

HURITAU

35

Toru Tekau mā Rima



2025 Trillian Trust
**Māori Sports
Awards**

TŪRANGAWAEWAE
MARAE

Saturday 29 November 2025





Te Arikinui Kuini

E ngaa toki o te ao haakinakina Maaori, teenaa koutou katoa.

I extend my heartfelt greetings to all who carry the mantle of Maaori sporting excellence. In this space where whakapapa meets performance, where wairua fuels endurance, and where kotahitanga binds us in shared pursuit we see the living embodiment of our tuupuna dreams.

The Maaori Sports Awards are more than a celebration of physical prowess. They are a recognition of mana motuhake, tino rangatiratanga, and the enduring values that shape Maaori success. From whaanau to iwi, from taiohi to kaumaatua, these awards honour the full spectrum of contribution: athletes, coaches, mentors, and communities. Each achievement is a thread in the woven cloak of Maaori excellence.

For over three decades, these awards have celebrated not only athletic achievement but the spirit of whakapapa, mana, and whanaungatanga. Our athletes carry more than medals, they carry the hopes of hapuu, the legacy of tuupuna, and the dreams of tamariki yet to rise. Their journeys remind us that sport is not just competition it is connection, resilience, and a pathway to leadership.

To those who have paved the way, teenaa koutou.
To those who stand tall today, kia kaha.
And to those who will follow, may your footsteps be guided by the values that brought us here: kotahitanga, mana motuhake, and aroha.

Nga wai hono i te po

Kairangi o Te Tohu Taakaro o Aotearoa Charitable Trust



As you walk in the footsteps of those who came before, remember the tongikura of King Taawhiao: "*Kia niwha te ngaakau ki te whakauu i ngaa mahi.*" Let your heart be steadfast. Let your mahi be grounded in purpose. Whether you run, swim, kick, paddle, or lift, do so with courage, with conviction, and with the knowledge that your journey uplifts us all.

As we mark this 35-year milestone, let us celebrate not only the victories but the vision. Let us continue to uplift our people through sport, to inspire through action, and to honour the legacy of those who dared to dream.

**Kia kaha! Kia toa!
Kia manawanui!**

Paimaarire.





Sir Tamati Muturangi Reedy KNZM Kahurangi Te Koingo Tilly Reedy

Kaumātua, Te Tohu Taakaro o Aotearoa Charitable Trust

E ngā mana tiketike!

*Nau mai rā tātou ki te whakanui i ngā toa o te ao
hākinakina o Aotearoa 2025.*

*Ko rātou tēnei e hiki nei i te mana, te ihi, te wehi o te ao
Māori ki te ao whānui.*

Ka puta te tihei mauri ora ki te ao marama!

Greetings to this esteemed assembly!

**Welcome to the celebration of the Māori sports
champions of New Zealand 2025.**

**They uphold the prestige, the power and the mana of
Māori here in New Zealand and the world.**

We breathe the gift of life into this world of light!

T. K. Reedy. Tilly Reedy



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Kaihautū Matua - Kororia Taumaunu

Kaiwhakahaere papa - Brendon Butt

Ringa tohu - Zantana Raerino-Bell

Kaiwhakahaere Hangarau - Matt Cardno

W H A K A A T A

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2025

Māori Sports Awards

Two-hour live-to-air special
6.30pm - 8.30pm

MĀORI+ platform & YouTube

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Sunday 30 November
12noon-2.00pm*



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Te Tohu Taakaro o Aotearoa Charitable Trust

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KAUMĀTUA



Ta Tamati Reedy KNZM
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Te Kahurangi Tilly Te
Koingo Reedy
Ngāti Porou



Hemana CK Waaka
Tūhoe, Ngāti Awa

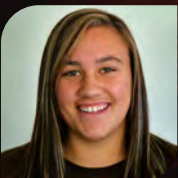
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Turangawaewae Trust Board

DINNER MENU

URUNGA (STARTER)

Prawn skewer (3 prawns),
2 x fresh oysters in shell drizzled in
lemon & worchester sauce,
Seared scallop (2 scallop) in butter
& garlic,
Sashimi wasabi & soy sauce.

KAI MATUA TUATAHI (MAIN 1)

Chicken or fish with side salad,
Selection of breads.

KAI MATUA TUARUA (MAIN 2)

Steak or pork belly served with
broc or asparagus
Vegies and mash chessy kumara.

KAI REKA (DESERT)

Chocolate pudding served with
dollop of vanilla ice cream,
Bread pudding with custard
and cream.



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Four Winds Māori Umpire/Referee

Presented by

Recipient

Tonight's recipient is selected from the following finalists;

Ben O'KEEFFE

RUGBY

Paki PARKINSON

RUGBY LEAGUE

Tiana NGAWATI-ANDERSON

RUGBY, RUGBY SEVENS

Te Aratiatia

Kaiwawao/Rewheri Tākaro Māori

Therefore Te Aratiatia denotes the extremely unique battles that Umpires and Referees have to tolerate with players in a chosen sport. They have to be vigilant within the decisions they make and passionate in the way they deliver those decisions.

