

# He Hītori o te Māori ki ngā Taumāhekeheke o te Ao



## A history of Māori competing at the Olympic Games

*The Olympics are spread over three sections:*

**Summer Olympic Games – starting in 1896 at Athens, Greece**

**Winter Olympics Games – starting in 1924 at Chamonix, France**

**Paralympic Games – starting in 1960 at Rome, Italy**

E ngā mātāwaka o te motu, tenā Koutou katoa.

In promoting and recording Maori participation in the Olympics, we attempt through research to collate and record correct names and their Iwi, however there will be times when data collated is not correct, including athletes that have been missed off the list, please contact [info@maorisportsawards.co.nz](mailto:info@maorisportsawards.co.nz) with any error or additions that need to be rectified correctly.

*Tiki Garratt, CEO Maori Sports Awards*

“A reminder to all, that the roots of our Aotearoa nation began before 1840 - and the fruits of our whakapapa tree continue to remind us that our sweetness comes from that diversity.”

*Ta Tamati Reedy KNZM*

New Zealanders first competed in the 1908 Summer Olympic Games in London as part of an 'Australasian' team.

The first Māori to compete at a Summer Olympic Games was in 1932 at the Los Angeles Olympics were John Hoani MacDonald and Lawrence Jumbo Jackson competing in the rowing eights.

Māori to date have won a total of **fifteen gold medals, eight silver medals** and **six bronze medals**.

At the Rio **Māori had 43 athletes in the Summer Olympics (21.6%)** and 7 Officials, 4 Māori in the Rio Paralympics, and 2 Maori representing Australia in the Summer Olympics.

Total Māori participation in this year's 2016 Rio Olympics and Paralympics is 56.

## NOTABLE PERFORMANCES TO DATE BY MĀORI ATHLETES

- **John Hoani MacDONALD** *Rangitane* NZ flag bearer at the 1932 Summer Olympics at Los Angeles USA.
- **Simon Wi RUTENE** *Te Arawa* competed in four (4) winter Olympic games, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1994, in Alpine Skiing.
- **Simon Wi RUTENE** *Te Arawa* NZ flag bearer at the 1988.
- **Ian FERGUSON MBE** *Ngati Tuwharetoa* New Zealand's most successful Olympian with four gold medals, competing in five Olympic Games, 1976 Montreal, 1980 Moscow, 1984 Los Angeles, 1988 Seoul, and was the NZ flag bearer at the 1988 Seoul Olympics
- **Jai TAURIMA** *Ngati Kahungunu* won silver at the 2000 Summer Olympic Games in Sydney, (Jai represented Australia) in the long jump.
- **Peter MARTIN** *Tainui* NZ flag bearer at the 2004 Paralympics at Athens, Greece.
- **Peter MARTIN** *Tainui* won two (2) Gold and one (1) Bronze at the 2004 Paralympics, in Field Athletics (Shot Put, Discus, Javelin).

- **Lisa CARRINGTON MNZM** *Ngāti Porou, Te Aitanga ā Māhaki* Gold in the K1 200M at the 2012 London Summer Olympics, Gold in the K1 200m and Bronze in the K1 500m at the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics in Canoe Racing.  
Lisa was the Flag Bearer at the closing ceremony at Rio.
- **Cameron LESLIE** *Ngapuhi* Triple Gold medalist and world record holder at the 2008 Beijing Paralympics, 2012 London Paralympics and 2016 Rio Paralympics in the 150m individual medley swim events.
- **Kayla WHITELOCK** (nee Sharland) *Rangitane* competing in her third (3) Summer Olympics – 2008 Beijing, 2012 London, 2016 Rio in Hockey.
- **Holly ROBINSON** *Ngai Tahu* 2016 Rio Paralympics, Flag Bearer.

