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TUKUNA KIA RERE 3MK

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NAU MAI, HAERE MAI KI TUKUNA KIA RERE 3MK 2024

On behalf of Te Ahupaepae o te Ihorangi Māori I am so excited to present this competition once again for friends, whānau and colleagues alike to celebrate an incredible selection of rangahau currently being conducted here at Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato.

Tukuna Kia Rere 3MK is open to all Māori Masters students, PhD candidates and Higher Degree Research taura at Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato.

The rules of this competition will challenge our Ngā Kairangahau to explain their research project to you, our audience, in just three minutes, using one slide to accompany their kōrero.

And while yes, Tukuna Kia Rere 3MK is a competition with awesome prizes to be won, it is so much more than that. It is a celebration of Mātauranga Māori where innovation meets inspiration, Māori excellence thrives, and research takes flight!

The winners from each respective judging category, Tohu Kairangi (PhD) and Tohu Paerua (Masters), will receive a \$500 Prezzy Card and become the new Kaitiaki of a beautifully crafted taonga until we name their successor for the following year.

The runner-up from each respective judging category will receive a \$250 Prezzy Card.

Our judging criteria for our major prizes cover these 4 main components:

- **Construction** - Structure and timeliness
- **Content** - Command, originality, and conciseness
- **Communication** - Voice, visual and presence
- **Comprehension** - The why, rationale, significance and impact of their research

This year we will also be awarding 'Te Manu Taupori' (The People's Choice Award) which gives you, the audience, the chance to cast your own vote for your favourite presentation.

During the intermission, you will have the opportunity to vote digitally for 'Te Manu Taupori' by scanning the QR code provided.

Our 'Te Manu Taupori' winner will also receive a \$500 Prezzy Card!

So welcome once again to Tukuna Kia Rere 3MK 2024! I promise that this afternoon together will be a stimulating and riveting event where we will get to witness the amazing vastness of what Mātauranga Māori has to inspire, empower and continually teach us all.

Now sit back, relax and enjoy the kōrero koutou mā.

Pai mārire!

Reina Daji

Ngā Puhī, Ngāti Hine,
Ngāti Tūwharetoa

Kaiwhakahaere Hōtaka -
Te Toi o Matariki & MAI ki Waikato

Te Ahupaepae o te Ihorangi Māori



NGĀ WHAKARITENGA

Mihi Whakatau

Ruameto Hamiora

Mihimihi

Luke Moss

Ngā Kaupapa Kauwhau

Wā Whakatā

Kōrero Whakahirahira - Kanapu

Ahere Hapi

Ngā Kaupapa Kauwhau

Paramanawa

During this time please use the QR code provided to cast a digital vote for Te Manu Taupori

Te Waiora o Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Ngā Tohu Taonga

Te Toa Tuarua - Tohu Paerua

Te Toa Tuarua - Tohu Kairangi

Te Manu Taupori

Te Toa - Tohu Paerua

Te Toa - Tohu Kairangi

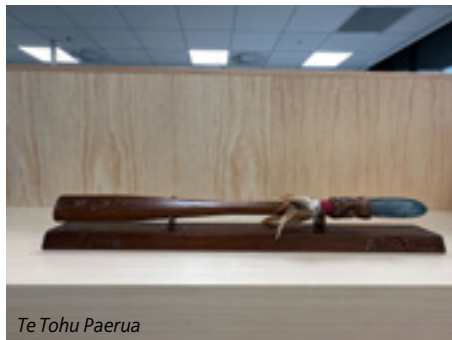
Mihimihi

Dr. Sarah-Jane Tiakiwai

Whakakapi

Ruameto Hamiora

Ngā Whakaahuatanga



NGĀ KAIWHAKATAKI KŌRERO



RUAMETO HAMIORA

**Te Whānau-a-Apanui, Ngāti Whakaue,
Tūhourangi, Ngāti Pikiao, Te
Whakatōhea**

*Programme Coordinator - Te Āhurutanga &
Te Kāhui Pirere*

Te Ahupaepae o te Ihorangi Māori

I am the Māori student achievement programme Coordinator for undergraduate taura Māori looking after Te Āhurutanga (Our Māori Student Leadership Programme) and Te Kāhui Pirere (Our first-year transition programme)



LUKE MOSS

Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Tuuwharetoa

*Project Leader International Indigenous Development
- Te Ao Hurihuri*

Luke is currently a Governor and Māori Consultant working with his iwi and organisation to create a better future for Aotearoa. He currently sits as a generally elected trustee on Te Nehenehenui Trust, the Post Settlement Governance entity for Ngāti Maniapoto, Te Reo Irirangi o Maniapoto, Te Mana o te Taiao Advisory Group, The Mental Health Foundation New Zealand and the Ngāa Wai o Maniapoto Co-Governance Committee.

