

2025 Te Taitokerau Māori Business Excellence Awards

TE HIRINGA: TE TIHI AWARD

Special award recipient **Peter-Lucas Jones of Te Hiku Media** took home the TE HIRINGA: TE TIHI AWARD for his international achievements named in Time Magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in AI in 2024!

Ka nui te mihi ki a Peter Lucas me te tiima - Muriwhenua katoa!



BEST EMERGING AND NEWLY CREATED MĀORI ENTERPRISE AWARD

This year's BEST EMERGING AND NEWLY CREATED MĀORI ENTERPRISE AWARD
Aupiki Travel Limited!

JJ Ripikoi addressed the whare and wowed us with his vision and passion travel
and serving our people. Inspired and excited for the future!



BEST NOT FOR PROFIT MĀORI ENTERPRISE AWARD

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Te Matarau Education Trust!

Te Matarau is our very own hapū iwi led provider of Māori Pasifika Trades Training, they provide valued pastoral support to our ākonga as they study trades and pathway them into careers in industry!



MĀORI ENTERPRISE AWARD (EMPLOYING LESS THAN 14 STAFF)

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Moko Kauri Limited!

Moko Kauri LTD are a dynamic consultancy providing bespoke kaupapa Māori delivery into the sector building capability and capacity - they have a wide-ranging suit of services and look forward to watching them continue to grow!



MĀORI ENTERPRISE AWARD (EMPLOYING MORE THAN 14 STAFF)

This year's MĀORI ENTERPRISE AWARD (EMPLOYING MORE THAN 14 STAFF) +
SUPREME AWARD WINNER

FNR Group Limited!

Being a big employer in the Mid and Far North working in roading for Civil Engineering, roading in our kāinga, Bulk Earthworks, Carparks, Subdivisions, Entranceways, Site Works, Drainage, Concrete Works, Retaining Walls, Traffic Management, Horticultural and Agricultural Development.

It's wonderful to have FNR Group as our Supreme Winner for 2025!



EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND MANAGEMENT AWARD

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AWARD

Aki Tai Here Limited!

Aki Tai Here is an environmental group formed by uri of hapū from Pātāua South, Whangārei in 2021. Their kaupapa is to eradicate pests, restore native habitat and build capabilities of whānau Māori to protect the environment and biodiversity.

They use a collaborative approach, working with landowners, agencies and the wider community.



ENVIROMENTAL AWARENESS AND MANAGEMENT MERIT AWARD

This year's MERIT AWARD (ENVIROMENTAL AWARENESS AND MANAGEMENT)
Tu Mai Rā Energy Northland General Partnership Limited!

Formerly known as Solartive, Tū Mai Rā Energy (Northland) is out and about in our rohe providing environmentally sustainable power options to whānau, marae and hapū.

Tui Shortland on behalf of the category sponsor Northland Regional Council, accepted the award.



TAITAMARIKI DEVELOPMENT AWARD

This year's TAITAMARIKI BUSINESS LEADER AWARD + TAITAMARIKI DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Lennox Goodhue Wikitera of Ahiparadise!

Ka nui te mihi e Lennox we are so excited to see you grow as a young Māori Business Leader for our people and community!



MĀORI BUSINESS LEADER AWARD

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Pita Tipene! (Ngāti Hine)

Pita is a well-known leader in Tai Tokerau across commercial entities, trade and tribal governance.

We recognise his valued contribution to Te Iwi Māori and Tai Tokerau.



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Supreme Award 2025 Māori Business of the Year.

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Acknowledging Te Ohu Whakawā | Judges 2025

This year we had the largest number of applications for the Tai Tokerau Māori Business Awards, a tribute to our people and rohe!

We are grateful to our 2025 Judges led by Huhana Lyndon who considered applications and nominations.

Congratulations to all the finalists and all our winners!

Te Ohu Whakawā 2025 Huhana Lyndon (Head Judge), Brandon Edwards, Hinurewa Te Hau, Angela Edwards and Hugh Karena

