



UPDATING PROGRESS ON THE MINERS' REFLECTIVE AREA PROJECT

What a month! From the day the memorial was put in place on January 5 up to the Governor General's visit on February 12 we don't seem to have stopped. The street parade was huge and the memorial dedication was very well attended. The Friday dinner, followed by the Saturday seminars, dinner, and the screening of *Beneath Hill 60* were a great opportunity to share stories, experiences, and information. Sunday's cemetery tour and brunch at the memorial completed a very busy three days. Then it was straight into organising the Governor General's visit. This was a smaller gathering, with descendants and supporters once again gathering at the memorial site to greet His Excellency Sir Jerry Mateparae and have lunch under the trees.

Over the next few weeks we will be organising photos and Powerpoint presentations. We will advise you once we have this done and arrange orders.

Events on this scale require huge amounts of assistance. We have regularly been featuring our key partners and sponsors on the right of this page, but we also need to recognise a significant number of other people and organisations.

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