

Tihei Mauri Ora!

The human element

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

What is the most important thing in the world?

It is people, it is people, it is people



Reflecting back on her childhood in Ruatahuna, international educationalist, Dr Rangimarie Turuki Rose Pere says, “many of our families had very few material possessions, and were denied so many of the luxuries we enjoy today, and yet what I remember most vividly was the ring of laughter, song and music, the obvious happiness we shared as a people, because of the abundance of aroha – goodwill”. Holder of the NZCM in 1990 and honoured with an OBE in 1996, the same year she attained a Doctorate of Literature at Victoria University

Wellington, Dr Pere, further stated that “there was a **deep appreciation and respect for the human element, above all things**”.

Rose Pere’s thoughts remind us of how important and valuable we all are. We have to learn and train ourselves to carefully avoid those who hinder our progress and instead link up with helpful people with good attitudes and behaviours. We should learn from everyone we come in contact with. Our outlook towards others should be positive and encouraging. First, look for the best in yourself ~ and keep doing it. *Kia pai tó wiki!*



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