



Rita Tupe **Tuhoe, Raukawa Au i te Tonga**

Current Employer: Te Tapenakara Mo Te Iwi Trust

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Kua roa a Rita e mahi ana i waenga i ana whānau, i ana hapu o Tūhoe, ā, e mōhiohia whānuihia ana a ia i ana whārua, i ngā Kōhanga Reo, i ngā kura, i ngā hauora me ana marae.

He aha ngā mahi, ka kawea e Rita kai roto i te wairua Māori, ngākau māhaki me te aroha.

He nui ōna ringaringa, ōna waewae, ōna kuia, koroua hai taituāra mōna. Nō reira ka tāea te whakaea i ngā kaupapa whakaora whenua, whakaora tangata. Ko te tumanako kia puta he ora ki a Tūhoe i te tuatahi, ki ētahi atu iwi i te tuarua, i te ao whānui i te mutunga

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Ngāi Tūhoe – Ngāti Haka Patuheuheu; Ngāti Raukawa te Au ki te Tonga – Ngāti Manomono; Ngāti Pīkiahūwāwāe.

Rita has worked as a Tohunga in her field for over 20 years. She is the founder and current Kaiwhakahaere of Te Tapenakara mo te Iwi Charitable Trust who has serviced the wider Bay of Plenty, Aotearoa and beyond delivering Rongoā Māori, Mirimiri and Wairua Healing.

She is a past governance member of Ngā Ringā Whakahaere mo te Iwi Māori and has advocated on behalf of Whare Oranga and Rongoā Māori Practitioners at governance level. She is currently a Trustee/Kaiako for Te Korowai Aroha o Aotearoa who deliver indigenous training around the mot; she is also a member of the Te Ao Marama Whānau Ora Collective made up of various providers within the Ngāi Tūhoe, Te Whānau a Apanui, Ngāti Tai and Whakatohea rohe.

She is committed to Whānau, Hapū and Iwi and has dedicated her life to the continuation of traditional Rongoā Māori practices in to the future.

