

## **It's time for Peoples Choice – Nominations OPEN!**

The Cook Islands Tourism Industry Council is asking the public to nominate individuals they think have made an outstanding or lifetime contribution to the industry in this country.

People are being asked to look back over the history of tourism in these islands and to think of individuals worthy of two special awards; one for most outstanding contribution to tourism and the second for a lifetime achievement in tourism.

Nominations for these special awards will be the people's choice. Nominations need to be in by the end of March. People wishing to nominate should consult the Tourism Industry Council website at [www.tourismindustry.co.ck](http://www.tourismindustry.co.ck)

For further information on the awards go to [www.tourismindustry.co.ck](http://www.tourismindustry.co.ck) or email [ci.tourism.awards@gmail.com](mailto:ci.tourism.awards@gmail.com)

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## **Our Tourism Industry Stands with Fiji**

After a successful weekend of Fundraising for the Fiji Cyclone Appeal the total raised in the Cook Islands is fast approaching the \$100,000 mark. The momentum is continuing with preparations progressing for an event at Maire Nui Gardens on March 12th to support our Pacific neighbours.

Confirmed prize donations have been received from Pacific Resorts Ltd., Nautilus Resort, Manea Beach Villas, Seachange Villas, Little Polynesian, Heliconia Hideaway and pledges from several others. The event will see entertainment from local performers and the Fijian Community, Food Stalls, Beverage Stalls, Kids Activities, Fundraising activities and a major Raffle and Auction.

Spokesman for the event, Ben Plummer, states, "We have all been touched by the images and stories of the devastation Cyclone Winston caused. Now, more than ever, our support is needed in assisting all those affected in rebuilding homes and rebuilding lives. As the spotlight in the local and international press moves to other concerns, it is important to remember that the rebuilding process will take months, if not years and support will need to continue for that time. We urge all individuals & businesses to get behind this event to