

2024 Te Hono Māori Te Pou Tuangāhuru Attendees



Anna Galvan

Te Hono

Anna stands as a notable athlete and leader with a track record of achievements. As a Commonwealth Games netball silver medallist in 2002, she showcased her athletic prowess over a 17-year professional career, proudly representing New Zealand as a key member of the Silver Ferns, the nation's national netball team. Anna's leadership extends beyond the court; as the Executive Director of Te Hono she applies innovative design thinking to drive the transformation of New Zealand's food and fibre sector. Additionally, Anna has served as the Chair of the Christchurch Netball Centre since 2016, where she secured \$16.5 million worth of funding for a new 10-court indoor facility opening soon. Anna is also actively involved with the New Zealand Olympic Committee Wāhine Toa programme, empowering female Olympians to transition into professional careers and leadership roles.



Anne-Marie Broughton

Parininihi Ki Waitotara Incorporation

Anne-Marie is a nature and animal lover and enjoys the buzz of managing projects and developing new business ideas. Her directorships and trustee roles are centered on the food and fibre sector. Anne-Marie is on the Parininihi Ki Waitōtara (PKW) Committee of Management and PKW Farms LP, MPI Investment Advisory Panel for the Sustainable Food & Fibre Futures Fund and Agri-Women's Development Trust. She is also a Director on MBIE/ Kanoa Crown Regional Holdings & Whanganui & Partners, the Economic Development Agency for Whanganui. Active in her hapū and local community, Anne-Marie is the Chair of Whenuakura Marae and on the Whanganui West Catchment Committee.



***Ariana Estoras***

Agresearch

He mokopuna ahau o ngā hapu maha o Maniapoto. As the Director of Māori Research and Partnerships for AgResearch I lead the organisation's strategic Māori direction including partnerships with Māori and the kaupapa Māori research direction. I also hold governance positions with AsureQuality and Dairy NZ's science board. In these leadership roles, my goal is to support decision-making that contributes positively to the vision for Aotearoa New Zealand of thriving intergenerational landscapes for community wellbeing.

***Ashlee Aspinall***

Environment, hapū and iwi

Whaingaroa Moana, Aotea Whenua, Kaawhia Tangata. He manu piirere, he raukura, hiinei te whakatinanatanga o ngā oohaaki o raatou maa. Mihi is committed to strengthening connections and advancing the interests of her hapuu. Through her role as Chair of Te Ruunanga o Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaaauru, Mihi has become a driving force in fostering strategic initiatives and building meaningful connections.

As a strategic innovator, Mihi possesses a keen ability to envision and implement transformative strategies that elevate the socio-economic and cultural well-being of Ngaati Mahuta ki tai people. Her innovative approach, coupled with a deep understanding of contemporary challenges, positions her as a catalyst for positive change. Mihi excels at cultivating partnerships and alliances that are essential for the holistic development of the community. She enjoys challenging complexities, establishing collaborative initiatives that amplify the collective voice and impact of Te Ruunanga o Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaaauru.

Awhina Murupaenga

E-Commerce Director, Kaupapa Māori Advocacy

Ko Awhina Murupaenga toku ingoa. I am the founder and Director of Whatu Creative. We launched our first product the Tukutuku Toi Kit during Covid and have been a rapid growth business since launching. Whatu Creative aims to promote Māori imagery and story telling through products, workshops and advisory. I am a Coralus Venture for 2024 where I'll be using the funds to grow our product range and employees to meet our wholesale and export goals.



Chelsea Halliwell

Te Hono

Chelsea is a seasoned communications professional with a passion for crafting compelling narratives and fostering meaningful connections. She regularly draws on her rich background to champion meaningful causes. Chelsea joined the Te Hono team as Strategic Insights and Communications Manager early in 2023, bringing over 15 years of strategic communications experience to the role.



Courtney Stone

Te Hono

Courtney is an exceptionally skilled event organiser with extensive experience in managing both social and corporate events. She demonstrates exceptional abilities in multitasking, maintaining effective communication with clients and vendors, and executing events with meticulous attention to detail. In early 2023, Courtney joined the Te Hono team as the Events and Administration Coordinator bringing her valuable skills to the role.

Craig Armstrong

NZTE

Originally a farmer from Hawkes Bay, Craig has lived and worked internationally, and has Board and Executive experience with NZTE, NZ Govt, Lion, Cadbury, Hunterskil Howard, CPLG, Yoplait, Snapple and Heinz. He's founded and exited start-ups. He's Chair of the Industry Advisory Board of the High Value Nutrition National Science Challenge to develop scientifically-proven health foods; and Advisory Board Member of the NZ Product Accelerator (assisting businesses commercialise new designs and manufacturing method) and of Ngawha Innovation Enterprise Park, a collaborative community that is all about growing people, growing innovation and growing enterprise. Craig was recently Chair of one of the Industry Transformation Plans, a partnership of business, workers, Māori, and government setting a long-term vision for transformative change and identifying near-term actions that will shift industry toward realising it. He's a champion and a commercial lead for integrating mātauranga and te taiao Māori to Govt and private business plans for food and fibre sector growth.



Dale Husband

Radio Waatea

Dale Husband is a journalist and senior broadcaster. Of Ngāti Maru descent, he is widely known for highlighting some of Aotearoa's big political issues in his work as host of Radio Waatea's Breakfast Show.

Dale's commitment to the station spans more than 35 years - a career he started as a fill-in announcer between "midnight and dawn." He was recruited in those earlier days by renowned church leader, child welfare advocate, and social-justice campaigner Hone Kaa. Hone presented programmes on Papatoetoe's Aotearoa Radio, the predecessor to our present-day Radio Waatea.