## 1932 Los Angeles Summer Olympics *USA*

**John (Hoani) MACDONALD**  
**Lawrence (Jumbo) JACKSON**

*Rangitane*  
*Ngai Tahu*

ROWING  
ROWING

*NZ Flag bearer*

## 1976 Montreal Summer Olympics *Canada*

**Ian FERGUSON MBE**

*Ngati Tuwharetoa*

CANOE/KAYAK  
- Sprint (K-1 - 500m)

## 1980 Moscow Summer Olympics *Russia*

**Ian FERGUSON MBE**

*Ngati Tuwharetoa*

CANOE/KAYAK  
- Sprint (K-1 - 500m & 100m)

## 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics *USA*



**Ian FERGUSON MBE**

*Ngati Tuwharetoa*

CANOE/KAYAK  
- Sprint (K-1 - 500m, K-2 500m, K-4 100m)

*K1 500m GOLD, K2 -500m GOLD, K4 – 1000m GOLD*

**Harina KOHERE**

HOCKEY

## 1984 Sarajevo Winter Olympics *Yugoslavia*

**Simon WI RUTENE**

*Te Arawa*

ALPINE SKIING

## 1988 Seoul Summer Olympics *South Korea*



Ian FERGUSON MBE

*Ngati Tuwharetoa*

CANOE/KAYAK  
- Sprint (K-2 - 1000m & K-2 500m)

*K2 500m GOLD, K2 -1000m SILVER*

## 1988 Seoul Summer Olympics *South Korea*

Kelley EVERNDEN

*Ngati Porou, Ngati Maru*

TENNIS

## 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics *Canada*

Simon WI RUTENE

*Te Arawa*

ALPINE SKIING

## 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympics *Spain*

Ian FERGUSON MBE

*Ngati Tuwharetoa*

CANOE/KAYAK  
- Sprint (K-2 - 1000m & K-2 500m)

Trevor SHAILER

*Ngati Raukawa*

BOXING - Mens Light-Welterweight

Tina BELL-KAKE

*Ngati Pukenga, Whakatohea*

HOCKEY

## 1994 Lillehammer Winter Olympics *Norway*

Simon WI RUTENE

*Te Arawa*

ALPINE SKIING

*Only New Zealander to date to have competed in four Winter Olympics*

## 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics USA

**Doug PIRINI**  
**Lydia LIPSCOMBE**

*Ngai Tahu*

ATHLETICS, DECATHLON  
SWIMMING

## 2000 Sydney Summer Olympics Australia

 **Jai TAURIMA**

*Ngati Kahungunu*

ATHLETICS – LONG JUMP

*Represented Australia, Silver Medal Long Jump*

**Steven FERGUSON**

*Ngati Tuwharetoa*

SWIMMING  
(100m & 200m Breaststroke)

**Tina BELL-KAKE**

*Ngati Pukenga, Whakatohea*

HOCKEY

**Diana TE AWA**

HOCKEY

**Caryn PAEWAI**

HOCKEY

**Skippy HAMAHONA**

HOCKEY

**Leanne WALKER**

BASKETBALL

**Pero CAMERON**

*Ngapuhi*

BASKETBALL

**Paul HENARE**

*Ngapuhi*

BASKETBALL

**Peter POKAI**

BASKETBALL

**Rhonda HIRA**

SOFTBALL

**Cindy POTAE**

SOFTBALL

**Char POUAKA**

SOFTBALL

**Fiona TIMU**

SOFTBALL

**Gina WEBBER**

*Tainui*

SOFTBALL

**Angus SHELFORD**

BOXING

## 2004 Athens Summer Olympics *Greece*

**Verina WIHONGI**  
**Niniwa ROBERTS-LANG**  
**Tara DRYSDALE**  
**Kayla SHARLAND**  
**Lizzy IGASAN**  
**Bevan HARI**  
**David KOSOOF**  
**Dr Simeon CAIRNS**  
**Leanne WALKER**  
**Jody TINI**  
**Tania TUPU**  
**Pero CAMERON**  
**Paul HENARE**  
**Paul WINITANA**  
**Tony RAMPTON**  
**Steven FERGUSON**  
**Diana TE AWA**  
**Lizzy IGASAN**  
**David KOSOOF**  
**Verina WIHONGI**  
**Paul WINITANA**  
**Leanne WALKER**

*Ngai Tuhoe, Ngapuhi*  
*Ngai Tuhoe*  
*Rangitane, Ngati Kahungunu*  
*Rangitane*  
*Ngapuhi*  
*Ngati Rangitahi*  
*Ngati Porou*  
*Ngati Whakaaue*  
*Te Whanau-a-Apanui*  
*Ngapuhi*  
*Ngati Porou*  
*Ngapuhi*  
*Ngati Kahungunu*  
*Ngapuhi, Ngati Kahungunu*  
*Te Atiawa*  
*Ngati Tuwharetoa*  
  
