

## He Whakahōnore i a Tā Harawira Gardiner

I tēnei rā ka whakapāhōtia e te Heamana Tuarua o Te Kaunihera Mana Whakahaere o Awanuiārangi a Rauru Kirikiri rāua ko Kelvin Davis, te Minita mō Oranga Tamariki te whakarewatanga o Te Whakaruruhau mō te Tamaiti o Tā Harawira Gardiner.

I whakatūhia he rā whakahōnore i a Tā Wira Gardiner, i Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi, mo āna mahi i roto i ngā tau rima tekau mā waru mō te Kāwana, me ana mahi kaihautu mō ngā tari kāwangatanga puta noa i te motu, me tana tū hei tūmau i roto i ngā kaupapa mōrearea o Aotearoa, i waenganui i te Karauna me ngā iwi.

I whakawhiwhia te hōnore tākutatanga mai i Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato me te tohu – Spirit of Service Lifetime Achievement Award mai i te Kawa Mataaho, te Kōmihana Ratonga Mahi ā-lwi a te Kāwanatanga, me te Tohu Tiketike mai i te wānanga. Ko ia hoki tētahi o ngā kaiwhakahaere tuatahi, ā, ko te hua i puta mahi ko te whakatūtanga o Te Whare Whakaruruhau Kaupapa Rangahau Gardiner.

E ai ki te hoa rangatira me te kaikōrero o te whānau, a Hekia Parata, “Ka mīharo ake mātou mō Wira, āna mahi katoa i tutuki i a ia, ēngari, ki a mātou – he pāpā aroha pūmau, he koroua, he pāpara, he hoa pai, he tangata manaaki, atawhai hoki. Ko te Whare Whakaruruhau o Gardiner, he mea tino pai hei whakatūturu i ana mahi i roto i tōna ao, hei whakamahi mā ngā reanga tamariki e piki ake ana”.

Kua whakakotahi mai Te Wānanga me te Kōmihana Ratonga Mahi ā-lwi a te Kāwanatanga mō te taumata whakahirahira a tēnei Ratonga Kaiarataki, ka whakamanatia mai te tūranga Heamana me Te Whare Whakaruruhau o Gardiner, me te manawanui ki te rangahau mahi mō te painga atu mō ngā whakatipuranga, me te hanga kia taikaha ake a Aotearoa.

Kei te tino harikoa a Ahorangi Wiremu Doherty, Te Tumu Whakarae o Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi mō te whakamanatanga i te tūranga Heamana me Te Whare Whakaruruhau o Gardiner.

“Ko te tautoko i te tūranga Heamana me Te Whare Whakaruruhau Gardiner, ka hāngai tika hei tūranga taketake mō ngā mahi ka oti i te whānuitanga o te wānanga, me te whai whakaaro i ngā mahi ōhāki ā Tā Wira i ā ia i noho hei Ratonga Kaiarataki mā te Kāwana, me tana mauritau ki roto i ngā momo hāpori katoa, me te huri o tana kāpehu ki te ara mahi, me tōna whakapono ka aro nui, ki tō tātou whenua kanorau.” Ko Te Whare Whakaruruhau o Gardiner, te tuatahi o te whakanuitanga o ngā kaupapa a Awanuiārangi ki Te Whanganui a Tara, ka whai wāhi ki te whakapiki ake i te whakawhanaungatanga i waenganui i te Karauna me te Māori, tae atu ki te kounga me te tūturutanga ka uru ki ngā mahi kāwanatanga o Aotearoa.

Ka kitea e te Wānanga, he huarahi whakatipu kaha tēnei i motu whānui, me te whakahōnore ano i te whai ake i ngā takahitanga o tētahi tonu o rātou, me te kawē i ana mahi ma nga ratonga Arataki Kāwana ā-hāpori mō ēnei rā, haere ake nei.

[ENDS]

**For media enquiries, contact:**

Lauren Paddy: [lauren@campbellsquared.com](mailto:lauren@campbellsquared.com) / 027 722 7975

***About Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi***

*Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi provides students with a unique opportunity to learn based on the values of āhuatanga Māori according to tikanga Māori – where Māori knowledge and practices are key components of the academic programmes, teaching delivery and student experiences.*

*Founded in Whakatāne in 1992 by Ngāti Awa and officially registered as a Wānanga in 1997 under s162 of the Education Act 1989, Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi is the only wānanga that delivers programmes from foundation studies through to Doctorates of Philosophy. This accent on higher qualifications is captured in the title, using the term “Whare” to describe this institution as a higher house of learning, similar to the ancient Whare Wānanga academies. Today, with campuses in Whakatāne, Auckland and Whangārei, the vision of Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi is to encourage and enable its more than 5,900 students, including indigenous Doctoral students from Washington state and Hawaii, to “pursue knowledge to the greatest depths and its broadest horizons,” and make a difference to communities in New Zealand, and internationally.*