

*“Tai timu Tai pari – Changing Tides”*



TŌPŪTANGA TAPUHI KAITIAKI O AOTEAROA  
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

**Indigenous Nurses Aotearoa  
Conference 2018**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME AND  
SPEAKER PROFILES**

# PROGRAMME

<b>“TAI TIMU TAI PARI – CHANGING TIDES”</b>	
<b>Friday 10 August 2018</b>	
10.30am approx	Pullman Hotel
11.00.am	Registrations Open
11.20 am	Welcome and Housekeeping
11.30am	Kaiwhakahaere, Te Rūnanga o Aotearoa NZNO - Kerri Nuku
12.00pm	Opening address – Dr Moana Jackson
	
12.30 pm	Kai o te Rānui
1.15 pm	Honourable Nanaia Mahuta, Minister for Māori Development
1.45pm	Honourable Sir Taihakurei Durie
	
2.25pm	Annette Sykes and Rebekah Jordan
3.05pm	Paramanawa
3.25pm	Syd Keepa
4.05 pm	Summary of the day
4.25pm	Karakia Whakamutunga
6.00pm	Buffet Dinner at Pullman Hotel
7.30pm	Whakawhanaungatanga

# PROGRAMME

Saturday 11 August 2018		
8.30am	Karakia Welcome – Te Poari	
8.40am	Tamati Kruger <i>Tihei Mauri Ora – An approach to improving Tūhoe health</i>	
9.20am	Diana Rangihuna-Kopua and Mark Kopua <i>Gate Keeping</i>	
10.00am	Paramanawa	
10.20am	Christine Baker <i>Kia kaha, Kia maia, kia manawanui</i> <i>Be strong, be steadfast, be determined</i>	
10.50am	Sonia Hawkins	
11.30am	Tawera Tahuri <i>South Dakota Pipe Line</i>	
12.10pm	Kai o te Rānui	
12.55pm	Helen Topia	
1.35pm	Dr Jamie Boyd via Zoom	
2.05pm	International Collaboration Panel – Kerri Nuku, Eseta Finau, Dr Jamie Boyd and Janine Mohamed	
2.45pm	Paramanawa	
3.05pm	Summation Dr Moana Jackson	
3.45pm	Closing Remarks – Kerri Nuku	
4.25pm	Whakawhanaungatanga	
5.30pm	Hākari and Gala Awards Dinner – Princes Ball Room	

# SPEAKERS

## DR MOANA JACKSON

Ngāti Kahungunu, Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Porou

## HONOURABLE NANAIA MAHUTA

**Minister of Māori Development**  
**Waikato-Tainui Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Manu**

As a mother, and a constituent Member of Parliament with over 20 plus years' experience who has come from 'flax-root' politics, Hon Nanaia Mahuta remains connected to the aspirations of people from all walks of life.

Nanaia is married and has two children and lives close to her Turangawaewae at Ngaruawahia. She has strong links to the Māori King Movement, being the daughter of Sir Robert Mahuta, who was the adopted son of King Korokī and the elder brother of Māori Queen Te Atairangikaahu. She has an MA (Hons) in social anthropology.

All her political life she has worked for her people so that their children can do better. She has championed greater investment in education, employment and training opportunities particularly for young people, supported the continuation of the Treaty Settlement process and supported specific initiatives that lift the wellbeing and opportunities for young mums and those who are vulnerable and victims of abuse.

Hon Nanaia Mahuta today holds the portfolios of Māori Development, Local Government and Associate Environment.



# SPEAKERS

## HONOURABLE SIR TAIHĀKUREI DURIE

**Ngāti Rangatahi, Ngāti Rangitāne, Ngāti Kauwhata, Ngāti Raukawa**

Sir Taihākurei Durie is a former High Court Judge of New Zealand, Chief Justice of the Māori Land Court and Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal. Sir Taihākurei is regarded as a leading legal expert on Indigenous Customary Law and, in a New Zealand context, the Treaty of Waitangi.

