

He Whakatairanga i a RANGIMĀRIE HETET

mō te Tohu Tākuta o Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Hei whakaūpoko i ngā kōrero nei: tai timu, tai pari, tai roa, tai nui, tai ope ō mana ki te whakatairanga i a Rangimārie Hetet, ko ia nei te tauira o te kura tangata, te tiritiringa o ngā tāonga o roto i te whare pora o Hine-te-iwaiwa.

I whānau a tuawahine i Oparure i te tau 1892. Nō ngā tātai o Kinohaku hapu o Ngāti Maniapoto, ā, ko ōna toto Pākehā nō te taha ki tona whaea. Ko Mere Te Rongopāmamao he ringa tūkawikawi pēnei i tana tamāhine nei. He wahine whakamīharo no tona reanga, i whakaakona e ngā mihinare, ā, i mau pū hoki i te wā o te pakanga i tū ki Orākau. He mōrehu ia nō taua pakanga. Ko tōna matua, ko Charles Hursthouse, he kairūri, ā, no te tau 1883 i mau herehere ki Te Kumi mo tētahi wā poto nei. Nā tēnei ko Rangimārie, te ingoa o tana tamāhine.

Mai i tōna ohinga ake, i pārekareka ia ki ngā mahi raranga, i ako hoki i ēnei āhuatanga i tōna whāea, i ngā rūruhi anō hoki o tōna rohe. Ka wahine haere ia ka āta tahuri ki ngā mahi raranga whāriki, whatu kākahu hoki, me te mahi ano i nga mahi katoa e hāngai ana mai i te tapahanga o te harakeke ki te hua o aua mahi.

Ahakoa i mōhiotia te tohungatanga o Rangimārie i ngā tau o mua atu i te 1950, i tino hau ōna rongo ki te mōtu whānui i te wā i puta ai te mānukanuka, te anipā o Te roopu Wahine-Māori-Toko-I-Te-Ora kei tūpono ngaro-ā-moa ēnei momo mahi. Ka kimi haere te roopu i ngā wāhine i a rātou te tohungatanga nei, ā ka huri mai rātou ki a tuawahine nei. Nā tōna mātauranga ki ngā mahi raranga muka, ka noho ko ia hei kaiwhakaako i, ā, hei kaiwhakaatu ki, ngā wahine Māori, Pākehā hoki puta noa i Aotearoa mō ngā tau maha noa. Nā tōna mākohakoha ki te whakaatu i tōna mōhio, me tōna pai ki



te whakaako i te tangata, kua horapa te matauranga o te whatu kākahu ki te tāhapatū o te rangi.

E hia kē nei ngā whakatinanatanga o te mihi ki a Rangimārie mō tana i tuku ai ki te taha mātauranga, ki te taha hoki ki a Hine-te-iwaiwa.

Kua uhia te tini o tiketike mā ki ona kākahu, kua pānui whānuitia ana mahi e te pukapuka, e te whakaahua ā tauwi, kua whakakitea āna tāonga i Te Whare Tāonga o Waikato, kua hokona hoki e te Kāwanatanga, e ngā māngai o ngā whenua o te ao kei konei o noho ana, e ngā whare tāonga hoki o te motu. Na tana mahi whakaako, i whakawhiwhia ai ia ki te M.B.E. i te tau 1973, ā, i te tau i muri mai i whakawhiwhia ki te

karahipi e Te Putea a Ku i ni Irihāpeti Te Tuarua. Nō te tau 1980 i haere ia ki Papua-New Guinea whakaari ai i ngā mahi raranga i Te hui Nui a Ngā Iwi O Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa ki te Tonga. Ehara i te mea kua rongonui ia mō te tohunga noa iho ona ki ngā mahi raranga engari kua amohia e te iwi, kua tiketike ki runga nā tōna kaha ki te āwhina, ki te tautoko, ki te whakahau i te hunga raranga.

Kua eke tēnei ki te wā hei whakanui mā Te Whare wānanga i a Rangimārie Hetet. E whakanui ana i a ia kaua mō āna koha anake ki te hunga raranga engari mōna i whakamomori kia toi tū, kia toi ora ngā tāonga o roto i te whare pora o Hine-te-iwaiwa.