

MAHUTA AKE | TE PAE | IMAGINING THE IMPOSSIBLE

# DESIGNING OUR CONSTITUTION

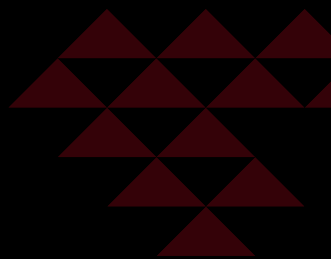
CONFERENCE 2024

2-4 APRIL | TE WĀNANGA O WAIPAPA TAUMATA RAU  
UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND



E ngā mana,  
e ngā reo, e  
ngā hau e  
whā, tēnā  
koutou katoa

Nau mai,  
tauti mai ki  
te hui  
'Mahuta ake i  
te Pae'



**Mahuta ake i te pae | Designing Our Constitution 2024** is a conference being held in memory of Dr Moana Jackson, and to continue the conversations sparked through his work on the landmark report of *Matike Mai Aotearoa*.

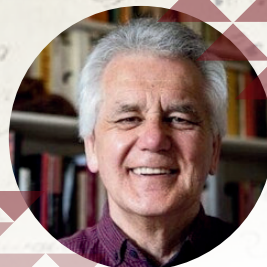
Building on those conversations, this conference is focused on identifying practical steps towards designing an inclusive constitution for Aotearoa based on tikanga and kawa, He Whakaputanga, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and human rights.

Day 1 of the conference is focused on actions within the tino rangatiratanga sphere, while the second day looks also to the relational and kāwanatanga spheres, with a focus on inclusion. The programme includes speakers, panel discussions and opportunities for discussion through group workshops.

The key outcomes sought from the conference are some clear, concrete actions that individuals, groups, whānau, hapū, iwi, organisations and communities can consider, discuss, build support around or implement themselves.

The report of *Matike Mai Aotearoa* provides the foundation for these discussions.[1]. That report discussed: the nature, foundations and values of a constitution, translated these into a vision for constitutional transformation, and offered some potential constitutional models.

While wanting to be grounded in that mahi, this conference seeks to move discussions into the practical detail of making change happen. Each session is themed after specific values discussed in the *Matike Mai* report. The conference will consider how these values can be practically implemented through an inclusive, Te Tiriti-based constitution.



A HUI IN MEMORY OF  
**DR MOANA JACKSON**  
HONOURING HIS WORK AND LEGACY

### **Constitutional values**

*as summarised in the report of Matike Mai Aotearoa*

**1. The value of tikanga** – that is the need for a constitution to relate to or incorporate the core ideals and the “ought to be” of living in Aotearoa.

**2. The value of community** – that is the need for a constitution to facilitate the fair representation and good relationships between all peoples.

**3. The value of belonging** – that is the need for a constitution to foster a sense of belonging for everyone in the community.

**4. The value of place** – that is the need for a constitution to promote relationships with, and ensure the protection of Papatūānuku.

**5. The value of balance** – that is the need for a constitution to ensure respect for the authority of rangatiratanga and kāwanatanga within the different and relational spheres of influence.

**6. The value of conciliation** – that is the need for a constitution to have an underlying jurisdictional base and a means of resolution to guarantee a conciliatory and consensual democracy.

**7. The value of structure** – that is the need for a constitution to have structural conventions that promote basic democratic ideals of fair representation, openness and transparency.

[1] He Whakaaro Here Whakaumu Mō Aotearoa: The report of Matike Mai Aotearoa – the Independent Working Group on Constitutional Transformation, (2016).

# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## TUESDAY 2 APRIL | PRE-CONFERENCE

**5:00PM**      **PŌWHIRI**  
Waipapa Marae

## WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL | DAY 1

FOCUS: DESIGNING OUR CONSTITUTION – IN THE TINO RANGATIRATANGA SPHERE

**9:00AM**      **KARAKIA, WELCOME & OPENING DAY 1**      **MODERATOR**  
Moana Jackson whānau representative(s),      Claire Charters  
Margaret Mutu & Saunoamaali'i Karanina Sumeo

**9:45AM**      **KEYNOTE**      **MODERATOR**  
Ani Mikaere      Julia Whaipooti  
*Tikanga as a foundation of our constitution*

**10:00AM**      **BREAK**

**11:00AM**      **PANEL DISCUSSION**      **MODERATOR**  
Margaret Mutu, Hope Tupara & Eru Kapa-Kingi      Claire Charters  
*Kotahitanga in Tino Rangatiratanga*

**11:45AM**      **LUNCH**

**12:45PM**      **WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS**  
*See Map over page*

**1:45PM**      **PLENARY**      **MODERATOR**  
*Report back on actions identified in workshop*      Julia Whaipooti  
*discussions*

**2:30PM**      **BREAK**

**3:00PM**      **KEYNOTE**      **MODERATOR**  
Veronica Tawhai      Claire Charters  
*Reflecting the value of Belonging in our constitution*

**3:45PM**      **PANEL DISCUSSION**      **MODERATOR**  
Pania Newton, Janell Dymus & Jay Mareroa, Te      Julia Whaipooti  
Roopu Waiora  
*A constitution that fosters Belonging for all*

**4:30PM**      **KEYNOTE**      **MODERATOR**  
José Francisco Cali-Tzay, United Nations Special      Valmaine Toki  
Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
*An international Indigenous perspective*

