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GABRIEL'S GULLY
GOLDRUSH 150TH



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Thank-you to everyone who attended and/or contributed in any way to the Gabriel's Gully Goldrush 150th Celebrations held 18-21 March 2011! From gate takings and attendances at exhibitions and performances we estimate that over 6,500 people passed through the gates for the entire weekend – that is, from the Friday night Drama of the Tuapeka through to the closing ceremony and school production on the Monday!



Famous Descendants

A real highlight of the Celebrations, was the attendance of three of Gabriel Read's descendants. Pictured above (from right) is Gabriel's grandson Jim Read, Jim's son Andrew Read, and Andrew's son Chris Read. The Reads travelled from Australia to attend the Celebrations and were pleasantly surprised at the scale of the significance that their namesake's discovery had on the Lawrence-Tuapeka area.

Photos

This newsletter contains a small sample of snaps taken at the official opening on the Saturday. Thousands of photos of the entire weekend can be viewed online at www.southernexposures.co.nz (or phone 03 216 6000). They are available for purchase as a printable disc or as individual photos and at very reasonable prices.

DVD in the making

The Southern Institute of Technology was on hand to film the Drama of the Tuapeka on the Friday night and the official opening on the Saturday. This will be made into a DVD for purchase, and will be advertised as soon it is available.

Media Coverage

The Gabriel's Gully Goldrush 150th received excellent coverage from local press. A radio documentary is in the pipeline, while a Dougal Stevenson radio report on the Drama of the Tuapeka, and a Jim Mora radio interview leading up to the event are available by a Google search online.

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Memorabilia for sale

Various Gabriel's Gully Goldrush 150th memorabilia is still available for purchase including caps, beanies, medals, commemorative coins, pens and more. These are ideal for reunions, events, and gifts. Pictures of the memorabilia is online at www.celebrategold.co.nz and can be purchased from the Lawrence Service Centre, 5 Peel St, Lawrence, or call 03 485 9909.

Final thanks

A final thanks to all those who made the Gabriel's Gully Goldrush 150th possible. A full list of acknowledgments is available online at www.celebrategold.co.nz. And thank you for attending, we hope to see you back soon!

