# TE MAHI RANGAHAU REO MAORI WHANUI

*Kei te putanga o te Raumati e takoto ana he punua kōrero mō te mahi rangahau reo Māori kei te whakahaeretia e te Taura Whiri. Nō te marama o Whiringa-ā-rangi 1992 i whakarauikatia mai ai ngā whakahaere reo Māori o te motu hei matapaki i tēnei kaupapa, ā, nō te tīmatanga o tēnei tau i emi ai te rōpū whāiti i takea mai i taua hui tuatahi. Nā tēnei hui a te rōpū whāiti ko tētahi ika mahi, ā, mai i taua wā ā haere ake nei, ko te whai wāhi atu ki tēnei rōpū tētahi o ngā mahi nui a te wāhanga rangahau o te Taura Whiri.*

Ko tā te rangahautanga nei, he āta kohura i te āhua o te reo Māori o nāianei kia tino mōhio ai tātou āe rānei kei te pakari haere tō tātou reo, kei te popoko haere tonu kē rānei.

E whekori ana te uaua o tēnei mahi e hiahia ana mātou kia wawe te oti, engari ki te kore e taea, me pēhea hoki tātou e mōhio kei te tika tā tātou e whai nei, kāore noa iho rānei?

Inā hoki, he haere matapōkere noa iho te mahi a te hunga e matenui ana, e whakarīrā ana kia pūioio te reo, he kore nō tātou e mārama ko ēhea ngā mahi tino whaihua, ko ēhea ia me paku whakarerekē kia whaihua anō ai. He ara hou tēnei e takahia nei e te iwi Māori; karekau he makenu, tapuwae i waihotia hei whai mā tātou, kāre nei he paku aha hei whakamāmā i te haere. (Arā noa atu ngā tauira o ngā reo e iti haere ana te kōrerotia i tāwāhi, engari ko te nuinga kāore e tino āhukahuka ana ki tō tātou.)

Nā, ko tō mātou whakatāuteute, kāore i te mōhiotia ko hea te ara tika e ū pai ai tō tātou waka reo ki te whenua houkura, tē whakawhenua noa ki te kōpū o Hinemoana. He taikaha rawa pea ēnei kōrero, engari tonu mena kei te hē te haere a te waka ināianei, ā, ka waiho kia mārō tonu, kātahi ka tino hē kē atu. Kore rawa e taea e ngā whakapaparanga o te manotau hou te ihu te whakapuea ake.

Kāti, anei ngā urupounamu whānui o tēnei mahi rangahau reo Māori: ko wai mā te hunga kōrero Māori, tokohia tātou, pēhea nei tō tātou matatau ki te reo, ko hea ngā wāhi e kaha ana te kōrerotia, he aha ngā āhuatanga e taipuru ana i te ākona o te reo, me ētahi atu āhuatanga e tika ana kia mōhiotia.

E rima noa iho ngā rohe kei te rangahautia i tēnei wā, arā ko Hiruhārama (ki te Tai Rāwhiti), ko Ruatōrea, ko Te Papa-i-oea, ko Ōtaki me Te Waiharakeke. Ko tōna tikanga, katoa ngā raruraru ka puta i tēnei momo rangahautanga, ka puta tonu i te mahi *whakatauira* nei, ā, ka taea te whakamahea i mua mai o te rangahautanga matua.

I tīmata ngā uiui i te paunga o Haratua, ā, ko tōna tikanga ka oti katoa i roto i te whā wiki i muri mai. Hei ngā wiki whakamutunga o Pipiri āta whāngaia atu ai ngā whakahoki ki te rorohiko, kātahi ka whakamāoritia aua whakautu (*ā-tikanga* tāku e mea nei) kia puta ai he "otinga".

Ākene pea kei te whakaaro ake ētahi o koutou "he aha rawa rā i pēnei ai te nui o te wā i pau i a rātou ki te tautapa noa i ngā rohe ka torotoroa mō te mahi whakatauira nei, inā hoki e whitu marama tēnei kaupapa e oreore ana, kātahi anō ka whakatika?"

Engari kei pōhēhē koutou he hakorea noa iho te take i pēnei rawa ai te roa mai i te ōrokohanga o te kaupapa ki te tīmatatanga o ngā uiuinga whakatauira. I te mea īnā noa atu te nui o ngā mahi hei mātua whakatutuki i mua i te torotoro haere i ngā kāinga Māori, ki reira whakapōrearea atu ai, arā, ko ēnei e whai ake nei: