

Speaker bios | Te Ritorito 2017



Emeritus Professor Sir Mason Durie

(Ngāti Kauwhata, Ngāti Raukawa, Rangitāne)

Professor Sir Mason Durie grew up in Fielding and later attended Te Aute College. In 1958 he entered the University of Otago, completing a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree in 1963. He has a Postgraduate Diploma in Psychiatry from McGill University, Canada, and was Director of Psychiatry at Palmerston North Hospital before his appointment to the Royal Commission on Social Policy from 1986-88.

For over 40 years, he has been at the forefront of a transformational approach to Māori health and has played major roles in building the Māori health workforce. His efforts have been recognised by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, the Public Health Association of New Zealand, the Māori Medical Practitioners Association, the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand, and the Polynesian Society.

In addition to a lifelong commitment to Māori health, Sir Mason continues to champion higher education for Māori. He has been the Deputy Chair of Te Wānanga o Raukawa, Professor of Māori Research and Development, and more recently Deputy Vice Chancellor at Massey University. He continues to provide national academic leadership for Māori and indigenous development and regularly assists Iwi and Māori communities to realise their own aspirations for socio-economic advancement.

Sir Mason has been a Commissioner for the New Zealand Families Commission and he chaired the Ministerial Taskforce on Whānau Ora in 2009. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Otago University in 2008 and in 2010 was knighted for services to public health and Māori health.



Clare Ward

Chief Executive, Superu

Clare is the Chief Executive of Superu and has held this role since June 2013.

Prior to this, Clare was a Deputy Government Statistician at Statistics New Zealand leading the Industry and Labour Statistics Group and before this the Organisation Direction Group. Clare joined Statistics New Zealand after roles at the Tertiary Education Commission, the Ministry of Housing, and Housing New Zealand.

Originally from England, Clare has a background in strategy, policy, research, programme development, monitoring and investment management in the public sector, both in New Zealand and in the UK.

Clare lives in Wellington with her partner Graham and her children, Meg and Seth



Michelle Hippolite

(Waikato, Rongowhakaata, Te Aitanga-a-Māhaki)

Chief Executive, Te Puni Kōkiri

Michelle has been the Chief Executive of Te Puni Kōkiri since December 2012. During this time she has led the process to transform Te Puni Kōkiri to a new way of working to achieve the long-term outcomes of the organisation.

Michelle has held senior roles in the public service and wider State sector. A career highlight was providing leadership in government on the establishment of the Māori Television Service, and for strategies around reo Māori.

Before joining Te Puni Kōkiri she was Kaihautū at Te Papa Tongarewa, a role she held for more than four years. During her time there she enhanced the bicultural reputation of Te Papa, developing international relationships culminating in exhibitions being presented in Europe and North America and the repatriation of kōiwi tangata and toi moko from around the world.

Michelle is the Chair of Te Kura Māori o Porirua and serves as a Public Sector Trustee on the Diversity Works Trust.



Justice Joe Williams

(Ngāti Pukenga, Te Arawa)

Justice Williams was appointed a Judge of the High Court on 10 September 2008. He graduated from Victoria University with an LLB in 1986 and from the University of British Columbia, Canada, with an LLM (Hons) in 1988. He then joined, and later became a partner of the law firm Kensington Swan in Auckland.

After practising as a partner of Walters Williams & Co between 1994 and 1999, Justice Williams was appointed Chief Judge, Māori Land Court in December 1999. Shortly thereafter he was appointed as Deputy Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal and appointed the Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal in 2004.

Justice Williams is a former Vice President of the Māori Law Society and a former President of Te Rūnanga Rōia o Tāmaki Makaurau, the Auckland Māori Lawyers Association. While in practice, he had extensive experience as a company director

including sitting on the Board of MAI FM in Auckland for some years. He was the lead singer of 'Aotearoa', a popular R&B/reggae band in the 1980s. He is a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, a fellow of the Law Faculty at Victoria University of Wellington, and an adjunct professor at the Ngāi Tahu Research Centre, Canterbury University.



