBA to start social badminton



Badminton was well covered in 2015 from the Cook Islands Games, Cook Islands Intercollege Tournament, Business House to the Cook Islands National Championship and more. It was a great way to raise awareness in the community and gain momentum for the code.



## Cook Islands Badminton Association Calendar of Events for 2016



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#### **COOK ISLANDS BADMINTON ASSOCIATION**

#### **Financial Statement for 2015**

#### **SUMMARY**

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## **AUDIT REPORT**

To The Readers of the Financial Statements of

#### Cook Islands Badminton Association

We have audited the attached financial statements of the Cook Islands Badminton Association. The financial statements provide information on the financial performance and its financial position for the year ending 31 December 2015. This information is stated in accordance with the generally accepted accounting practices and principles appropriate for nonprofit organisations.

#### Responsibilities of the Executives of the Society

The Executives of the Society are responsible for the preparation of its financial statements which give a true and fair view of the financial position and the results of its operation as at 31 December 2015.

#### Responsibilities of the Auditor

It is our responsibility as auditors to express an independent opinion on the financial statements presented by the Executives of the Society and report accordingly.

#### **Basis of Opinion**

The audit includes examining on a random test basis accounting records and other evidence relevant to the amounts disclosed in the financial statements. We obtained all the information and explanations we considered necessary and assurances that the financial statements are free from significant misstatements, whether caused by error or fraud.

We have no other interest with the Society, other than our capacity as auditors.

#### **Unqualified Opinion**

In our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept and the financial statements of the Cook Islands Badminton Association comply with generally accepted accounting practice and give a true and fair view of its financial position and the results of its operation as at 31 December 2015.

Our audit was completed on 10 February 2016 and our opinion expressed at that date.

#### DYER ACCOUNTING

Po:

Tua P Dyer

# Acknowledgement

CIBA would like to thank the following key stakeholders and sponsors for their contributions in 2015

**Badminton World Federation** 

Oceania Badminton Federation

Cook Islands Sports & National Olympic Committee

Tereora College (Princess Anne Hall)

Papaaroa Adventist Hall

St Joseph Community Hall

Rarotonga Primary Schools & Colleges

Te Kainga O Pa Taunga

**Highland Paradise** 

PHAB Pharmacy

**TOA Gas** 

Hightide Bar & Grill

Café Salsa

**RSA** 

Primefood

Avarua Bakery

Rarocars

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