Pani’s story
Being-with as Belonging
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His being aged and being Maori come together in the spiritual belonging
Being-with as elder
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In the event, some of the threads of the past are drawn forward, passing on the potential for the ancestral ways to be taken up and practised by her descendents
Contributing to community
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He emphasises the purposefulness experienced in contributing as a Maori elder to something so much greater than himself.
Being-with-Others

• For Maori, membership of the extended family and tribe is thus interpreted as a societal, spiritual mode of Being-with-Others.
• In Maoridom, attachment to generations of family and the land settled by ancestors are deeply held sentiments, essential to wellbeing.
The meaning of being aged

• Guided by hermeneutic phenomenology
• Individual research conversations with fifteen community-dwelling elders:
  o four Maori aged 71 to 93 and
  o eleven non-Maori aged 80 to 97 years
• Conversations of going about the everyday
• Cultural integrity of the study, the text and the interpretations was enhanced through partnership with Te Puna Hauora
Hutia te rito o te harakeke Kei hea te komako e ko uia mai ki ahau he aha te mea nui o tenei ao he tangata, he tangata, he tangata.