*Ngapuhi*  
  
*Ngai Tuhoe*  
  
*Whakatohea, Te Whanau-a-Apanui*

TAEKWONDO  
WOMENS HOCKEY  
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MENS HOCKEY  
TABLE TENNIS / Coach  
WOMENS BASKETBALL  
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MENS BASKETBALL  
CANOE/KAYAK - SPRINT  
HOCKEY  
HOCKEY  
HOCKEY  
TAEKWONDO  
BASKETBALL  
BASKETBALL

## 2004 Athens Paralympics *Greece*

 <b>Peter MARTIN</b>	<i>Tainui</i>	ATHLETICS	<i>NZ Flag bearer</i>
<b>William RAY BEATTIE</b>	<i>Gold F52 Shot Put, Gold Javelin, Bronze F52 Discus</i>		
 <b>Sholto TAYLOR</b>	<i>Ngai Tuhoe</i>	WHEELCHAIR RUGBY	
	<i>Ngati Kahungunu</i>	WHEELCHAIR RUGBY	
	<i>Gold - Wheelchair Rugby</i>		

## 2006 Torino Winter Olympics *Italy*

<b>Aaron ORANGI</b>	BOBSLEIGH
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## 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics *China*

<b>Renee FLAVELL</b>	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	BADMINTON
<b>Noni WHAREMATE</b>	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	BASKETBALL
<b>Suzannah BATES</b>	<i>Ngai Tahu</i>	BASKETBALL
<b>Steven FERGUSON</b>	<i>Ngati Tuwharetoa</i>	CANOE/KAYAK - SPRINT
<b>Tara DRYSDALE</b>	<i>Rangitane, Ngati Kahungunu</i>	HOCKEY
<b>Lizzy IGASAN</b>	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	HOCKEY
<b>Caryn PAEWAI</b>	<i>Ngati Kahungunu</i>	HOCKEY
<b>Niniwa ROBERTS</b>	<i>Ngai Tuhoe</i>	HOCKEY
<b>Kayla SHARLAND</b>	<i>Rangitane</i>	HOCKEY
<b>Anita WAWATAI</b>	<i>Ngai Tamanuhiri</i>	HOCKEY
<b>David KOSOOF</b>	<i>Ngati Porou</i>	HOCKEY
<b>Krystal FORGESSION</b>	<i>Ngai Tahu</i>	HOCKEY
<b>Storm URU</b>	<i>Ngai Tahu</i>	ROWING
<b>Michael BOXALL</b>		FOOTBALL
<b>Abby ERCEG</b>	<i>Napuhi</i>	FOOTBALL
<b>Amber HEARN</b>	<i>Ngaphui</i>	FOOTBALL



<b>Kristy HILL</b>		FOOTBALL
<b>Emma KETE</b>		FOOTBALL
<b>Samuel MESSAM</b>	<i>Te Arawa, Ngai Tuhoe</i>	FOOTBALL
<b>Merissa SMITH</b>		FOOTBALL
<b>Aidan O'ROURKE</b>	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	TENNIS / Umpire
<b>Ryan NELSON</b>		FOOTBALL
<b>Storm URU</b>	<i>Ngai Tahu</i>	ROWING
<b>Renee FLAVELL</b>	<i>Ngapuhi, Ngati Kahungunu</i>	BADMINTON
<b>Suzie BATES</b>	<i>Ngai Tahu</i>	BASKETBALL
<b>Nonita WHAREMATE</b>		BASKETBALL



## 2008 Beijing Paralympics *China*

 <b>Sholto TAYLOR</b>	<i>Ngati Kahungunu</i>	WHEELCHAIR RUGBY
<b>Cameron LESLIE</b>	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	SWIMMING
	<i>Gold &amp; World record 150m Individual Medley SM4</i>	

## 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics *Canada*

<b>Blake SKJELLERUP</b>		SKATING
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## 2012 London Summer Olympics *United Kingdom*

 <b>Hayley PALMER</b>	<i>Tainui</i>	SWIMMING
<b>Brent NEWDICK</b>	<i>Tainui</i>	DECATHLON
 <b>Lisa CARRINGTON</b>	<i>Te Ataihanga a Mahaki</i>	CANOE/KAYAK - FLATWATER
	<i>Gold KI W 200</i>	
<b>Steven FERGUSON</b>	<i>Ngati Tuwharetoa</i>	CANOE/KAYAK - SPRINT
<b>Karen HALEN</b>	<i>Ngati Awa, Te Arawa</i>	MOUNTAIN BIKING

