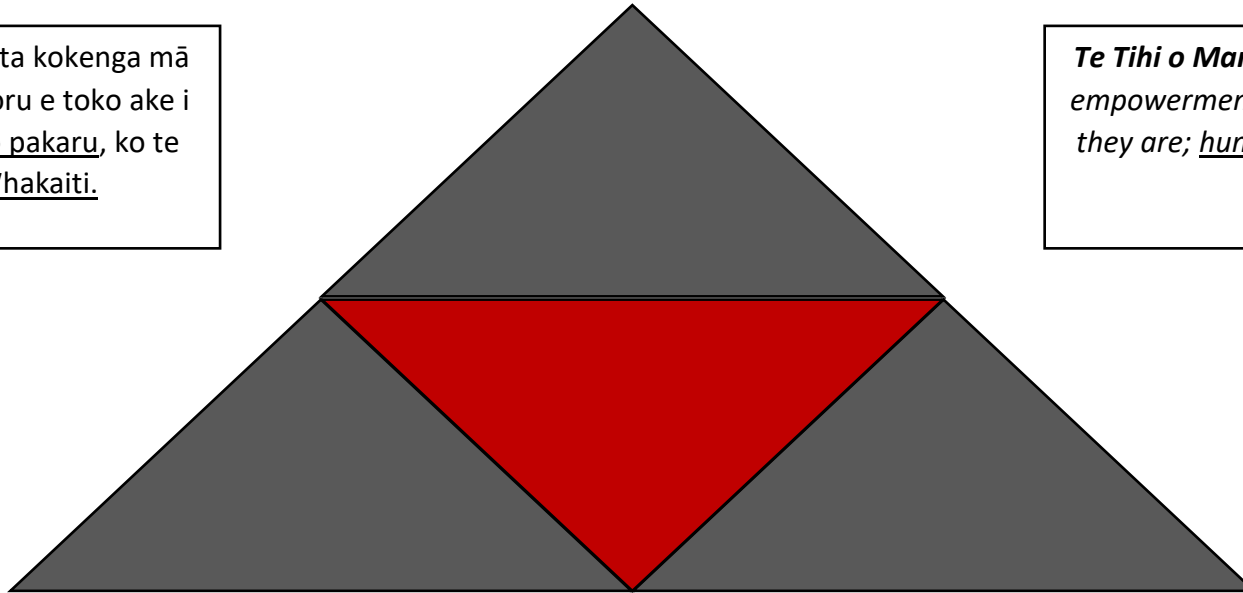


Te Tihi o Mana – The Peak of Mana

“Kia eke ki te pae o angitū – striving for success”

Ko **Te Tihi o Mana** te taumata kokenga mā ākonga, arā, ko ngā pou e toru e toko ake i te *Tihi o Mana* ko te Ūpoko pakaru, ko te Kōmaitanga me te Whakaiti.

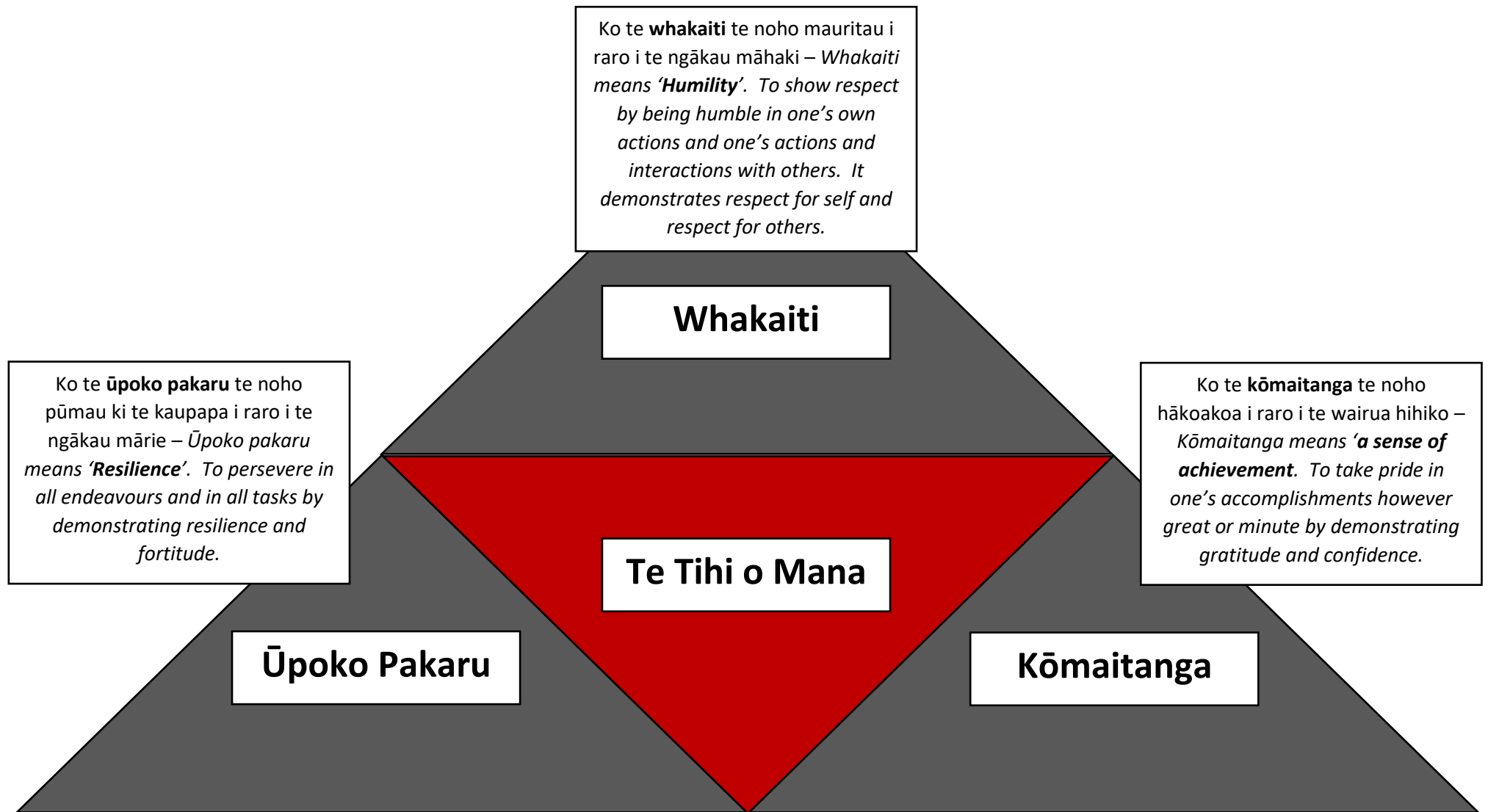
Te Tihi o Mana represents the peak of self-empowerment. It is upheld by three pillars, they are; humility, resilience and the sense of achievement.



