

# TE KAIRANGAHAU

Haere atu rā e taku karere  
Mā runga i ngā hau o Tāwhirimātea  
Kia tae atu rā koe  
Ki ngā tōpito katoa o te ao

Rere atu rā e taku karere  
Mā runga i ngā ia o te ipurangi  
Kia tae atu rā koe  
Ki ngā moka katoa o te ao

Mauria atu rā te aroha  
Ki te hunga e pāpāngia ana  
Ki ngā mamaetanga, ngā pōuritanga  
Me ngā pēpēhitanga o te wā

Kawea atu rā ngā rongo kōrero  
Mō ngā kaupapa e rangahautia ake rā  
Me kore e tahuri ake te ao  
Hei wāhi ahuru mo te iti me te rahi

## FROM THE JOINT DIRECTORS ...

*Nau mai rā Matariki-ahunga-nui! Ko tō putanga mai, he tohu ake i te huringa atu o te tau tawhito me te huringa mai o te tau hou. Tū iho mai rā i roto i tō ātaahuatanga!*

The Participating Research Entities (PREs) Forum took place in Wellington on 30 April. The Forum acts as the hui-ā-tau of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga and we were very pleased with the way it went. Representatives from all but two of the PREs were present to meet with the Board, led by Mike Stevens, and supported by Charles Royal and Jim Peters in the absence of Sir Tipene O'Regan who was recovering from surgery. Issues traversed in general discussions covered how excellence in research is recognised, the definition and meaning of collaboration, and the challenges that go with participating in collaborations across a widely distributed and diverse network of researchers and research organisations.

The Forum also provided the opportunity for a discussion of the Performance-Based Research Fund (PBRF) with a delegation from the Tertiary Education Commission that included Dr Roy Sharp (CEO), Frances Blyth (Principal Adviser), Professor Marston Conder (Chair of the Sector Reference Group and Director of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications—the Maths CoRE)



Local Ruatāhuna fieldworkers Celia Edwards and Mere Beale with principal investigator, Dr Todd Dennis (centre) in the process of weighing a possum. Photo provided by Dr Todd Dennis.

and Damien Cole of the PBRF Secretariat, together with Professor Pare Keiha (Sector Reference Group) who was present in his capacity as the representative of AUT University to the Forum. The meeting provided an opportunity for the TEC and members of the Sector Reference Group to have a discussion about the PBRF with the PRE Forum, which included representatives from tertiary education institutions that employ a high proportion of the Māori researchers population who are involved in the PBRF through PBRF assessments.

The meeting also enabled both the representatives at the Forum, the PBRF team and the TEC to get to know more about one another and about the PBRF and the work being done on it before the next assessment in 2012. The process for making submissions on the PBRF was outlined with the closing date for submissions being on 18 June 2009.

We were delighted by the launch of the monograph 'Te Ara Pūtaiao—Māori Insights in Science' in mid-May. We were also very pleasantly surprised with the way the external context has changed since the

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Policy Seminar nearly four years ago, where the talks on which the book was based were given. What we recognised was that we have now reached the situation where we have a very well balanced age structure in the Māori science community. Although the community of professional scientists is still small, there are now people at senior levels in the university and Crown research institute systems, together with people who are becoming established in careers and fresh PhDs emerging across disciplines from astrophysics to zoology. So the future for Māori in science is looking bright and the challenge is to increase the size of the community and its intellectual impact.

Because the funding held by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga is very limited, we have recently been exploring research funding opportunities available to Māori researchers

through organisations such as the Health Research Council (HRC) and the Foundation for Research Science and Technology (FRST). A number of researchers awarded either scoping or fully funded research grants by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga have obtained further funds to continue or scale up their research through these agencies. We encourage researchers to consider applying for funding both in their own right and particularly in collaborations where it is possible to achieve synergy with other researchers. We are currently thinking about ways in which we might be able to support our researchers in pursuing these wider opportunities.