**Storm URU**  
**Jade URU**  
**Charlotte HARRISON**  
**Samantha HARRISON**  
**Kayla SHARLAND**  
**Gemma FLYNN**  
**Katie GLYNN**  
**Melody COOPER**  
**Krystal FORGESSON**  
**Alana MILLINGTON**  
**Blair HILTON**  
**Andy HAYWARD**  
**Decota LUCUS**  
**Rebecca SMITH**  
**Kristy HILL**  
**Amber HERN**  
**Abby ERCEG**  
**Michael O'KEEFFE**  
**Rebecca ROLLS**

*Ngai Tahu*  
*Ngai Tahu*  
*Ngapuhi*  
*Ngapuhi*  
*Rangitane*  
*Te Arawa*  
*Ngati Whatua*  
*Rangitane*  
*Ngati Whatua*  
*Ngapuhi*  
*Tainui*  
*Te Arawa*  
*Ngati Kahungunu*  
*Ngai Tahu*  
*Ngati Whatua, Te Arawa*  
*Ngapuhi*  
*Ngapuhi*  
*Ngāpuhi*  
*Ngati Porou*

ROWING  
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## 2012 London Paralympics *United Kingdom*



**Cameron LESLIE**

*Ngāpuhi*  
*Gold & World Record 150m Individual Medley SM4*

SWIMMING

**Peter MARTIN**

*Te Arawa*  
*2 Gold, 1 Bronze*

FIELD ATHLETICS

**Jayne PARSONS**

*Taranaki*

TANDEM CYCLING

# MĀORI ATHLETES SELECTED FOR 2016 RIO OLYMPICS

## CANOE RACING / HOE KŌRETI



**Lisa CARRINGTON**

*Ngāti Porou, Te Aitanga ā Māhaki  
K1W 200 (Gold), K1W 500 (Bronze)*

K1W 200, K1W 500

*Flag Bearer, closing ceremony*

**Kayla IMRIE**

*Whakatōhea*

WOMEN'S K4W 500 crew

**Jamie LOVETT**

*Tainui, Raukawa*

WOMEN'S K4W 500 crew

## SWIMMING / KAUIHOE

**Corey MAIN**

*Ngāti Porou, Ngapuhi*

100m BACKSTROKE

**Emma ROBINSON**

*Ngapuhi*

800m FREESTYLE

**Kane RADFORD**

*Ngati Tuwharetoa, Te Arawa*

OPEN WATER SWIM

## JUDO / NONOKE

**Darcina-Rose MANUEL**

*Ngāti Porou*

57kg DIVISION











## GYMNASTICS / TAKAPOREPORE

**Courtney McGREGOR**

*Ngāti Kahungunu*

ARTISTIC

## NZ WOMEN'S SEVENS / TAKIWHETU WĀHINE

 Sarah GOSS (C)	<i>Ngāti Kahungunu</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Shakira BAKER	<i>Ngāti Kahungunu</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Gayle BROUGHTON	<i>Ngāti Ruahine, Ngāti Ruanui</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Kayla McALLISTER	<i>Te Atiawa</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Huriana MANUEL	<i>Ngapuhi, Ngati Tuwharetoa</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Tyla NATHAN-WONG	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Terina Te TAMAKI	<i>Te Arawa, Waikato, Ngati Maniapoto</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Ruby TUI	<i>Ngāi Tahu</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Portia WOODMAN	<i>Ngāpuhi</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	
 Shiray TANE	<i>Ngati Maniapoto</i>	WOMEN'S SEVENS	Reserve

## NZ MEN'S SEVENS / TAKIWHITU TĀNE

<b>Sam DICKSON</b>	<i>Ngāi Tahu</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
<b>Akira IOANE</b>	<i>Ngaphui/Te Whanau a Apanui</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
<b>Reiko IOANE</b>	<i>Ngaphui/Te Whanau a Apanui</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
<b>Gillies KAKA</b>	<i>Ngāti Kahungunu, Te Arawa</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
<b>Teddy STANAWAY</b>	<i>Ngāti Tuwharetoa</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
<b>Regan WARE</b>	<i>Ngati Toa</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
<b>Joe WEBBER</b>	<i>Ngāi Tahu</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
<b>Lewis ORMOND</b>	<i>Ngāti Kahungunu</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	
<b>Liam MESSAM</b>	<i>Ngāi Tuhoe</i>	MEN'S SEVENS	Reserve

