

# He Kete Mātauranga



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# Karakia Timatanga

Whakaoho te mauri  
Kia wana, kia māia  
Tuwhera te whatumanawa  
Kia mārama  
Kia tapatahi  
Ka tupu, ka whanake  
Ki te toi matua  
Tūturu whakamaua kia tina! Tina!  
Haumi e, hui e, tāiki e!

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Mātauranga Māori Panellist 2024.



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# Climate Connect Aotearoa

Climate Connect Aotearoa (CCA) is a climate innovation hub based in Tāmaki Makaurau. Our aim is to connect diverse groups and communities in Auckland and support them in creating future-focused solutions in the face of environmental issues and challenges in the region. We are guided by Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan and its goals in building an equitable, climate resilient and low carbon Tāmaki Makaurau.

In 2023, we established He Kete Mātauranga – an online space designed to support businesses and communities in building climate resilience through Māori knowledge systems and frameworks. Since then, we have connected with Māori leaders and innovators through online interviews and explored what mātauranga Māori means to them and the role it plays in their climate action. In May 2024 – we hosted the inaugural He Kete Mātauranga Hui at Te Mahurehure Marae. Hoping to build on its success, we are so excited to host our second hui at Te Puna Creative Hub.

## Te Puna Creative Hub

Te Puna Creative Hub aspires to be a world-class centre of excellence for creative industries in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, like no other in the world. A unique centre for screen, media, digital and creative technology, art, game development, music and performing arts, Te Puna Creative Hub is a space designed to foster collaboration, spark creativity and drive innovation. The hub provides the local community and creative businesses with access to world-class resources and opportunities, including a multi-functional digital theatre and black box studio. Te Puna is driven in partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, and Te Kawerau ā Maki.

## Te Kawerau ā Maki

As the mana whenua authority for West Auckland and located right next door to Te Puna, Te Kawerau ā Maki gifted the names Te Puna, Kōmanawa and Takawai for the building and its main indoor spaces. They are currently in the planning phase for their new marae at Te Henga, a project called Te Henga Whakahirahira. Focused on sustainability, their new papakāinga will be built on ancestral whenua at the front of the Lake Wainamu dune system. Te Kawerau ā Maki are leading the whakatau for our hui and feature as one of three mātauranga Māori workshops.

# Ngā kaiwhakataki

## MCs

### Waimarama Hawke

*Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Ngāti Pikiao, Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāti Mahuta, Ngāti Maniapoto*

**Climate Innovation Advisor Māori  
– Climate Connect Aotearoa**

In her role within Climate Connect Aotearoa, Waimarama is responsible for leading the He Kete Mātauranga Hub and Hui. Her work involves amplifying Māori voices and ensuring that te ao Māori values and perspectives are central to He Kete Mātauranga. Waimarama is an experienced MC, writer, and facilitator who is committed to kaupapa Māori.



### Cornell Tukiri

*Ngaati Hikairo, Ngaati Whaawhaakia, Kāi Tahu*

**Climate Innovation Lead Māori  
– Climate Connect Aotearoa**

Cornell sees the interweaving of kōrero tuku iho or stories handed down from generations before with our lives today aids in determining our decision making. The layered understanding of whakapapa offers more than just genealogical ties, it offers connections, insight and holistic views of our world. Cornell's role is to develop further understanding of climate change with a te ao Māori lens and support indigenous leadership in this space.



# Wātaka

## Timetable Day 1

WĀ	KAUPAPA	KO WAI	WĀHI
9.30	Welcome	Te Kawerau ā Maki	Kōmanawa
9.45	Kai whakanoa		Grand Foyer
10.00	Setting the scene	Waimarama Hawke	Kōmanawa
Mātauranga Māori – Tūpuna wisdom in practice			
10.15	Keynote	Che Wilson	Kōmanawa
10.45	Introduction to Workshops	Waimarama Hawke	
Workshops			
11.00	Active Whakapapa	Te Kawerau ā Maki	Henderson Park
	Maramataka	Ayla Hoeta	Takawai
	Rongoā	Eruini Hawke	Takawai
12.30 – Lunch			
1.30	Group reflections		
2.00	Audience Panel		Kōmanawa
2.30	Māori Climate Innovation Funding	Cornell Tukiri	
2.45	Closing	Waimarama Hawke	
3.00	End		

## Timetable Day 2

WĀ	KAUPAPA	KO WAI	WĀHI
9.30	Welcome	Te Kawerau ā Maki	Kōmanawa
9.45	Setting the scene	Waimarama Hawke	
Taiao to Toi Māori – Telling our stories			
10.00	Keynote	Nikau Hindin	Kōmanawa
10.30	Introduction to Workshops	Waimarama Hawke	
Workshops			
10.40	Waiata	MAJIC	Takawai
	Waituhi	Raukura Turei	Takawai
	Te reo Māori	Robbie Pāora	Takawai
12.00 – Lunch			
Te Anamata – Reimagining a (k)new future			
1.00	Keynote	Tina Porou	Kōmanawa
1.30	Introduction to Workshops	Waimarama Hawke	
Workshops			
1.40	Te Ao Matihiko	Dan Te Whenua Walker	Takawai
	Environmental Law	Vicki Morrison-Shaw	Takawai
	Rangatahi	Waimarama Hawke	Takawai
2.45	Closing	Waimarama Hawke	Kōmanawa
2.50	Performance	MAJIC	
3.00	End		

# Mātauranga Māori

Here, we explore the Māori knowledge systems that shape our connection to the taiao. Led by respected mātauranga practitioners, this session navigates whakapapa, stories, and kōrero tuku iho that continue to guide how we understand, interact with, and protect our environment in an ever-changing world.



