

Tihei Mauri Ora!

Your road will be hard

Ahakoā ngā uaua

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui

*When you find things are difficult in life,
Stand strong, stand tall and be of great heart*



Māori leader and politician Matiu Rata, who earned a lasting place in our history as the catalyst behind the modern Māori renaissance as Minister of Māori Affairs in the third Labour Government once said, “If you think on your journey through leadership that *your road will be hard*, you can be rest assured that it is ten times harder for the rest of our people out there”.

Under Rata’s inspired leadership “Māori affairs no longer remain in the quiet backwater, but have become part of the main agenda”.

Far too many times, we fear making the hard decisions and instead settle for the mediocre. As a consequence, our lives remain unchallenged and unfulfilled. We consciously select easy options. We choose to be less than we can become only because we never try to become better. But we know the easy path is rarely the correct way, and that we were made for something better. We were made capable of performing great feats and to become like Matiu Rata, and others, if we put our minds to it. It doesn’t really matter where you are now, or where you come from. What matters is where you’re going, and how to get there. Destiny calls – and your future awaits. Kia pai tō wiki!



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