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Dr Wiremu Manaia

Changing the face of Māori Leadership in Aotearoa

Wiremu's seminar will be based around research from his PhD thesis entitled 'Te Mana Whakahaere, Te Whaiora Māori - The Changing Management of Māori Health Development (1991-2001).' His thesis was developed from an evaluation of Māori experiences with managing Māori health strategies in the midst of health sector restructuring from 1991 to 2001. An overarching key imperative for growth in Māori leadership is the development of innovative, creative and energetic Māori leaders who may herald an era of Māori entering a global society confident and skilled in te ao Pākehā, while proud and proficient in te ao Māori. His thesis presents a five stage framework for leadership development amongst Māori youth entitled *Ngā Mauri Kaiarahi*, it also presents an overview of five generic Māori health issues and developments that Māori leaders are likely to confront in the future.

Wiremu is of Ngāti Maniapoto (Ngāti Apakura) and Ngāti Awa (Ngā Maihi) descent and has been working in various areas of Māori education and Māori development for 20 years. He has degrees in Education, Social Science and Health Science. In 1995 he completed a Master's thesis on Māori health from a tribal perspective. In 1997 he was awarded Doctorate Training Fellowship from the New Zealand Health Research Council (NZHRC). Wiremu is currently the Northern Regional Manager Māori Education (Pou Whakarewa), Special Education in the Ministry of Education based in Auckland.