EDUCATION SPECIALIST / KAUPAPA MĀORI / MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY

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PHD CANDIDATE MĀORI WOMENS HISTORY 2020-2024
DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
WAIKATO UNIVERSITY

BA MĀORI VISUAL ART / 2013
BSOCSCI ANTHROPOLOGY & PSYCHOLOGY / 2016
MA INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE / 2018

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WORK EXPERIENCE

AUTISM CO-ORDINATOR 2026
CHILD DEVELOPMENTCLINIC
WAIKATO HOSPITAL
DHB

FOUNDER AND HEAD TEACHER: INSPIRE THE CREATIVE SCHOOL OF ART SINCE 2025

ART THERAPIST 2025-2026

- **SPECIALISING IN NEURODIVERSE CHILDREN PEACHGROVE INTERMEDIATE WHATAWHATA SCHOOL**
- **MENTAL HEALTH, DISABILITY, ADDICTION SERVICES - EMBER**
- **ARTSPOST / NEURODIVERSE CHILDREN**
- **TE KOWHAI HOUSE - RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY**

TEACHER / LAT / LSA 2025
SPECIAL NEEDS / KAUPAPA MĀORI FACILITATION
YEAR 7 AND 8
PEACHGROVE INTERMEDIATE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER / 2025
MENTAL HEALTH AND PERFORMANCE ART
MUSICAL THEATRE NZ CONFERENCE

KAIRARANGA OF 20 YEARS
KAIAKO / MASTER WEAVER

TE ROHE POTAE CONVENOR
GREEN PARTY / 2026

EDUCATOR / FACILITATOR
PAE TATA PAE TAWHITI
MĀORI PSYCHOLOGY FRAMEWORKS FOR MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION / TE RAU ORA
2025-PRESENT

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING COACH / CONTENT CREATOR

CO-FOUNDER: WHATAWHATA ARTS COLLECTIVE

CO-FOUNDER: NEURODIVERSE NETWORK NEW ZEALAND

NATIONAL POETRY SLAM FINALIST 2024

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR
BILINGUAL CHILDRENS BOOK "TE ATAAKURA & THE WISHING STAR" SELF PUBLISHED
2026

WĀNANGA FACILITATOR
“INDIGENOUS ARTS AS SITES OF RESISTANCE”
DISMANTLING THE DOCTRINE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
2026

KAIRARANGA
WĀNANGA FACILITATOR
TE WHARE PORA O MAUI
2026

MATAARIKI KI WHATAWHATA
SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING
GRAPHIC DESIGN 2026

MOTIF POETRY
BOARD MEMBER
2026

EVENT ORGANISER:
NATIONAL POETRY DAY
HAMILTON 2025
PHANTOM BILLSTICKERS

SOCIAL MEDIA EXECUTIVE
GRAPHIC DESIGN
CONTENT CREATOR
MARKETING CAMPAIGN
A&P SHOW 2025

MĀORI WARDS HUI
FACILITATOR HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL 2025

EVENT ORGANISER:
KIRIKIRIROA REGIONAL POETRY SLAM 2025

FOUNDER
TE ROUROU AROHA
KAUPAPA MĀORI ART THERAPY
2025-2026

WĀNANGA FACILITATOR
KAIRARANGA
MĀORI WOMENS WELFARE LEAGUE / TARANAKI
2025

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
NATIVES IN TECH CONFERENCE
“DIGITAL WHAKAPAPA: RECLAIMING INDIGENOUS NARRATIVES THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA”
2025

MENTOR
SEED WAIKATO
2025

FACILITATOR & TEACHER
ACADEMIC SUCCESS
HOMEWORK HUB
HERE2CARE
2025

FACILITATOR
RARANGA /WEAVING WORKSHOP
SHAMA ETHNIC WOMENS TRUST
2025

EVENT ORGANISER
THAWHAMBAMTHANKYOUMAAM COMEDYPOETRY SLAM JAM
2025

FACILITATOR / EXHIBITOR
TE RAU ORA
DAPAANZ CONFERENCE 2025

EVENT ORGANISER / PROMOTER
WHATAWHATA CHRISTMAS MARKET
2025

EVENT ORGANISER / PROMOTER
WAITANGI DAY 2025

EVENT ORGANISER / PROMOTER
WHATAWHATA ARTS COLLECTIVE
MATAARIKI EXHIBITION 2025

MENTOR
NGAA KAAKANO
SEED WAIKATO
2025

MĀORI WOMENS WELFARE LEAGUE
MEMBER
2025-2026

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FACILITATOR / EXHIBITOR
TE RAU ORA
PAE TATA PAE TAWHITI:
MĀORI WOMENS REFUGE 2025
LIFELINE 2026