Finally, applications for the position of Director of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga just closed at the end of June and we look forward to having a strong field of candidates. As the

current Joint Directors, we are very confident that the next Director will immediately be able to play a leading role in a community of scholars supported by a Secretariat that is performing very effectively. The Board has worked closely with the Vice Chancellor and officials of the University of Auckland and will continue to do so throughout the process of selecting the next Director for Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga.

**Joint Directors**

Professor Michael Walker



Dr Tracey McIntosh



PRE representatives, TEC representatives and members of the Board and Secretariat at the PRE meeting in Wellington. *Photo by Zaine Mitchell.*

**Participating Research Entities Meeting**

Duxton Hotel, Wellington, 30 April 2009

The 2nd Annual Participating Research Entities (PREs) meeting was held recently in Wellington. The forum gave the opportunity for the PREs to meet directly with the Board of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga to consider the Annual Report, IRAP Report and to discuss the issues directly related to their institutions. The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) was also invited along to discuss the PBRF funding. It was a very successful meeting and representatives of 13 of the 15 Participating Research Entities attended.

**New Staff Member  
Dr Helen Ross**

We are pleased to welcome Dr Helen Ross to the newly established position of Production Manager Publications. Dr Ross starts on 1st July and will manage the production of the Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga journals and the operations of the other Centre publications. Dr Ross comes highly recommended, with a great deal of publishing experience, academic qualifications and experience/skill. Most recently she was a Research Advisor at the University of Otago and prior to that Publishing Editor, The Royal Society, UK.





A Papueru bush possum being outfitted with a global positioning system collar.  
Photo provided by Dr Todd Dennis.

## Dr Todd Dennis, Research Fellow

### 'Use of Advanced Technologies to Develop Culturally Appropriate Pest-Management Strategies for Rural Māori Communities'

Using recently developed tracking devices based on the Global Positioning System, Professor Michael Walker and Dr Todd Dennis from the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Auckland have been carrying out extensive research on the 'movement ecology' of common brushtail possums, ultimately to develop culturally appropriate, pest-management strategies for rural Māori communities.

In this project funded by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, Professor Walker and Dr Dennis, along with members of the Ngāti Tāwhaki Restoration Trust have used GPS telemetry to investigate fine-scale movement patterns of possums in the Mangakirikiri Valley, a remote site near Ruatāhuna in the Urewera mountains. Over a period of a year the research group made more than 70 deployments of the state-of-the-art

GPS collars on possums inhabiting a mixed landscape of farmland, bush and forest in the valley.

The collars were configured to record position fixes at 15-minute intervals over an 11-hour period encompassing the time during night when possums are known to be active outside their dens. In total, more than 33,000 locations were recorded from the possums' collars over 959 survey nights. These data are being used by MSc student Erin Kennedy (School of Biological Sciences, University of Auckland) to describe the nightly movement patterns, home-range areas, habitat preferences and responses to weather and lunar conditions of possums in the native Te Urewera forest. Such information, along with that collected in a similar study at Muriwai Beach, as well as local knowledge from Ruatāhuna community members, is contributing to development of 'smarter' control regimes for possums and a means of ensuring that rural Māori communities benefit environmentally and economically from local efforts.

Dr Dennis says, 'Precise tracking using satellite telemetry can help us better understand the movement patterns of introduced pests, and may well suggest the most effective control measures for different situations—all the while helping to develop a possum-fur industry that is important to the local economy. By working with members of the Ngāti Tāwhaki Trust we have seen clear evidence that trapping in suitable circumstances is a workable alternative to aerial poisons such as sodium fluoroacetate (1080)'.

## Whānau Knowledge in Action

Eastern Institute of Technology  
Taradale, Napier, 20–22 April 2009

The Research Programme of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga were co-sponsors of the 2nd national hui of the Aotearoa Network of Indigenous Health Knowledge and Development Trust held recently at Te Ara o Tāwhaki Marae, Eastern Institute of Technology, Napier. This hui continued the focus of the International Network of Indigenous Health Knowledge and Development Conference in Rotorua (2007), with its theme of 'Whānau Knowledge in Action'. The hui focused particularly on how whānau knowledge is best translated into action within the realms of health services, workforce, policy and research development.

