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## PROGRAMMES

### BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS WELCOME & OPENING CEREMONY

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2021, Orongo, Arutanga, Aitutaki

#### OFFICIAL PROGRAM:

M.C.'s: Sonny Williams and Retire Puapii

8.30am: Band entertains as Invited Guests and the Public arrive and are seated.

#### SPECIAL VIP ARRIVALS & WELCOMES

9.00 am: Arrival of the **Mayor of Aitutaki, His Worship Mr. Tekura Bishop and Mrs Bishop**  
Met by the CEO of the Aitutaki Island Administration and escorted to their seats.

**All stand for the raising of the Aitutaki Island flag, followed by the Aitutaki Island Anthem led by the Boys Brigade brass band and sung by all present**

*All following VIP's shall be met by the Mayor of Aitutaki, His Worship Mr. Tekura Bishop and will be escorted to their allocated seats.*

9.10 am: Arrival of the **Religious Advisory Council of Aitutaki (RAC-A)**, led by **Chairman Rev. Frank Williams**

9:20 am: Arrival of the **Religious Advisory Council of Rarotonga (RAC)**, led by **Chairman Bishop Tutai Pere**

**All stand for the raising of the CICC and LMS flags, followed by the CICC Anthem led by the Arutanga CICC and sung by all present**

9.30 am: Arrival of the **Ui Ariki o Araura**

9:40 am: Arrival of the **President of the House of Ariki, Kaumaiti Nui, Tou Travel Ariki and Tou Vaine**

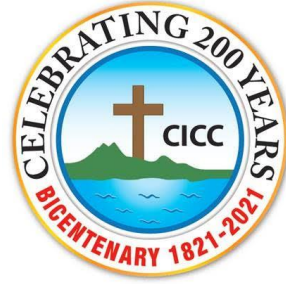
**All stand for the raising of the House of Ariki flag followed by the House of Ariki Anthem led by Andre Tapena and sung by all present**

9.50 am: Arrival of the **Prime Minister of the Cook Islands the Hon. Mark Brown & Mrs. Brown.**

**All stand for the raising of the National flag of the Cook Islands and the National Anthem of the Cook Islands led by the Boys Brigade brass band and sung by all present**

10:00am **ORDER OF PROGRAM**

1. **PRAYER SERVICE** by the Religious Advisory Council of Aitutaki
  2. **WELCOME ADDRESS** by the Chairman of the 200 Years Bicentennial Organizing Committee, Pastor Charlie Taamo
  3. **ADDRESS** by Tamatoa Ariki, Teao Tangaroa
  4. **ADDRESS** by the Kaumaiti, Tou Travel Ariki
  5. **Bi-centennial song Performance** by Aitutaki singers
  6. **ADDRESS** by the Religious Advisory Council of Aitutaki, Rev. Frank Williams
  7. **ADDRESS** by the Religious Advisory Council of Rarotonga, Bishop Tutai Pere
  8. **Bi-centennial song Performance** by Aitutaki singers
  9. **ADDRESS** by the Mayor of Aitutaki, His Worship Tekura Bishop
  10. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** by the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands Hon. Mark Brown and to **Officially Declare Open the “200 Years Celebration of the Arrival of the Gospel to the Cook Islands”**
  11. **Bi-centennial Theme song Performance** by Cook Islands singers
  12. **Cultural performance** by the Aitutaki Cultural Performing Arts Team
- **Lunch** Closing Prayer and Grace by the Aitutaki RAC.
  - *All partake of lunch, with entertainment from the band and singers*



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## BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS COMMEMORATION DAY

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Orongo, Arutanga, Aitutaki

### Part 1 – AWAKENING TO A NEW DAWN – Orongo Park

5:00am Prayer

The sound of drums to awaken the people of Aitutaki. Starting from Orongo park, opposite the BCI bank, the truck with drummers and the pulsating sound of Cook Island drum beats drive around the island for the traditional awakening of the island.