Dale is an experienced newsreader, emcee, 'singer', television and radio sports commentator. As a veteran writer and interviewer, Dale is a senior contributor to E-Tangata - an online Sunday magazine run by the Mana Trust. A not-for-profit movement, E-Tangata is largely a labour of love by a part-time team of accomplished journalists and writers who want to see, throughout the mainstream media, a more balanced and better-informed reflection of NZ lives and issues.

An avid rugby league enthusiast, from grassroots to professional development Dale is credited for his passion and involvement in the advancement of Māori and Pasifika in sports.



Darrin Apanui

Tū Mai Rā Investments

Darrin has 25 years of executive management, consultancy, and directorship experience. He was formerly the CEO of Te Matatini Kapa Haka Aotearoa.

Prior to that Darrin held senior executive management positions in the public and private sectors as well as Māori owned organisations.

As CEO of both the Trust and Investments, Darrin is fully conversant with managing organisations.

Darrin is also an experienced Director having been on a variety of boards from Iwi rūnanga to industry-based organisations, public and private sector companies to local and whānau trust companies.

Born and raised in Rangiwahia, 60 kilometres north of Fielding, Darrin is passionate about serving his iwi.

***Donna Flavell***

Waikato-Tainui

Donna is of Waikato, Ngā Puhi and Ngāti Ruapani descent. A doting nana to her moko Te Awanui o Taikehu, Donna lives in Ngāruawāhia with her four tamariki and husband Edward. She is currently responsible for leading a fifty-year long development approach to building the capacity of Waikato-Tainui iwi, hapū and Marae. Workstreams and priority areas include taiao, hapori, kaupapa, whai rawa and mahi tonu.

An experienced lawyer specialising in treaty negotiations and settlement mechanisms, Donna has held several senior roles. After a stint with Special Jurisdictions Min. of Justice, she was Registrar of the Waitangi Tribunal, a lead advisor for the Waikato River negotiations and eventual settlement, she also established and led the Waikato Raupatu River Trust, and was GM Strategy and Influence for Ngāi Tahu.

With a passion for freshwater, Donna is Chair of the Iwi Advisors Group for Freshwater, and a Director of Te Wai Māori – the statutory body established to advance Māori interests in freshwater fisheries. She is also a Te Hono alumni.

As host iwi for the conference, Waikato-Tainui have helped with programme and planning development and have built a team of volunteers to support Te Hono Māori to extend manaakitanga to all participating.

Nau mai haere mai ki Waikato!

Dr Riri Ellis

Ngāi Tukairangi Trust | Tauranga Office

Dr Riri Ellis was part of the first Māori intake to the Stanford University Bootcamp in 2013. She is currently the CEO of Ngai Tukairangi Trust and was the General Manager of Tukairangi Investments Ltd, the Director of Māori Business Programmes at Victoria University in Wellington, and before that, the Treaty Settlements Manager at Ngai Te Rangi Iwi Runanga. She holds a IOD Certificate in Corporate Governance, a PhD in management studies, and she has spent time in Jakarta and Washington DC honing her management skills and abilities from 2016 to 2018.

Riri is currently the Mataatua Delegate for the Federation of Māori Authorities, and a director for Miro Ltd, the Tauranga Moana Miro LP, the Matakana Berry LP and Purpose Capital. She was a board member for Toi Kai Rawa Trust, the Bay Connections Leadership Group and she is a foundation member of the Australian-New Zealand Indigenous Women's Business Network. She is a Māori land trustee, and marae trustee as well. Our next generation will be the leaders of our future and she foresees a more integrative approach to management of our resources, with younger fresher thinkers amongst our whānau leading the way.

***Faye Peke***

Media - Head of content

Faye Peke, a dynamic and solution-focused individual adorned with the esteemed raukura, embodies the essence of a skilled problem solver and ringa raupa in her multifaceted career. As a presenter, producer, and production manager, Faye's journey is marked by a commitment to excellence and a keen ability to navigate challenges with grace. Faye's manaakitanga skills, taken from her experience as a tuakana and ringa raupa at Hoani Waititi Marae, have been instrumental in shaping her successful career. Her innate ability to foster positive relationships and create a supportive environment has contributed to her effectiveness as a presenter and producer. Whether in front of the camera or behind the scenes, Faye's solution-oriented approach has allowed her to tackle complex issues with creativity and resilience.

With a raukura symbolizing prestige and leadership, Faye Peke has become a respected figure in the media industry. Her capacity to bring people together and find innovative solutions has not only defined her career but has also left a lasting impact on the projects she has undertaken. As a production manager, Faye's organizational prowess and leadership have been pivotal in steering projects toward success.

In the realm of television and media, Faye's presence is synonymous with quality and professionalism. Her commitment to delivering impactful content and managing productions with efficiency has garnered her recognition and acclaim. Faye Peke's journey serves as an inspiration, showcasing the power of a problem solver, solution-focused mindset, and the transformative influence of manaakitanga on a successful career in the world of presenting, producing, and production management.

***Francis Davy***

Callaghan Innovation

Ko Ngongotaha tōku maunga
Ko Te Rotorua-nui-a-Kahumatamoe tōku moana
Ko Te Arawa tōku waka
Ko Ngāti Whakaue me Ngāti Tuwharetoa ōku iwi
Ko Tunohopu tōku marae
Ko Morrison tōku whānau
Ko Francis Davy tōku ingoa

I have spent the past 7 years in NZTE's Māori Business team as a Customer Manager, supporting the international growth of a portfolio of Māori F&B exporters and collectives predominantly in dairy, honey and seafood categories. I have recently taken up the role of Head of Māori Innovation and Business Capability at Callaghan Innovation, with responsibility for leading Callaghan Innovation's strategy for supporting Māori entrepreneurs and innovators.