Nō reira ko Te Aratiatia te tohu nui mō ngā Kaiwawao me ngā Rewheri e nanao arearetia nei e ngā kai-tākaro o ia hākinakina. Kia pūmau tonu rātou ki ā rātou ture me te whakatakoto i aua ture.



Full explanation - www.maorisportsawards.co.nz



Te Puni Kōkiri

MINISTRY OF MĀORI DEVELOPMENT

Ehara taku toa i toa takitahi, he toa takitini.

Congratulations to all finalists being recognised for their dedication, passion and achievements tonight. This evening's Māori Sports Awards are an opportunity for Aotearoa New Zealand to acknowledge your commitment to your chosen sport and your accomplishments as a competitor, coach, administrator, referee or umpire this year.

Te Puni Kōkiri works to promote increases in the levels of achievement attained by Māori, and I am pleased that we are sponsoring the Māori Sports Administrator award, 'Māui Tikitiki-ā-Taranga'.

Māui is known for his extraordinary deeds, bravery and resourcefulness. It is fitting that the Māori Sports Administrator Award, named after Māui, is presented to someone who efficiently coordinates multiple moving parts, facing all obstacles head on. The recipient creates and leads an environment that enables others to thrive, while responding innovatively to unforeseen challenges. Any successfully held competition reflects the Sports Administrator's contribution to the given sport, tīma or individual.

A thriving Māori sporting sector, supported by excellent Māori Sports Administrators, contributes to the Te Puni Kōkiri vision of thriving whānau. We wish all finalists the best of luck.

Mauria te pono, nā

Dave Samuels

Secretary for Māori Development | Te Tumu Whakarae mō
Te Puni Kōkiri



Te Puni Kōkiri Māori Sports Administrator

Presented by TPK Deputy Secretary Paula Rawiri

Recipient

Tonight's recipient is selected from the following finalists;

Gordon WATSON

Harley WALL

Tui PĀPUNI

FOOTBALL

TOUCH RUGBY

VOLLEYBALL

Māui Tikitiki-ā-Taranga

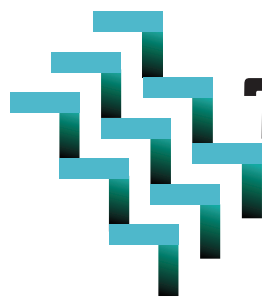
Kaiwhakahaere Tākaro Māori

It is appropriate therefore that the trophy of Māui is awarded to the Sports Administrator since the administrator has to do battle on all fronts, requires a repertoire of talent and devices in order to be successful.

*Nō reira ko te taonga ā Māui
me haere ki te Kaiwhakahaere
Hākinakina e kaha nei ki te pakanga l
mua, ki te tū mārō l ngā wā katoa.*



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Te Huinga Tākaro Māori Sports Coach

Presented by Te Huinga Taakaro Trustees - Carol Ngawati ONZM and Diana Kawana

Recipient

Tonight's recipient is selected from the following finalists;

Thomas MAKEA

Marty BOURKE

Michael MAYNE

SOFTBALL

RUGBY

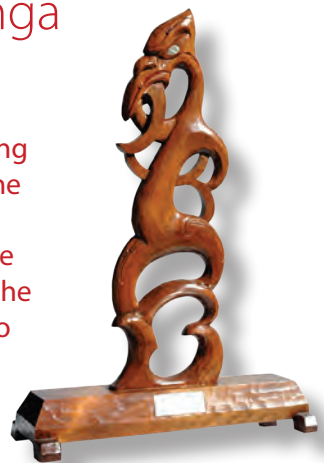
FOOTBALL

Te Maru ō Tūmatauenga

Kaiako Tākaro Māori

It is the coach who is in the direct firing line in all sports; the coach decides the tactics, prepares the team and trains in the arm of combat. The coach is the general and accordingly acts within the authority of Tūmatauenga. (Te Maru o Tūmatauenga)

Ko te kaiako te mea kei mua i te tira tangata o ia hākinakina, koia whakaaro ai mō ngā tātaitanga, whakareri i ngā tīma ka tereina i ā rātou. Ko te kaiako te tangata whakarite i ā ia ki Te Maru o Tūmatauenga.





SPORT
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IHI AOTEAROA

**Ko te pae tawhiti, whāia kia tata.
Ko te pae tata, whakamaua kia tina.**

**The potential for tomorrow
depends on what we do today.**

**Kia whakamana
i Te Tiriti**

**Commitment to
giving effect to
Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

Sport NZ Ihi Aotearoa is committed to giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, by creating inclusive spaces for Māori, enabling Māori to participate and succeed in sports as Māori, while maintaining cultural authenticity, and fostering unity.

