



Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki

Ngāti Moki Trophy for Māori Leadership

Professor Hirini Paerangi Matunga

Hirini's contribution to Lincoln University can be summarised in three concepts - rangatiratanga (leadership), kaiwhakahaeretanga (management), and manaakitanga (caring). He embodies and personifies all three in exemplary manner.

Hirini Paerangi Matunga (Whakapapa: Ngai Tahu, Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Paerangi - Atiū, Cook Islands) joined the staff at Lincoln University in 1992 as a Senior Lecturer in Māori Studies.

He was the first Māori academic appointed to the rank of Senior Lecturer at Lincoln University and its then fledgling Centre for Māori Studies and Research.

From the start he quickly displayed the characteristics of a rangatira and kaiwhakahaere as Lincoln University began developing a bicultural identity in teaching and research.

In this nascent period of biculturalism, the early 1990s, Hirini worked closely with key figures helping to navigate the university through the identification process.

In 1999 he was appointed Director of the Centre for Māori Studies and Research, with the rank of Associate Professor (Māori and Indigenous Studies). Under his leadership the Centre evolved into the Centre for Māori and Indigenous Planning and Development.

From 2004 he became increasingly engaged in university managerial activities and was appointed to the Vice-Chancellor's Office as Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Māori and Pasifika). Roles there included responsibility for Lincoln University's Māori Development Task Force.

In 2007, Hirini was awarded a personal professorship in Māori and Indigenous Planning, the first of two professorial appointments he holds.

Within Lincoln University's Senior Leadership Team, Hirini had a close role in the formulation of the University's Whenua Strategy, engaging with Māori in the land-based sectors.

Over 2011 – 2015 he was a board member of Nga Pae o Te Maramatanga, the Centre of Research Excellence, and in 2014 – 2015 was appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Communities.

From managerial roles in the Vice-Chancellor's Office, Hirini returned to teaching and research in 2015 and was appointed Lincoln University's foundation Professor of Māori and Indigenous Development, the second of his professorships.

In all his roles, Hirini has followed faithfully in the footsteps of tipuna Moki, exemplifying leadership, management and caring, thus making him a very worthy recipient of the Ngāti Moki Trophy.

Professor Grant Edwards
Vice-Chancellor

Bruce Gemmell
Chancellor