Len Cook

Families Commissioner, Superu

Len was appointed Families Commissioner in July 2015. He was the National Statistician of the United Kingdom from 2000 to 2005 and the Government Statistician of New Zealand from 1992 to 2000. Prior to this, Len worked in various roles at Statistics New Zealand from 1971, becoming Deputy Government Statistician in 1986. He was a member of the Royal Commission on Social Policy in 1987-88.

He is a member of Superu's Social Science Experts Panel and Chair of the advisory board of the Institute for Governance and Social Policy at Victoria University of Wellington. Len is a member of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Board, and has served on a wide variety of boards over the years.

Len's prime interests include public administration, population change and public policy, official statistics and the place of science in policy.

His main focus in recent years involves working with official statistical offices in the Pacific, Superu and the Tuaropaki Trust.



Kahukore Baker

(Te Whakatōhea, Te Upokorehe)

Superu

Ko au te tohorā, ko te tohorā ko au.

Kahukore has worked as a Māori public servant since 1998. This was for Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Biosecurity New Zealand, Housing New Zealand Corporation and now Superu (as well as the Families Commission).

Prior to 1998, Kahukore was the Waikato-King Country Field Officer for the Post Primary Teachers' Association.

At Superu, Kahukore is responsible for the whānau wellbeing stream of work. In collaboration with Te Puni Kōkiri, she is project manager for Te Ritorito 2017.

Kahukore is Treaty of Waitangi claims advisor and secretary to Te Upokorehe Treaty

Claims Trust. She is a member of the Ōpōtiki Branch of the Māori Women's Welfare League and Deputy Chair of the Mātaatua District Māori Council.



Dr James Hudson

(Ngāti Awa, Ngāi Tūhoe, Ngāti Pūkeko, Ngāi Tai)

Principal Adviser, Independent Māori Statutory Board

James Hudson is responsible for the Tāmaki Makaurau programme.

His work at the Independent Māori Statutory Board has focused on data innovations for Māori in Tāmaki Makaurau, including the development of an integrated data strategy and the implementation of an evaluation framework. Recently he has led the production of *The Māori Report for Tāmaki Makaurau 2016*.

James holds an LLM (Hons) from the University of Auckland and a PhD from Massey University. During his early career, James practiced in areas of resource management and public and commercial law, specialising in Māori land law and indigenous jurisprudence. He later shifted his career towards researching Māori and indigenous governance and development.



Dr Moana Eruera

(Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāti Rangiwewehi)

Poutaki Māori (Principal Advisor Māori), Child, Youth & Family

He uri tēnei nō Ngāpuhi nui tonu, nō Ngāti Ruanui, nō Ngāti Rangiwewehi

E mihi atu nei e tangi atu ki a koutou

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

PhD (Indigenous Studies), M. Phil (Social Work), Post Grad Dip (Social Policy & Social Work), B.A (Māori), Registered Social Worker NZ, MANZASW, Tangata Whenua Social Worker Association (TWASWA)

He aha te mea nui o tēnei ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. Moana is of Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāti Rangiwewehi tribal descent. Eldest of 3 sisters, mother of 2 boys and many other family members she cares for. More than 25 year experience in social and community work including family violence prevention and Iwi research projects.

Her working career and vision has been spent committed to strengthening family, child safety and wellbeing, reclaiming and application of indigenous frameworks and practices in social and community work, social justice, human rights and the development of Māori and indigenous people. She is Poutaki Māori (Principal



Dr Leland Ariel Ruwhiu

(Ngāti Porou, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tahu ki Mohaka)

Poutaki Māori (Principal Advisor Māori), Child, Youth & Family

Ngāti Porou (Hapū – Huhaara, Te Whānau a Iritekura), Ngāpuhi (Hapū – Tutearu, Ngāti Hurihia, Ngāti Toki), Ngāti Kahungunu (Hapū – Ngāti Pahauwera), Ngāi Tahu ki Mohaka (Hapū – Te Otaha, Ngāi Toenga, Ngāti Huka)

Doctorate in Philosophy (Social Work & Social Policy), BSW (Hons) (Bachelor of Social Work), Registered Social Worker NZ, MANZASW, Tangata Whenua Social Worker Association (TWASWA) Tangata Whenua Voices in Social Work.