Mauri Tū

**Bicultural and
sporting excellence**

Celebrating the dual role that Māori teams play as sport champions and cultural ambassadors. By integrating tikanga and mātauranga Māori, our Māori teams inspire rangatahi and embody collective strength, excellence, and pride within each community.

Mauri Ora

**Building pathways
through cultural
partnerships**

Sport NZ collaborates with Māori organisations to support culturally aligned sports programmes. The He Oranga Poutama initiative is a core example, which extends sport and recreation opportunities to Māori communities, promoting holistic wellbeing across Aotearoa.

Through these efforts, Sport NZ Ihi Aotearoa champions the achievements of Māori teams, promoting a bicultural vision where Māori identity is celebrated within the sporting realm and beyond.



Georgina Salter (second from left) was appointed to the Hillary Commission's first National Māori Advisory Board in 1999. She is photographed here in 1995 alongside netballers (left to right) Anna Rowberry, Lesley Nicol and Sharon Kearney. Photo by Scott Barbour, courtesy of Photosport.



Sport NZ Ihi Aotearoa Māori Sports Team

Presented by Raelene Castle ONZM & Taumata Chair Raniera Proctor

Recipient

MAREIKURA U18 WĀHINE MĀORI TEAM WHUTIPŌRO/RUGBY



Ngā Ika a Whiro

Tima Tākaro Māori

The team that displays the determination and audacity within their sports code should receive the honour and admiration of this award.

Ko te tira kei i ā rātou wēnei pūkenga whakanungu, whakaparahako i roto i ā rātou ake hākinakina, e riro ai tēnei taonga kia rātou.



Full explanation - www.maorisportsawards.co.nz

Through Para sport, lives are transformed



Aotearoa New Zealand has a rich history of participation in the Paralympic Games since 1968. The Paralympic Games are a multi-sport event for disabled athletes which take place after each edition of the Olympic Games, in the same city. They are the largest event worldwide for driving social change and the third largest sporting event in the world.

Over the past 55 years, the NZ Paralympic Team has been successful at the Paralympics, punching above its weight on the world stage, and winning 236 medals across various sports such as Para athletics, Para cycling, and Para swimming. In Tokyo 2020, the NZ Paralympic Team won 12 medals and placed 3rd in the world for gold medals per capita and 4th in the world for overall medals per capita. In Rio 2016, the NZ Paralympic Team won 21 medals, finishing 13th on the overall medal table, and first in the world for medals per capita. This was the best ever result for a summer Paralympic Games on the medals table.

Kiwis have every reason to be excited for the next Paralympics Games of 2028 in Los Angeles.



As the proud sponsor of this award, Mather Solutions Ltd congratulates all finalists for their outstanding achievements.