Ko te **Mana** kai roto i ngā tāngata katoa o te ao, mai i tōna whānautanga mai tae noa ki tōna matenga mai. E toru ngā momo, ko te mana atua, ko te mana tangata me te mana whenua.

Mana exists within all people, from the time they are born till death. Mana can be grow and can diminish depending on one's actions. A person's personal mana can be represented in the words, self-empowerment. Mana exists in three forms; Mana atua – genealogical mana, Mana tangata – personal mana, and Mana whenua – mana through connection with the land

Whakamāramatanga - Explanation



Te Roro o te rangi

Te Roro o te rangi was the eponymous ancestor who demonstrated great fortitude. He was a celebrated leader who was well respected by his people. So much so that even when faced with the threat of death Te Roro o te rangi responded with a show of courage. His troupe who were heavily outnumbered and on the cusp of succumbing to fear were reinvigorated by Te Roro o te rangi's words of inspiration. "Ruia taitea, ruia taitea kia tū ko taikākā ko ahau anake" – *strip away the outer shell of a tree, so that only the heartwood remains*, what Te Roro o te rangi inferred here was for his people to make a decision, if fear should overcome them, then they should run away, so that only the bravest of warriors would remain. This spurred his warriors on in the face of defeat.

Mana Atua: Ancestral Mana – This is mana that all people are born with. As we are all children of the gods, ancestral mana is a bequeathed right given to all people from the time of their birth. Ancestral Mana can never extinguished or transferred.

Mana Tangata: Personal Mana – This is mana that resides within a person. It differs from ancestral mana as personal mana can be grown and can diminish. Personal mana is affected by external influences, through achievement and fame, through skill and ability.

Mana Whenua: Mana through connection with the land – As with ancestral mana, where the mana is inherited, Mana through connection with the land is where a person is empowered by his or her connection with the whenua. This connection with the land can be established through conquest, through occupation or through gifting.

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The idea is that each person has their own '*maunga o Ako*' - mountain of learning as well as being a part of the collective school '*maunga o Ako*'. A Maunga o Ako is a metaphorical representation of a person's learning experience. '*Te Tihi o Mana*' – The Peak of Mana is the very top of the Maunga o Ako. '*Tihi*' means pinnacle. Te Tihi o Mana is the growth of our personal mana reinforced by the lessons that we have built ourselves upon.

Waiata

Te Rangimārie

I titoa mai tēnei waiata hai āpiti atu i ngā ūara nei. Ko tōna whakapae, kia mauritau, kia hāneanea, kia āhuru ngā ākonga.

Tārere mai i te pō te rangimārie

Wāerehia ngā mahara kia rere tīkoke

Whāia te kōmaitanga o te manawa

Ka rere māhora ana i te rangimārie

Serenity sweeps through the night sky

So clear your mind and rise above

Search for that which brings the heart joy

And fly freely in tranquility

Nōnamata tō koronga i te whenua

Whakamauruhia tō wairua i te roma

This land has yearned for you since time immemorial

So quieten your spirit within the current's flow

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