

Tihei Mauri Ora!

Vision

Ki te kahore he whakakitenga ka ngaro te iwi

Without foresight or vision the people will be lost



Last week's successful Kingitanga Day, a celebration of the relationship between Waikato University and the Kingitanga, reminded me of King Tuheitia's simple message to his people in his maiden speech: ***think globally to achieve locally***. There's the expectation that a leader like the Māori King, following a line of six monarchies stretching back to 1858, is imbued with something special – the ability to see the 'big picture', what course to take, what actions to follow, and what decisions to make at the local level. Because life is a journey, the ability to determine our destination is paramount, and determining the correct destination takes vision.

There are those people who are born with the inherent ability to make the right decision – each and every time. However, most of us require a bit of learning and wisdom before we are fit to declare that we have 'vision'. Learning and wisdom comes about after making a lot of other choices, some of them wrong and some of them right. This then, is the greatest lesson learnt from those who change the world - they have a vision, and they persist until that vision is reached. *Kia pai tō wiki!*



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