Over a long period of time, Sir Taihākurei has been involved in the regular hearing, assessment and protection of Māori tikanga in relation to natural resources, management structures and communal relationships, in the capacity of a claimant, legal professional, judge, academic and expert. Sir Taihākurei served a total of 30 years as a judge and retired as the longest serving member of the New Zealand judiciary. Sir Taihākurei is currently the Chairperson of the New Zealand Māori Council, the national statutory body mandated to represent Māori in an official policy and community development context.

Sir Taihākurei holds a BA and LLB from Victoria University, and honorary doctorates from Victoria, Massey and Waikato Universities. Sir Taihākurei was named a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2009, in recognition of his service and excellence.



## ANNETTE SYKES

**Ngāti Pikiao**

Annette is a Treaty rights activist and human rights lawyer specialising in the rights of indigenous peoples to promote their own systems of law. A strong focus of her career has been on all aspects of law and how they affect Māori, especially constitutional change. Annette was involved in establishing Ohinemutu's first Māori health clinic and was a founding member of the Nurse Cameron Memorial Charitable Trust. Annette has also advised a number of health providers and PHOs and represented claimants as a union lawyer before the Health and Disabilities Commissioner. She has worked with the Waiariki Polytech advising on sexual discrimination, sexual health and discrimination on the basis of gender. Annette has been practising law since 1984 and is the Principal of her own law firm, Annette Sykes & Co.



## REBEKAH JORDAN

**Nauru**

Rebekah is a Senior Solicitor who works alongside Annette Sykes to advocate for Māori in the specialist jurisdictions of the Waitangi Tribunal, Māori Land Court and Appellate Courts. After spending several years working with whānau, hapū and a variety of Māori organisations, Rebekah believes in the law's potential for positive change. Rebekah has successfully challenged the Crown's settlement policies and supported whānau and hapū to uphold their tino rangatiratanga. Rebekah holds a BA in English and a Law degree from the University of Canterbury.



# SPEAKERS

## SYD KEEPA

### Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Maru and Ngai Tahu

Syd was elected Vice President Māori of Council of Trade Unions (CTU) in October 2010 and a long history of active involvement in the union movement.

Syd has worked in forestry, the pulp and paper sector and also as a truck driver. He has been a member of the Timber Workers Union, Northern Drivers Union, Pulp and Paper Workers Union and the Wood Industries Union. He was a delegate with the Northern Drivers Union (1979) and the Pulp & Paper Workers Union (1982) and went on to become Branch President of the Pulp & Paper Workers Union. When the Timber Workers Union and the Pulp & Paper Workers Union amalgamated it became the Wood Industries Union. Syd was Auckland Branch President for the Wood Industries Union, then National President of the Wood Industries Union. He commenced working with the National Distribution Union in 1999 as Apiha Māori and Wood Sector Organiser in Auckland.



## TĀMATI KRUGER

### Ngāti Koura, Ngāti Rongo, Te Urewera hapū of Tūhoe

Tāmāti (BA (Hons) in Māori Studies, 1978) is a Māori advocate and social and political analyst who has dedicated his career to the development of his iwi.

Tāmāti was instrumental in securing the largest Treaty of Waitangi settlement to date (\$450 million) for the Central North Island Iwi Collective. He is now a director of CNI Holdings, representing Tūhoe.

More recently, Tāmāti was chief negotiator of the Tūhoe-Te Urewera Treaty of Waitangi Settlement, which lasted six years from 2009 to 2014.

Tāmāti's contribution is not limited to his tribe. He chaired the Second Ministerial Māori Taskforce on Whānau Violence and developed the Mauri Ora Framework and was awarded the Kahukura award in 2013 in recognition of this work.

He was a finalist in the 2012 New Zealander of the Year awards and was the Supreme Winner of the Marae Investigates Māori of the Year in 2014. In 2015 he was a recipient of a Distinguished Alumni Award by Victoria University.