### Part 2 – TAMA TIKI TAMA RANGI – Arutanga Wharf

6:00am Starting at the sea end of the wharf – the procession will head to the north-eastern side of the Orongo park led by two missionaries holding an archaic Bible

People chanting and drums beating as they follow the Bible heading towards Orongo Park

Procession, chanting and drumming end when they arrive at the Commemorative Stone

### Part 3 – UNVEILING OF BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE STONE – Orongo Park

#### Order of Unveiling:

1. Queen's Representative, H.E. Sir Tom Marsters,
2. Tamatoa Ariki
3. Prime Minister, Hon. Mark Brown and the Mayor of Aitutaki, Mr Tekura Bishop,
4. Religious Advisory Council of Rarotonga, Bishop Tutai Pere and Religious Advisory Council of Aitutaki, Rev Frank Williams

- **Background of the Stone** – Aitutaki Representative: the stone signifies the past 200 years of Christianity and looks forward to the next 200 years of Christianity in the Cook Islands
- **Blessing** – of the commemorative stone by Aitutaki RAC

- **Closing Prayer** – By Aitutaki RAC

**PART 4 - OFFICIAL COMMEMORATION PROGRAM - Orongo**

M.C.'s: Sonny Williams and Retire Puapii

8:30am: Band entertains - all guests and public to be seated.

**Specials VIP Arrivals and Welcomes**

8.40am: Arrival of the **Mayor of Aitutaki, His Worship, Mr. Tekura Bishop and Mrs Bishop**  
Met by Secretary of the Aitutaki Island Administration. Escorted to their seats

*All VIP's shall be met by the Mayor of Aitutaki, His Worship Mr. Tekura Bishop and will be escorted to their allocated seats.*

8.50am Arrival of the **Cook Islands Christian Church, President, Rev. Tuaine Ngametua**  
Arrival of the **Religious Advisory Council of Aitutaki (RACA), led by Chairman Rev. Frank Williams**

9.00am: Arrival of the **Religious Advisory Council of Rarotonga (RAC), led by Chairman Bishop Tutai Pere & Mrs. Pere.**

9.10am Arrival of the **Ui Ariki o Araura.**

9.20am: Arrival of the **Ui Ariki o te Kuki Airani, led by Kaumaiti Nui (President of the House of Ariki), Travel Tou Ariki & Mrs. Tou.**

9.30am: Arrival of the **Deputy Leader of the Opposition Hon. William Heather & Mrs Heather.**

9.40am: **Arrival of the Prime Minister, Hon. Mark Brown & Mrs. Brown.**

**All stand and remaining standing for the National Anthem of the Cook Islands**

9.50am Arrival of the Queen's Representative, **H.E. Sir Tom Marsters & Lady Marsters.**

**All stand and remain standing for the Queen's Anthem**

**SPECIAL COMMEMORATION PRAYER SERVICE**

10:00am **NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS RINGING OF BELLS TO COMMEMORATE THE BICENTENNIAL**  
*(For 2 minutes – signifying 1min for each 100yrs)*

**ORDER OF SERVICE:**

1. **Opening Invocation** by the Aitutaki Religious Advisory Council
2. **Tatau Tuatua** – Rev Ngarangi Tuakana (Vaipae)
3. **Prayer** – Rev Tuakeu Daniel (Tautu)
4. **Special Message** – Chairman of RAC, Bishop Tutai Pere
5. **Imene Reo Metua** – “Tae’anga Evangelia na Araura”
6. **Sermon** - President of CICC – Rev. Tuaine Ngametua
7. **Imene Apii Sabati** – Araura Enuā

