<p>Northland, Te Tai Tokerau, the birthplace of a nation. It is believed that approximately 1000 years ago Kupe the great Polynesian explorer, fisher and chief set his eyes on our beautiful country after a long voyage from Hawaiki and landed his waka within the Hokianga Harbour. Many years later after the Māori had settled in New Zealand the British explorer Captain Cook found our land in 1769 followed by a flood of European settlers, sailors, traders and whalers. They stole the land from the Māori and had many battles until 1840 when they signed The Treaty of Waitangi or Te Tiriti o Waitangi in Waitangi, Northland between the British officials and the Māori chiefs (Rangatira). </p>

<p>The lands were then farmed for many years following this with more and more European settlers. Until in the early 20th century when it was subdivided into houses. Remaining mostly isolated until 1929 when trams reached the northland shops. Growing until it became the land we have now. A wonderful, vast area littered with fantastic bits of history, lovely people and beguiling natural wonders. Our magnificent land, built on blood and the backs of our ancestors. </p>