## CYCLING / EKE PAIHIKARA

<b>Samuel GAZE</b>	<i>Te Atiawa</i>	CROSS COUNTRY
<b>Dylan KENNETT</b>	<i>Ngāi Tahu</i>	OMNIUM MEN
<b>Pieter BULLING</b>	<i>Ngāi Tahu</i>	MENS TEAM PUSUIT

## NZ FOOTBALL FERNS / HOKA WĀHINE

<b>Abby ERCEG (c)</b>	<i>Ngaphui</i>	FOOTBALL	
<b>Amber HEARN</b>	<i>Ngaphui</i>	FOOTBALL	
<b>Rebecca ROLLS</b>	<i>Ngāti Porou</i>	FOOTBALL	
<b>Paige SATCHELL</b>	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	FOOTBALL	Reserve
<b>Grace JALE</b>	<i>Ngāti Raukawa</i>	FOOTBALL	Reserve

## NZ WOMEN'S BLACK STICKS / HAUPOI WĀHINE

<b>Kayla WHITELOCK (c)</b>	<i>Rangitane</i>	HOCKEY
<b>Gemma FLYNN</b>	<i>Tainui</i>	HOCKEY
<b>Charlotte HARRISON</b>	<i>Ngaphui</i>	HOCKEY
<b>Blair HILTON</b>		HOCKEY

## NZ MEN'S BLACK STICKS / HAUPOI TĀNE

<b>Blair HILTON</b>	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	HOCKEY
<b>Kane RUSSELL</b>	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	HOCKEY

## NZ MEN'S ROWING TEAM / HOE WAKA

**Caleb SHEPHERD**  
**Jade URU**

*Ngāti Porou*  
*Ngai Tahu*

Mens Eight (cox)  
Mens Quadruple Sculls

## SAILING / WHAKAANGI

## OFFICIALS (ĀPIHA) REFEREES (KAIWAWAO) COACHES (KAIAKO)

**Sean HORAN**

*Ngati Tahu*

HEAD COACH ALL BLACK WOMEN SEVENS

**Alan BUNTING**

*Ngati Tuwharetoa, Ngati Wahiao*

ASSIST. COACH ALL BLACK WOMEN SEVENS

**Stu ROSS**

*Ngati Kahungunu o Te Wairoa*

ANALYST ALL BLACK WOMEN SEVENS

**Damian KARAUNA**

*Ngati Porou*

ASSIST. COACH ALL BLACK MENS SEVENS

**Esther VELLOZA**

*Ngati Porou*

JUDO COACH

**Kara THOMAS**

*Ngati Ruahine*

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

**Grant RESTALL**

CANOE/KAYAK COACH

## MAORI ATHLETES SELECTED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

<b>Kotuku NGAWATI</b>	<i>Ngapuhi</i>	200m Individual Medley (AUSTRALIA)
<b>Amy TURNER</b>	<i>Tainui (Tokoroa)</i>	WOMENS RUGBY SEVENS (AUSTRALIA)

## MAORI ATHLETES SELECTED FOR THE RIO 2016 PARALYMPIC GAMES

 <b>Cameron LESLIE</b>	<i>Ngapuhi</i> <i>Gold Men's 150m Individual Medley - SM4 (World Record)</i>	PARA-SWIMMING (S5, SM4)
 <b>Holly ROBINSON</b>	<i>Ngai Tahu</i> <i>Silver Medal Women's Javelin Throw - F45/46</i>	PARA-ATHLETICS: (Womens Javelin F46) <i>Flag Bearer</i>
 <b>Emma FOY</b>	<i>Ngapuhi</i> <i>Silver Medal Women's B 3000m Individual Pursuit</i> <i>Bronze Medal Women's Road Race B</i>	PARA-CYCLING: (BV/1)
<b>Jacob PHILLIPS</b>	<i>Ngai Tahu</i>	TRACK: (100m/200m T35)

## MAORI ATHLETES SELECTED FOR THE 2018 PYEONGCHANG WINTER OLYMPICS

*South Korea*

<b>Tiarn COLLINS</b>	<i>Ngai Tahu</i>	Snowboard Slopestyle & Snowboard Big Air
<b>Rakai TAIT</b>	<i>Te Aitanga ā Māhaki</i>	Snowboard Halfpipe