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One female candidate make it through the National General Election

By Pua Pedro & Semi Malaki

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*Dr Puakena Boreham-one of the three female candidates got elected from Nui Electoral District
Photo: Kuata Taumaheke*

FOLLOWING the National General Election on Tuesday March 31, 2015, the Electoral Commission announced the final results over night on Radio Tuvalu after the counting completed.

As a result, 12 former Member of Parliaments from the past government were re-elected, and nine are from the previous government.

Nui has two new Members of Parliament who contended for the first time and made it through to parliament.

They include Dr Puakena Boreham and Businessman McKenzie Kiritome. Dr Boreham is one of two female candidates

vying for the two seats of the Nui Electoral District and she is now the only female Member of Parliament who made it through this election.

Caretaker Minister of Finance Matia Toafa was re-elected from the Nanumea Electoral District with fellow MP Satini Manuela.

Hon Otinielu Tauteleimalae Tausi, the former Speaker to Parliament was also elected by the Nanumaga Electoral District together with Caretaker Minister of Communication and Transport Monise Lafai.

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From the Electoral District of Niutao, Fauoa Maani the Caretaker Minister of Education, Youth and Sports was re-elected with Sam P Teo a former politician from Niutao who had been a Member of Parliament in the past years.

Apisai Ielemia was re-elected by the Vaitupu Electoral District alongside fellow politician Hon Taukelina Finikaso who looked after the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade, Tourism, Environment and Labor.

The two seats on Nukufetau Electoral District had already returned the two sitting MPs which include the Caretaker Prime Minister Hon Enele Sosene Sopoaga and Elisala Pita who was Caretaker Minister of Natural Resources.

The two Members of Parliament from the Funafuti Electoral District Kausea Natano and Kamuta Latasi who were elected in past General Election four years ago were re-elected yesterday.

The one-seat from the Electoral District of Nukulaelae was unchallenged therefore Namoliki Sualiki Neemia was automatically re-elected as Nukulaelae Member of Parliament ■

The general election function at the Vaiaku Falekaupule is running smoothly

By Famomoi Niukena

VOTE casting for the two communities - Vaitupu and Nui on Funafuti at the Vaiaku Falekaupule successfully completed although it started late, according to report received.

Secretary from the Electoral Commission Tepaukie Sotaga, said that the elections at the Vaiaku Falekaupule went on smoothly today without any problems.

He said that the total number of people registered for Vaitupu was one

thousand two hundred and seventy three, and four hundred and sixty four voters of Vaitupu on the capital casted their votes today.

The register for Nui carried seven hundred and seventy nine registrations and three hundred and thirty six voters of Nui on Funafuti casted their votes today.

The nominees for Nui Island comprises Leneuoti Peau Maatusi, Mackenzie Kiritome, Palamene Anelu, Pelenike Tekinene Isaia, Puakena Boreham and Taom Tanukale .

The Five nominees for Vaitupu Isand included Apisai Ielemia, Foliaki Paolo, Melton Paka Tauetia, Muau Monise and Taukelina Finikasoo.

The counting of votes for elections on Funafuti is still underway at the Tausoa Lima Falekaupule ■

Tuvalu went to the poll on Tuesday March 31, 2015

By Diana Semi

THE National General Election for Tuvalu has successfully completed today without any hassles, as witnessed by Tuvalu news.

People of Funafuti and the Nannumaga Community had their polls at the Tausoalima Falekaupule, commencing right at eight o'clock this morning, closing at four o'clock this afternoon.

Returning Officer for Funafuti – Uluaio Lauti says, this election went on smoothly and quickly compared to the past general elections where voters rushed to polling stations to cast their vote just before closing time and after closing time at four o'clock.

He said that all the voters in the queue at the falekaupule casted their votes before closing time but he is not sure whether there are voters who didn't turn up to cast their votes.

Radio Tuvalu witnessed that one of the voters turned up after four o'clock to cast his vote but was unable to enter the Falekaupule as the doors were closed at the closing time of elections.

Lauti adds, counting of votes started straight after the closing time, beginning with those of island communities on the capital as their counts will be sent to their respective islands to be added to their counts before the overall results are forwarded to the Office of the Prime Minister to be announced.

Funafuti will be the last to be counted, says Lauti.

The results were announced directly from the office of elections in the government building, by the Commissioner of Elections.

Transmission for General election took media staff till dawn

By Diana Semi



Radio Tuvalu announcer Fousema Talua monitoring the live transmission of the General Election
Photo: Pua Pedro

STAFF of the Tuvalu Broadcasting Corporation were on duty for over twenty four hours in the special transmission for the National General Election on March 31st 2015.

The transmission commenced right from morning yesterday until evening, and extended to dawn this morning in order for all election results to be an-

nounced to the public.

The special transmission then continued to the normal transmission of Radio at six o'clock this morning Tuesday 1st of April until close of transmission at nine o'clock.

Tuvalu Nationals abroad were able to hear Radio Tuvalu's updates of the National General Election, news reports, other programmes and announcement of results of the National general election via radio, radio internet and posts on social websites.

Editor of the Tuvalu news team Yvette D'Unienville in their Editorial meeting this morning thanked all the reporters and presenters for their hard work in collecting updates from each polling station on the capital as well as the outer islands, and attending to their duties for the whole night until morning.

Reports state that this year's National General Elections is similar to the National General Election in 20110 where the radio transmission also extended.

A listener says she expects all the results of this National Election to have been out right before midnight as the number of islands that went through elections is less by two due to uncontested votes ■

More than ten locals traveled on the MV Komaiwai missed out on National General Election

By Kuata Taumaheke

MORE than ten locals traveled on the Mv Komaiwai late to the National General Election according to report received.

In an interviewed with one of the locals Mr Semi Malaki – he says that the vessel departed Nanumea on Monday morning around ten o'clock and the election was on the following day which they miss out.

He said that arrangement were made with the captain and the agent however the company that chartered the vessel were not in favor of the issue.

The MV Komaiwai left on its previous trips to the northern islands to drop off relief supplies and volunteers from the Tuvalu Red Cross Society traveled on this voyage to assist victims of tropical cyclone PAM.

The vessel was chartered by a New Zealand company to uplift cargoes for the solar projects on Nanumaga and Nanumea islands.

Most of the locals onboard Mv Komaiwai are from Nanumaga Island.

Fenui learns that the responsibility company that charter the vessel requested the early departure of the vessel to the capital. The vessel arrived the capital this morning at eight o'clock ■

RESULTS OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL ELECTION 2015

Nanumea

David Manuella- 273
Hilia Vavae- 229
Kata Pulusi- 36
Matia Toafa – 515
Satini Manuella – 524

Niutao

Fauoa Maani- 328
Iopu Kaisala - 165
Sam P Teo – 410
Tavau Teii - 90
Toomu Sione- 300
Vete P Sakaio – 142

Vaitupu

Apisai Ielemia – 693
Foliaki Paolo- 171
Melton Paka Tauetia - 481
Muau Monise – 2
Taukelina Finikasoo – 574

Nanumaga

Lutelu Faavae – 242
Monise Lafai – 315
Otinielu Tauteleimalae Tausi-
327

Nui

Lenuoti Peau Maatusi – 227
Makenzie Kiritome- 249
Palamene Anelu – 152
Pelenike Tekinene Isaia – 150
Puakena Boreham- 237
Taom Tanukale – 53

Funafuti

Kausea Natano – 423
Kamuta Latasi - 372
Puga Naseli – 206
Kalepou Tili - 125

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