Māori Para Athlete

Presented by Dr Jim Mather

Recipient

Cameron LESLIE MNZM

Ngāpuhi

KAUHOE WHAIKAHA/PARA SWIMMING

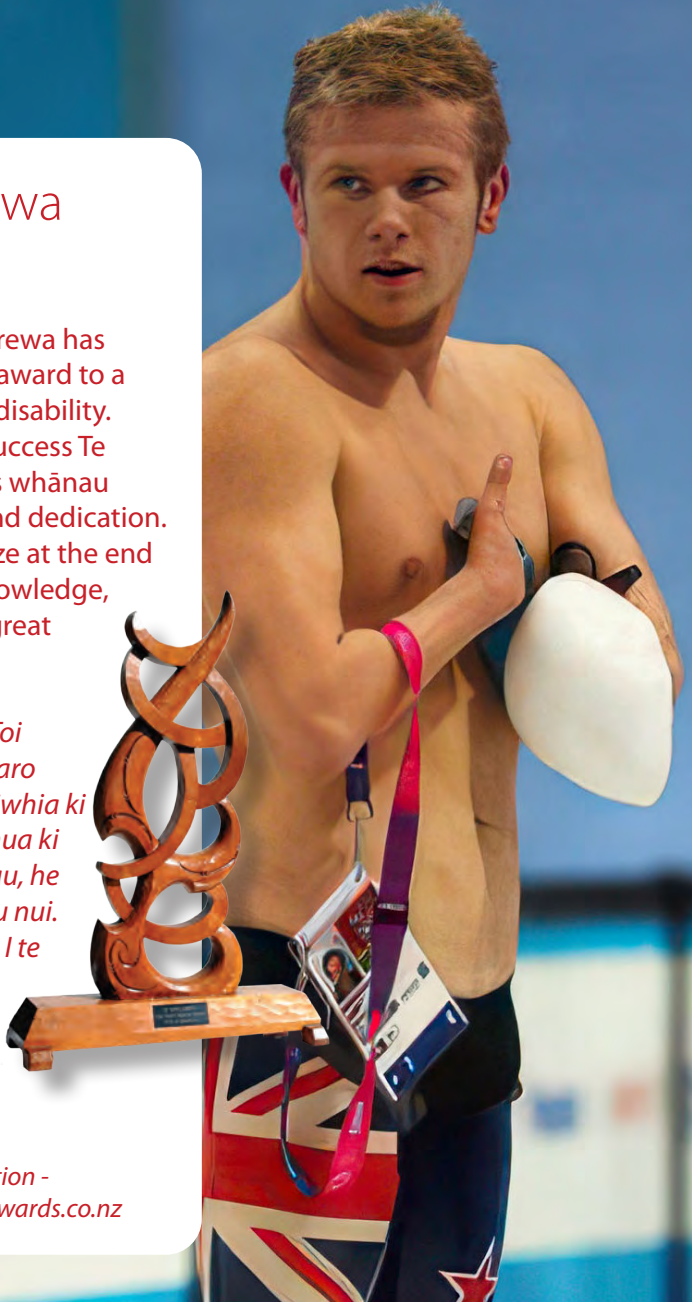
Te Toi Huarewa

Kai-tākaro Hauā Māori

The name Te Toi Huarewa has been chosen for the award to a sportsperson with a disability. In order to achieve success Te Toi Huarewa signifies whānau support, diligence and dedication. Furthermore, the prize at the end of this pathway is knowledge, understanding and great achievement.

I tohua te ingoa o Te Toi Huarewa ki te Kai-tākaro Hauā. Ki te whakawhiwhia ki tēnei taonga e waitohua ki te tautoko o te whānau, he puku mahi, he ngākau nui. Inā hoki, ko te taonga I te mutunga mai ko te mātauranga, ko te ngākau mōhio me te whakatutukitanga nui.

Full explanation -
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TE KUNENGA | MASSEY
KI PŪREHUROA | UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND

With the support from the
Māori Education Trust and
in partnership with the
Māori Sports Awards,
Massey University are
proud to award tonight's
scholarship to an
outstanding wahine Māori
athlete at this prestigious
Māori Sports Awards event.

This athlete has reached
the highest honours in four
different sports, and in 2026
will be studying a Bachelor
of Arts in Psychology at
Massey University.



Massey University Scholarship

Presented by Dame Farah Palmer DNZM NZOM

Recipient

Te Maia SWEETMAN

Rangitāne-Tamaki-nui-a-Rua

WHUTIPŌRO/RUGBY – RĪKI/RUGBY LEAGUE



North Vs South U18 XV Rugby team

- » Manawātū Cyclones FPC Women's Rugby Team
- » NZ U18s NZ Sevens Rugby Team in 2024
- » Manawātū Mustangs U18 Rugby League team, District 9s
- » U17 League Aotearoa Māori Rugby League Kōtiro Team
- » U18 Touch Rugby Kapiti Horowhenua
- » U18 Netball Manawātū

» In 2026 Maia is planning on studying a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Massey University.

Toitū Kaupapa
Māori Mātauranga

| MĀORI EDUCATION TRUST



Ki te kimi huarahi whānui

Kia pūawai ai te ora:

Kia tū whakapakari ai

tātou katoa i roto i te ao Māori

To seek pathways to foster growth

And enable Māori to stand strong



Māori Education Trust Scholarship

Presented by MET Chairperson, Bayden Barber

Recipient

Bailey NGATAI-CRIBB

Ngāti Kauwhata, Ngāti Kuia

PĀ WHUTUPŌRO/TOUCH RUGBY

- » NZ U18 Boys Touch Team – Co-Captain, Most Valuable Player, and Silver Medalist at the Asia Pacific Youth Touch Tournament
- » Auckland U18 Boys Touch Team – Co-Captain 2025 and Gold Medalist at NZ Youth Touch Nationals 2024 & 2025
- » Central Stingrays Open Men's – Premier Touch League (3rd year)
- » Manawatū Open Men's – NZ Open Nationals (2nd year)
- » Wairere Open Men's – Māori Touch Nationals (3rd year)
- » PNBHS - Senior Touch Player of the Year and Captain (3rd year)
- » Palmerston North Boys' High School Senior A Team – NZSS Nationals
- » Assistant Coach – Manawatū U16 Girls Touch Team, Youth Nationals 2026
- » Rugby - Palmerston North Boys' High School 1st XV Rugby – Super 8 winners 2025
- » Massey University Academy of Sport Scholarship recipient, 2026
- » Studying a Bachelor of Business Studies at Massey University, 2026
- » Has aspirations to play for the Touch Blacks and Māori Touch Open Men's teams



**A massive
congratulations to all
winners!**

Helping train your team in the
sport, fitness, recreation, performing arts and
ngā mahi a rēhia sectors.

