

# *Tihei Mauri Ora!*

## *Learning from our mistakes*

**Taku rākau ka hē ki te marahea**  
*My weapon erred in the worst way*



Former Māori Womens Welfare President, and Human Rights Commissioner, Dr Erihapeti Murchie-Rehu, of Kai Tahu, Kāti Mamoe and Ngāti Raukawa, said we must resist the temptation to be "lulled into a false sense of security, being firmly persuaded that social welfare agencies will cover our mistakes, our ills, and that the government has the 'kiss' of life to rectify our indiscretions". Many of the problems relating to social breakdown could be solved by people taking responsibility for their own actions, and that of their own whānau – and learning from it!

When you make a mistake you have to realize the wrong. You take your knocks, you dust yourself off, and then you move on. It makes you think about the importance of taking responsibility for the things that go wrong in life. It's normal for people to want to distance themselves from their errors, but there's a lot to be said for 'owning up' to a mistake, and taking your punishment. Don't make a bigger mistake by not taking responsibility. Don't cover up your own inadequacies. Confront them, fix them, now – and then move on. Kia pai tō wiki!



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