



### Māori Innovation in Telecommunications & Digital Infrastructure

**Antony Royal**

Ngāti Tamatērā, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāpuhi

11 June 2026

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Antony Royal is Chief Executive of Tū Ātea and a leading voice in Māori digital innovation, telecommunications, and spectrum advocacy. Antony works across Indigenous rights, digital infrastructure, workforce development, and emerging technologies. Under his leadership, Tū Ātea is advancing Māori-led connectivity solutions, private communication networks, and pathways for Māori into technology careers.

We explore with Antony how Māori innovation is shaping the future of connectivity, AI-enabled systems, digital equity, and technological sovereignty. Find out why Māori leadership in telecommunications and digital infrastructure matters for the future prosperity and resilience of Māori communities and Aotearoa.



### Mana Motuhake: Innovation, Enterprise & Whānau-Led Change

**Maria Ngawati**

Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Whakaue, Airihi

25 June 2026

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Maria Ngawati is a co-founder of IndigiShare, the chair of social impact organisation Tapuwae Roa. Her work focuses on reclaiming indigenous economic power and fostering deep communal ties. Through IndigiShare, she has enabled indigenous-led investment and collective growth, moving away from traditional extractive finance towards models of mana motuhake (self-determination).

As Chair of Tapuwae Roa, she is responsible for a fund set up in perpetuity for the sustenance of Māori identity through programmes focusing on Māori governance, leadership, impact Investing and responsibility to our moana. Maria excels at digital and social innovation. Join us and learn how she navigates systems change with Indigenous entrepreneurship embedded in our relationships - to whenua, to whakapapa and to each other.



### He Ara Pūtaiao, He Ara Anamata: Growing Māori Futures in STEMM

**Kemp Reweti**

Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Whaawhaakia, Ngāti Parewahawaha

2 July 2026

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Kemp Reweti is Manahautū | Chief Executive of the Pūhoro STEMM Academy, a longitudinal capability pipeline for rangatahi Māori in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and mātauranga (STEMM). Pūhoro has grown rapidly across Aotearoa New Zealand, supporting thousands of rangatahi Māori through high school into tertiary study, research, and high-value careers through STEMM industry internships.

We will discuss how Māori-led innovation in education, industry partnerships, and workforce development is helping grow the next generation of Māori scientists, engineers, technologists, and innovators. We explore why culturally grounded STEMM pathways are critical as we prepare for the future ahead, and how Pūhoro creates a vehicle for Māori development and intergenerational change through STEMM.



### He Kai Kei Aku Ringa: Values-Led Innovation & Enterprise

**Rachel Taulelei**

Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga, Ngāti Rarua, Ngāti Huia ki Katihiku

23 July 2026

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Rachel Taulelei (CMNZ) is well known for her work across food innovation, sustainability, Indigenous enterprise, and values-based leadership and sports administration. She has led or founded many Māori-led enterprises including [Kono NZ](#), sustainable seafood company Yellow Brick Road, and Oho, a business design and branding strategy firm.

Rachel has built an international reputation for combining commercial success with kaitiakitanga, cultural authenticity, and intergenerational thinking. These foci also feature in her many national governance roles. We will explore with Rachel her innovative approaches to leadership, sustainability, and entrepreneurship as she shares insights from her journey leading Māori enterprises globally.