Ka kaha ake mā te tū ngātahi
Stronger together



Skills Active Māori Sports Awards Scholarship

Presented by Board member Hinemaui Rikirangi

Recipient

Epiha Ricky MURU-KETE

Waikato

RĪKI/RUGBY LEAGUE

From the youngest referee at Aotearoa Māori RL aged 13yrs Epiha has progressed on to touch judge and refereeing appointments at senior tournaments through to now in 2025 Officiating in Aotearoa, Australian NSWRL and Inter-State appointments at elite development and state-level pathways.

Career Aspiration - Committed to continuing professional development with NSWRL Referees Association with the goal of progressing through the officiating pathway to elite-level appointments.

This scholarship would be of immense support in his travel and sitting refereeing courses at the NZ Referring Academy elite level.

Epiha wishes to also progress his education and career pathways and has an internship with Waikato-Tainui next year.





Māori Sports Awards Scholarships

Ngā Karahipi o Te Tohu Tākaro Māori o Aotearoa

From 1994 - 2025, 475 Māori Sports Awards Scholarships have been awarded, with a value of over \$1,000,000

Many of the past recipients have gone on to become New Zealand, International and World champions, competing in Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

Some of those outstanding recipients include:

Renee FLAVELL	Badminton (Commonwealth & Olympics)
Shelley KITCHEN	Squash (World Champion)
Rewa HUDSON	Tennis (Fed Cup & pro circuit)
Leanne BAKER	Tennis (Fed Cup & pro circuit)
Shelley STEPHENS	Tennis (Fed Cup & pro circuit)
Tracey O'CONNOR	Tennis (Fed Cup)
Lydia LIPSCOMBE	Swimming (Olympics)
Kane RADFORD	Swimming (Oceania, NZ Open Water & Olympian)
Rawea GREENWOOD	Cycling (NZ Champion)
Verina WIHONGI	Tae Kwon Do (Olympics)
Dr Farah PALMER ONZM	Rugby (World Champion & Captain)
Amiria MARSH	Rugby (Black Ferns)
Kiri DEMANT	Rugby (Black Ferns)
Luke McALISTER	Rugby (All Blacks, Māori All Blacks)
Tyla NATHAN-WONG	Rugby (All Black Rugby Sevens)
Portia WOODMAN	Rugby (All Black Rugby Sevens)
Nathan NUKUNUKU	Softball (World Champion Black Sox)
Jenny-May COFFIN	Netball (Silver Ferns, TV Presenter)
Jodi TE HUNA	Netball (Silver Ferns)
Daneka WIIPIITI	Netball (Silver Ferns)
Jolene HENRY	Netball (Silver Ferns)
Marnie GRANT	Volleyball (World Circuit)
Paul HENARE	Basketball (Tall Blacks & NZ Breakers)

Jarrold KENNY	Basketball (Tall Blacks)
Jeremy CHRISTIE	Soccer (All Whites)
Lisa HURUNUI	Surfing (NZ Champion)
Stacey JONES	Rugby League (Kiwis, Māori, NZ Warriors)
Wairangi KOOPU	Rugby League (Kiwis, Māori, NZ Warriors)
Amber KANI	Kiwi Ferns, NRL Nines, NZ Māori, NZ Tag
Kiwi TAKAO	Waka Ama (World Champion)
Piki HAMAHONA	Hockey (Black Sticks)
Lindsay TAIT	Basketball (NZ Breakers)
Jarrold KENNY	Basketball (NZ Tall Blacks)
Charlotte HARRISON	Hockey (Black Sticks, Commonwealth & Olympics)
Samantha HARRISON	Hockey (Black Sticks, Commonwealth & Olympics)
Michael WALKER	Horse Racing (NZ Champion Jockey)
Sara WINTHER	Yachting (2012 Olympics, World Junior Silver medalist)
Ivor THOMAS	Woodchopping (World Champion)
Daniella SMITH	Boxing (NZ Champion & World Champion)
Kahukura BENTSON	Boxing (NZ & Oceania Champion)
Bradley ISLES	Golf (USA Nation Wide Pro Tour)
Maioara BARTON	Paralympics (Basketball & Wheel Blacks)
Ramona BELMONT	Snooker (Bronze World Snooker Champs)
Tama TOKI	Athletics (Auckland & NZ Athletics)
Tumanawa TAWHAI	Touch Football (NZ Touch Team)
Kayla IMRIE	Canoe Racing (World & Olympic)
Kate BURLEY	Netball (NZ U/19, Māori U/20, NZ U21 Squad)
Ivana ROWLAND	Netball (Silver Ferns Dev. Squad)
Katene CLARKE	Cricket (NZ U19)
Jay-Jay WILSON	MMA
Patrick HERBERT	Rugby League
Shimiah McNICHOLL	Martial Arts
Kaydin BUDD	Rugby
Kerry-Anne TOMLINSON	Cricket
Ngawari PIO	Iron Māori
Sam HIHA	Hockey
Tegan MURAAHI	Hockey
Raiha ENSOR	Surfing
Charlie SINTON	Rugby

This book is to be launched at the **Rau Tau 100th Aotearoa Māori Tennis Championships in 2026** to commemorate Dame Ruia Morrison DNZM MBE who represented New Zealand from 1956 to 1960 at Wimbledon, and travelled the world, our proud champion of Aotearoa, and Māoridom.



