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Ref: Report on Mr Temaeva Karati Disable Bathroom Renovations Takuvaine, Rarotonga.

Mr Karati is an elderly gentleman who had nine falls in his bathroom over a 3 week period. (February 2014) and was admitted to hospital after his last fall. The Occupational Therapist became concerned and approached Te Vaerua to see if we could arrange some funding to renovate the bathroom and make it safe for him and give him wheelchair access.

He had not received any income from November 2013 as he was stood down one year from getting his Cook Islands pension due to a delay of 6 months being in hospital in Australia and not medically cleared to be able to travel back to the Cook Islands. He had no personal income to help with this project.

The Cook Foundation was approached and contributed \$2,000 to the renovation.

Mr Karati remained in hospital all of March and the first two weeks of April as he was not discharged until the bathroom was completed and safe for his use. He now uses a wheelchair in his house.

On behalf of Mr Karati, Te Vaerua would like to thank the Cook Foundation for their generous contribution to this project, which has allowed an elderly man to remain in his home out of harm's way.

Meitaki Maata and Kia Manuia

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heather Webber-Aitu', is written over a light blue rectangular stamp or watermark.

Heather Webber-Aitu
Administrator
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