Gabrielle Thompson

Silver Fern Farms

Gabrielle is a farmer elected Director of Silver Fern Farms Co-operative Ltd, a role she has held since May 2019. Graduating from Massey University with a Veterinary degree in 2000, Gabrielle developed her own companion animal clinic in 2004, growing to five clinics around the lower South Island over a 10-year period before selling these clinics to a nationwide company. Gabrielle and her family, own and operate a 530ha arable and store lamb farm at Dorie, Mid Canterbury. She is a chartered member of the Institute of Directors and a member of the Lincoln University Council.



Guy Royal

Tuia Group

Guy is a director of Tuia Group, a commercial law and business consulting firm that works primarily in the Māori economic development space.



Hēmi Kingi

ASB

Hemi has recently returned to ASB from Tainui Group Holdings where he was Head of Farming and Forestry. Hemi was previously a Rural Manager at ASB and is passionate about advancing the Māori Food & Fibre sector.



Haylee Putaranui

Fonterra

Being a young Māmā to Waiaria provided Haylee with motivation to move through Te Piringa, University of Waikato Law school and into legal practise across Waikato and Tāmaki Makaurau, before joining Fonterra. During this time, she was part of the Maniapoto Māori Trust Board, Chair of Radio Tainui and continues to support a whānau-owned tourist entity. She was part of Fonterra's first Māori strategy team, moved into P&C as Graduate Manager,

was Fonterra's first Global Head of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and is currently Pouhere, Director Māori Strategy.

Haylee leads Te Matakahi Māori, Fonterra's Māori strategy team of 7 who are based nationwide. Fonterra's milk supply base includes 241 Māori owned farms (70% administered by TTWMA) who we work alongside to ensure our farms extract maximum value from the collective Co-op strength: highest sustainable milk price, secure supply chain and scale of global markets/access to customers. In the 22/23 season, our Māori farms collectively received \$338m for farmgate milk & capital returns. Fonterra's global workforce includes 1520 Māori, mostly across manufacturing with an increased focus in talent development pipelines. Fonterra supports Māori community initiatives through it's Hāpori program and 214 Kura Kaupapa & Wharekura who are part of the Kick Start Breakfast – ensuring taiohi are fed everyday with dairy nutrition.

Hera Denton

Environmental Management - Kai Sovereignty, reviving indigenous kai practices, maara kai preparation

Hera Denton, a dedicated environmentalist, is at the forefront of a movement to reinvigorate kai sovereignty and revive traditional practices on her whenua. With a profound passion for environmental sustainability deeply rooted in her commitment to Māori values, Hera has emerged as a leading advocate for a harmonious coexistence between people and the land.

Throughout her career, Hera Denton has tirelessly championed restoration efforts, she has been involved in a variety of projects spanning the west coast of Waikato, kai sovereignty, recognizing the intrinsic connection between land, culture, and sustenance. Her work is guided by a profound understanding of the importance of traditional practices in maintaining ecological balance and preserving the cultural heritage embedded in Māori food systems.

As a committed environmentalist, Hera actively engages in initiatives that promote regenerative agriculture, sustainable harvesting, and the revitalization of indigenous crops. Her advocacy extends beyond rhetoric, as she actively collaborates with local communities, iwi, and organizations to implement practical solutions that align with the principles of kai sovereignty.

Hine-Puaawai Brooks

Education

Kei ngā maunga whakahī, nga wai tuku kiri ō ngā mātua tūpuna,
Hīnei te reo owaha ō Whāwhākia tupuna, ō Whāwhākia tāngata.
Kia tau iho rā ngā tauwhirotanga ō te runga rawa ki runga i ā Kīngi Tūheitia, tae atu ki te whare tapu ō Pōtatau

Kia tau iho hoki rā ngēnei tauwhirotanga ki runga i te pani, te pouaru, te rawakore, ngā tinana e māuiuitia ana.

Tuia rā ngā mate tāruru nui, koutou e takahi nei i te ara kūiti kia Hine-nui-te-pō, whakangaro atu rā.

Rātou kia rātou, tātou e kawē nei i ngā tāonga ā kui mā, a koro mā, tēnei te mihi.

Ko Hine-Puaawai Brooks tōku ingoa, he uri tēnei nō Waikato.

Tē wawata i wawatia rā e aku kaumātua, he tongikura nā te kōhanga reo, nā te Kura ā Iwi.

Ko te mātauranga, me te oranga o te ao ō te āpōpō taku kai i te ao, i te pō.

He kaiako i poipoi i ngā tamariki ō te hāpori ō Rāhui Pōkeka, hēoi, ko te aronga i tēnei wā

ko te tiaki i te mana, i te māuri o ngā Kōhanga Reo, o ngā Puna Reo, o ngā Kura-ā-Iwi, o ngā

Kura Kaupapa, o ngā Kura Motuhake puta noa i te motu, hei Kaiarotake mō Te Tari Arotake

Mātauranga.

Engari, mātua rawa, he Māmā tēnei ki taku ao, taku huia kaimanawa, a Te Kaawai-Kura, ko ia e herehere nei i ngā tātai whakapapa ō Tainui, Mataatua ō Te Arawa anō hoki.