**5:00PM**      **REFLECTIONS, KARAKIA & CLOSE OF DAY 1**



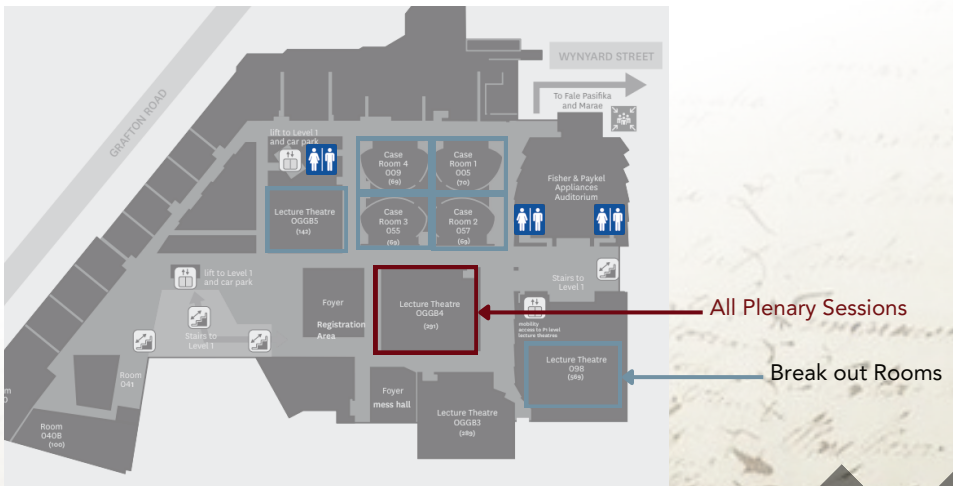


# THURSDAY 4 APRIL | DAY 2

FOCUS: DESIGNING OUR CONSTITUTION – IN THE RELATIONAL SPHERE

9:00AM	<b>KARAKIA, OPENING OF DAY 2</b>	
9:15AM	<b>KEYNOTE</b> Dayle Takitimu	<b>MODERATOR</b> Julia Whaipooti
10:15AM	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:45AM	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> Erin Matariki Carr, Jane Kelsey & Andrew Butler <i>Implementing the values of Conciliation and Structure</i>	<b>MODERATOR</b> Claire Charters
11:45AM	<b>LUNCH</b>	
12:45PM	<b>WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS</b> <i>Refer to Map below</i>	
1:45PM	<b>PLENARY</b> <i>Report back on actions identified in workshop discussions</i>	<b>MODERATOR</b> Julia Whaipooti
2:30PM	<b>BREAK</b>	
3:00PM	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> Dylan Asafo, Faumuina Felolini Maria Tafuna'i & Saunoamaali'i Karanina Sumeo <i>The value of Community: Pacific Peoples' perspectives and contributions to constitutional transformation</i>	<b>MODERATOR</b> Julia Whaipooti
3:45PM	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> Kirsty Fong, Anjum Rahman & Minette Hillyer <i>An inclusive constitution that fosters Belonging for all – Tangata Tiriti perspectives and contributions</i>	<b>MODERATOR</b> Meg de Ronde
4:30PM	<b>ACTIONS &amp; NEXT STEPS</b>	
	<b>CLOSING COMMENTS</b>	
5:00PM	<b>KARAKIA &amp; CLOSE OF DAY 2</b>	

## ROOM LOCATIONS



## DAY 1 | SPEAKERS



MARGARET MUTU



SAUNOAMAALI'I KARANINA  
SUMEO



JOSÉ FRANCISCO CALÍ-TZAY



ANI MIKAERE



HOPE TUPARA



TE ROOPŪ WAIORA



ERU KAPA-KINGI



VERONICA TAWHAI



JAY MAREROA



PANIA NEWTON



JANELL DYMUS

## DAY 2 | SPEAKERS



DAYLE TAKITIMU



ERIN MATARIKI CARR



SAUNOAMAALI'I KARANINA  
SUMEO



JANE KELSEY



ANDREW BUTLER, KC



ANJUM RAHMAN



FUIMAONO DYLAN ASAFO



FAUMUINA FELOLINI MARIA  
TAFUNA'I



KIRSTY FONG



MINETTE HILLIER

## CONFERENCE MODERATORS



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SHARN MAREE CASSADY



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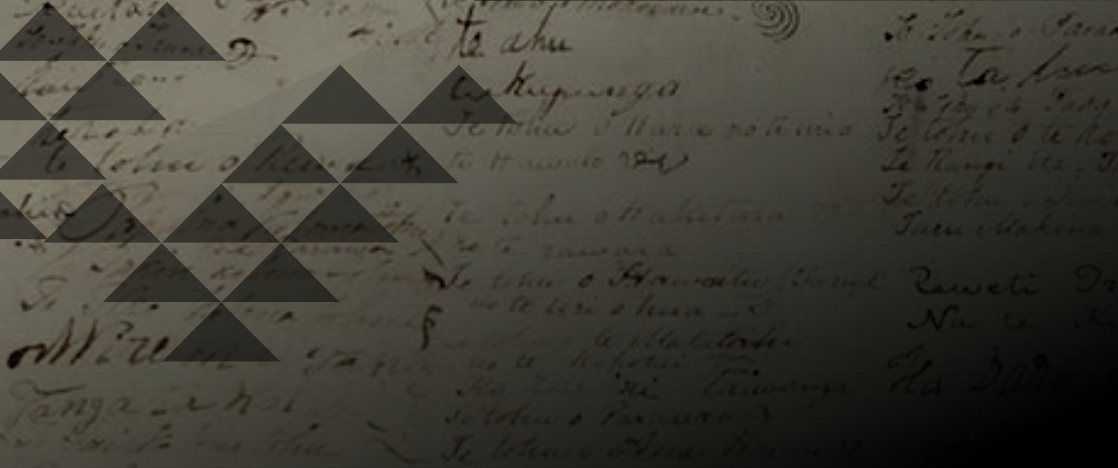


JULIA WHAIPOOTI



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