# SPEAKERS

## MARK KOPUA

**Te Aitanga a Hauiti, Ngāti Ira and Ngāti Porou**

A high profile Māori artist, for many years, in the fields of Whakairo and Tā Moko, Mark currently works in the area of Health, specifically Hauora Hinengaro - alongside his wife Diana, whereby he utilises his vast mātauranga Māori as a pathway of healing for our whānau challenged by distress. Working for the local DHB, Mark is tasked with holding that organisation culturally, especially within DHB dealings with the local Māori community.

Mark was raised in Mangatuna, by his old people and carries much of the history of his tribes.



## DR. DIANA RANGIHUNA-KOPUA

**Ngāti Porou**

Diana began her journey in health as a Psych nurse in Porirua's own Māori Mental Health Marae, Te Whare Marie. By the time she had progressed to a senior nurse, Diana had become frustrated with the health system which saw her go to study medicine in Otago and eventually specialise in psychiatry. Diana graduated as a fellow in 2013 and relocated back to Turanga as Ngāti Porou's first consultant psychiatrist. In 2016 Diana became the current HOD for Hauora Tairāwhiti Mental Health. Diana was raised in Titahi Bay, with her whānau, under the umbrella of Ngāti Toa, however she is a proud Ngāti Porou of Tikitiki/Rangitukia and Te Araroa stock.

## CHRISTINE BAKER

**Waikato, Maniapoto**

Christine works for Waikato DHB in the role of Nurse Co-ordinator Cultural Support as part of the Professional Development Unit leading Māori nursing and midwifery development for the region. This is a role that Christine has initiated and developed over the last five years and now works alongside a Nurse Educator Cultural Support who provides in-practice support for Māori new graduates across providers in the Waikato region. Prior to this role Christine was a PDRP Co-ordinator and before this a Nurse Educator in New Born Intensive Care.



# SPEAKERS

## SONIA HAWKINS

**Ngāti Pikiao, Ngāti Whakaue, Tōhourangi Ngāti Wāhiao  
Ngaati Mahanga, Ngaati Tipa**

Sonia works part-time as an advisor within the Strategic Partnerships and Māori Success directorate at Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology Rotorua. She is also an independent health service auditor, supervisor, and clinical consultant.

Sonia's previous role was Clinical Manager at Tipu Ora, Rotorua where she was responsible for the professional leadership knowledge and strategic advice supporting clinical leadership and clinical quality. Sonia also held a joint position at the University of Auckland and Auckland District Health Board.

Sonia is a Waiariki Polytechnic trained Registered Comprehensive Nurse and in July 2017 she completed a Masters of Health Science (1st class honours) which explored senior nurses understanding of health equity using kaupapa Māori methodology. Sonia's current advisory roles include: board member for the College of Nurses Aotearoa (New Zealand), Royal Australasian College of Physicians (Indigenous Child Health) steering group, member of the Team Rotorua Alliance Leadership team, and iwi appointed board member of The Care Village, the first aged care facility in Asia Pacifica designed to support people with dementia to live normal lives.



## TĀWERA TAHURI

**Ngā Ariki Kaipūtahi, Whakatōhea, Ngāti Uenuku, Tōwharetoa**

Tāwera is a practicing visual and performing artist and teacher and is currently working towards her PhD in Indigenous studies. Tāwera is a mother of six children and is actively involved in her community. Tāwera has been an artist in residence at Evergreen State University in Olympia Washington State, and has been exhibited internationally. Tāwera is passionate about our fresh water ways and is actively involved in the care and maintenance of sacred waterways and takes her role as a 'kaitiaki' or guardian seriously. 'Ko au te wai, ko te wai ko au. I am the water and the water is me'.