"My memories of Ruia go back to 1962/63. I was only very young and she was well into her tennis career. I remember that she loved tennis and was a wonderful ambassador for her country. I only had a couple of years around her before our busy tennis careers, took us on separate journeys but I always got on very well with Ruia.

If memory serves me right, she beat me in the finals of the New Zealand Championships just after I won the Australian Open.

I wish her all the very best with the book."

Margaret Court AO MBE
Winner of a record 62 Grand Slam Titles



Māori Sports Awards Scholarships

HEREWINI WHĀNAU HOCKEY SCHOLARSHIP

Presented at the NZ Māori Hockey Tournament



Ben **COOPER**
Ngāti Kahungunu



Nina **MURPHY**
Te Aitanga-a-Māhaki





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Kia kaha te reo Māori mō ake ake ake



**TE TAURA WHIRI
I TE REO MĀORI**

MĀORI LANGUAGE COMMISSION



Te Taurewa Whiri i te Reo Māori Māori World Champions

Presented by TTW Board member - Mahanga Pihama

Recipient

Tākuta Karlina TONGOTEĀ

Ngāphui, Ngāi Tahu, Tonga

HIKI TAUMAHA/POWERLIFTING



Recipient

Waikura TAIAPA

Ngāi Te Rangi, Ngāti Ranginui

KŪRUTU/JIU JITSU



Māori D



We have created this “Digital Space” to store and safeguard our taonga. Gathering as much information we can on all our extraordinary Māori athletes, and making it as easy as possible to find the knowledge you need.

Sports Database



Te Tohu Taakaro o Aotearoa Charitable Trust has collated Māori sporting success and history covering in excess of 150 years, and it has come a time to not only preserve but to showcase our rich history to our Aotearoa nation and the world.



SEARCH

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GROWING OUR FUTURE

The logo consists of a stylized green icon resembling a tree or a plant with three main branches.

TE AWANUI
Ki Te Whai Ao



Te Awanui Huka Pak Junior Māori Sportswoman

Presented by Riann & Tumatauenga Umaga-Marshall

Recipient

Tonight's recipient is selected from the following finalists;

Braxton SORENSON-McGEE

Waikura TAIAPA

Lexi FYHN

RUGBY

JIU JITSU

CROSSFIT

Te Tamāhine-ā- Papatūānuku

Taina Wahine-tākaro Māori

It is appropriate that the junior sportswomen should carry the strengths of Papatūānuku. Even today Papatūānuku is acknowledged on all occasions when Māori gather. They are the seeds from which men and women grow.



Nō reira ko te tāina kai-tākaro wahine, ka taea e ia ki te kawē i te mana o Papatūānuku. I ēnei rā tonu kei te manakotia ā Papatūānuku mō ngā mahi katoa ā te Māori. Koia te kākano e tipu ai te tāne me te wahine.

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**TE TAURA WHIRI
I TE REO MĀORI**

MĀORI LANGUAGE COMMISSION



Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori Junior Māori Sportsman

Presented by TTW Board member - Mahanga Pihama

Recipient

Tonight's recipient is selected from the following finalists;

Dylan PLEDGER

Maia CAMPBELL

Hamiora KATU

RUGBY

OUTRIGGER CANOEING

OUTRIGGER CANOEING

Te Tama-ā-Ranginui

Taina Tama-tākaro Māori

It is appropriate that the junior sportsman should carry the strengths of Ranginui. He is the Māori symbol for the beginning and together with Papatūānuku they are the Māori genesis. They are the seeds from which men and women grow.

Nō reira ko te tāina kai-tākaro ka taea e ia ki te kawē i te mana o Ranginui. Ko ia me Papatūānuku te orokohanga mai o te whakapapa Māori. Ko rāua ngā kākano e tipu ai te tāne me te wahine.





Fletcher Building is proud to support the communities in which it operates and the people who call these communities home.

Tonight we honour the outstanding elite Māori Sportswomen who represent their communities on national and international stages.

Dr Karlina TONGOTEA

POWERLIFTING

Portia WOODMAN-WICKLIFFE ONZM

RUGBY

Ellesse ANDREWS MNZM

CYCLING (TRACK)

Me aro koe ki te hā o Hineahuone

Congratulations to all of tonight's Senior Māori Women finalists!



