

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa

5 May 2025

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## MARAMENA

*Ngāti Manawa gathered together  
to honour and celebrate the  
remarkable journey and  
significant contributions of  
Maramena to our community  
and beyond.*



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# HONOURING TWO DECADES OF LEADERSHIP

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## Farewell to TRoNM CEO



On Saturday 3 May, we bid farewell, and reflect on the profound impact Maramena has made on many lives and the enduring legacy she left behind.

The morning air was crisp, carrying with it a quiet sense of reflection as staff, ringawera, and kaumatua gathered in preparation.

The weight of the occasion was felt in every movement—final touches were made, voices murmured in anticipation, and hearts steadied for the moment ahead.

Today, we prepared to farewell a leader whose presence has shaped and strengthened us, whose vision has guided us through challenges and triumphs alike.

As we come together, we acknowledge not just an ending, but the lasting legacy she leaves behind.





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Maramena has been a steadfast advocate for our people, serving as a TRoNM Negotiator and Chair of the Rangitaiki River Forum.

Her leadership as a CNIHL Director has ensured our community's voice resonates. As a Registered Independent Environment Negotiator, she has worked tirelessly to protect our environmental rights and safeguard our natural resources. Maramena's dedication goes beyond her professional roles—she has been a pillar of service in our community. As a trustee of Onuku Māori Land Trust and Chair of Haumingi1A2 Inc, she has worked tirelessly to support our people's needs. Her contributions to Ngāti Manawa Inc and involvement with Owata, Kuirau, and Moewhare Marae have helped strengthen unity and connection among our whānau.



Maramena played a crucial role in Ngāti Manawa's settlement negotiations with the Crown as a trustee at Moewhare from 2002 to 2005. In 2008, she represented Ngāti Manawa in the CNI negotiations and Mana Whenua, establishing herself as a key leader and now serving as a CNI director.



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From 2005 to 2010, Maramena was a key negotiator for the Ngāti Manawa Treaty Settlement, playing a vital role in securing the Agreement in Principle and Deed of Settlement. Her dedication has strengthened the connection of future generations to their history, customs, whenua, and tikanga.



Since January 2010, Maramena has held the esteemed position of General Manager at Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa. During her tenure, she established a post-settlement governance entity structure and management organization for the Te Runanga o Ngati Manawa Trust.

As Chief Executive Officer from 2018 to 2025, she has led the organisation with a vision focused on our identity, language, and culture, nurturing a sense of belonging across generations. Maramena's instrumental work has secured a total of \$11 million in community and iwi projects over the years

- Taiao
- Housing
- Marae
- COVID Resilience
- Employment & Training
- Kaumatua
- Community

These projects have inspired and uplifted our community and iwi.



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As we bid farewell, we honor the leadership, service, and commitment that Maramena has instilled in us. Her dedication and unwavering spirit have left a profound impact. Though we will miss her wisdom and guidance, her legacy will continue to inspire our community.

Maramena is deeply appreciated for her contributions, which have enriched the community. As she enters semi-retirement, she is wished the best, and her special place in our hearts and journey is forever remembered.





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# MSO STAFF & KUIA FAREWELL THEIR CEO

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The staff of TRoNM bid a heartfelt farewell to Maramena, celebrating her visionary leadership and lasting contributions. From pioneering projects like Mana Whenua in 2014 to navigating PGF applications and spearheading initiatives such as Manawa Trades, Manawa Hauora, and Roopu Manaaki, her dedication transformed challenges into triumphs.

Known for her energy, humour, and unwavering determination, Maramena's impact will continue to shape the organization's future. As she embarks on new horizons, TRoNM honors her legacy with deep gratitude and admiration.





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# MSO, KAUMATUA & TRUSTEES FAREWELL CEO

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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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On behalf of all who gathered to celebrate Maramena's retirement, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for this special occasion. Your presence honored the incredible journey she has walked, and the warmth of your aroha made this farewell truly meaningful.

To her whānau, we acknowledge the depth of love and support that has guided Maramena throughout her journey. As we come together to celebrate her legacy, we also recognise that she is a cherished taonga—one entrusted to us for a time, but always held in the embrace of her people. With gratitude, we return her to the hands of her whānau, knowing that the aroha and wisdom she has shared will continue to flourish among those who have walked beside her from the beginning.

A special thank you to the ringawera for their care and service, ensuring we were nourished in body and spirit. To Te Kura Kaupapa Motuhake o Tawhiuau, your waiata and haka filled the space with wairua, uplifting us all with your strength, passion, and dedication. It was a powerful tribute to Maramena, one that we will carry with us as we reflect on her many contributions.

As Maramena steps into her next chapter, we hold fast to the lessons, laughter, and leadership she has so generously shared. May her journey ahead be filled with the same aroha and manaakitanga she has always given so freely.





