

# *Tihei Mauri Ora!*

*We must keep talking*

**Ko Tongariro te maunga, Ko Taupō-nui-a-Tia te moana,  
Ko Ngāti Tūwharetoa te iwi, Ko Te Heuheu te tangata**

*Tongariro is the mountain, Taupō is the lake,  
Tūwharetoa are the people, Te Heuheu is the man*



Sir Hepi Te Heuheu (1919 –1997), 7<sup>th</sup> paramount chief of Ngāti Tūwharetoa, an ardent advocate of racial harmony and bringing people together often said, "We must keep talking". His quiet and unassuming effectiveness, rather than bluster and show, epitomised his mana and style of leadership; to encourage and empower others to be decision-makers, while keeping his own position in reserve for crises and impasses.

Whenever two people meet and associate together, you've got a 'relationship'. The more you get to know about someone, the more you begin to understand them. The key to a successful relationship is common courtesy, and being respectful. Some people like to throw their weight around, demanding, pushing, and even complaining, it just doesn't work; and it seems it's not the Tuwharetoa way either. We should accept others, as much as possible, if we want to develop a relationship with them. We may not agree with them or accept everything they do but we should accept enough of that person to include some part of them into our lives, and for what they contribute to you. Kia pai tō wiki!



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