The hui also provided the perfect opportunity for people working in the areas of traditional health, community, service delivery, research, policy and workshop development to network with one another.

Keynote speakers and their topics were: Amster Reedy, 'How does tikanga support whānau knowledge in action?'; Suzanne Pitama, 'How does research support whānau knowledge in action?'; Andre Le Geyt and Heather Skipworth, 'Models of whānau knowledge in action?'; Teresa Wall, 'How does policy/the Ministry framework support putting whānau knowledge in action?'; and Paraire Huata who gave the conference summary.





### **Ka Mau Te Wehi – Conversations in Māori Dance**

St Paul Street Gallery, Auckland, 4 June 2009

'Ka Mau Te Wehi—Conversations in Māori Dance', an exhibition curated by Moana Nēpia, opened recently in Auckland. The exhibition examines Māori dance as art-form, entertainment and cultural identity, through a juxtaposition of archival and contemporary imagery. The exhibition is a striking celebration of the dynamic force felt through

movement in Māori performance while also bearing testimony to the performers, choreographers, artists, photographers, film and documentary makers whose creative efforts help inform us about who we are as New Zealanders.

From some of the earliest drawings and prints of haka, to photographs and video of

Māori contemporary dance, this exhibition draws together moving and still images from private collections and public institutions—including the Auckland City Library, the Hocken Collections, University of Otago, the New Zealand Film Archive, Archives New Zealand, the National Library of New Zealand and the Alexander Turnbull Library.

## THE CAPABILITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

### **Dr Pauline Harris, Astrophysicist**

Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Rākaipaaka and Ngāti Kahungunu

Mātauranga Māori tātai arorangi (traditional Māori star lore) will help astrophysicist Dr Pauline Harris in her three-year post-doctoral study search for extra-solar planets.

Both Māori and 'Western' astronomical knowledge systems, and their interface, will assist her research, which uses gravitational microlensing. Her planet hunting will involve participating in and contributing to a well-established New Zealand and international research project in the field of astronomy and astrophysics.

The research field is gravitational microlensing, and the NZ – Japan research collaboration is Microlensing Observation in Astrophysics. It consists of astronomers from four New Zealand universities, Auckland, Canterbury, Massey and Victoria, and astronomers from Japan, using a dedicated 1.8 metre diameter telescope, the largest in

New Zealand, situated at Mt John, Tekapō.

Dr Harris completed her Doctorate of Philosophy in Physics at the University of Canterbury this year. Her dissertation, 'A Search for Gamma Ray Burst Neutrinos Using the Radio Ice Cherenkov Experiment', was researched as part of an international collaboration, the Radio Ice Cherenkov Experiment, located at the South Pole.

Her university career has included many prestigious awards and fellowships. She also played representative level basketball, netball and softball. She admits to 'having been known to be a bit of a protester', was involved in student politics, Te Akatoki, president of the Māori students' association in 2001 and whānau member at the kohanga reo in Paraparaumu.

Her research interests are astrophysics, Māori astronomy and ethics. Aged 34, she has one child, Te Paea, aged six. Her latest study? 'I have just started to learn how to Salsa,' she admits.



Dr Pauline Harris. Photo provided by Dr Harris.

### **2009 MAI Doctoral Conference**

The 2009 MAI Doctoral Conference will be held at Otago University from 8–12 October 2009. The conference is aimed at Māori students currently enrolled in PhD study.

### **MAI Review journal [www.review.mai.ac.nz](http://www.review.mai.ac.nz) – CALL for papers**

This journal is specifically designed for pre-doctoral, current-doctoral and post-doctoral scholars engaging with knowledge regarding capability building in its broadest sense. It offers 'target' articles, peer commentary papers, short articles, research notes, columns on writing and other skills and posts opportunities for interaction between scholars through its Forum and Chat facilities.

We know that there is much valuable material and knowledge 'out there' and this journal provides a flexibility of form to permit a wide range of papers, so we invite all readers and scholars to submit material.