Leland is the eldest child of ten siblings and is blessed to still have living both parents, Pirihi Te Ohaki (Bill) Ruwhiu and Waikaraka (Wai) Emily (nee Pere). He has been married to Nicky Haeata-Ruwhiu for over 34 years and as parents and grandparents, they have been graced with five sons, one daughter, and five mokopuna.

Leland is a strong advocate of whānau wellness/wellbeing (states of ora) and continues to actively advance Tangata Whenua kaitiakitanga framing of the profession of social and community work in Aotearoa. Dr Ruwhiu is an indigenous social and community work leader, poet, innovator, thinker, writer, critical commentator who jointly holds the working brief of Poutaki Māori (National Principal Advisor Māori) in the Office of the Chief Social Worker for CYF with Dr Moana Eruera.



Awhina Buchanan

(Ngāti Porou, Cook Island Māori)

Senior Advisor, Office of the Children's Commissioner (OCC)

Awhina is an experienced youth development practitioner and has worked for local and central government in roles that aim to bring the voices of children and young people to the forefront of decision making.

Part of her role, as a Senior Advisor within the OCC monitoring and investigations team is to ensure that the voices of children and young people are central to all monitoring and investigation activities. She recently facilitated Minister Anne Tolley's first Youth Advisory Panel that was instrumental in influencing the direction and priorities of Oranga Tamariki.

Her partner is of Samoan and Tokelauan decent. Awhina and her partner have two adult children and one mokopuna. Awhina strongly believes that if children and young people are viewed as having equal mana to adults, their experiences of the world, and their outcomes, will be greatly improved. This philosophy has driven her parenting, grand parenting, and career choices.



Atawhai Tibble

(Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Raukawa)

Principal Advisor, The Treasury

Atawhai is one of ten siblings, who are all deeply involved in the Māori community. Atawhai was raised in Feilding, attended Hato Pāora College, graduated from Victoria University with a law degree, and has been involved in Māori policy ever since.

His passion is 'Māori enablement'. He describes this as the active process of dismantling bureaucratic, intellectual and other walls that stop community growth, and building networks and pathways that allow Māori to grow and flourish!

One of his many achievements includes the Te Kupenga survey 2013 - where Atawhai was the subject matter lead at Statistics NZ. It is the first survey developed by a national statistics organisation worldwide, to measure a full range of indigenous concepts in a statistically robust manner. Atawhai led the development of the indigenous measures. In 2016, he was asked by the OECD to share this model at a world conference in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Atawhai is a Principal Advisor at the NZ Treasury. There he has led the work on the development of the Māori lens to the Living Standards Framework. He is currently on secondment to the Social Investment Unit, with a specific focus on connecting Māori providers to the social investment data highway.



Hon Te Ururoa Flavell

(Te Arawa, Ngāpuhi)

Minister for Māori Development, Minister for Whānau Ora

Mr Flavell was raised in Rotorua and still resides in his whānau homestead at Ngongotaha. He has been married for more than 25 years to Erana Hond-Flavell and is a proud family man, with five tamariki and two mokopuna.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Māori Studies and Anthropology) from the University of Auckland, a Master of Arts (Māori) from Waikato University and is a former

student of Te Panekiretanga o Te Reo (Institute of Excellence in the Māori Language).

Trained as a teacher, Te Ururoa taught for many years at both secondary and tertiary levels. He has also held leadership roles in education as a school principal, CEO at a whare wānanga and a consultant to various government agencies.

Te Ururoa Flavell was first elected to Parliament as a Māori Party MP for the Waiariki electorate in 2005. He has been successfully re-elected as the local MP in 2008, 2011 and 2014. He became the Māori Party Co-leader in July 2013.

