



Adorn the bird with feathers so that it may soar

This whakataukī highlights the importance of having resources and support to enable success and growth – even great heights of achievement! It aligns well with the 2024 HASANZ Conference theme of "Collaboration, Competence, and Champion" where each of these feathers add to our skills so that we may soar.

Benjamin Hemi

Tainui Group Holdings

Biography:



Ko Wetekia te Maunga
Ko Whakatu te Marae
Ko Ngati Koata te Iwi

Benjamin is the Health and Safety Adviser for Tainui group holdings, is a trustee for TRMA and previously Ngati Koata. He has an in-depth knowledge of planning and running major events and projects and has over 30 years of experience in working with local, regional, national and international organisations. His guiding influence is to do what you say and be a person of your word. Kia Kaha, Kia Mau, Kia Manuwanui.

Jodhi Warwick-Ponga

Trustee - Te Rōpū Marutau o Aotearoa (TRMA)

Head of Programmes and Apprenticeships – Vertical Horizonz

Biography:



Ko Tākitimu te waka, ko Aorangi te maunga, ko Ruamahanga te awa, ko Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa tōku iwi.

Jodhi is embedded in the heart of NZ's health and safety community, known for her volunteer contributions in championing culturally responsive work practices. As a Senior Manager at Vertical Horizonz, she brings her vast experience in health, safety, and education to elevate the standards of work-based training. However, it's her voluntary service that sets her apart. As a trustee for Te Rōpū Marutau o Aotearoa, she accentuates her dedication to community well-being and safer workplaces. Her work with Haumarū Tangata promotes safety and wellness in workplaces, emphasising Māori perspectives and leadership diversity. Jodhi's efforts to support the review of health, safety, and wellbeing qualifications showcase her commitment to safer environments. Embodying mana tangata, she advocates a holistic, culturally attuned approach to health, safety and wellbeing.