Specialising in youth leadership development, Luke currently works as a Programmes Coordinator at the University of Waikato. He has a keen interest in youth, film, technology and transforming and healing through identity and Te Ao Māori

Te Ahupaepae o te Ihorangi Māori



NGĀ POUWHAKAWĀ



DR RANGIHURIHIA MCDONALD

Ngāti Maniapoto

*Pou Ārahi – University of
Waikato Library*

Dr. Rangihurihia McDonald's current work is focused on Māori student and staff equity, biculturalism, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and anti-racism within the Library. Dr. McDonald is a kaupapa Māori researcher who has recently defended her PhD thesis which focussed on mātauranga whakaterere waka (traditional Pacific voyaging knowledge) and climate change.

Outside of work Rangihurihia enjoys the gym, live music, card games, road trips, walks and relaxing at home in Waitomo.



PROFESSOR TAHU KUKUTAI FRSNZ

**Ngāti Tiipā, Ngāti
Kinohaku,
Te Aupouri, Ngāti
Māhanga**

*Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga
Co-Director*

Tahu Kukutai is Professor of demography at Te Ngira: Institute for Population Research and is a Co-Director of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, Aotearoa's only Māori Centre of Research Excellence.

Tahu is a social scientist who has done research for many iwi, Māori communities, and Government agencies, and provided strategic advice across a range of sectors. Tahu is a founding member of the Māori Data Sovereignty Network Te Mana Raraunga and is a Fellow of the Royal Society Te Apārangi. She lives in Ngāruāwhia, at her whānau papakāinga, with her husband, three kids and three cats.



DR MAHONRI OWEN

**Ngāti Hine, Ngāti
Tūwharetoa**

*Senior Lecturer – Te Kura Mata Ao |
School of Engineering*

Since 2015 Dr. Mahonri Owen has maintained an active research program that looks at the relationship between people, the world and technology. Mahonri's research is inclusive of Mātauranga Māori and its influence in a world that is striving for sustainability. His current field of research is most easily defined as assistive technologies for rehabilitation. The field can be broadly defined as belonging to the larger fields of prosthetics, robotics, neurology and assistive technologies.



NGĀ KAIRANGAHAU



PITA SHELFORD - TOHU KAIRANGI | PHD

Te Rarawa, Ngapuhi, Ngati Maru, Ngati Ruanui
Te Raupapa | Waikato Management School

Thesis title is still being formulated

He started his PhD at 5 foot 6 in 2017. He had to suspend his PhD due to his medical reasons in 2020. And he reunited with his PhD with one less foot in 2024. Since making the decision to return and complete his PhD, Pita has analysed all his data and written up his findings. This is his PhD in 3 minutes!



STEVI-RAE TAHI OFANOA - TOHU PAERUA | MASTERS

Rereahu, Ngāti Hikairo, Ngāti Apakura,
Kai Tahu

Te Kura Toi Tangata | School of Education

Perceptions of Play and its Connections to Te Ao Māori
in Primary Education

My rangahau aims to uncover the possibilities that Play-Based Learning might hold. To ignite curiosity and embrace the wisdom of our tupuna. My rangahau dives deep into the powerful connections between play and Te Ao Māori, blending Euro-Western concepts with Māori teachings. Creating vibrant learning environments that spark joy and fuels student engagement.





MOENGAROA GARDENIA EDMONDS - TOHU KAIRANGI | PHD

Te Whānau-a-Apanui, Whakatōhea, Ngāti
Porou, Tūhoe, Ngāti Awa, Ngā Puhi
Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao | Faculty of Māori
and Indigenous Studies

A Tiriti o Waitangi compliant approach towards a healthy Māori future: Evaluating the effectiveness of Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi training programmes within public health care

Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi was developed in part as a response to concerns over Māori health and wellbeing and therefore obliges the Crown to reduce health disparities between Māori and non-Māori. However, persistent inequitable health outcomes suffered by Māori are indicators that the health system has been and continues to be non-Tiriti-compliant. My research investigates the efficacy of Te Tiriti o Waitangi training programmes as a means of achieving better outcomes in health for Māori.



DANIELLE SMITH - TOHU KAIRANGI | PHD

Ngāti Tūwharetoa
Te Raupapa | Waikato Management School

Sustainable Housing for Māori: Urban Papakāinga

There currently exists a housing crisis in Aotearoa disproportionately disadvantaging Māori in terms of health and wellbeing inequities. Therefore, my research investigates the facilitators and barriers of urban papakāinga, a form of Māori housing; thus, contributing to enhanced housing and health outcomes for Māori.





