

of women in the Leagues, the Maori Women's Welfare League and the Health League, of their contribution in the marae situation, in sport, in the professions, in all levels of political life, and in the extended family. Maori women are a vital and vibrant sector of New Zealand society, they have made many contributions that we know about, but is virtually unknown to the general public. We, the Maori women have to live in the New Zealand society. For too long we have been ignored. Perhaps it is time we helped to change this situation.

Kia kaha e hine ma, engari kau e mahara matou, nga wahine Maori o Aotearoa.

Lauren Hunia.

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If they say you may
find a friend
in the least likely
of places — I have;
here — fifteen across — ataahua,
the beautiful one;
and here, six across — apirera,
the month of the leaf — fall;
here, eleven down — aue!
and all the gods crying
in all the places
that ever were and still,
and still do;
and here, five down — atua,
the gods calling your god;
like the candleflame
and the star
in the wide night
— a beckoning.

Rangi Faith

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Wiremu Te Aho, a fifth form student of Hato Petera College in Auckland took top honours at the National Whaikorero Contest. Wiremu won the title from eight other speakers with his oration on the topic; Whatungarongaro he tangata, toitu te whenua.

Wiremu was born in the little village of Raukokore; Whanau-a-Maruhaere-muri; Whanau-a-Apanui. His childhood was nurtured by his uncle and late aunt, John (Major) and the late Mrs Matt Waititi of Te Waiti Raukokore. He is also a nephew of Mrs Pae Ruha of Wellington.

Junior honours

Willie received his primary education at the Raukokore school and continued his secondary education at Hato Petera. An interest in oratory began to show in his fourth form year where he gained junior honours at college level.

In 1981 Willie contested the senior

level at college and then regional level with honours, developing his topic in a fitting tribute to his grandparents Maaka Te Ehutu and Iritana Stirling, the late brother and sister-in-law of Dick Stirling.

Wiremu's oration

na maui — tikitiki — a — taranga
ko te — ika — a — maui
te whenua e takoto nei.
na maui ano hoki
ko hinenui — te — po
te kuia o te matemate.
mai rano i nga matua tipuna
ko te whenua te piringa
he mohio hoki no ratou
he wa poto to te tangata
ki tenei ao.
e tama ma e hine ma
ko tatou tenei o te ao hou
he pehea o tatou whakaaro
mo nga pitopito whenua
i whakarereia iho ra
e o tatou tipuna?
ki taku mohio
kua ahua ngaro haere
taua here tuturu ki te whenua
korero penei ai au
he mohio noku
ko te huinga o tatou
kei te tipu ake i roto i te ao pakeha
i te ao hurihuri
i kore rawa pea
e rite to tatou nei kaingakau
ki te whenua i kokiritia ai
a
i matemate ai hoki
ratou ma, engari,
ko taku tenei
ki tena, ki tena o koutou
tera te wa. ka koingo te ngakau
mo te wa kainga
mo te whenua
i waiho iho ai
e nga tipuna

ki nga matua a
i whai wahi paku ai tatou
ki a ratou
ma te whai turangawaewae
ka pakari te noho a te iwi
otira
a te tangata.
ki te kore hoki he panga whenua
ka manene haere noa iho
ko te aroha o nga matua tipuna ki a
papatuanuku
orite tonu
ki te aroha ki te tangata
a
e mohiotia ana hoki
ko te mahi a te tangata he matemate
na reira, ka puta tenei korero

"whatungarogaro he tangata,
toitu he whenua."

ki te ki
"ae, no reira mai au"
ka noho te tangata
i runga i te whenua
a,
a tona wa
ka hoki ano ia
ki tona timatanga ko te whenua ia
ka mau tonu
ka mau tonu.
na reira, ka waiho iho
tenei whakaaro
otira
tenei o nga whakatauki

"whatungarongaro he tangata,
toitu he whenua."



Wiremu Te Aho proudly shows off the Pei Te Hurinui Jones Memorial Trophy he won in the 1981 National Whaikorero Contest.