Ko te kaupapa kei tua ō te awe māpara, ko te whakatupu, ko te whakaruruhau i ngā Arikura,

a rātou whānau kia tū pakari, kia tū māia ki roto i te ao ō te mātauranga Māori. Ahakoa ngā

whiuiwhiutanga ō te wā, kei te ao Māori te oranga mo tātou katoa.

“Me ko te ariari ō te rā, haehaea te pō, nau mai te awatea. He kura nui, he kura roa, he kura tupu i te taioretanga!”

Ilesha Schiphorst

BNZ

Ko Waikato-Tainui te iwi Ko Taupiri te maunga Ko Te Awamarahi te marae Ko Cooper toku ingoa whānau No Tuakau ahau Engari e noho ana ahau ki Pāpāmoa Ko Ilesha Takutai Tapatai Kite Akauroa Schiphorst. I have vast leadership experience (20+ years) in the banking sector leading teams across Consumer, Business, Commercial and Agriculture divisions within ASB and now BNZ. I currently am one of 4 senior leaders that lead Te Taura Tangata - Māori Rōpū at BNZ to support the development and growth of future Māori leaders. My passion and purpose is to create a place of belonging where our people are respected and valued for the mana that we bring.

James Stockton

Farmlands

James has been Chief Financial Officer (CFO) since 2021. He has extensive Farmlands/Te Whenua Tāroa leadership experience, having joined the co-operative in 2014 and held several senior finance roles during this time. James is accountable for the overall financial

management and other key operational support functions such legal, risk management and procurement. In early 2023 James joined the Board of Fern Energy as a Farmlands representative Director. Fern is our 50/50 JV with South Fuels. James is a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and has previous CFO and senior finance experience gained in the United Kingdom – with businesses ranging from publicly listed companies to innovative start-ups.



Jen Scoular

Scoular Ltd

Influencing actions to drive positive impact. Global experience across primary industries, banking & diplomacy. Chair House of Science. Seeking new opportunities.



Jessie Chan

AgriZero

Jessie Chan MNZM

Jessie has worked in a range of primary sector management positions over a twenty-year period including Central Government, Local Government, non-profit and commercial organisations. She is currently a director of AgriZero, AgReserach, NZ Pork, and PharmaZen. Jessie has previously served on the Board of RuralCo, Ngai Tahu Farming, Alpine Energy, Meat the Need and Bioprotection Aotearoa. Jessie was awarded a Member of the NZ Order of Merit in 2022 for services to dairy and agriculture. She also received the Women in Governance Award for Inspiring Governance Leader in 2021, and Dairy Woman of the Year in 2017.



Kaleb Nordstrom

Food Research (Food Technologist)

Kaleb Nordstrom, of Ngai Tahu and Waikato descent, is a dedicated food technician at Ag Research, at the forefront of addressing food poverty in Aotearoa. Passionate about sustainable practices, she collaborates with iwi Māori, leading initiatives to revolutionize how we grow kai and utilize the whenua's resources. Kaleb's work embodies the intersection of traditional knowledge and modern technology, forging a path towards a resilient, culturally enriched future. As an advocate for community empowerment, she seeks to redefine our relationship with the land, fostering a harmonious balance between innovation and cultural values.



Kim Ballinger

AsureQuality

Kim joined AsureQuality as CEO in December 2020 having had more than 25 years in the food industry including CEO of Tip Top, Fonterra, DairiConcepts, Dairy Partners of America and NZ Milk Products. AsureQuality's role in food assurance lines up with Kim's passion for building trust and value in NZ food industry and exports. She has extensive experience living and working in markets outside of NZ including Brazil, Mexico, China, and the USA. Her qualifications include a Post Graduate Diploma in Dairy Science and Technology and a Bachelor of Chemical Technology, from Massey University. Kim is passionate about creating environments where people can be successful and aligning businesses to be relevant to their customers today, and in the future. She is proud to be leading a business which supports New Zealand's food and primary producers to uphold the reputation of Aotearoa for best-in-class quality food.



Lee-Ann Marsh

AGMARDT

Kia ora koutou – I'm honoured to be here with you all at this special gathering.

A little glimpse into my journey: I'm privileged to serve as the General Manager for AGMARDT, an independent organisation dedicated to shaping the future of Aotearoa New Zealand's food and fibre sector through investment in people and ideas.

My professional background is in global consumer insights and innovation. Hailing from the Niagara region of Canada, I kick-started my career as a quantitative market research analyst in Toronto. Then in 2006, I ventured to London, working for boutique agencies on exciting blue-chip client accounts focused on identifying global growth opportunities across FMCG, healthcare, and technology.

In 2010 I moved to the beautiful shores of Aotearoa, a decision that has profoundly influenced both my personal and professional life, including sparking an untapped passion for agriculture. Over the years, I've embraced diverse roles with Fonterra, Nestlé, and Beef + Lamb New Zealand, gaining valuable experience in Trans-Tasman and global capacities.

My commitment lies in driving positive change for New Zealand's food and fibre sector through collaboration to ultimately benefit planet and people. I currently reside in a seaside suburb of Tāmaki Makaurau with my wonderful husband and two lively children, aged six and two. What I'm most curious about in 2024 is the topic of time; how do we perceive and use it today and how we might think differently about it to create options and possibilities for future generations.