**Kaikōrero Matua** Keynote Speaker

**Che Wilson** Ngāti Rangī-Whanganui, Tūwharetoa, Mōkai Pātea, Ngāti Apa, Ngā Rauru

**Poukura (Director) – Naia Limited**

Che is Poukura of Naia Limited, a Māori consultancy where he focuses principally on the tūpuna wisdom space as a guest speaker, researcher, leadership mentor and facilitator. He is currently leading regional research on the ceremonies and knowledge associated with the star Puanga and the application of tūpuna weather forecasting and seasonal changes to current land use. Che has experience as Deputy Secretary for the Ministry for the Environment and president of Te Pāti Māori and is currently on Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga board.



**Pouako** Workshop Facilitator

**Maramataka with Ayla Hoeta** Waikato Tainui, Ngaati Tahinga

**Maramataka Practitioner, Lecturer  
– University of Auckland**

Ayla is a proud Maamaa of three, an educator and an advocate for kaupapa Māori-centred design and innovation. She is a passionate Maramataka practitioner and recently launched her new app – Ao Maarama, where she shares practices to align hauora with tupuna knowledge. With over a decade of experience in community led projects, she is dedicated to supporting whānau aspirations and enabling intergenerational wellbeing for tangata whenua and te taiao.



**Pouako** Workshop Facilitator

**Rongoā with Eruini Hawke** Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Ngāti Pikiao, Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Mahuta, Ngāti Maniapoto

**Capability Lead Mātauranga Māori  
– The Auckland Co-Design Lab**

Eruini was raised on his ancestral lands – Takaparawhau, Bastion Point. As a mokopuna of Māori land activists, he inherited the profound role of being a kaitiaki of his whenua. With over twenty years of experience in environmental spaces – his career reflects his personal commitment to protecting te mauri o te taiao. His expertise is in native forestry, ecological restoration, and conservation, rongoā Māori, resource management, para kore, ecotourism, and biodiversity care. He has a strong foundation in Te Ao Māori and is deeply committed to the service of his people. A true child of Tāne Mahuta, he is happiest when his hands are in the soil.



**Pouako** Workshop Facilitator

**Active Whakapapa with  
Tyler Taua-Gordon** Te Kawerau ā Maki

**Pou Tikanga, Kaimahi Hapori  
– Te Kawerau Iwi Tiaki Trust**

Tyler works for Te Kawerau-a-Maki as a pou tikanga and kaimahi hapori. He has a strong passion for te taiao and the connection, protection and restoration of the whenua, especially in Hikurangi (West Auckland) and the rohe of Te Kawerau-ā-maki. As mana whenua of the region, his whakapapa and whenua are always front of mind. Everything he does is to ensure a thriving taiao for generations to come.

# Huritao

## Reflection

Use this space to write down anything that inspires you, burning questions you may have for our speakers or great ideas you have for the future. Perhaps start by answering the pātai – **What is mātauranga Māori to you and how does it inform your relationship with the taiao?**



# Taiao to Toi Māori

Taiao to Toi Māori explores the power of storytelling and the role of creatives in climate spaces. Guided by celebrated artists, musicians, and innovators, this session is a reminder that the way we tell our stories is just as important as the stories themselves. Through contemporary expression – we explore our innate connections to the environment.

**Kaikōrero Matua** Keynote Speaker

**Nikau Hindin** Ngai Tūpoto, Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi

**Contemporary Artist**

Nikau Hindin is a barkcloth maker who works with aute (paper mulberry, *Broussonetia papyrifera*) and earth pigments. She has spent the past decade reinvigorating the practice of aute in Aotearoa – including teaching this knowledge to a new generation of makers. Her practice is devoted to the life cycle of the paper mulberry plant, from its growing and harvesting, to processing the inner bark and creating a fine cloth. Working intimately with plants and tools that come from the natural environment, Hindin aligns her practices with the maramataka. Her work has been recognised internationally and is currently some of the most widely exhibited examples of earth pigment exploration by a contemporary Māori artist.

