



TE MAEVA NUI 2026

OFFICIAL OPENING & FLOAT PARADE PROGRAM

Friday 24th July 2026

Location / Venue: Round-About / Avarua Harbour... Opposite the Ministry of Justice.

TMN2026 LIGHTING OF THE TORCH:

10:30am The **TE MAEVA NUI 2026 TORCH** shall be lit at the Officer of the Prime Minister, and by the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, Hon. Mark Brown... following the lighting of the Torch, it shall depart TE ATUKURA grounds and commence its journey via the Ara Metua (Back Road) towards Pokoinu Road, Nikao... then on to the Ara Tapu (Main Road) passing the Nikao seawall heading towards Avatiu Harbour... through the Float Parade assembled at Avatiu, and will continue towards Avarua Harbour for the lighting of the Cauldron...

The TMN2026 Torch will be ceremonially borne by the Scouts Organization of the Cook Islands...

FLOAT ASSEMBLE AREA:

Floats to assemble along the main road seaside at the West Avatiu Harbor.

11:30am ALL FLOATS SHALL BE ASSEMBLED AND READY FOR PRE-JUDGING...

11:45am PRE-JUDGING SHALL COMMENCES...

12:30pm FLOATS PARADE shall proceed to Maire Nui Drive (inland side) behind the Marching Teams...

MARCHING TEAMS ASSEMBLE AREA:

12:00pm All Marching teams shall assemble from the Tumu Au, across from the Avarua Catholic Cathedral... and facing towards the Avarua Harbour...

OFFICIAL PROGRAM AT THE AVARUA HARBOUR:

M.C. Welcome and acknowledgement of the Ariki Sponsors, Partner Sponsors, invited guests and the Public... also make mention of the Government of the Cook Islands...

11:00am Entertainment shall be by Jerome and the Boys...

11:45am Invited guests are respectfully invited to be seated in preparation for the arrival of the dignitaries.

11:55am Arrival of the Minister of Cultural Development, Hon. George Angene & Mrs. Angene, met by the Secretary of Cultural Development, Mr. Emile Kairua, and escorted to their seats...



- 12:00am Arrival of the Chairman of the Religious Advisory Council (RAC), Rev. Teava Nanai & Mrs. Nanai, and to their seats...
- 12:05am Arrival of the Kaumaiti Nui (President of the House of Ariki), Travel Tou Ariki & Mrs. Tou, and escorted to their seats...
- M.C. Shall ask the dignitaries, invited guests and public to stand at the arrival of the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands...
- 12:10pm Arrival of the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, Hon. Mark Brown & Mrs. Brown, and met by the Minister Hon. George Angene and the Secretary of Cultural Development, Mr. Emile Kairua, and escorted to their seats...
- DIGNITARIES, INVITED GUESTS and the PUBLIC TO REMAIN STANDING FOR THE COOK ISLANDS NATIONAL ANTHEM...**
- 12:15pm Opening Prayer Service by the Chairman of the Religious Advisory Council, Rev. Teava Nanai of the CICC Church.
- Arrival of the TMN2026 Torch, carried by the Rarotonga Boys Scout Organization...
- Lighting of the Te Maeva Nui 2026 Flame by the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, Hon. Mark Brown.
- ADDRESS and Declaring Officially Open the 61st Constitution Celebrations “Te Maeva Nui 2026” by the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands Hon. Mark Brown.
- Welcomes the Arrival of the Floats led by the Brass Band and Uniformed Organizations.
- 2:00pm ****Float Parade Ends (approximately)**
- M.C. Closing Prayer, by the Chairman of the Religious Advisory Council, Rev. Teava Nanai of the CICC Church...
- Music and Entertainment
- Kia Orana e Kia Maeva Nui....

Note: Road Closures will commence from 11.30am onwards between Sinai Hall and Avatiu Harbour round-about.... The Public shall be asked to cooperate with our Police and the Event Organizers of the day...