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Kioreroa unveiling restores dignity

This week Council News and Public Notices features a special edition centre spread acknowledging the Kioreroa Cemetery project and bearing the known names of all those buried at the cemetery.

The front page of the spread carries a very brief synopsis of the history of the graveyard and the work undertaken in the past two years.

Many different people have played a role in the Kioreroa Cemetery project, not least of all Whangarei Cemeteries Manager Helen Cairns. Working with the families of people buried at the cemetery has been one of the most significant parts of the project.

"There is a particular history associated with this cemetery and the things which have happened here. There is also a general upsurge in interest in genealogy and a need to reconnect with the past that is driving our community to treasure these open air museums. That is also driving their preservation and restoration up the list of priorities for all communities.

"I hope we have restored the dignity of the cemetery somewhat for the people involved and I look forward to working with groups of 'friends of the cemetery' in future."

Other people involved in the project have included the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, engineers, designers, the Department of Corrections



The old and the new: Walls of the new memorial at Kioreroa Cemetery await the plaques bearing the names of those interred there. The plaques will be unveiled on Monday 26 October.

and a long list of local contractors, some of whom are listed below.

David Simmons, Bernard Luiten, Leon Taylor, Brian Earle and team from GreenGables Landscape

Murray Clements, Brett Ferguson, Ken Edge, Jimmy Mackie and Elton George from Clements Contractors

Jeremy Jellick and Neil Andrews of Cook Costello

Dr. Rock

Drew Wardle and the Team at Donovan Group

The Barfoot Construction Team

Graeme Blampied of Technidraft

Bruce Smith of Boundary Hunter

Rod Clough of Clough & Associates

Ian Macartney of Macsway Scaffolding

Wayne Hannay and the Team at Treescape

The biggest thank you goes, of course, to the people of Whangarei for their patience, their understanding and their invaluable support.