Fletcher Building Senior Māori Sportswoman

Presented by Fletchers Chief Safety & Sustainability Executive, Wendi Bains

Recipient

Tonight's recipient is selected from the following finalists;

Tākuta Karlina TONGOTEA

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RUGBY

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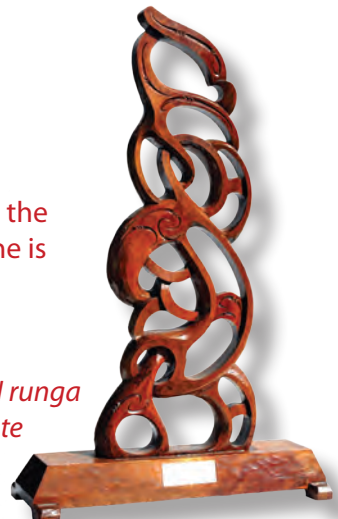
CYCLING (TRACK)

Hineahuone

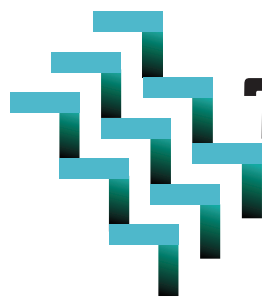
Matua Wahine-tākaro Māori

It is for this reason that the Māori Sportswoman should be named in the spirit of an illustrious beginning, she is truly ultimate.

Nā runga i tēnei take ka tika me whakaingotia te Wahine-toa Māori i runga i te wairua hau o te tīmatanga, koia te mutunga mai.



Full explanation - www.maorisportsawards.co.nz



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Presented by Te Huinga Taakaro Trustees – Ngakohu Papuni and Titia Graham

Recipient

Tonight's recipient is selected from the following finalists;

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Joseph TAPINE

Logan Tipene ROGERSON

SOFTBALL

RUGBY LEAGUE

FOOTBALL

Te Tama-ā-Tanenuiārangi

Matua Tama-tākaro Māori

The greatest sportsman has to be called the Son of Tāne, it is that person who manifests excellence in the male being.

He tika tonu kia ingoatia te toa o ngā tāne ki te Tama-ā-Tanenuiārangi, koia hoki kei te whakaniko i te toa o te Ira-tāne.



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Māori Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

Presented by Val Panui and David Thomas



Māori Sports Hall of Fame



Dame Lisa Carrington DNZM MNZM

*Te Aitanga ā Māhaki, Rongowhakaata, Whakatōhea,
Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Tara Tokanui, Ngāti Maniapoto*
CANOE SPRINT

Dame Lisa Carrington is widely regarded as the greatest canoe sprint athlete of all time, excelling in both individual and team events throughout her remarkable career.

Her record-breaking achievements include nine Olympic medals – eight gold and one bronze – earned across four consecutive Olympic Games, along with 15 World Championship titles.

Her recognition by the Halberg Foundation and Māori Sports Awards stands as a testament to her extraordinary talent, unwavering self-determination, guidance of her coaches, and the steadfast support of her humble whānau.



OLYMPIC GAMES

- 8 Olympic Games Gold Medals
- 1 Olympic Games Bronze Medal

ICF CANOE SPRINT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 15 World Gold Titles
- 5 World Silver Titles
- 2 World Bronze Titles

HONOURS**NZ ROYAL HONOURS**

- Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to canoe racing: 2022
- Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to canoe racing: 2013

ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES (ANOC) AWARDS

- Outstanding Sporting Career: 2024

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY

- Outstanding Māori Business Leader: 2013

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (AUT)

- Honorary Doctorate: 2025

HALBERG AWARDS

- Sportswoman of the Decade: 2021
- Sportswoman of the Year: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2024
- Supreme Award: 2016, 2022, 2024
- Team of the Year: 2025 (Women's K4)

MĀORI SPORTS AWARDS

- Most Influential Māori Sports Personality of the Past 30 Years: 2021
- Māori Sportswoman of the Year: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019 (joint with Noeline Tairua), 2023, 2024
- Māori Sportsperson of the Year: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019 (joint with Noeline Taurua), 2024

LONSDALE CUP

- 2023 - winner
- 2021 - winner
- 2017 - winner
- 2016 - winner

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MATARIKI AWARDS

- Te Waita (Award for Sport): 2017
- Ururangi (Award for Sports): 2022


TE WHARE MĀTĀPUNA O TE AO MĀORI

- Māori Sports Hall of Fame: 2025



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The Pryor tales will go on and on, especially taking in his staunch work for Māori sport through his establishment of the annual Māori Sports Awards. Pryor was the mixture of the gruff and kindly parent to so many of these sportspeople, and there will be many thus who were steered away from danger and to success by Pryor's firm, and, humorous attitude.