Mary Jensen

Smart Waikato

Mary Jensen has been the Chief Executive of Smart Waikato Trust since its inception in 2009. Mary has a background in regional development, business, education and communications. Under her leadership and with her high-performing team, the Trust has grown to successfully develop, launch and implement a number of new, high impact initiatives that have been scaled up and implemented regionally and nationwide e.g. Secondary School Employer Partnerships (SSEP). Mary is also General Manager of the Waikato Engineering Careers Association (WECA). In 2015, Mary was a finalist in the NZ Westpac Women of Influence Awards. In 2018 Smart Waikato won the EDNZ Award for Best Practice in Collaboration; business, iwi and community in NZ. In 2019 Mary was Accredited as an Economic Development Practitioner by Economic Development New Zealand (EDNZ). In 2023 Smart Waikato was a finalist in EDNZ Best Practice Inclusive Development for Career Hauora. Mary also contracts services through her company Brella Projects Ltd and is the Managing Director of FutureForce NZ Ltd. Mary's purpose is to enable positive systemic change and connections across education and employment for the betterment of all peoples of Aotearoa; especially rangatahi.



Matiu Taurau

Tū Mai Rā Energy

Matiu has a wealth of international and local experience in business. He has been a Chartered Accountant since 2008 and was a Senior Associate at GHA. Matiu led the development of investment advisory services, business development and delivery of consulting assignments for GHA. His role there included virtual management, organisational development and financial advisory. In 2021, Matiu was appointed CEO of Tu Mai Ra Energy (TMRE). Taking on this role has a special resonance for Matiu. Not only is TMRE supported by the iwi of Rangitāne o Tamaki nui a Rua & Rangitāne o Wairarapa but Matiu's whakapapa connects him strongly into Rangitāne. Matiu has focused on consolidating and growing TMRE including establishing solar hubs in other parts of the country and working on expanding the business into the Pacific. In tandem with expanding the business Matiu has also put strong effort into helping to alleviate energy poverty among Māori and assist them to become more resilient as concerns their energy needs. In this respect TMRE has become a key provider of renewable energy services to marae and papakainga. This has given the enterprise the ability to start developing innovative energy solutions such as the generation, storage and distribution of energy through community batteries and virtual power stations. Next on the list for Matiu will be the establishment of solar farms in Dannevirke and Te Araroa as well as investigating the use of solar to provide energy to assist Rangitāne's commercial arm establish an indoor farm.



Mavis Mullins

Rangitane

As an acknowledged business entrepreneur, Mavis enjoys the challenge of big goals. A lateral thinker and sometimes over-enthusiastic about the things that matter to her. As an experienced governor representing Iwi, NGO's, public, private and government entities, Mavis is a connector. Committed mother, grandmother, farmer and kitchen hand.



Michael Jamieson

Tū Mai Rā Investments

I was born and raised in Murihiku. Back in the day, the youngest Otago graduate with a Master's degree in business administration - from there I sprung into the corporate world and my teams achieved outcomes that progressed us quickly into leadership roles. I went to Australia with the Lion Nathan Group in Strategy and Change and was lured to Nike, eventually running the Pacific region operations out of Australia. We had a great whanau of "mozzies" in Oz but with three young ones, we felt the family pull to New Zealand. Here, I was in GM roles - firstly for Nike NZ, then we moved to the Wairarapa to drive Icebreakers' expansion as GM of their global operations from Wellington. My corporate sector roles have been around growth, scale and change but outside of New Zealand.

After Icebreaker I took the opportunity to weave in public sector experience. At MPI and MBIE, I held senior official roles with a focus on primary sector innovation and investment, strategy and supporting our trade in G20 / APEC forums. I wanted to get more local in the private sector and I ran Henergy Eggs out of Masterton before Covid hit, which saw our business change and I returned to MBIE, this time focussing on advancing outcomes for Māori and Pasifika in regional development and investment and then onto treasury business cases with MPI's Te Uru Rākau.

I am excited to be Chief of Operations at Tū Mai Rā Investment and bring deep experience and energy to lead and support Rangitāne in this growth journey. I am also a Trustee of Hau Ariki Marae based in Martinborough, where my wife Cathy and our three tamariki have lived for the past 16 years. I hunt and dive for kai on the coast where I feel connected to Papatūānuku as a guest of Rangitāne in the footsteps of Kāti Māmoe, the Iwi that I identify with. I look forward to meeting with you.



Missy Te Kanawa

KPMG

'Missy' as she's more commonly known to many of us, hails from Ngāti Maniapoto, Tainui-o-Tainui, and Ngāti Porou, and is partner and National Industry Lead Māori for KPMG. When describing her mahi, Missy says that she mostly focuses on simplifying the complex, so clients are better placed to make clear and guiding strategic choices, map the pathway to achievement, and most importantly, execute.

In a world of constant change, Missy encourages challenging status-quo and bringing a customer rather than process centric lens, to strategic planning.

Missy is passionate about working with Māori and considering how business approaches and measures of success can better reflect a Māori world view as we pursue the perfect balance between people, planet and putea.

A management consultant and qualified chartered accountant with experience in governance roles, Missy is also a Te Hono alumni and has helped lead the steering komiti to deliver this year's conference.

An aspiration for Missy is that the two-day format will encourage design thinking as a valuable tool for rethinking and reimagining not only products and services, but also the approaches to strategy, culture, and organisation design.



Mitchell Crosswell

Fonterra

A Pāpā to three young children, a graduate of Massey University and a former professional rugby player and Māori All Black who spent time playing offshore and successfully transitioned into the business sector for New Zealand global company Te Mātāpuna - Fonterra. Perhaps his greatest sporting achievement is having played for his Iwi of Ngāti Porou East Coast rugby across two seasons. Mitchell is the Fonterra General Manager Māori – Commercial and Environment having spent the past eight years with the Co-op in various roles.



