



*The Office of the Minister of State*  
**PRINCIPALITY of HUTT RIVER**

email: [phr.mos@principality-hutt-river.org](mailto:phr.mos@principality-hutt-river.org)

Web: [www.principality-hutt-river.org/gov](http://www.principality-hutt-river.org/gov)

25 January 2017

*Re the Abdication of Prince Leonard and the Enthronement of Prince Graeme*

It is with enthusiasm and delight that I have accepted Prince Leonard's invitation to take over as Sovereign of the Principality of Hutt River, on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 as he abdicates his Royal position.

It is very befitting that his final Royal duty will be conducted that afternoon where Prince Leonard will bestow a Knighthood on Robert Lee-Steere, whom he has known since 1967. They met the Ashburton Downs Station where Prince Leonard had a copper mine. The Lee-Steere family are a prominent family in the establishment and development of Western Australia.

I acknowledge and thank Prince Leonard and Princess Shirley their fervent dedication and tireless efforts, for over 46 years. They have set the foundations for the Principality of Hutt River very solidly and I will endeavour to uphold the philosophies and customs so set by them.

I look forward with hope and confidence as I help steer the Principality, its people and lands into the next stage of our journey. I am ready to build and develop on those foundation stones so placed by Prince Leonard and Princess Shirley.

I look forward to your continued support and kindness as we take these next steps together.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

**Prince Graeme KGSOWL**  
*Minister of State and Education*  
**Principality of Hutt River**