

**‘Te Aroha ia rahi’
‘With love...’**



Paddling the ashes out to sea

We thank you for all your support. Your aroha and awhi lightened the burden of tears and sorrow at the time of my father’s passing away.

On the 31st January, we spread some of papa’s ashes in the lagoon of Moorea where he lived, and the rest offshore, beyond the reef barrier, in the ocean that he loved so much, as per his wish. Whanau and friends farewelled the ‘old captain’ on his last voyage, one more time....



Mareikura’s farewell speech to his grandfather

His children and grandchildren paddled his ashes out to sea on a W12, double hulled waka, followed by a catamaran carrying whanau and friends. Many hei (garland of flowers), tokens of love and respect were put in the sea to accompany his ashes as they sunk to the bottom of the sea.



Whanau and friends – Final karakia before putting the ashes in the sea

For all the written messages, the kind words, the hugs, the donations, we thank you all again from the bottom of our hearts

Na reira, mauruuru ia outou pa'ato'a

Arohanui

The Brightwell-Cowan whanau : Raipoia (Barbara), Matahi, Orohena, Mareikura, Taupuru Ariki, Manea, Xavier, Ramari and Heiata