Nancy Garrity

Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research

Works to provide strategic leadership at Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research for engagement and business growth with the iwi, hapū and the Māori sector. With an interest in developing sustainable partnership practices to draw out solutions that give effect to Māori aspirations and priorities. Previous mahi included leading novel programmes that align scientists to work with multiple iwi and hapū entities with a background in science leadership her interests stem from integrating mātauranga Māori based on how traditional uses might gain contemporary application.

Nevada Huaki

Senior Policy Planner in central government

Nevada is an extremely passionate planner and has a strong focus on combining traditional frameworks and technical expertise. Nevada is dedicated to her iwi, she has been involved in taiao initiatives for her iwi, including the development of an Environmental Management Plan for one of her hapuu Ngaati Mahuta ki Tai, as well as to restore the riparian zone along the Mangatangi Stream that lies directly beneath her Mangatangi Marae.

While she was a member of the Tuia Rangatahi Leadership programme, Nevada had been working with her community to take local children to environmental enhancement activities, which she hopes will promote environmental awareness, opportunities, and kaitiaki responsibilities. As part of the project she has been mentored by representatives from Waikato Regional Council.



Olivia Egerton

Te Hono

Olivia brings together diverse people to focus on a common vision and create enduring action across all levels of business, local government, community groups and not-for-profit trusts. She is currently Chair of Te Hono, Director of Lincoln Agritech and the Development Director of Te Atamira, an arts and cultural facility in Queenstown. She is the Founder of Kotare Strategy, which works with primary sector and not-for-profit organisations in business development, strategic planning, stakeholder relations, visioning, scoping and design thinking. Olivia was the 2020 winner of the Institute of Directors First Steps in Governance programme, which includes a two-year internship with Ronald McDonald House South Island

and she was a finalist in the 2015 Westpac Women of Influence awards in the Rural Category. She holds a Masters in Cultural Heritage, Deakin University, Melbourne and a Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Auckland.

Phillip Weir

AGMARDT

Phil is a 2020 Nuffield Scholar, chair of the Beef and Lamb Mid Northern North Island Farmer Council and an associate trustee of AGMARDT. Living on the slopes of Mt Pirongia, 30 minutes from Hamilton, Phil is active in farming his co-owned 240ha drystock property with his wife Megan and three children Henry (9), Freya (7) and Margot (5). In 2023 Phil and Megans Harapepe Farms were finalists and category winners in the Waikato Ballance Farm Environment Awards. Phil also works as an Agribusiness consultant with AgFirst (Waikato) where he focuses on helping a range of clients consider land use diversification from an economic, systems and succession perspective. Prior to farming, Phil travelled extensively and has a diverse background. He has worked in Environmental Science across Australasia, held senior roles with AgResearch in commercialisation and business development and completed a Master of Marine Management at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, Canada.



Rachel Taulelei

Oho

Rachel is a prominent business leader and a strong advocate for the Māori economy and sustainability in the food and beverage sector. Her commitment to kaitiakitanga has been evident throughout her career, from founder of sustainable seafood company Yellow Brick Road, to her time as chief executive officer of Māori-owned food and beverage company Kono, and now in her current role as co-founder of business design and brand strategy firm Oho. Rachel presently chairs Moana NZ, the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust (better known as Sky Stadium), and the Fonterra Sustainability Panel. She is a director for The Warehouse Group, Sealord, and ANZCO Foods, and acts as an adviser to venture capital firm Movac. She is also a member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Advisory Council and Chaired through our 2021 hosting year.

Rangiamohia Dansey-White

Māori Business and Commercial Policy

Currently in my final year studying Anthropology and Māori Studies at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington. My time in Pōneke allowed me to grow, nurture and gain skills and knowledge that I am now able to bring home and utilise in the work for my hapū of Ngāti Pikiao to develop strategies in the wake of the coalition government's 100-day plan. I'm passionate about leaving this world a much better place for our mokopuna, and if I can make one change in my lifetime, even if it is a little one, then I know I've done something right.



Ranginui Rikirangi-Thomas

Toi Tangata (Māori Health) - Pouārahi Mātauranga Māori

Ranginui is a passionate advocate for Te Ao Māori who is dedicated to the revitalization of this taonga as he has been immersed in it his whole life. He is fortunate to be a product of the initiatives that were established for the revival of the Māori language, being Kōhanga Reo, Kura Kaupapa Māori, Wharekura and on to Tertiary Education, which then paved his career pathway as an exponent of the Māori language.

Ranginui has experience in developing and delivering programmes in a variety of education settings, including, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary, in both full-immersion and mainstream. His current role as a Pouwawao Mātauranga at Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakaeue involves the delivery of Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori programme.

Ranginui enjoys hunting and diving for his community as well as practicing the holistic nature of well-being from a Māori perspective.

Rerewha-i-te-rangi

Maori Business and Commercial Policy

Rerewha-i-te-rangi Pita is a young Māori leader with a passion for economic development. He is a descendant of Te Atiawa, Taranaki, Ngati Wai, Ngati Manawa. Rerewha has spent the past 10 years in a range of roles, all focused on uplifting Māori businesses and iwi entities. Rerewha's strengths lie in taking big, complex ideas and developing practical solutions. He is also a skilled communicator and relationship builder. Rerewha is passionate about using his skills and experience to make a positive difference in the lives of his people. In his current role as Director of Turuturu Consultants Limited, Rerewha provides business advice and support to Māori businesses and iwi entities. He also sits on several Trusts and other organisations to promote Māori economic development.