After the 2014 General Election, Te Ururoa Flavell was appointed Minister for Māori Development (Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori), Minister for Whānau Ora (Te Minita Whānau Ora) and the Associate Minister for Economic Development (Te Minita Tuarua Whanaketanga Ohaoha).

A proud St Stephens Old Boy, the 60 year-old MP is well known for keeping physically active, being a White Ribbon Ambassador (men campaigning against violence towards women) and promoting te reo Māori by speaking it as often as possible.



Liz MacPherson

Chief Executive, Statistics New Zealand

Liz MacPherson is the Government Statistician and Chief Executive of Statistics New Zealand.

Liz is a public servant with 25 years of experience, including more than a decade working at senior leadership level. She is passionate about evidence-driven decision-making, seeing her role as a way to ensure New Zealand decision-makers at all levels have access to quality information.

Prior to joining Statistics NZ, Liz held several senior roles at the Department of Labour, the Ministry of Economic Development (MED), and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).



Andrew Sporle

(Ngāti Apa, Rangitāne, Te Rarawa)

Māori Health Researcher, University of Auckland

Andrew Sporle is based in the Statistics Department at the University of Auckland. A sociologist and epidemiologist, his research interests include indigenous statistics, social inequities, Māori responsiveness of mainstream research investment and improving access to existing data.

Andrew is a founding member of the Māori Data Sovereignty Network Te Mana Raraunga, he is on the Science Leadership Team of the Ageing Well national science challenge and he convenes the Kāhui for the Healthier Lives national science challenge.

He was formerly the inaugural Māori Health Research Manager at the Health Research Council, where he was involved in implementing strategies for the rapid development of Māori health research.



Ben Dalton

(Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Porou, Irish)

Deputy Director General, Ministry for Primary Industries

Ben Dalton is responsible for Sector Partnerships and Programmes at the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Ben's branch delivers programmes to increase primary sector productivity and economic growth, such as the Primary Growth Partnership, Sustainable Farming Fund, Regional Economic Development, Irrigation Acceleration Fund and Māori Agribusiness. He is also the Senior

Regional Official for Northland.

During his public sector career Ben has been Chief Executive of the Crown Forestry Rental Trust and Deputy Chief Executive at the Ministry for Fisheries. He was also Chief Executive for Te Rūnanga Ā Iwi O Ngāpuhi representing New Zealand's largest iwi.

He has an MBA from the University of Auckland, and is a graduate of the Senior Executive Programme at the University of Columbia.



Hon Dame Tariana Turia

(Ngāti Apa, Ngā Wairiki, Ngā Rauru, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Whanganui)

Hon Dame Tariana Turia was a New Zealand MP from 1996 to 2014. She has been Minister for Whānau Ora, Disability Issues, and the Community and Voluntary Sector. She has also been Associate Minister in Health, Māori Affairs, Social Development, Child, Young and Family, Housing, Corrections, Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment.

Dame Tariana has been a champion of rangatiratanga (self-determination) for Māori as well as advocating strongly for disabled people and Pacific communities. Before entering politics, Dame Turiana was the Chief Executive of Te Oranganui Iwi Health Authority, the largest Māori health service provider in the central region.

Dame Tariana was co-leader of the Māori Party from its inception in 2004 until November 2014. She was deputy chair of the Ministerial Committee on Poverty, which invested over \$65m in addressing and preventing rheumatic fever. It also extended home insulation for low income families and supported free doctors' visits and medicine for children up to the age of 13.

Two of her greatest achievements are in Whānau Ora and tobacco reform. Dame Tariana received the Tū Rangatira mo te Ora award from the New Zealand Public

Health Association in 2010 for her work in Māori public health and the Luther L Terry Award for Exemplary Leadership in Tobacco Control from the American Cancer Society in 2015.

Dame Tariana is the Patron of the Whanganui YWCA and the Weightloss Surgery Trust, Chair of the Parihaka Settlement Trust, a mentor for ABI Rehabilitation New Zealand and a life member of CCS Disability Action. She is also a board member of Superu.