**Pouako** Workshop Facilitator

**Majic Paora (MAJIC)** Ngāti Whātua ki Tamaki, Ngāti Whātua ki Kaipara, Ngāpuhi, Te Aupōuri

**Singer, Songwriter**

Celebrated for her soulful voice and authentic performances, her talent has seen her not only earn the respect of her musical peers but also garner industry recognition. She was awarded Best Female Artist at the Māori Music Awards in 2015 and the Mana Reo Award at the Aotearoa Music Awards in 2020. Beyond music, Majic is passionate about indigenous rights and equality. She comes from a strong background of artistry and activism and learnt at a young age that music could be a beacon of change. As a māmā to three and deeply connected to her iwi, she is determined to use her voice to uplift, empower and inspire future generations.

**Pouako** Workshop Facilitator

**Raukura Turei** Ngā Rauru Kītahi, Taranaki, Ngāti Pāoa, Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki

**Artist**

Raukura is a multi-disciplinary artist, architect, and māmā of two kōtiro based in Tāmaki Makaurau. She has a Master of Architecture (Prof) from the University of Auckland and is a registered Architect with the NZRAB. Through her research into atua wāhine and her journey in reconnecting with her whakapapa, painting is a tool to connect to her tīpuna. She uses natural materials collected from Papatūānuku in her practice, such as aumoana, a blue clay from her tīpuna whenua of Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki and onepū, black iron sands from Te Uru, Auckland's West coast. Her artwork has been exhibited throughout Aotearoa and internationally including in Japan and Australia.

**Pouako** Workshop Facilitator

**Robbie Pāora** Ngāti Whātua ki Tamaki, Ngāti Whātua ki Kaipara, Ngāpuhi, Te Aupōuri

**Kaiako reo Māori**

Robbie Pāora is a passionate advocate for Māori language and culture. An uri of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, he plays a key role in history and cultural education. Robbie is a kaitiaki reo at Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland, and teaches Te Pīnakitanga ki te reo Kairangi at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa. He is also a seasoned musician and songwriter.





# Huritao

## Reflection

Use this space to write down anything that inspires you, burning questions you may have for our speakers or great ideas you have for the future. Perhaps start by answering the pātai – ***What is your creative superpower and how could you use it to tell stories about your environment?***

# Te Anamata

Te Anamata is all about future thinking. It has a focus on how we draw on the past to inform our collective futures – reimagining (k)new approaches to environmental justice and exploring how we shape our path forward.



**Kaikōrero Matua** *Keynote Speaker*

**Tina Porou** *Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāi Tāmanuhiri, Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Rakaipaaka*

**Kaupapa Māori Environmental Consultant**

Tina Porou is the founder of Poipoia, a kaupapa Māori consultancy dedicated to providing environmental services to iwi, hapu, and both the public and private sectors. Poipoia has an ever-growing team of experienced hapū practitioners and technicians in the field of resource management from across Aotearoa. In 2016, Tina was made a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her service to Māori and the environment, and she won a Sir Peter Blake Emerging Leader Award in 2015. Tina holds board governance positions with the Lake Taupō Forest Trust, Ngāti Porou Forests, Pahiatua Incorporation, and the Asia New Zealand Foundation.



**Pouako** *Workshop Facilitator*

**Dan Te Whenua Walker** *Tangahoe, Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāruahine, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairoa, Maniapoto, Tūhourangi, Te Ahiawa*

**Partner Development Manager – Microsoft**

Dan is an experienced leader in Business Development and Relationship Management with an extensive background in the IT and Tech sectors. He has a particular passion for how technology can be utilised for Māori and Pasifika economic development. Dan is the Deputy Chair of New Zealand Māori Tourism, Pou Tuarā of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui, Director at Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, Ringa Hora Board Member, and holds a variety of community trustee roles around Auckland. He was the recipient of the Young Māori Business Leader of the Year award in 2022.



**Pouako** *Workshop Facilitator*

**Vicki Morrison-Shaw** *Ngāpuhi, Pākehā*

**Lawyer**

Vicki is an environmental barrister and commissioner. As a barrister, she acts for applicants, tangata whenua and other parties in legal processes like heritage authority appeals, wildlife act permit reviews, and takutai moana applications. In her mahi as a commissioner, Vicki is regularly appointed by councils to make decisions on resource consents and plan/policy changes. She is the current convenor of the taiao committees for Te Kāhui Ture o Aotearoa and Te Hunga Rōia Māori o Aotearoa and is completing Te Pinakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

# Huritao

## Reflection

Use this space to write down anything that inspires you, burning questions you may have for our speakers or great ideas you have for the future. Perhaps start by answering the pātai – ***What kind of world do you want your mokopuna to live in, and what needs to happen now to make that world a reality?***



## Whakamiha

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## Karakia Whakakapi

Kia tau te mauri  
Kia ora te ngākau  
Whakawātea te ara  
Te ara ki mua  
Te ara ki tua  
Kia puta ki te whai ao  
Ki te ao mārama  
Haumi e, hui e, tāiki e!

## Rereata

Maramataka Māori Expert,  
Rereata Makiha, Mātauranga Māori  
Keynote 2024.



## Hinerapa

Celestial Navigator,  
Hinerapa Rupuha, Te Anamata  
Keynote 2024.