Albie Pryor

1958 - 62 Māori All Blacks



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Albie Pryor

Memorial

Rongomaraeroa Māori Sportsperson of the Year

Presented by Te Arikinui Kuini Nga wai hono i te po

Recipient

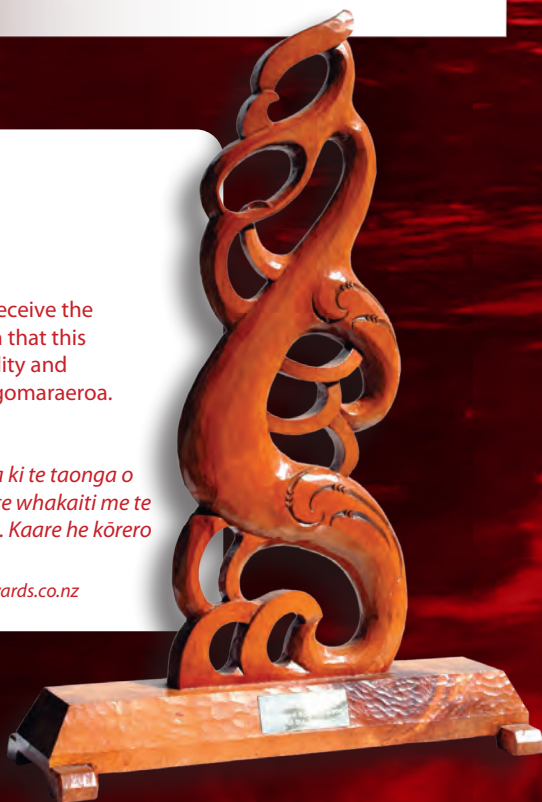
Rongomaraeroa

Te Toa Tākaro Māori o te Tau

That the ultimate sportsperson should receive the Trophy of Rongomaraeroa is recognition that this achievement is like the goals of tranquillity and contentment which are the gifts of Rongomaraeroa. There are no greater gifts.

Ko te tino toa o ngā toa ka whakawhiwhia ki te taonga o Rongomaraeroa nā runga i te taumata o te whakaiti me te hūmārietanga o Te Ara o Rongomaraeroa. Kaare he kōrero i tua atu.

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Michael CAMPBELL



Jason WYNYARD



Dame Lisa CARRINGTON DNZM

PAST RECIPIENTS

1991 Waimarama TAUMAUNU

1992 Eric RUSH

1993 Cathy MILLEN

1994 Dean BELL

1995 Michael CAMPBELL

1996 Zinzan BROOKE

1997 Leilani JOYCE

1998 Farah PALMER

1999 Leilani JOYCE

2000 Michael CAMPBELL

2001 Michael-John WALKER

2002 Pero CAMERON

2003 Temepara CLARK

2004 Peter MARTIN

2005 Michael CAMPBELL

2006 Farah PALMER

2007 Storm URU

2008 Jason WYNYARD

2009 Benji MARSHALL

2010 Hosea GEAR

2011 Piri WEEPU

2012 Lisa CARRINGTON

2013 Lisa CARRINGTON

2014 Jason WYNYARD &

Tai Hikuroa WYNYARD

2015 Lisa CARRINGTON

2016 Lisa CARRINGTON

2017 Rieko IOANE &

Portia WOODMAN

2018 Lisa CARRINGTON

2019 Lisa CARRINGTON MNZM &

Noeline TAURUA

2020 Lisa CARRINGTON MNZM

2021 Dame Lisa CARRINGTON MNZM

2022 Lewis CLAREBURT

2023 Erika FAIRWEATHER

2024 Dame Lisa CARRINGTON DNZM

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National Māori Sports Tournaments 2025 - 2027

2025 AOTEAROA MĀORI TABLE TENNIS

National Tournament

Saturday 29 November, Gillies Ave Auckland

2025 AOTEAROA MĀORI FOOTBALL

National Tournament North v South

Saturday 13 December, English Park, Christchurch

2025 AOTEAROA MĀORI TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

99th Tennis Tournament

December 27 – 30 Rotorua Tennis Club

2026 AOTEAROA MĀORI BOWLS TOURNAMENT

National Māori Tournament

Waitangi weekend 6th to 9th February, Rotorua

2026 AOTEAROA MĀORI NETBALL ORANGA HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

National Tournament

Friday 3 April to Sunday 5 April, Whangarei

2026 MĀORI BASKETBALL – Poitūkohu Māori

National Tournament

January Rotorua Date TBC

2026 MĀORI TOUCH NZ

National Tournament

5-6 December, Rotorua

2026 NZ MĀORI GOLF

National Tournament

11-16 January Far North & Waitangi Golf Club

2026 NZ MĀORI HOCKEY

National Tournament

35th 2025, October 25-28 Tāmaki Makaurau

2026 TE HAPORI HŌIHO

National Māori Horse Assoc.

TBC

2026 NZ MAORI RUGBY LEAGUE

National Tournament

Date etc TBC

2027 NGA HAU E WHA AOTEAROA - MAORI SQUASH

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