

NGĀTI TAMA PRESENTS

TE KŌ KŌ KŌKAKO

PROJECT ALLIANCE BOARD NGĀTI TAMA REP.

Rodney Baker, uri of Te Kapinga and Te Araroa McClutchie, serves as the Ngāti Tama representative on the Te Ara o Te Ara Project Alliance Board. His career reflects his commitment to hands-on industry leadership and Māori community advancement. Rodney’s operational experience stems from his extensive background in forestry and sawmilling, where he worked as an operational and procurement manager. This role provided him with a grounded understanding of resource management, supply chains, and the economic drivers that shape regional industries.



HE AHA TE MEA NUI O TE AO?

Rodney has served on many local boards and through these roles, he has championed initiatives that support health equity, iwi development, and sustainable resource use. His inspiration for his work on the Te Ara o Te Ara project is deeply rooted in whakapapa. His tūpuna helped initiate the original roadworks—laying down and surveying the very paths that now shape this kaupapa.



HE MOEMOEĀ MŌ NGĀ URI O NGĀTI TAMA

Stepping forward in their legacy, Rodney sees meaningful opportunities in the project that will benefit uri and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama (TRoNT). He is proud to carry the voice of Ngāti Tama, ensuring that iwi aspirations are present and influential in every stage of the journey.



From left: Madison Schimanski, Shelton Healey, Larnee Wallace, Whitiora Trinda, Destiny Hodges-Paul, Aorangi Tupe, Selwyn Lackner-Priestley

HE AHA TE KAUPAPA O HĒNEI WĀNANGA? HE RONGĀ TE REO

Approximately 90% of the kōrero from the speakers was in rūmaki reo which pushed our kaimahi to immerse themselves in whakaaro that inspire whakawhanaungatanga.

We were able to strengthen our connection of both Te Reo and Te Ao Māori through the celebration of revitalisation efforts that started generations ago and only grow more robust with the emergence of new taiohi like akonga from Te Wharekura o Rākaumangamanga.

NGĀ MIRAMIRA

AKO ARARAU

This month, our kaimahi attended the Ako Ararau Expo in Kirikiriroa; along with other kaimahi from Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga, Ngāti Rāhiri and Te Hapū Wānanga who contribute to uplifting our whānau around Mouna Taranaki.

Ako Ararau featured speakers from various whānau around the motu that have helped steer the tide of Te Ao Māori individually and collectively as a whānau, iwi and culture.

Hailing from Taranaki was Te Whānau Hond. We were proud to witness Ruakere, Aroaro, Mereana and Erana share their own haerenga on reclaiming their Te Reo.

