

# Te Kokonga Kōrero

Te Kōpere o te iwi o Hineuru Trust

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## Hineuru Settlement Second Reading

Hineuru, tēnā tātou katoa

What a wonderful day it was on 25 May 2016. It was a very big day in Parliament as our Hineuru Claims Settlement Bill was heard a second time. The Māori Affairs Select Committee members provided their views in their speeches with many recalling the events of the past that have hurt Hineuru. Meka Whaitiri spoke about the struggles for Hineuru and how they have overcome many obstacles to get here today. Pita Paraone reminded everyone of the amazing feat that Hineuru received a settlement as an iwi because his own iwi of Ngāti Hine in the north is still fighting.

As I heard the kōrero, I could not help but think of all of our Nannies and Koro, and all the Aunties and Uncles who worked tirelessly to fight for us as Hineuru people. It has been a hard road and to hear the politicians speak about our people and our suffering was truly a day where I could think about our tūpuna and say, "we are nearly there".

The second reading of our Bill means that there is only one more reading before the settlement legislation becomes an Act and our historic claims are officially completed. 20 working days after the third reading, we will receive all of the assets as this is deemed to be settlement date. The third reading will be a huge day for Hineuru and we hope that all of our whanau can join us to hear the kōrero and to remember all of those that have fought for Hineuru. Once we do hear when the third reading is, we will be contacting all of our whanau to see who is available to go down to Wellington. We know that it will be a short time between being notified and when the third hearing will be so take this as an early warning notice. We would love all of our whānau to be there.

Mai Hineuru, mo Hineuru

### TRUSTEE CORNER

Work continues for the trustees to ensure Te Kōpere is running as a multi-million dollar entity for and on behalf of Hineuru iwi. The past week we have been meeting to discuss our Statement of Investment Policy Objectives. This document will guide our investment managers on the parameters of our Hineuru investments. The statement ensures that the investment of funds is prudent with a view on growing our capital for future generations.

### Upcoming Hui

**Trustees hui** are held the third Tuesday of the month. Generally these are held at the Napier Business Hub.

## Members of Parliament speaking at the Hineuru Claims Settlement Bill Second Reading



*Clockwise from top left: Louisa Wall; The Hon Christopher Finlayson; Pita Paraone; The Hon Te Ururoa Flavell; Rino Tirikatene; Marama Fox; Tutehounuku Korako; Meka Whaitiri*

### **Hineuru Membership Committee Appointed**

The trustees have recently appointed the Hineuru membership committee to support the trust with the registration of Hineuru uri. The role of the membership committee is to review all applications for membership and ensure that the person registering meets the eligibility criteria in the Hineuru Claims Settlement Bill.

The eligibility is based on whakapapa. If you have Hineuru whakapapa, you can register to become a member of the iwi.

The benefits of being an iwi member are the receipt of communications and other benefits as a beneficiary of the Hineuru settlement. For those over 18 years of age, this includes voting in elections and on matters brought back to Hineuru by the trustees .

The membership committee has been appointed based on their expertise in Hineuru whakapapa and history. We will introduce you to them in our next panui.

We wish the Committee all the best in completing what will be a big task. It is envisaged that the Committee can also support Hineuru with future projects around our history and whakapapa.

### **Departure of Ivy Kahukiwa Smith**

The trustees were very sad to accept the resignation of Ivy Kahukiwa Smith. Ivy has provided the trustees with her resignation from Te Kōpere as a trustee stating her reasons as being that she has been made aware of information that she may be technically ineligible to continue on as a trustee.

The trustees received advice from legal counsel on the matter and we were advised that there were legal arguments to support continued eligibility and ineligibility.

However, Ivy, in her wisdom has decided that it is in the best interests of Hineuru if she stands down as a trustee to ensure that there are no potential issues in the future.

She says, “I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a trustee of Te Kōpere in these exciting times, and wish the trustees all of the success in moving our Hineuru people forward”.

The trustees have asked that Ivy continue in an operational capacity to support the completion of the settlement which she has accepted.

We wish to thank Ivy for all of her mahi as a trustee and in her role as a negotiator for Hineuru. She has provided so much to the trustees of which the value cannot be adequately measured. Nga mihi ki a koe Ivy.

There is now a vacancy on Te Kōpere. We have been advised that this vacancy does not need to be immediately filled and therefore in the interest of costs, the trustees have agreed that this position vacancy will be filled through the Te Kōpere elections.

Ivy has advised that she will not be seeking re-election.