Robyn Meehan

MPI

Robyn Meehan (Kāi Tahu, Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Ngāti Tama) is Director Māori Agribusiness and the acting Director Treaty Partnerships and Capability within the Māori Partnerships & Investment Business Unit at the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). Robyn is a passionate advocate for the work of her Māori Agribusiness directorate within MPI and for equitable outcomes for Māori landowners. Robyn supports her colleagues' understanding of meaningful Treaty Partnerships. She also challenges them to be a positive voice for sustainable development of whenua Māori and the growth of Māori participation in the primary sector. Robyn started her career at the Ngāi Tahu Māori Law Centre, a community law centre close to her kaika – Ōtākou, where she supported whānau and hapū with matters relating to whenua Māori. After a short-lived career as a barrister, Robyn moved to Wellington to take up a role as a research counsel at the Chief Judge's Chambers of the Māori Land Court. The experience she gained in Chambers and through the Waitangi Tribunal has shaped her public service career. Treaty principles, the country's constitutional fabric and influencing transformational change are themes of Robyn's work at Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry of Justice and Oranga Tamariki. The desire to make a positive and practical difference for Māori landowners has, however, ultimately led her back to the start of her career - whenua Māori.



Sam Cashell

Fonterra

Sam Cashell – (Ngā Iwi o Mōkai Pātea, Ngāti Maniapoto)

A proud father of two tamariki, Sam has a Bachelor of Environmental Management from Lincoln University and a background in on farm sustainability. He is passionate about improving outcomes for Te Taiao and finding opportunities between Te Ao Māori (Māori worldview) and Te Ao Pakihi (business world).

Sam is the Fonterra Māori Strategy Manager – Commercial/Science & Innovation and has held various roles within the Co-op over the past 11 years.



Shar Amner

MBIE

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In September 2012 Shar was elected as a Rau Kotahi (Independent) Trustee to the Ngāti Rangi Trust. Shar then became the Chairman of Ngāti Rangi Trust in February 2016 and through the responsibility, joined the Treaty settlement team as a negotiator.

Shar has been on both sides of the coin when it comes to Treaty settlements. As a negotiator for his iwi Ngāti Rangi from 2014 to 2019 and then later becoming a Crown official and has a unique perspective on treaty settlements and the role of the Crown.

In 2019 Shar joined Te Kupenga which is the Māori Economic Development Unit within Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). Te Kupenga is responsible for influencing and driving quality outcomes within the Māori economy. The core purpose of the Māori Economic Development Unit, Te Kupenga, is to cast the net to develop, influence and deliver Māori economic prosperity.

Shay Wright

Te Whare Hukahuka

Shay is a product of the Far North of New Zealand, raised in the lands and community where his ancestors have lived for generations. He is of mixed European, Te Rarawa, Te Mahurehure and Taranaki lineages.

His entrepreneurial leadership and strategic thinking helped spawn the Māori Development unit at The Icehouse and Māori training organisation Te Whare Hukahuka, where he has coordinated and provided training to more than 1,000 Māori community and business leaders. He helped found the teacher training organisation TeachFirst NZ, and more recently OurOra and Elemental Food to weave together the NZ food ecosystem to improve nutrition and secure stronger food resilience in our communities. Shay is also a member of the Government's Māori Economic Development Advisory Board.

Shay is particularly skilled in governance, strategy and systems change. He is a sought after speaker, and provides thought leadership and strategic advice to Government agencies, Māori organisations, education leaders and industry leaders, particularly about some of the toughest challenges facing Aotearoa-New Zealand and the world."

***Stacey Smith***

Ngai Tukairangi Trust

Ko Taranaki te maunga. Ko Ngāruahinerangi te iwi. Ko inuawai me Ōkahu ngā hapu. Ko Aotea te waka. Ko Stacey Smith tēnei.

Stacey is currently the Financial Controller of Ngāi Tukairangi Trust. Prior to this she has held various accounting roles within the primary sector over her career of 30 years. Previously, the Treasury accountant for Pedersen Group who supply contracting services to Pulp and Paper mills within Australasia, and the Group Accountant for Claymark Ltd a sawmill and timber remanufacturing company located in the Bay of Plenty. Claymark Ltd supplies premium timber products for export into the US and Australian markets. She is a Chartered Accountant and attained her Bachelor of Business studies at Massey University. In addition to her current role, she has been studying full time with Te Wananga o Aotearoa for the last three years and is currently completing her level 5 in Te Reo. Stacey is passionate about advancing Māori initiatives, to ensure that we are global leaders in providing innovative approaches to managing our resources so that we are prepared for environmental and sociopolitical change.

***Tanya Houghton***

Farmlands

Tanya has been leading the Farmlands/Te Whenua Tāroa whānau as Chief Executive Officer since September 2021. She brings extensive experience delivering organisational change, strong financial outcomes and performance focus to the role. Tanya is passionate about improving customer and team experience, delivering business growth by listening and responding to the needs of both. She is focused on instilling this way of operating across Farmlands/Te Whenua Tāroa. Prior to joining the co-operative, Tanya held the role of Chief Executive of MoleMap ANZ Group. She also spent 15 years with Greencross Group, Australasia's largest integrated pet care and veterinary company, in various roles with responsibilities across both Australia and New Zealand. Tanya also has governance experience including as a director of Animates NZ Holdings Ltd and the Petbarn Foundation. Tanya is passionate about the unique role Farmlands/Te Whenua Tāroa has in supporting New Zealand agriculture. Tanya is guided by the concept of kaitiakitanga and manaakitanga in building strategy and in her approach to measuring success. Tanya believes that, as CEO, she is responsible for the protection and care of Farmlands/Te Whenua Tāroa, to ensure the co-operative remains healthy and self-sustaining for the future. Her connection to the whenua (land) is important to her. Away from work, Tanya loves spending time with her whānau (including Fergus the dog) walking in the Port Hills and enjoying the array of outdoors activities on offer in the greater Canterbury region.