There is no registration fee for these students. For enquiries please contact Dr Adreanne Ormond ([a.ormond@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:a.ormond@auckland.ac.nz)) or Jane Rangiwhāhia ([j.rangiwhahia@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:j.rangiwhahia@auckland.ac.nz)).

# THE KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

## 2009 Conference Attendance Grant Recipients

The first of two rounds of the 2009 Conference Attendance Grant closed recently. This grant is intended to support researchers and developing researchers wishing to disseminate their research work at national and international conferences, leading to the potential publication of their research findings. We would like to congratulate the following 14 recipients who were awarded a Round One 2009 Conference Attendance Grant:

Name	Iwi	Conference
James Graham	Ngāti Kahungunu	'2009 American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting', San Diego, USA.
Hokimate Harwood	Ngā Puhī	'Weavers National Hui 2009' at Tākitimu Marae in Te Wairoa, Hawke's Bay, Aotearoa.
Dan Hikuroa	Tainui, Te Arawa	'International Conference on Science in Society' at Cambridge University, Murray Edwards College, Cambridge, England.
Te Kapua Hohepa-Wātene	Te Arawa, Kāi Tahu	'ISA-International Sociological Association-Research Committee on Participation, Organizational Democracy and Self-Management RC10' at Hatzikiriakio Child Care Institution, Piraeus, Athens, Greece.
Robert Joseph	Ngāti Raukawa/ Maniapoto/ Tūwharetoa/ Kahungunu, Rangitāne and Kāi Tahu	'The Politics of Identity and Community: Learning from One Another' at The University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
Pareputiputi Nuku	Ngāti Kahungunu	'The 16th Annual Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium: Indigenous Languages Across the Generations-Strengthening Families & Communities' at Arizona State University, Tempe, USA.
Pip Pēhi	Ngā Puhī	'The 15th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management' at The University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU) in Vienna, Austria.
Lynne Pere	Kāi Tahu, Kāti Māmoe, Ngāti Kahungunu/Porou, Rangitāne	'The Mental Health Services (TheMHS) Management Committee, Sydney, Australia' and the 'Western Australia Transcultural Mental Health Service, Australia' at The Perth Convention Exhibition Centre, Perth, Western Australia.
Rāwiri Taonui	Te Hikutū, Te Kapotai, Ngāti Whēru/Rora	'Children and the Law: International Approaches to Children and their Vulnerabilities' in Prato, Tuscany, Italy.
Juan Tauri	Ngāti Porou	'2nd International Conference: Widening Our Lenses-Connecting Our Practice' at The Centre for Restorative Justice, Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada.
Kate Timms	Ngāti Raukawa	'Using Gaelic: Criteria in Language Maintenance in the Community' at Sabhal Mor Ostaig, the Gaelic College of Scotland, The Isle of Skye, Scotland.
Valmaine Toki	Ngāti Wai, Ngā Puhī	'XXXIst International Congress on Law and Mental Health' at New York University Law School, New York, USA.
Emma Hana Wyeth	Kāi Tahu, Te Atiawa, Ngāti Tama/ Mutunga	'9th National Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion' at Monash University Accident Research Centre and the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine on behalf of the Australian Injury Prevention Network, Melbourne, Australia.
Lorna Dyall	Ngāti Maniapoto	'19th IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics', Paris, France.

## 2009 Conference Attendance Grants (CAGs) Round Two

Opens 1 July, closes 31 July 2009

Round Two of the Conference Attendance Grant opens on 1 July 2009 and closes at 5pm on 31 July 2009. Successful applicants can be awarded up to a maximum of \$3,000. Application forms can be found at: ([www.maramatanga.co.nz](http://www.maramatanga.co.nz)).