Dr Amohia Boulton

(Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāi Te Rangi, Ngāti Pukenga, Ngāti Mutunga)

Director, Whakauae Research Services

Dr Amohia Boulton leads Whakauae Research Services, a research centre owned by Ngāti Hauiti. Amohia worked in the Ministry of Education and Ministry for Māori Development before completing her doctorate at Te Pūmanawa Hauora, the Research Centre for Māori Health and Development at Massey University. She also did her postdoctoral work at Massey University and studied as an ACADRE Fellow at the University of Northern British Columbia, Canada.

While she leads the only iwi-owned and mandated health research centre in Aotearoa, Amohia also holds academic positions as an Adjunct Research Associate in the Graduate School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health, Victoria University of Wellington (VUW); and as a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Health Services Research Centre, School of Government, VUW. She has also recently been appointed an Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences at Auckland University of Technology (AUT).

Amohia is a former member of the Māori Health Committee of the Health Research Council of New Zealand and currently serves on the boards of the Australasian Evaluation Society; Te Kotahi Research Centre, University of Waikato; and the Kāhui Māori for the Healthier Lives, He Oranga Hauora National Science Challenge. She was also, until recently, a Whānau Ora Technical Advisor to the Whānau Ora Partnership Group.

Amohia's research interests and publications focus on aspects of Māori health services research, particularly the relationship between, and contribution of, government policy, contracting mechanisms, and accountability frameworks to improving health outcomes for Māori.



Richard Steedman

(Ngā Iwi o Mōkai Pātea: Ngāti Whitikaupeka, Ngāi Te Ohuake, Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Tamakōpiri)

Director, Whakauae Research Services

Richard Steedman is the Chairman of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whitikaupeka, one of the four iwi of the Mōkai

Pātea Confederation, and is currently the Claims Manager for the Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust. He has extensive governance experience in a range of iwi entities, their subsidiaries and land trusts.

Richard is also a Director of Whakauae Research Services, an iwi-owned Māori health research entity. He also has experience working in the health sector at provider, funder and policy levels, including at the Whānganui District Health Board.



Nancy Tuaine

(Whanganui, Ngāti Rangi, Ngāi Tahu)

Chief Advisor, Te Puni Kōkiri

Nancy joined the Office of the Chief Executive at Te Puni Kōkiri last year, after twenty five years of working for her Iwi in Whanganui.

In the early years of Te Oranganui Trust, Nancy worked alongside Dame Tariana Turia where she gained her first exposure to the aspirations of whānau ora.

Nancy was then requested by the leadership of her Iwi to manage the transition of the Whanganui River Māori Trust Board through to a post settlement environment. In this role she participated alongside other Iwi leaders to achieve the recent Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River Claims Settlement).

Nancy was a member of the Whānau Ora Taskforce that presented the Whānau Ora: Report of the Taskforce on Whānau-Centred Initiatives to Government in 2010. She went on to be a member of the Whānau Ora Governance Group that had oversight for the first phase of Whānau Ora.

In 2012 Nancy returned to lead Te Oranganui as the Chief Executive Officer. She was driven to ensure that whānau ora had the best chance of survival through application and evidence. At the same time Nancy became an Iwi Advisor to Richard Steedman an Iwi Leader on the Whānau Ora Governance Group.

Whānau Ora is one of Nancy's key responsibilities within Te Puni Kōkiri. She helps provide strategic guidance but she is also responsible for embedding a Whānau Ora approach within the operating framework of the Ministry.

Helen Leahy



Pouārahi/Chief Executive, Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu

Helen Leahy leads the Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency for the South Island.

For the previous fifteen years, Helen was based at Parliament in her roles as Chief of Staff of the Māori Party, and Senior Ministerial Advisor for Hon Dame Tariana Turia. She was National Secretary for the Māori Party from its establishment in 2004 to 2014; and the author of *Crossing the Floor: the story of Tariana Turia* (2015).

Helen was a member of the Expert Advisory Panel for the modernisation of Child, Youth and Family in 2015. She is a member of the governance forum for the Canterbury Children's Team; as well as the steering group for the Integrated Safety Response pilot, representing Tū Pono: Te Mana Kaha o Te Whānau.