8. **Prayer & Vesper** – Aitutaki Religious Advisory Council

- **Proceed to Ziona Tapu for Unveiling of Bicentennial Plaques**

**Part 5 - UNVEILING OF BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES - Arutanga CICC Church**

11:00am **ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS:**

**1. Background on the Plaques**

- Director, CICC Bicentennial Celebrations Unit, Mr Tangata Vainerere

**2. Order of Unveiling**

a. 1<sup>st</sup> Tivaivai

- Queen's Representative, H.E. Sir Tom Marsters,
- Kaumaiti Nui, Travel Tou Ariki,
- Mayor of Aitutaki, Mr Tekura Bishop,
- Rep. of John Williams, Rep. of Papeiha, Rep of Vahapata

b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tivaivai

- Tamatoa Ariki Representative,
- President of CICC – Rev. Tuaine Ngametua;
- Prime Minister of the Cook Islands - Hon. Mark Brown;
- Ngati Tepaki Representative (Taunga Tetoa-Kaora-Tapa-Mereana)

**3. Unveiling of Papeiha Plaque**

- Representatives of Papeiha Family

**4. Dedication of Plaques** by the President of the CICC, Rev Tuaine Ngametua

**5. Presentation of Gifts** by H.E. Sir Tom Marsters and Lady Marsters

- **End of unveiling** - all proceed to Lunch area at Punakiore

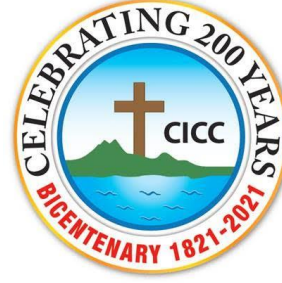
**Part 6 – LUNCH, KAINGA MANGA – Punakiore (option at Orongo Park)**

12:00pm **Grace** by the Aitutaki Religious Advisory Council

**Part 7 – NUKU RE-ENACTMENT of the ARRIVAL OF CHRISTIANITY TO ARAURA ENUA ON 26th OCT, 1821**

1:30pm **Nuku Re-enactment begins**

- **Closing Prayer** at the end by the Aitutaki Religious Advisory Council



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## BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS CLOSING CEREMONY

Monday 01<sup>st</sup> November 2021, Orongo, Arutanga, Aitutaki

### OFFICIAL PROGRAM:

M.C.s' Sonny Williams and Retire Puapii

5:00pm Band entertains – all guests to be seated

### VIP ARRIVALS

5.10pm: Arrival of the **Mayor of Aitutaki, His Worship, Mr. Tekura Bishop and Mrs Bishop** Met by Secretary of the Aitutaki Island Administration. Escorted to their seats

*All VIP's shall be met by the Mayor of Aitutaki, His Worship Mr. Tekura Bishop and will be escorted to their allocated seats.*

5.15pm Arrival of the **Religious Advisory Council of Aitutaki (RAC)**, led by Chairman

5.25pm: Arrival of the **Religious Advisory Council of Rarotonga (RAC)**, led by Chairman

5.35pm Arrival of the **Ui Ariki o Araura**.

5.45pm: Arrival of the **Ui Ariki o Te Kuki Airani**, led by Kaumaiti Nui Travel Tou & Mrs. Tou

5.55pm: Arrival of the **Minister for RAC**, Hon. George Angene & Mrs. Angene

6:00pm **ORDER OF PROGRAM**

1. **Prayer Service** by the **Religious Advisory Council of Aitutaki**
  2. **ADDRESS** by the **Chairman of the 200 years Organizing Committee, Pastor Charlie Taamo**
  3. **ADDRESS** by the **Chairman of the Religious Advisory Council of Aitutaki**
  4. **Bi-centennial Song** performed by Aitutaki singers
  5. **ADDRESS** by the **His Worship the Mayor of Aitutaki, Mr. Tekura Bishop**
  6. **ADDRESS** by the **Minister for RAC, Hon. George Angene** and to **Officially Close** the "200 Years Celebration of the Arrival of the Gospel to the Cook Islands"
  7. **Bi-centennial Theme Song** Performance by Cook Island Singers and dancers
- **Closing Prayer and Grace** - Aitutaki RAC