

Tihei Mauri Ora!

Unite Yourselfes

Whakapūpūtia mai ō mānuka kia kore ai e whati

Cluster the branches of the mānuka so that they will not break

(Necessity of Māori to unite, to have a basic philosophy about where they are going)



This year, thousands of people converged on Ratana Pá for the annual celebrations marking the birth of prophet Tahupotiki Wiremu Ratana. Along with his faith healing, religious leadership, and political influence, TW Ratana gave new hope to Māori in difficult times during the 1920s, which later developed into a rising tide of nationalism. He called on Māori to come together and for successive governments to recognize the Treaty. “Dear people, ***if you desire to hold and maintain your identity as a Māori race, unite yourselves, for your rights and privileges as embodied in Te Tiriti o Waitangi***”.

Through uniting ourselves, there is no limit to what we can achieve as a people and also as individuals. Ratana showed a hope and faith in people and the future of Māoridom. A belief in one’s abilities, and a commitment to following a path of self-improvement are good first steps. Are you willing to unite yourself? Are you willing to rise to the occasion? Will you take a chance on your abilities? Will you take the plunge, even when the future may be uncertain? Take a chance and challenge yourself to greater heights, better futures, and a better life. *Kia pai tó wiki!*



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