

Te Kokonga Korero

Te Kōpere o te iwi o Hineuru Trust

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Hineuru Third Reading

Kei aku nui, kei aku rahi, tēnā tātou katoa,

Wednesday 29 June 2016 will be remembered in our history as the day the Hineuru Claims Settlement Bill was read a third time and became law. Our histories, our struggles, the stories of our tipuna are recorded in the records of Parliament, and the politicians acknowledged our iwi.

It was a day of celebration and a day of reflection. The celebrations were to mark the fact that we have reached one of the last milestones in this journey and to celebrate the light at the end of the tunnel. The reflections were about remembering all of those Hineuru whanau who have worked tirelessly to get Hineuru iwi to this milestone. The politicians spoke about the kuia and koroua who led this charge and who have been working towards this settlement for many years. It has been a 26 year road through the Tribunal, negotiations and now settlement, but over 170 years for our tipuna. The third reading was for them.

Louisa Wall, who is one of our own, spoke in Parliament as a member of the Labour Party in support of our settlement. Her speech was really touching. She spoke about how our tipuna were attacked at Herepoho, near Ōmarunui and how our tipuna were exiled to Wharekauri. At parts, she could not contain the tears as she described eye witness accounts of the atrocities at Ngātapa Pā and our Hineuru ancestors who were killed.

The Members of Parliament commended Te Kōpere on the work that is happening to plan for the Hineuru future and wished Hineuru all of the success in the future.

This is the end of a chapter for Hineuru but the beginning of a new and prosperous chapter for our people.

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TRUSTEE CORNER

Hineuru Scholarships

The trustees would like to announce that the **Hineuru Grants and Scholarships for 2016 will open on 1 July 2016 and will close on 31 July 2016.**

There are Scholarships available for University students as well as those that align with the Strategic Plan for Hineuru. In addition, there are Hineuru grants available for those whanau who have rangatahi at primary, intermediate, and secondary school. These grants are to support the costs of schooling including uniforms, sports fees and stationery.

For more information and to download an application form, please go to our website:

www.ngatihineuru.com



Hineuru flag returns from the Crown

Following the third reading at Parliament, a special ceremony took place between the Minister for Treaty Settlement negotiations and the iwi of Hineuru.

The New Zealand flag that used to fly at Te Hāroto was returned to Hineuru in an emotional ceremony. When the Crown first met with Hineuru at the beginning of negotiations Hineuru iwi members told the Crown that they had lost faith in the Crown. Our people lowered the New Zealand flag that was flying at Te Hāroto and presented it to the Crown stating that until the Crown had regained the trust of Hineuru, the flag will not be coming back to Te Haroto.

At the signing of the Deed of Settlement in April 2015, the Crown asked if it was appropriate to return the flag to Hineuru. The negotiators said that the settlement was not yet complete and therefore faith had not been restored. It was suggested by the negotiators that the appropriate time to return the flag would be at the third reading of the settlement legislation.

Before the Minister handed the flag to Hineuru, he read out the formal apology from the Crown to Hineuru.

Following the apology he handed the flag back to Hineuru. The rangatahi of Hineuru took the Hineuru flag up to the Minister and received the NZ flag that the Crown had been given in Te Hāroto.

They held the two flags together to symbolize the restoration of trust between Hineuru and Crown and the end of the journey to settlement.

Below: Minister Finlayson and Te Kōpere Chair Tuhūiao Kahukiwa



Hineuru Elections 2016

Nomination to open soon

If you are a registered member of Hineuru and you are over the age of 18 years, you are eligible to stand for elections for Te Kōpere o te iwi o Hineuru Trust.

There will be seven positions available for elections and all registered members over the age of 18 years will be eligible to vote in the election. All eligible voters will be asked to vote for the seven members they wish to see elected on the trust.

Nominations will open in mid-July. Keep an eye out in the newspaper and the Hineuru website for details.

For more information, please see www.ngatihineuru.com

