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Tohu mō Tētahi Mema Hou Tino Whakamīharo Leon Wijohn, Te Rarawa, Ngāi Tūhoe

I roto i ngā tau e whā o Leon Wijohn i te Pūtahi he nui ngā mahi i kawea ai e ia, i te hāpori kaupakihi o tōna rohe, i te rāngai kaute, me ngā umanga Māori o te takiwā. I tīmata noa mai te kamupene a Leon, a Wijohn Chartered Accountants o Tāmaki-makaurau, i te tau 2005, ā, i ēnei rā e 300 rau rawa āna kiritaki mō ngā ratonga kaute, tokoono hoki ngā kaimahi.

I whakamahia e Leon ōna pūkenga hautū hei whakapiki i te hua ki āna kiritaki, hei whakawhānui hoki i tōna umanga, e mahi tahi nei ki ngā umanga iti noa, ki ngā Poari Kaitiaki Māori me ngā whakahaere Māori anō hoki.

Haere tahi ai ngā mahi kaingākau a Leon ahakoa i te taha whaiaro, i te taha mahi. He rawe ki a ia te whai wāhi atu ki ngā mahi a te iwi, ki te āwhina hoki i aua mahi, ā, nā reira mai hoki āna mahi kiritaki, rā roto i ēnei kupenga. He tere tonu te kite atu a ngā kaiwhakawā ko te tikanga ārahi matua a Leon i te tangata, he akoako pēnei i te kaiako tākaro nei. He akoako tāna mahi mai i tōna tamarikitanga, ahakoa akoako i te whutupōro mai i ngā umanga e mahi mai ana ia i roto tae atu ki te akoako i ngā umanga e mahi tahi nei ia.

I kitea hoki e ngā kaiwhakawā te ngākaunui a Leon ki te tautoko i āna kiritaki. Ka mahi nui ia kia whai pūnaha tino tōtika rātou, e hua ake ai he pārongo tino hāngai, tino mohoa rawa, ā, ko ngā tikanga arataki tino pai kei muri, hei tuarā. I runga i tōna ū ki te kawē whakamua i te whanaketanga Māori, hora ai a Leon i ōna ratonga me ōna mōhiotanga ki te ao ki te tini o ngā rōpū ā-hāpori, kāore he utu.

He kaihautū a Leon nō te kamupene o Te Waka Pupuri Putea Limited, te kamupene pupuru hea a Te Rarawa, ā, he kaitiaki pūtea hoki mō Te Hunga Rōia Māori o Aotearoa.

He tangata kaha a Leon ki te akiaki i ngā ākonga Māori taitamariki nei kia hou mai ki te mahi kaute, nā roto i ana mahi mō Nga Kaitatau Māori o Aotearoa, hei heamana hoki mō te Rōpū mō ngā Āhuatanga Kaute e Pā ana ki te Iwi Māori i Tāmaki-makaurau me Te Tai Tokerau.

He nui ngā mahi a Leon i ngā komiti Māori, i ngā komiti tākaro, me tōna kōhanga reo anō hoki. I tēnei wā ko Leon te kaitiaki pūtea o te marae o Ngāti Manawa, koia hoki te kaitiaki Pūtea o te Komiti mō Ngā Tamariki, te kaiako hoki i ngā Tamariki i Raro-i-te-12 mō te Karapu Whutupōro o Ponsonby. ENDS

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