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# Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Biennial International Indigenous Conference

[www.traditionalknowledge2010.ac.nz](http://www.traditionalknowledge2010.ac.nz)

## 4th Mātauranga Taketake: Traditional Knowledge Conference, 6 – 9 June 2010

**Venue:** The University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand

**Theme:** Kei muri i te awe kāpara, he tangata kē *Recognising, engaging, understanding difference*

Abstract: This conference addresses the question of difference. What are the costs to communities and society of failing to understand others? Can we reflect on our own assumptions and practice, our shared past and present and imagine and pursue a better future for individuals and the greater collective? The conference will provide opportunities to discuss strategies for engaging, understanding and accommodating difference in order to build relationships that address social, economic, resource, and environmental risks associated with failure to understand sufficiently the differences among indigenous and non-indigenous communities and societies. Given the diversity present in those attending there will be many opportunities to learn from diverse contexts

around the world about efforts to engage across the inter-face between indigenous and non-indigenous communities, across all disciplines, from individuals to societies, governments and nations. The intention is to move beyond identifying and understanding problems towards creative solutions that meet the needs of present and future generations. The conference provides the opportunity to develop a broader understanding by seeing and hearing things outside our own scope, to make connections across boundaries, and to formulate partnerships across new interfaces.

Calls for abstracts and proposals for session panels will open shortly. Submitters are encouraged to consider the following strands:

- Science & Knowledge
- Resources & Environment
- Society, Culture & Language
- Health
- Education
- Law & Justice
- Economic Development & Business
- Alterity and Difference
- Communities: past, present and future

Please visit our website ([www.traditionalknowledge2010.ac.nz](http://www.traditionalknowledge2010.ac.nz)) for updates on the conference including keynote speakers, significant dates, registration of interest; and to view video highlights of our 2006 and 2008 conferences.

## AlterNative – An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples

[www.alternative.ac.nz](http://www.alternative.ac.nz)

The Knowledge Exchange Programme is pleased to announce the appointment of Emeritus Professor Ranginui Walker, DCNZM, who accepted the position of Editor-in-Chief of *AlterNative*. Walker brings to this role a lifetime of dedication to advancing indigenous peoples in the academy and a strong international reputation. We also welcome Dr Sam Elworthy, Director of the Auckland University Press, to the Board of *AlterNative*.

*AlterNative* is showing strong signs of growth. The number of articles submitted from Africa and Europe is steadily increasing, demonstrating the important role the journal performs in platforming indigenous research. The journal is currently undergoing a peer-reviewer drive to increase capacity to deal with a diverse range of disciplines and local indigenous knowledges. *AlterNative* currently accepts

submissions from all disciplines that represent the viewpoints of more than 5,000 indigenous groups across the world. This unique brief means that each edition is the result of cross-continental cooperation that forges new connections between indigenous peoples. In the last few months alone, *AlterNative* has appointed more than 140 academics from around the world as

peer-reviewers.

As a result of our publishing partnership with EBSCO Holdings, a provider of academic databases for libraries around the world, *AlterNative* will soon have increased accessibility for researchers. Dr Susan Healy and her dedicated team are currently preparing second editions of the earliest journals for this release.



Members of the Board of *AlterNative*. Photo by Zaine Mitchell.

## Book launch: 'Te Ara Pūtaiao: Māori Insights in Science'

The University of Auckland, Waipapa Marae, 13 May 2009

The launch of a new publication from Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga provided the opportunity for a celebration of Māori scholarship and an exploration of the unique contributions that Māori can offer to science. The monograph was edited by Drs Joe Te Rito and Susan Healy.

At the launch in the wharenuī at Waipapa Marae, Professor Michael Walker discussed the recent advances in Māori scholarship and the measures taken to achieve this. He spoke of



the uniquely rich perspective of Māori researchers in New Zealand, partly born of the intimate knowledge of two cultures and ways of thinking, which leads to a rich dual perception of scientific and other phenomena and an inclination to explore multiple solutions to complex challenges.

Michael is one of a group of Māori scientists who have earned international reputations in recent times. His discoveries on the navigation of birds and other animals have been extensively published. Dr Shane Wright has made a world-acclaimed breakthrough in understanding evolution in warmer climates. Michael's address was followed by the launch

of 'Te Ara Pūtaiao: Māori Insights in Science'. The monograph comprises papers by four Māori scientists—Dr James Ātaria, Associate Professor Elizabeth McKinley, Professor Michael Walker and Dr Shane Wright who all presented as part of the Policy Seminar Series, 'Progressing Māori Development through Research', convened by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga.

