

Tory Whanau



Tory Whanau is a strategic leader, former Mayor of Wellington, and former Chief of Staff with more than a decade of experience working across government, public policy, strategic communications and organisational leadership. As the first Māori Mayor of Wellington, she led significant reforms in infrastructure, housing, climate action and community wellbeing while championing greater Māori representation and partnership in local government.

Today, Tory continues to advocate for safer and more inclusive public spaces, particularly for women and Indigenous leaders, with a growing focus on digital harms, online safety and democratic resilience. She is passionate about creating systems that enable Indigenous communities to thrive and lead.

Tory is honoured to join **Te Rūnanga o Aotearoa Hui-ā-Tau and the Indigenous Nurses Aotearoa Conference** to share her experiences of leadership, resilience and creating change in public life.