

Te Kokonga Kōrero

Te Kōpere o te iwi o Hineuru Trust

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Whānau in Te Rongopai during our wānanga

Hineuru Reo, Hineuru Kōrero, Hineuru Tangata!

Tēnā tātou Hineuru,

On November 12, 2016, we had the privilege of holding our first Wānanga at Te Hāroto to discuss our reo, our kōrero and our hononga to Te Hāroto and to our sites of significance. We were very fortunate to have Connie Gilbert lead the kōrero on Te Hāroto Marae, some of the histories of Hineuru the tipuna, the history of the Marae, the connections between the Marae and the Ringatū and Rātana hāhi as well as special memories of rebuilding the wharenuī. We heard the beauty of Te Reo Māori and the ease at which the language was spoken. It was a challenge for some whānau but feedback was that they loved it and understood the kōrero.

Among the kōrero was a discussion on karakia and its importance in our lives. We received a presentation from Aroha Hura on her pepeha wairua from the Hāhi Rātana and it's connection to Te Hāroto Marae. Such beautiful kōrero was shared that brought together our histories and associations with Tahupōtiki Wiremu Rātana and the hāhi.

The beauty of the weekend was seeing many whānau re-connecting with Te Hāroto, and with their whānau. In this busy world it was a breath of fresh air to sit and be with our whānau at the Marae. We had 70 people in attendance which was fantastic!

To the ringawera, tēnā koutou! The kai was superb and fed our bodies while the kōrero fed our mind and souls. I am looking forward to the next wānanga in the New Year and hope more of our whānau can join us on this journey of discovery. May you all have a safe and wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year.

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TRUSTEE CORNER

Welcome Joyce – our new trustee

Things have been progressing steadily with the trustees and I wish to welcome Joyce Eparaima as a trustee of Te Kōpere o te iwi o Hineuru Trust. Joyce is not new to this mahi having previously been on Ngāti Hineuru Iwi Incorporated but we welcome her nonetheless to this position and the mahi ahead.

As we fast approach the end of this year, it is timely to reflect on the mahi that has been completed over the past month and a bit since the AGM. We are underway with our te reo Māori strategy and have begun work on the environmental strategy with a site visit through our rohe with scientists from Landcare who will help us map out our rohe and provide us with a whakapapa of our taiao from pre-human to now.

Hineuru Kaumātua hui

We have begun our hui with our kaumātua and looking to formalise a Kāhui kaumātua for Hineuru iwi. We met with kaumātua in Napier and Hastings at the RSA to discuss what is happening for Te Kōpere and to seek support and whakaaro on kaupapa coming up including our te reo Māori strategy. We also held a hui in Rotorua for our kaumātua living in Taupo, Rotorua, Hamilton and Whakatane to discuss the same kaupapa. Our kaumātua are the repositories of knowledge and shared many views, thoughts and memories as well as their experiences with te reo Māori. We are very thankful for their whakaaro and look forward to formalising hui for our kaumātua into the future.



Above: Te Ranguihau Gilbert leading kōrero on karakia at the Hineuru wānanga

Te Whakapapa o te Taiao

Landcare / Hineuru Project

A fantastic new project with Landcare has begun looking at the ecology of the Hineuru rohe and mapping what our rohe looked like pre-human and then tracing the environment through to today. On Wednesday 9th November 2016, a small group of people made up of Hineuru trustees and scientists from Landcare toured the Hineuru rohe to seek sites (caves and dry places / lakes and wetlands) for scientific research. The Landcare team was taken to Titiōkura and Woodstock station, as well as other areas of significance to Hineuru to see the geography and understand the rohe. This will be the first of many visits to understand both the ecology of the rohe and to determine appropriate planting on Titiōkura for cultural harvest and conservation.



Above: Kaumātua at our Rotorua hui; **Below:** Left to right – Anaru Harmer leading the way, Landcare team showing Mōa artefacts from previous work; Toi Tawhai leading our scientists to a site.

