

# *Tihei Mauri Ora!*

## *Double the effort*

**Ahakoā he iti te matakahi, ka pakaru i a ia te totara**

*Although the wedge is small it overcomes the totara –  
A little effort properly applied can achieve great results*



Remembered as one of the first Māori leader's to negotiate a Treaty of Waitangi settlement with the Crown as chief negotiator for Tainui in 1995, the Waikato academic, Dr Robert Te Kotahi Mahuta was honoured two years later with a knighthood at Turangawaewae Marae, which was also the 31st anniversary of the crowning of the Māori Queen, Dame Te Atairangikaahu. It was on that auspicious occasion that Sir Robert laid down a challenge to his Tainui people to double the amount of their Waikato land every generation. They are well underway to achieving that aspiration and more.

There are many of us toiling in communities large and small trying to make a difference because we learnt the value of service and hard work from leaders like Sir Robert. In our daily lives, it's easy to get bogged down. The circumstances surrounding us tend to intrude into our otherwise orderly lives. That's the time when we need to double our efforts, because when we're bogged down, the best way out of our difficulty could be to push through it, to push all the stronger. It's not always the easiest thing to do, but most of the time, it's the best way to proceed to achieve great results. *Kia pai tó wiki!*



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