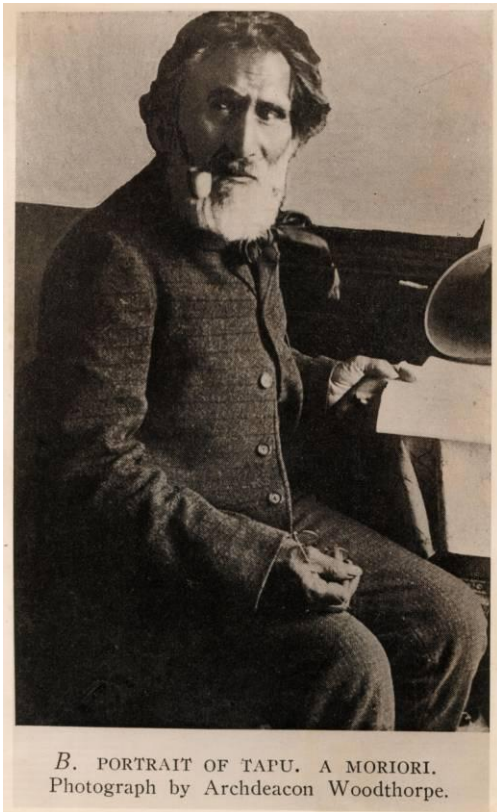


HIRAWANU TAPU PEACE SCHOLARSHIP



At the inaugural Me Rongo Peace Congress held in November 2011, Hokotehi Moriori Trust announced an inaugural Peace Scholarship to be named in honour of Hirawanu Tapu, a Moriori leader and scribe who worked closely with Alexander Shand to record and preserve for posterity Moriori traditions and history. It was Tapu who also wrote a petition to Sir George Grey in 1862, signed by all the Moriori elders alive at that time, seeking restoration of their lands and other rights on Rēkohu. He was a well educated man who spoke several languages and was the last full speaker of the Moriori re (language) when he died in 1898.

The Peace Scholarship is to honour the 600 year peace keeping tradition of the Moriori people and to honour the legacy of peace bequeathed by Moriori ancestors to modern day descendants.

The scholarship is for an annual amount of NZD \$10,000 and will be awarded in the first instance to any person of Moriori descent studying in a relevant field of study related to indigenous peace studies and conflict resolution at a tertiary level in New Zealand or overseas.

If there is not a person of Moriori descent in any year who would qualify, the scholarship may be awarded to someone who is not of Moriori descent but who otherwise meets the criteria for the scholarship. The objective is to increase the understanding and research scholarship associated with Moriori, Maori and other indigenous peace-making and peace keeping traditions in New Zealand and elsewhere. Hokotehi trustees will have discretion in any year not to award the scholarship if there are not suitable applicants.

The scholarship is also to support the work of the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies established at Otago University¹. Hokotehi Moriori Trust, in association with the Aotearoa New Zealand Peace and Conflicts Studies Trust, was instrumental in setting the Centre up between 2005-2009.

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