HE PUNA WHAKAATA PRACTICE
CERTIFICATE 2025

DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY
WĀNANGA 2025

BOTTOMLESS BRUNCH
WAIKATO WOMENS REFUGE
KEYSTONE
CHARITY FUNDRAISER 2025

TE RAU ORA
MARAMATAKA APP TESTING
2025

CREATOR CON
2023/2025/2026

EVENT MC
NGA HAUMI
SUMUD FLOTILLA FUNDRAISER
MARCH 2026

GRAPHIC DESIGN
NEURODIVERSE NETWORK NZ
2026

EVENT MC
NEURODIVERSE NETWORK NZ
CLAUDELANDS EVENTS CENTRE
2026

GRAPHIC DESIGN
WĀHINE TOA COLLECTIVE
PROMOTIONS CAMPAIGN
2026

WĀNANGA FACILITATOR
RARANGA HOU
MAU KAKI / TUTU TOI
AUGUST 2026

SINGER / SONG WRITER /
PERFORMING ARTIST
“KO AU” FULL IMMERSION REO
MĀORI MUSIC
WARU RECORDS
2000-2008

ASSISSTANT AUDIO ENGINEER
32 STUDIO ALBUMS
FULL IMMERSION TE REO MĀORI
2004-2008

DEBUT SOLO SINGLE AND MUSIC
VIDEO “GIRLFRIEND”
PRODUCED BY DEI HAMO
2006

FEATURE ARTIST / SINGER / SONG
WRITER
“LIFE” PRODUCED BY MAKE
MUSICE AOTEAROA
2013

FEATURE ARTIST / SINGER
“UKAIPŌ” PRODUCED BY MAKE
MUSIC AOTEAROA
2013

PERFORMING ARTIST
CHRISTCHURCH HIPHOP SUMMIT
2022

FULL ALBUM RELEASE ON ALL
DIGITAL PLATFORMS
“THEJADEDLIONESS”
2024

PEPEHA WĀHINE TOA REMIX
SONG RELEASE
FEATURE RAPPER
ARTIST TIPENE
2025

1 MINUTE RAPS SEMI FINALIST
FEMCEE BATTLE
2026

“THE MIXTAPE” RELEASE ON ALL
DIGITAL PLATFORMS / 2026

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SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING EXECUTIVE 2025-2026 WAIKATO A&P SHOW

DISABILITY SUPPORT / REO MĀORI SPECIALIST 13 YEARS / UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO 2015-2026

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE EXAMINOR 2023-2026 EXAMINATIONS / UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

TUTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / 2023 FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES / UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

MĀORI STUDENT MENTOR / 2023 FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES / UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

MATAARIKI KI WHATAWHATA / 2026 / GRAPHIC DESIGN / SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING / CONTENT CREATOR

UGC CONTENT CREATOR: SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING

- **PRIMAL KIWI SUPPLEMENTS 2025**
- **OLYMPIA & ORLA SKIN CARE 2025**
- **REIGN SKIN CARE 2025**
- **SEED WAIKATO CAMPAIGN 2025 “SOMETHING TO RAVE ABOUT’**
- **ELECTORAL COMMISSION 2025 “WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO VOTE?**

WĀNANGA FACILITATOR TE WHARE O ORO NATIONAL ALLIANCE TRAUMA INFORMED CARE CONFERENCE AUCKLAND / AUGUST 2026

WĀNANGA FACILITATOR TE WHARE O ORO KURA A IWI / KURA KAUPAPA MAAORI CONFERENCE ROTORUA / AUGUST 2026

NEURODIVERSE ARTS PROGRAMME HERE2CARE / ARTSPOST INSPIRE THE CREATIVE SCHOOL OF ART / 2026

NOMINATED FOR IMPACT CREATOR OF THE YEAR 2026

REFERENCES

REBECCA AMMUNSON
TE AKA MATUA / SOCIAL SCIENCES ALPPS DIVISION
UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO
SUPERVISOR

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TE RAU ORA
SUPERVISOR

TINA NGATA
MENTOR

DENISE WEST
PEACHGROVE INTERMEDIATE
SUPERVISOR