Rauhine Coakley

(Ngāi Tahu; Ngāti Waewae)

Whānau Ora Navigator, Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu

Rauhine Coakley is a Whānau Ora Navigator based at Arahura Marae on Te Tai Poutini. Through her mahi working directly with whānau, and indirectly hearing kōrero around the marae, I came up with the concept for Hīkoi Waewae.

Hīkoi Waewae is a hiking/tramping rōpū based on Te Tai Poutini. We walk DOC tracks on a weekly basis and are building fitness over time in order to complete the Heaphy Track (Whakapoai) in January 2018. All the walks are based in areas of significance to Ngāti Waewae and our rōpū learn “ngā kōrero o neherā” of those areas.

We have also incorporated learning about rongoā and mahinga kai, karakia, waiata, te reo Māori and kaitiakitanga. We are also learning and normalising our local Māori place names. On most tracks there is no cell phone coverage, so our rōpū

disconnect from technology during our hīkoi. This enables them to connect with Papatūānuku and ngā Atua Māori on a deeper level.

Hīkoi Waewae has been put together as a direct result of hearing the moemoeā and aspirations of our people.



Maania Farrar

(Pare Waikato, Pare Hauraki)

Commissioning Manager, Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu

For the past eight years Maania has worked in Whānau Ora, in both the implementation and delivery phases at the Ministry of Social Development, Te Puni Kōkiri, He Oranga

Pounamu the former Ngāi Tahu Health and Social Service.

Maania is currently the Commissioning Manager for Te Pūtahitanga O Te Waipounamu, a partnership of the nine iwi of Te Waipounamu. Its mission is to invest in and support thriving whānau.



Awerangi Tamihere

(Ngāti Kauwhata, Rangitāne, Ngāti Porou, Rongowhakaata, Kāi Tahu)

Director, Social Innovation & Impact, Te Pou Matakana

Awerangi's role in Te Pou Matakana is to develop and implement Te Pou Matakana's commissioning for outcomes strategy. She leads the Research, Strategy & Innovation, Change & Transformation and Brand & Design teams which provide the backbone support to Te Pou Matakana for strategy.

A particular focus for Awerangi is leading out the blueprint for designing the 'managing to outcomes' programme which underpins the commissioning model for Te Pou Matakana. A blueprint that ensures outcomes measured are those that matter for whānau.

Awerangi brings a depth and breadth of experience across public, private and Māori sectors. Prior to working with Te Pou Matakana and Waipareira, Awerangi was a management consultant providing advice and support on governance and strategy. While working in the private sector, Awerangi was Associate Director for KPMG, responsible for leading the New Zealand national indigenous consulting team and providing business advice to clients.

Her work experience in New Zealand Government has included advising and supporting the implementation of health reform at national (Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet), regional and local levels. She has also held senior management strategy and planning positions in the health sector and working with her own iwi on the east coast supporting establish health services.

Frana Chase

(Ngāti Hauā, Ngāti Whiti, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Maniapoto)

CEO, Te Oranganui Iwi Health Authority

Frana has worked in a broad range of social sector environments including health, social, justice and education over the past twenty years. She was a Whānau Ora Kaitakawaenga at Taumarunui Community Kōkiri Trust Whānau Ora Centre before working at Te Oranganui Iwi Health Authority.

Te Oranganui is an Iwi-led health and social service specialising in delivering services too but not exclusively Māori. Te Oranganui operates a range of services including Primary and Community Medical, Mental Health and Addictions, Disability support and Whānau and Community. The Te Oranganui case management approach is whānau centered ensuring that whānau are supported to meet their health and wellbeing aspirations. The organisation also delivers a range of population health initiatives across the region.



Dr Kathie Irwin

(Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu, Rakaipaaka)

CEO, Hope Brokers Inc

Kathie is CEO and Founder of Hope Brokers Inc, a consultancy established in 2007 specialising in Public Policy, Tertiary Education and Research & Development. The strategic vision of Hope Brokers Inc, is "Creating new futures with people and organisations".

