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Whakatipu Taone: Growing Cities with Mana Whenua

A celebration of Urban Development empowered by Iwi Partnerships

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Panel Announcement

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Panel Facilitator

Ōnuku Rūnanga

JULIET TAINUI-HERNANDEZ

Juliet Tainui-Hernandez is an internationally connected leader and governance expert of Ngāi Tahu and Te Whakatōhea descent, with 25 years of experience spanning financial services, legal, and Māori economic development.

She most recently served as Assistant Governor, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (2020-2024) and previously held executive roles at major international law firms across multiple regions. Juliet serves as Non-Executive Director of ASB Bank and Deputy Chair of Whai Rawa Fund, bringing expertise in risk management, ESG, business transformation, and diversity and inclusion.



Panelist

Tāmaki Regeneration Company

SHELLEY KATAE

Shelley Katae, CEO at Tāmaki Regeneration Company, is of Te Rarawa and Ngāti Porou descent and has held a number of general management and operations roles in businesses across New Zealand, Australia and Fiji, and has built significant networks in the course of her community-based work.

She is a board member on the National Hauora Coalition, Taupo Moana Ltd (Ngāti Tuwharetoa), AKTIVE and Rangitamiro (Whānau Ora).

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A portrait of Jordan Taiaroa, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a blue and red patterned shirt. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background of the portrait is a dark, textured surface with some light-colored, feathery elements.

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Panelist

Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland Council

JORDAN TAIAROA

Previously Pou Whakarae Huangā Māori - Head of Māori Outcomes at Eke Panuku Development and now part of the Auckland Urban Development Office, Jordan Taiaroa leads the integration of Māori values into urban regeneration.

A people leader with over a decade in Local Government and Health, his career has been dedicated to fostering teams that deliver equitable outcomes for Māori. He specialises in upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations and enabling meaningful iwi participation in city-shaping.

Jordan is focused on forging genuine partnerships that weave Māori identity into the fabric of Auckland's future.

Panelist

Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki

JADA MACFIE

Jada is the Chief Executive for Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Trust, having served on the PSGE and pre settlement trust boards since 2017.

A Change Practitioner, Organisational Culture and Employment Relations specialist, her background spans the tertiary, logistics and utilities/ infrastructure/construction sectors. Her initiatives in cultural confidence and Te Ao Māori won the Tohu Reo Māori - Government award and the Māori & Pasifika Diversity Award for Watercare Services in 2017.

She is known for being inclusive and authentic in her leadership, connecting people to the strategic and commercial goals of organisations she chooses to work with and for.

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Panelist

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Whai Rawa

DANE GREY

Dane Grey raised at Ōrākei is on the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Whai Rawa board and was previously on their future directors program.

He and his whānau live on the papakāinga at Ōrākei.

Dane is a Senior Development Manager for Kāinga Ora (and previously HLC) managing commercial land development projects and also worked at Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara on his return from working offshore in the UK. Dane started his career in agriculture and horticulture and worked offshore in that space till the inevitable pull to come home and contribute to iwi, hapū and whānau lead to a career change into property development. Prior to joining the board, Grey attended Te Wānanga Takiura, a full immersion Te Reo Māori course which also focuses on tikanga Māori, and recently completed level 7 fluency at Te Pīnakitanga.

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