This item is adapted from an article in *The University of Auckland News* by Judy Wilford.



Professor Michael Walker at the launch of 'Te Ara Pūtaiao: Māori Insights in Science' at Waipapa Marae. Photo by Gottfried Boehnke.

## 2009 Knowledge Event Support Grant

The 2009 Knowledge Event Support Grant closed on 30 April 2009. This limited contestable fund is available to help organisations and institutions to run a conference, symposium or hui. These events are primarily for the exchange of research or knowledge and should be aligned with the Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Research Themes. The grant is partial support only and successful applicants are encouraged to seek sponsorship from other sources too. Congratulations to the following organisations who were awarded a 2009 Knowledge Event Support Grant:

Organisation	Knowledge Event
Tautāwhi Limited	'Te Hinātore: National Hui for Māori Working with Young Māori Children and their Families – Bringing Us Together in a Celebration of our Diversity as Māori across the Sector' from 18–20 June 2009 at Te Kupenga o te Mātauranga Marae, Massey University College of Education, Palmerston North, Aotearoa.
Te Pouhere Kōrero, Te Kawa a Māui, Victoria University of Wellington	'He Rau Tumu Kōrero II Māori Historians' Symposium 2009' from 25–26 June 2009 at Te Herenga Waka Marae, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington.
Aotahi: School of Māori and Indigenous Studies, University of Canterbury	'Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, Māori Language Week' Symposium on 29 July 2009 at The University of Canterbury.
Te Ohu Rata o Aotearoa and Tōmaiora, Te Kupenga Hauora, Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Auckland	'Te Ohu Rata a Aotearoa Hui-ā-tau and Scientific Conference 2009' from 11–13 September 2009 at Te Herenga Waka Marae and Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington.
Conscious Collaborations Charitable Trust in partnership with Asia Pacific Indigenous Youth Network (APIYN)	'Indigenous Climate Connections (ICC)' Conference from 18–21 September 2009 at Rangitāne Marae, Palmerston North.
Landcare Research New Zealand Limited (Manaaki Whenua)	'Whakamihia, Whakanuia, Kia Tata Whakamaua Celebrating Success and Looking Forward' knowledge dissemination event on 1 October 2009 at Matura and The Croydon Lodge, Gore.
Te Ipukarea: National Māori Language Institute, Te Ara Poutama, Faculty of Māori Development, AUT University	'Te Kōunga o te Reo: Benchmarking the Māori Language' Wānanga from 18–20 November 2009 at Ngā Wai o Horotiu, AUT University, Auckland.
Te Wānanga Takiura o Ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori	'Te Wānanga Whakawhanake i te Rangahau Māori' from 4–6 December 2009 at Manurewa Marae, Manurewa, Auckland.
Te Roopu Raranga Whatu o Aotearoa and Toi Māori Aotearoa	'Indigenous Weavers Invitational Symposium' from 8–13 February 2010 at Westbrook Campus, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, Rotorua.
Te Herenga Waka o te Ora Whānau Trust Inc., National Māori Problem Gambling Committee	'Te Herenga Waka o te Ora Whānau: The Gathering and Tying Place of Many Canoes. An International Indigenous Gambling Practice, Research and Knowledge Gathering Symposium' from the 26–28 February 2010 at Tamatekapua Marae, Rotorua.
Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Hoani Waititi Marae	'Reflections on 25 years of Te Kura Kaupapa Māori at Hoani Waititi Marae' in April 2010 at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Hoani Waititi Marae, Auckland.
Native Engineering and Technology Summit	'Native Engineering and Technology Summit NETS 2010' from 11–17 July 2010 at The University of Hawai'i, Hilo, Hawai'i Nui.



Recipients of the 'Te Amorangi' awards at the Te Amorangi Academic Awards night at Tūrangawaewae Marae in Ngāruawāhia. Photo provided by Merepaea Dunn.

