

# Moturoa Acknowledges the End of an Era

On 1 March, present and past residents of Moturoa in New Plymouth gathered around the Settlers Monument at the bottom of Pioneer Road. The monument has been moved from its original site to make way for construction in the area. Public access to Ngamotu Beach from Pioneer Road has ceased and the area is being changed to make way for a dry store for Port Taranaki.

The monument was built as a tribute to the first settlers who arrived in New Plymouth. For many of the residents of Moturoa the monument is an important part of their past, present and future and there was sadness among all who gathered as they acknowledged the end of an era. The monument has been re-sited a short distance away and the public still have access to the beach from Ocean View Parade.

