

## Kua tohua a Te Arepa Morehu e Te Toi o Tāmaki ki te tūranga hou, Head of Kaupapa Māori



**Nō tēnei marama tonu (Whiringa-ā-nuku 2021) a Te Arepa Morehu (Ngāti Whātua, Ngāpuhi) kuhu mai ai ki tēnei tūranga matua hou, Head of Kaupapa Māori.**

I tēnei tūranga hou, Head of Kaupapa Māori, ka kōkiri a Te Arepa i ngā takohanga a te Toi o Tāmaki ki te tautoko me te whakatairanga i ngā toi Māori.

He kaiārahi i te hāpori, ā, kua oti i a ia te kōkiri kaupapa aro ki te ao Māori i ngā taumata matua o roto mai i ngā pākihi pēnei ki a Westpac, MinterEllisonRuddWatts me Spark. He tino kaitaunaki a Te Arepa i roto i ngā mahi o te ao Māori, tikanga Māori me te reo Māori.

‘I ngā tau, kua whakapā atu au ki ngā whakawhanaketanga i roto i ngā pākihi me te tuitui taura here ki waenga i te ao rangatōpū me te ao Māori. Kua whakatakoto anō te Toi o Tāmaki i tētahi ara e taea ai te kōkahu i te ao Māori ki roto i te whare toi. I whakaae ahau ki tēnei tūranga matua, nātemea, e whakapono ana au, mā te kaupapa Māori e tautoko, e hua anō ai he wheako nui mō ngā hāpori o Tāmaki.’ Ko tā Te Arepa.

Hono mai a Te Arepa i Westpac, ā, koia te Service Design Chapter Lead. Ko tētahi o āna mahi tuatahi ki te whare toi, he tono mō tētahi Curator, Toi Māori. Ka whai wāhi tēnei ki ngā whakaaturanga hou, te rangahau me ngā rironga.

‘E hīkaka ana au ki te hono atu ki te Toi o Tāmaki me te whakatakoto huarahi ki te whakanui me te tautoko i ngā toi o ngā iwi taketake. I roto i taku Ngāti Whātua Ōrākeitanga, ka ngana au ki te whakamana i ngā tikanga tiaki i ngā tāngata e noho nei i te whatutoto o Te Kawau.’ Ko tā Te Arepa.

Ko Director Toi o Tāmaki, a Kirsten Lacy, ‘E koa ana te ngākau i te kuhu mai o Te Arepa ki te pae ārahi matua hei Head of Kaupapa Māori.’

‘He pukenga nui ō Te Arepa mō te whakatō i Te Ao Māori ki roto i ngā whakawhanaketanga i te ao pākihi. He kaiārahi i roto i te hāpori, ā, ka nui hoki ōna kaha ki te whakapiki i te wairua o te whare toi me tōna aronga whakamua. E hīkaka ana au ki te mahi tahi me Te Arepa, ki te whakarite i tō mātou anga tikanga-rua, mātua hoki ki tō mātou kaupapa me ngā uara.’

‘He mea nui te whai tangata pūkenga nui, pēnei ki a Te Arepa, kia hono mai ki te pae matua o te Toi o Tāmaki.’ Ko tā Helen Te Hira, Auckland Unlimited Director of Māori Outcomes. ‘Ka tautoko tēnei tūranga i te nui o ngā mahi kua tutuki me ngā mahi nui o nāianei, mai i ngā kaipupuri me ngā mema o Haerewa.’

Kua ara ake tēnei tūranga, Head of Kaupapa Māori, mai i te wānanga me ngā whakawhitiwhiti mō ngā hua, waihoki te aronga whānui o ngā tari toi me ō rātou hono ki ngā kaupapa toi Māori. Ka kawea mai e Te Arepa ōna tirohanga ahi kā hei whakamana i te Toi o Tāmaki me tōna momo i tēnei ao.

Hei te 25 o Whiringa-ā-nuku 2021 a Te Arepa kuhu mai ai hei Head of Kaupapa Māori mō te whare toi.

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pikitia me ngā tono uiui whakapā mai ki a:**

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