

## **Exciting Times Ahead for Iwi Broadcaster**

After more than eight years at the helm as General Manager of Te Reo Irirangi o Maniapoto (MFM), Jaqui Taituha will soon leave the King Country to take up a leadership position in the South Island.

“I’m grateful for the opportunities I’ve had at MFM and for the support of very good mentors. It’s been a privilege to work with some amazingly talented broadcasters, producers and accomplished te reo practitioners throughout Maniapoto and from all over the country.” said Ms Taituha.

Board Chair Tania Simpson was not surprised to receive Ms Taituha’s resignation last week. “Jaqui is a solid GM who has taken MFM through a number of change processes and into a strong position for future growth and development. As a Board we know that Jaqui is ready to progress in her career. She is a talented executive and we wish her well as she takes up her new role.” said Ms Simpson.

Trustee Leesah Murray recognises that this is an exciting time for the organisation and will advise and guide the Board to find a new GM in the coming months. “MFM fulfils a vital role in the tribe and the GM is a crucial position. We want to attract highly competent applicants to the job, so it is important for everyone involved that we follow a thorough recruitment and selection process.” said Mrs Murray.

As well as successfully leading MFM, Ms Taituha has held an executive position on the national iwi radio network for the past six years and is a member of the Tainui advisory panel for Te Reo revitalisation initiatives. She will also graduate this year with an MBA from The University of Waikato and has been selected to participate in the distinguished Global Women’s Breakthrough Leaders programme for 2018.

Following a rigorous selection process Ms Taituha was offered the role of General Manager for Ngāti Tama ki Te Waipounamu Trust - an iwi located in the Nelson region who recently settled their historic Treaty of Waitangi claims. As GM Ms Taituha will work with the Trust to grow their commercial asset base and achieve their vision and goals for tribal members.

Ms Taituha’s last day with MFM will be Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June. A small contingent of MFM and Maniapoto representatives will accompany her when she is officially welcomed into her new role.

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