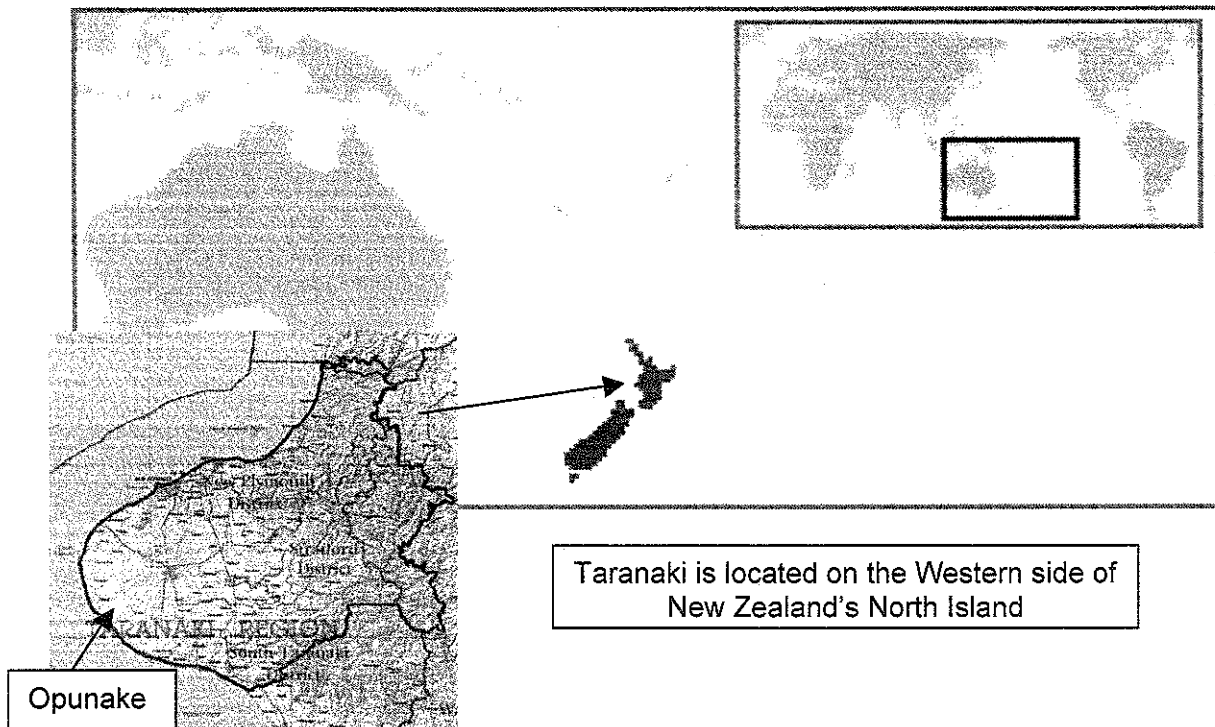


**COLLEEN TUUTA**  
**Taranaki – Aotearoa-New Zealand**



Colleen was born in the small coastal town of Opunake in the province of Taranaki, on the west coast of the North Island of Aotearoa-New Zealand. As a NZ Maori, the indigenous people of Aotearoa-NZ, Colleen is affiliated to the following tribes: Taranaki Tuturu, Ngati Mutunga, Te Atiawa, and Ngati Mahuta. Colleen is also of Scottish, Irish descent and much, much more!



During the past 30 years Colleen has worked extensively in Community Development, Maori Business and Economic Development, and more recently in regional development. Within these sectors Colleen has represented primarily women, families and Maori. She is also a trainer, facilitator, researcher, author, a sister to 5 siblings, an Aunty, and the esteemed partner of Roger.

Colleen is currently:

- self employed business women of 18 years
- A Ministerial appointment to the Taranaki District Health Board
- Mahia Mai a Whai-Tara Trust – an A&D Health provider – a Trustee
- New Plymouth Girl's High School – Board of Trustee
- Philanthropy NZ – Maori Advisory Committee member
- Inspiring Communities Exchange – Trustee
- Takitini Maori Research Collective – Collective Researcher member
- Te Wananga o Aotearoa - Te Mana Whakahaere Council member

Colleen recently retired after 12 years service as a Trustee of the TSB Community Trust where was also the Chair for seven years. Colleen also retired from the TSB Bank in May of this year after seven years service as a Director.