**Te Amorangi Academic Awards** Tūrangawaewae Marae, Ngāruawāhia, 3 April 2009

'Te Amorangi', the seventh annual National Māori Academic Excellence Awards, was held again at Tūrangawaewae Marae, Ngāruawāhia. Hosted by the University of Waikato, the annual awards evening continues to acknowledge one senior researcher for his or her lifetime achievements and the new Māori PhD graduates of that year for the achievement of their PhDs. This year the Senior Researcher Award, 'Te Tohu Whakamaharatanga ki Te Arikinui Te Atairangikaahu–Lifetime Achievement Award', presented by King Tūheitia, went to Carmen Kirkwood.

Each of 29 new Māori PhDs in 2008 were awarded the prestigious 'Te Amorangi' award. This latest batch brings the total number of Māori PhD graduates who received these awards to 213 since the inaugural awards in 2002.

**'Te Amorangi' National Māori Academic Excellence Awards to 2008 PhD Graduates**

**The University of Auckland**

- Dr Jacqueline Kidd
- Dr Jenny Lee
- Dr Te Kipa Morgan
- Dr Takirirangi Smith
- Dr Reremoana Theodore
- Dr Erica Williams
- Dr Anneka Anderson
- Dr Melissa Taitimu
- Dr Robert White

**The University of Hawai'i**

- Dr Catherine Edmonds

**Lincoln University**

- Dr Simon Lambert

**Massey University**

- Dr Shirley Barnett
- Dr Darryn Joseph
- Dr Te Hereripine Paine
- Dr Nicholas Roskruge
- Dr Hūhana Smith

**The University of Waikato**

- Dr Mere Berryman
- Dr Debra Emery
- Dr Susan Hickey
- Dr Bradley McLellan
- Dr Laurie Morrison
- Dr Raukura Roa
- Dr Katarina Simon
- Dr Georgina Stewart
- Dr Shaun Awatere
- Dr Donna Cormack

**The University of Otago**

- Dr Shannon Crow
- Dr Emma Wyeth

**The University of Canterbury**

- Dr Pauline Harris

**New Zealand Order of Merit awarded to Professor Michael Walker**

We would like to acknowledge Joint Director, Professor Michael Walker for receiving the award of Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to science in the Queen's Birthday Honours announced on 1 June 2009. This award recognises outstanding achievement in the field of magnetoreception in animals and 20 years of dedicated service to ensure that Māori students participate fully in science programmes within schools and tertiary institutes, leading to successful careers in this field. While proud of his success, Professor Walker was keen to acknowledge that there were many others who contributed to these initiatives over the two decades.

**Book launch: 'Mata Toa: The Life and Times of Ranginui Walker'**

Aotea Centre, Auckland, 14 May 2009

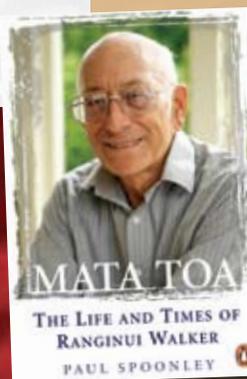
'Mata Toa: The Life and Times of Ranginui Walker' was launched recently at the Aotea Centre, Auckland. The event was attended by up to a hundred friends, colleagues and family members. Comment was made at the function of how wonderful it is to have this biography written and published while the subject of the book is still very much alive.

Emeritus Professor Walker has been in the headlines for decades, ever since the beginning of the Māori political and cultural renaissance in the 1970s and still has a major influence on how Pākehā view Māori in the twenty-first century.

The biography, written by Paul Spoonley, traces the life of Professor Walker from his humble beginnings to his role as a Māori academic leader who championed Māori issues in the face of fierce criticism and social/political adversity. Published by Penguin Group, the book is also a social/political commentary on the huge changes in the position of Māori in modern New Zealand.

Professor Ranginui Walker is a well respected Māori academic, known widely as an author, biographer, historian, academic, commentator, rangatira, activist and influential leader. The wording 'Mata Toa' in the title of the book is very fitting and was the idea of Robert Pouwhare. 'Mata' means 'eyes' and 'toa' means

'warrior'. Just as the kārearea (falcon) scans the landscape from great heights for its prey, so does Ranginui scan the political landscape for issues affecting Māori.



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