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Newsletter

### **Official Opening of Vava'u Judicial Residence**

- The Residence was Officially Opened by the Governor of Vava'u, Lord Fakatulolo on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2019 who was also the guest of honor at this event. This project was funded by the Government of Tonga with construction services provided by Havea Taione Construction. In attendance were the Hon. Minister of Justice and Prisons, Sione Vuna Fa'otusia, the Acting CEO, Temaleti Manakovi Aleamotu'a Pahulu as well Magistrates and staff of the Ministry. Other officials from both government and the private sector of Vava'u were present.



### **Retirement of Principal Magistrate Paula Penisimani Tatafu**

-In conjunction with the opening of the new Vava'u Judicial Residence, the Ministry of Justice and Prisons were able to host a farewell dinner at Neiafu, Vava'u to mark the retirement of Principal Magistrate Paula Penisimani Tatafu. This was an enjoyable occasion for Principal Magistrate Tatafu as he was joined by his former staff members at Vava'u Magistrate Court, family members, relatives and close friends as well as other Heads of Government Ministries in Vava'u. The Minister of Justice and Prisons, Hon. Sione Vuna Fa'otusia, Governor of Vava'u, Lord Fakatulolo and the Acting CEO, Temaleti. M. A. Pahulu and other senior staff were also present.

- Principal Magistrate Tafa'u entered public service as a Police Constable on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1968 and was appointed as a Police Magistrate on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, 1991. Throughout his time as a member of the Magistracy, Principal Magistrate Tafa'u was promoted to several senior positions of Senior Magistrate and later to his position as Principal Magistrate. Principal Magistrate worked tirelessly whilst being a member of the Magistracy, he will be missed by his colleagues and staff. The Ministry of Justice and Prisons would like to wish him good health in his future endeavours



#### Amnesty Project

- The Amnesty Programme for Late Registration of Births (ALRB 2019) was initiated by the Ministry and funded by UNICEF under its Child Protection Program, took place Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019. The objective was to register all births that have occurred in Tonga of living non-registered individuals and those late registrations were free of charge. At present the following results were obtained from the said project:

LATE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS		
District	Number of Forms	Granted
Tongatapu	510	18
Vava'u	12	10
Ha'apai	34	34
'Eua	5	5
WEDLOCK APPLICATIONS		
All Districts	139	



## CEO Appointment

- Mrs Temaleti Manakovi Aleamotu'a Pahulu of Kolomotu'a was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer for the Ministry of Justice for a four year term. She has been the Acting CEO since the said position became vacant in 2018 .

Mrs Pahulu holds a Bachelor of Laws (1992) from the University of East London, United Kingdom, and a Bachelor of Arts in History and Anthropology (1985) from the University of Auckland, New Zealand. She first entered into the civil service in 1986 as a Senior Executive Officer at the Supreme Court, and in between her studies served in the Crown Law Department, the Supreme Court Registry, and the Ministry of Justice. She was appointed Chief Registrar of the Supreme Court in 2007, and in 2009 was a Relieving Magistrate in the Magistrates Court. Mrs Pahulu became the Deputy Secretary in the Registrar General's Office from 2012 until her recent appointment to CEO of Justice. We wish her well and congratulate her as she embarks on her new responsibilities in the Ministry of Justice.



### LCJ Farewell

- As we approach the ending of July, we also are bidding farewell to Lord Chief Justice Owen Paulsen and his wife Sarah who have been serving in this capacity for the last four years. A farewell dinner was hosted in their honor at Lunarossa Restaurant with the Hon. Minister of Justice, CEO Temaleti Manakovi Aleamotu'a Pahulu and Divisional Heads. They are expected to return to New Zealand on the last day of the month, we send our love and well wishes as they return home.



### **Untimely Passing of Mr. Uluilakepa Latu**

- The Ministry unfortunately experienced in May the loss of Mr. Uluilakepa Latu, Computer Operator Grade III/'Eua Sub-Branch. Mr. Latu was transferred and promoted from the Ministry of Internal Affairs into the position he held on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. He was laid to rest on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, May 2019 surrounded by loved ones, co-workers, families and friends.

### **Public Service Day**

The Ministry took part in the programs provided by the Public Service Commission, but the highlight was the Public Service Day Booth on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. Our staff went beyond expectations and portrayed the exactness of the services provided by the Ministry and especially the issuing of marriage license. We thank the Public Service Commission for the opportunity to work alongside line Ministries during this event.





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