



Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi

Ngā Hikoiinga i roto i te Whakapono, te Whānau, me te Whakapapa

He akoranga, he kaiārahi ki roto i te whakapono, he tohunga mō te reo Māori, Minita Tākuta Hone Te Rire e hāpai ana i ngā mahi ki te whakakaha i te ahurea, ki te whakamārohirohi hoki i te hāpori. I whānau mai ia ki Kawerau i ngā tau 1960's, ko ia te tuarua o ngā tamariki e iwa o tōnā whānau.

Ū tonu ōna whakapapa taketake ki te whenua me ngā hapori ō Ngāti Awa me Tūhoe, ana tū pakari ana ia ki ōna herengā tuturu mai i tōnā pāpā mē tōnā māmā.

“I pakeke mai ahau i raro i ngā mātāpono mānaakitanga ā ōku mātua, tīpuna ana ko taku whakapapa tāku tūrangawaewae. He hononga ano ōku ki te taha o taku kuia te whāea o taku matua, e mau motuhake ana ki taku whatumanawa.

I te wā e pakeke haere ake ana a Tākuta Te Rire kaore na tōna whānau noa iho ia i poipoi ēngari i reira anō tana matua mē ōna whēako whakapono ara ko ia hoki tētahi o ngā Amorangi mo te Haahi Perehipitiriana.

I tino kikini te mamae i te matetanga o tōnā matua i te tau 2000, ēngari ngā ōna herenga whakapapa ki tōna whānau me tana whakapono ia i whakakaha.

“Kaore i roa i muri mai i te matenga o takū matua, ka tono mai ōku kuia mē ōku kōka ō Onepū, ‘Poai, me hoki mai koe ki te kāinga ka noho ki roto i tō tatou wharekarakia ia Rātapu, kā noho ki runga i ngā tūrū kia mutu ai tā mātou tangi me te mokemoke mō tō matua.”

“I tērā tonu ka ū te whakapono ki roto i tōku ngākau, ana i te tau 2007, ka tīmata au i taku hikoi kia eke ahau hei Amorangi.”

I te tau 2009 ka Whakaminitatia a Tākuta Te Rire hei Amorangi. Mai i tērā wā e mahi ana ia mō tana hāpori me tana haahi, e whiri haere ana te karaipiture me te tikanga Māori hei ārahi me te tautoko i a rātou kei tōna taha.

I te Ra Whakapōtaetanga ā Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi i te tau 2025, kaore ko tana Tohu Kairangi noa iho i whakawhiwhia ki ā ia engari, i whakawhiwhia hoki ia ki te Tohu Excellence in Te Reo Māori (Kounga o te Reo Māori)

“He hōnore nui ki te whakawhiwhia ki tenei tohu Excellence in Te Reo Māori Award. Ko te reo tēnei o ngā tīpuna, ana ma tēnei whakaaeatanga e whakaū ngā uara ki roto i to tātau ao i tēnei rā.

Ko tana ara mātauranga ka haere tonu me te whakawhiwhinga tūranga kairangi, e whakawhanake ana i tana tohu kairangi rangahau me te whakanui atu i ana mahi ki roto i ngā hāpori Māori. Aro ana ngā tirohanga o tana rangahau ki te whakawhanaungatanga ki waenga i te reo, ahurea tuakiri, me te karaipiture hei tūāpapa mo te whakamārohorohi hāpori ki roto i ngā whakamōrearea a te taiao,

“He ara anō te whakawhinga tūranga ki te mahi tonu i aku mahi i timatatia e au i roto i taku Kairangi, engari ko te mea nui, ka tāea e au te whakahoki.

“Kei te hīkaka katoa au ki te ako tonu me te tautoko i ō tātau hapori ki te whakareri mō ngā wero kei mua.”

He nui ngā pōtae o Tākuta Te Rire tae atu ki ngā poari maha me ngā hāpori, ana mōhio tonu ia i tana whakaea tana ki te mahi i tana Tohu Kairangi ka tau mai anō he taumahatanga ki runga i a ia, engari i te noho reri ia.

“I pātai mai aku hoa mahi i pēhea taku whakarite i aku mahi katoa, katahi anō nei ka tutuki tō Tohu Kairangi. I rīpenetā ahau, ae he nui ngā mahi, engari na te here pūmau ki aku mahi i tāea ai. Me whakatakoto he wā ki te taha mō ērā mahi.

“I whakatakotohia e au taku kaupapa ki te komiti rangahau e whakaatu ana ka tutuki i āu taku Tohu Kairangi i roto i ngā tau e toru, ana pono taku kōrero. I mate ahau ki te hikoi i aku kōrero, ana i mau pūmau ahau ki tērā.”