Tāwera stood proudly in solidarity at Standing Rock North Dakota, in October and December 2016 alongside our indigenous whānau and continues to stand today. Mni wiconi! Water is life! As a board member for The Seventh Generation Fund For Indigenous Peoples, Tāwera is committed to indigenous issues across the world and proudly represents her peoples alongside her wider indigenous family. Tāwera is actively involved in the Global Indigenous Women's Caucus (GIWC) and has served both in the leadership and as a rapporteur and Co-Chair for the last five years, helping to write and presenting the GIWC statements at the UNPFII in New York.



# SPEAKERS

## HELEN TOPIA

**Ngāti Whatua, Te Rarawa, Whakatohea**

Helen is a Nurse Practitioner, Primary Health Care with a background of High Dependency Nursing. Helen's nursing career spans 38 years. Much of this practice has been in clinical areas, her focus for the last 15 years has been in Primary Health care with a strong interest in Rural and Māori Health. Helen's current clinical practice is in General Practice; at a Nurse Led Māori Health Trust in Otangarei, Northland. Over the last six years she has held a part time teaching role with AUT, teaching Prescribing practicums for Nurse Practitioners and now Registered nurse prescribers. Helen is also involved with post graduate papers related to assessment and diagnostic reasoning and long-term conditions. Helen has been an executive member of NPNZ for 10 years and been conference facilitator on this team. Helen has several committee roles; Medical Tender's committee for PHARMAC; Nurse Practitioner Panel assessor NZNC; Medical appeals committee member for MSD; Northland NP Forum Group.



## DR JAMIE BOYD

Jamie is a family nurse practitioner, nurse researcher, health programmes coordinator and Professor at The University of Hawai'i (UH): Windward Community College. She holds a PhD in nursing from UH Mānoa. She completed her post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Hawai'i: John A. Burns School of Medicine's Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence where she studied Food as Medicine. Her early research was conducted in partnership with the Nā Liko Noelo programme of 'Imi Hale – The Native Hawaiian Cancer Awareness, Research and Training Network.

Jamie designed Hawai'i's first Nursing Pathway Out of Poverty for under-served students. The Pathway has supported tuition-free access to entry-level health career training for more than 10-years. Her programme incorporates traditional Pacific Islander ways of healing that leads to living wage jobs via a Nurse Aide to LPN to RN programme. Her Pathway model won the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's national Community Health Leader award for its impact on engaging students in self-governance of their own pathway out of poverty and incorporating land-based healthcare for a positive change in nursing.



## ESETA FINAU ONZM

Eseta Fifita Finau and other nurses have spent much of their working lives improving nursing services for Pacific people, especially Auckland's 40,000 strong Tongan community.

She is also a spokesperson and President of the Tongan Nurses Association of New Zealand. Eseta is from Ma'ufanga, and Fanganonu, grew up in Tonga and attended Tonga High School before training in general nursing in Sydney, Australia. She travelled widely, working as a theatre nurse throughout the Pacific and Australia before returning to New Zealand. The tireless, and largely volunteer, efforts of Eseta and other Tongan Nurses in Auckland helped ensure the success of Langimalie Health Centre, New Zealand's first ethnic-specific health service and launched in 1998. Eseta is the head of the Tongan Nurses Association of New Zealand and helped organise the first Tongan Health Professionals Conference in 2006. Eseta is the current chair of the Pacific Nursing Section of NZNO. She is involved in a wide range of church and community health initiatives and serves on the boards of the Pasifika Medical Association and NZNO. She received a PMA Service Award in 2008. Eseta was awarded Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit ONZM in the 2012 New Year's Honours List. She was recognised for her services to health and the Pacific community.



## JANINE MOHAMED

### **Narrunga Kurna**

Janine is the Chief Executive Officer of the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) and adjunct lecturer at University of South Australia. Over the past 20 years she has worked in nursing, management, workforce and health policy, and project management in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector. Many of these years have been spent in the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector at state and national levels.

Janine has a passion for both increasing and supporting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce, in particular, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians in the health workforce; in fact, this has been a primary focus in all of her state and national work. She has initiated and/or managed many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce projects, including in workforce development and cultural safety, and continues to be a representative on the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Working Group.