Tawa Campbell-Seymour

ASB

Tawa is a Pouhōe o Te Waka Whaihua at ASB and has a decade of banking experience. Tawa is passionate about accelerating Māori wellbeing and success.

Te Amorangi Heremaia-Flavell

Graduate Accountant, NAIA

Born, raised and based in Waikato, Amo grew up in the heart of the Kīngitanga. Her commitment to the Waikato expands to her professional career, having spent the last decade with the Waikato River Authority, starting as an intern and growing into the role of Funding Support Co-ordinator overseeing 40 funded restoration projects for the Waikato Awa. She is now with NAIA Limited and has taken up the role of Graduate accountant. Influenced by whānau, she is passionate about giving back to her iwi and has been strongly influenced by her whānau who are active in local and national Māori kaupapa.

***Tabitha Harris***

OHO

Co-founder of OHO, a cultural design agency playing in the world of strategy, brand, people and story.

***Tawa Campbell-Seymour***

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TeHoripo Karaitiana

Te Awanui Group/ WMI

Te Horipo Karaitiana (Ngāi Tūhaitara, Kati Kuri, Ruahikihiki, Kai Te Pahi, Kāti Māmoe, Waitaha, Rapuwai, Hāwea, Ngāti Kuhungunu,). Te Horipo brings over 40 years of experience from a wide range of governance and executive roles in the private, public, Māori and community sectors. This has spanned several industries including dairy, mixed livestock, forestry, tourism, education, seafood, investments, horticulture, technology and economic development. He has extensive networks both on and offshore and has spent time in around the world gaining an understanding of food markets and value chains across Europe, US and Asia in particular China and Japan. A sound strategic thinker with strong commercial skills he holds several tertiary qualifications. TeHoripo is renowned by his peers in Aotearoa's innovation, primary industry arena as a thought leader and experienced Chairman/Director/CEO with the capability to integrate Western knowledge and Mātauranga Māori.



Toko Kapea

Tuia Group

Director, Tuia Group – Commercial Law and Business Consulting firm.
CEO, Pounamu Pathway – West Coast, South Island tourism project working alongside Wētā Workshop and Poutini Nga Tahu. Board Member, Basketball New Zealand.



Vicki Watson

Aotearoa Circle

As Chief Executive for The Aotearoa Circle, Vicki is helping drive systems level change to restore nature and ensure sustainable prosperity in Aotearoa for future generations. Vicki has private sector experience spanning three decades that focuses on building organisations from scratch, forming and executing strategies, creating structures and workplace cultures that last, reaching ambitious funding or revenue goals, coordinating large scale events, and collaborating with leaders to achieve positive outcomes for our communities and Aotearoa. This work has cut across a wide range of organisations doing good work for New Zealand, including but not limited to the Sir Peter Blake Trust, NZEA, the New Zealand Leadership Institute and in her current role at The Aotearoa Circle. As a parent of two young adults, Vicki is driven to create a better world for them and their peers, and finds inspiration by getting out into nature, whether it be runs through Tāmaki Makaurau or walks through the South Island, mainly Arrowtown, where she is reminded of what we are all working to protect.



Wayne Mulligan

Wayne Mulligan NZ Bio Forestry

Wayne is a shareholder and director on several bio-pharmacy, biochemistry and nutritional companies. He is a founding partner and the Chief Executive of Fomana Capital Ltd and NZ Bio Forestry Limited, and holds a Master of Management from the University of Auckland, specialising in business modelling and systems thinking. Wayne has managed entrepreneurial start-ups, as well as public and private enterprises, and has been involved in New Zealand business delegations and attended two signings of free trade missions (China and ASEAN). Wayne is also involved in several Māori businesses. He attended the Stanford University Executive Bootcamp for Te Hono NZ agri-tech (2014); Te Hono, SAP, and Stanford Design School intensive program in (2015); Te Hono USA Consumer Insights at Stanford University (2016); and has attended two Executive Queenstown Agribusiness Summits in 2013 and 2015 - these courses taught by Harvard University Professors. Wayne's technology and portfolio consists of:

- The founding chair of the Māori agribusiness group NUKU ki te PUKU™. This company is designing pre-diabetic plant-based protein foods for Chinese.
- A director and investor in NZ Bio Forestry (bio-tech venture Taiwan/Singapore & NZ). This company focuses on converting biomass into bio-chemicals, bio-fuels and bio-packaging. This company in 2023 won a Top Global R&D Award for negative emissions bio-plastics with a Taiwan research partner.
- A shareholder and former director on Anagenix (NZ) and Anagenix IP - a nutraceutical company developing gut health and respiratory nutritional solution based by clinical evidence. This company won the global pre-biotic of the year in 2022.
- Founder and Executive on NUKUToi, market insight and research group, specialising in SEA markets.
- A shareholder in HoneyLab - (TRG Natural Pharmaceuticals) a company developing natural pharma solutions from NZ, using pharmacy grade kanuka bio-actives.

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Silver Fern Farms

Aisha Ross

Parininihi Ki Waitotara Incorporation

Alonzo Mason

TPK, Waikato

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