TUI MOANA MACDONALD - TOHU KAIRANGI | PHD

Te Atiawa, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāti Paoa
Te Raupapa | Waikato Management School

**Wāhine Māori entrepreneurs and business growth:
Investigating the cultural, social, and economic
enablers and challenges.**

The Māori economy is currently worth \$70 billion and is steadily growing at 5 percent per annum. It is expected to reach \$100 billion in assets by 2030. Within this Māori economy, almost 40% of 23,000 Māori-owned businesses had wāhine Māori as owners (Te Puni Kōkiri, 2022). While there is increasing research into the Māori economy and Māori entrepreneurship, there is very little academic knowledge of wāhine Māori entrepreneurship and business growth.

This PhD research is a longitudinal and qualitative study examining the lived experiences of 10 wāhine Māori entrepreneurs who have experienced or are currently undergoing business growth.



MONA-LISA WAREKA - TOHU KAIRANGI | PHD

Ngātiwai, Rereahu
Te Kura Aronui | School of Social Sciences

**Restor(y)ing Taru Rauheā: Understanding the
Relationship of Māori and Cannabis in Aotearoa**

This doctoral research engages with Māori who use, work with, have a relationship with, grow, sell, and/or rely on cannabis for a variety of reasons. It aims to analyse the developed significance of cannabis to Māori, as a means of putting kai on the table, to relieve pain, and as a way of connecting back to Papatūānuku. This research attempts to platform Māori voices and create a transformative narrative of the Māori-cannabis relationship with the hopes of influencing cannabis law reform in the future.





KAREN LEIGH TURANGA - TOHU PAERUA | MASTERS

Kāi Tahu

Te Kura Aronui | School of Social Sciences

Reconnection with DNA: Policy and issues with direct-to-consumer DNA testing for Māori identity and whakapapa.

Colonial policies of assimilation and integration have had devastating effects on Māori. For some, it is a complete loss of identity and connection to whakapapa. DNA technology has opened a window of opportunity for reconnection. My research examines the policies and issues in the context of Māori identity and whakapapa.



TRACEY MOANA WITEHIRA - TOHU PAERUA | MASTERS

Ngā Puhī, Ngāti Porou

Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao | Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies

Te Mōhiotangaora harakeke raranga/whatu | From your hands to my hands to their hands

Can the practice of raranga whatu affirm wahine Māori identity is the central inquiry within this academic composition? This Creative Arts thesis boldly recounts the journey of a Māori woman attending Waikato University in search of her wahine Māori identity. Through an exegesis platform, this research interweaves two distinct forms of knowledge: a creative harakeke taonga and critical text analysis; through creative writing and self-reflection, it examines the role of cultural practices in shaping individual and collective identities.



PARAMANAWA

During this time while our Ngā Pou Whakawā are deliberating on their decision for our winners, please use the QR code provided to cast a digital vote for your favourite presentation. Please see Reina Daji if you wish to make a manual vote.



Kanapu is designed by Māori, for Māori to ignite Māori talent and leadership across te ao Māori in research (rangahau), science (pūtaiao) and innovation (auaha) spaces; on marae, within hapū and iwi mahi, and throughout our hapori in the cities.

Kanapu is designed and led by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, New Zealand's Māori Centre of Research Excellence, and funded by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Kanapu is hosted at Te Ngira, Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato and we are proud to partner with AATEA Solutions.

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MIHIMIHI



DR. SARAH-JANE TIAKIWAI

**Te Rarawa ki Hokianga, Waikato ki Ngāti Haua,
Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Pikiao
Te Ihorangi Māori | Te Whare Wananga o Waikato**

One of the challenges of undertaking research at the higher degree, Masters and Doctoral levels is being able to describe your Kaupapa succinctly and in plain (non-academic) language. Tukuna Kia Rere 3MK provides such a platform, enabling our kairangahau to share their diverse research interests with all of us albeit in a competitive format.

This year we are privileged to have an amazing judging panel some of whom have been through the Tukuna Kia Rere experience. They understand the nerves of presenting as well as the challenges of how to distil not months but sometimes years of data gathering, reading, theorising and analysing into a short few minutes, presented with just one slide as a visual aid.

We are also privileged to have our kairangahau put themselves forward to showcase the diverse research interests and priorities of our whānau and hāpori Māori. It is not only exciting but speaks to the ever-present urgency to continue growing our capacity and capability across all areas of our lives as Māori to enable us to flourish as Māori.

Ki ngā korokoro tū

Tukuna ngā kaupapa kōrero kia rongu, kia rere!





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