Kathie has built a career as an academic specialising in Māori education, research and development. Following work in the tertiary she moved into the Government sector working first at Te Puni Kōkiri, as Chief Analyst Culture, and then at the Families Commission (now Superu), becoming Director Kaupapa Māori Research and Evaluation. Kathie currently works part time as General Manager Māori Development at Barnardos.

Kathie's passion drives her to contribute to nation building in innovative and creative ways that are inspired by her tīpuna Sir Apirana Ngata's whakatauaāki "E tipu, e rea". This proverb speaks to the possibilities of bicultural and bilingual models of change that create authentic social inclusion.



Dr Tahu Kukutai

(Tainui, Ngāti Tipa, Ngāti Mahanga, Ngāti Kinohaku)

Professor of Demography, University of Waikato

Tahu Kukutai is a Professor at the National Institute of Demographic and Economic Analysis, University of Waikato.

Tahu specialises in Māori and indigenous demographic research and has written extensively on issues of Māori population change, Māori identity and official statistics. Her research has a strong applied focus and she has

undertaken research with and for numerous hapū, iwi, Māori NGOs, and government agencies.

Tahu is a founding member of the Māori Data Sovereignty Network Te Mana Raraunga and is Vice President of the Population Association of New Zealand. She is co-editor (with John Taylor) of the new volume [*Indigenous Data Sovereignty: Toward an Agenda*](#)

Tahu has degrees in history, demography and sociology from the University of Waikato and a PhD in sociology from Stanford University. During her early career she worked as a Journalist.



Haami Piripi

(Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kuri)

Haami has spearheaded key Māori development projects in the public sector and served as Chief Executive of the Māori Language Commission.

Haami is an inaugural member of the Hiku-o-Te-Ika Social Wellbeing and Development Accord which monitors the delivery of social services in the Far North by 16 statutory agencies. He is also a member of Make It Happen Community Trust which is leading a new and innovative initiative with the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) to generate new educational and vocational pathways for youth.

Haami is an active participant in the Regional and National Iwi Chair Forum where he chairs the Education and Social Sector Iwi Leaders Working Group. He is a leading advocate for the E Tū Whānau initiative to address family violence, which was recently adopted as a national programme by MSD.

Haami is a member of the Social Wellbeing Governance Group (Northland) which has been addressing the issue of youth suicide for the past three years and is now investigating vulnerable families. This role includes governance oversight of the new Children's Team pilot.

He has been engaged by the Minister of Education in the Cross Sectoral Forum on Raising Achievement Standards and is a member of the Ministerial Working Group on the roll-out of ultrafast broadband to New Zealand communities. He is also a Board member of Superu.



Vyletta Arago-Kemp

(Ngāti Porou, Ngāi Te Rangi)

Senior Knowledge Analyst, Superu

Vyletta is co-leading the Bridging Cultural Perspectives work at Superu. Prior to this she has worked with Te Puni Kōkiri for six years as a Kaiwhakarite (Advisor Māori Development) and managed a number of key relationships and funding contracts with whānau, hapū, iwi/Māori community groups and non-government organisations within the Wellington, Horowhenua and Kāpiti Coast regions.

In addition to her relationships management experience she has nearly 20 years of research and evaluation experience gained when she worked with the Kōhanga Reo National Trust, as a Senior Researcher in the Policy, Research & Development Unit and with the New Zealand Council for Educational Research where she worked as a Research Projects Officer and as a Research Assistant. Vyletta has published and contributed towards a number of research reports and publications on Māori education and has had extensive involvement and experience in research fieldwork organisation and management. Vyletta is a mother and a grandmother to eight mokopuna.



Bev Hong

Superu

Bev has worked as a social policy researcher since 1989. She has held management roles and operated for over 15 years as a successful research consultant. Her work has spanned a broad range of social sector portfolios including Justice, Social Development, Education, Labour, and Culture and Heritage. In late 2014, she joined Superu as a Principle Advisor in the

Knowledge Group. Bev was born in Hawera and is second generation New Zealand-born Chinese.