

Newsletter

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What's New



KUMA's most recent members

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new members who have joined recently. We are thrilled to have you on board and look forward to getting to know you better.



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Board Members



Introducing you to KUMA's 2023 Board Members



Claire Porima Chair (Ōtepoti)
Director: Claire Porima Life Coaching



Karen Roos Treasurer (Ōtepoti)
Senior Advisor: Te Puni Kōkiri



Amber Bridgeman (Ōtepoti)
Director: Kahawai Clothing Ltd



Ronda Tokona (Ōtepoti)
Senior Solicitor: Business South Inc



Corey Ford (Ōtepoti)
Director: Laser Plumbing Ltd



Karmela Rapata (Tāhuna)
Director: Check In Ltd



Maria Rapata (Tāhuna)
Director: Check In Ltd



Celia Crosbie (Wānaka)
Director: Scope Media NZ Ltd



Janice Lee (Murihiku)
Director: Timata Technologies Ltd
Founder: Koha Kai

Meet the Board Member

Introducing Janice Lee



Where are you from? Born in Ōtautahi I grew up in Waihopai, but my whakapapa is Kāi Tahu, Kati Māmoe, Waitaha on my Mother's side and Ngāti Porou, Te Whānau Apanui on my father's side.

What motivated you to join the board and become involved in KUMA? We were finding our way as a Kaupapa Māori Business and thought joining KUMA would be a great way to strengthen my knowledge and understanding of what it means to be a Māori Business.

What do you find most rewarding about being a board member? The networking that occurs, the wonderful people we meet and the incredible diversity of ideas and knowledge available when you are open to it. Alongside of that is the opportunity to work with Māori start-up businesses and help people transform ideas into actions and aspirations into reality.

What are your goals or aspirations for KUMA in the future? To have more of a presence in the Region that I work for, Murihiku, and to create and facilitate opportunities to strengthen Māori business - bring them out of the shadows and stand proudly in the mana of their mahi.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why? That's an interesting question. I have no real appetite to travel unless it's for a holiday in which case I would like to go to the UK as it also forms part of my whakapapa as with most Kiwis. I love history and there are stories to be learned there.

If you could invite three people over for dinner (living or deceased) who would they be and what would cook?

Easy, Mother Theresa, Princess Diana and JK Rowlings. Mother Theresa because from her we learn about determination and dedication, Princess Diana because from her we learn about the importance of Whānau and about compassion and empathy. JK Rowlings because I love her imagination, her intelligence and the way she articulates her dreams and engages readers of all ages. We would have simple food, like a BBQ because that's what we do to relax. It's about the company - not the kai.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever received? "No such word as 'can't' " - Thanks Mum.

Recent Events



Check out what the KUMA community has been up to recently

Ōtepoti Breakfast Hui 7/7/23



Murihiku Hui 13/7/23



Tāhuna Hui 12/7/23



Mānawatia a Matariki



Learn more about Matariki

Matariki, known as the Māori term for the group of stars that appears during midwinter, holds great significance for many Māori as it marks the beginning of the new year. The return of this constellation was celebrated through the event called Te Rā Aro ki Matariki 2023, which took place on Friday, July 14. The best time to observe the Matariki cluster is in the early morning, right before sunrise.

Matariki is an occasion for coming together with loved ones and companions to contemplate the past, commemorate the present, and strategize for the future.

A Matariki story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MN-OluHpI6I>

Seven Stars of Matariki read by the author, Toni Rolleston-Cummins.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKL6V69RLxo>

How to find the Matariki star cluster

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=apJHs2fTGjo>

A te reo waiata about Matariki.

<https://www.ngataonga.org.nz/search-use-collection/search/F111560/>



Matariki Events



Here is how the KUMA whānau celebrated Matariki



Baking cookies with whānau



Digging a hāngī



Attended the UOO Matariki Markets



Attended the Mana Moana Event in Ōtepoti

Message from the Board



Here is a brief message from the KUMA Board Members

We hope you all enjoyed your Matariki celebration this month and wishes everyone a rewarding and peaceful Māori New Year ahead Matariki Puaka kai rau.

The Board's focus this past month or so has been on overseeing key projects, including:

- a second tranche of funding from TPK that is going direct to KUMA businesses to support cadets' professional and training development. This will bring the total number of businesses receiving cadetships through KUMA to 30 worth \$300,000! KUMA is managing applications for this funding by completing all the paperwork and reporting requirements, thus taking the administrative load off small businesses. If you have a Māori employee, you can apply for a cadetship worth up to \$10,000 in value. Contact us at tautoko@kuma.co.nz for information.

- Engaging the 45 businesses that signed up for the Digital Boost programme to learn more about how they can use digital tools to support their business operations

KUMA continues to be represented at important regional and national hui, including:

- Otago Regional Skills Leadership Group (RSLG) hui. The updated RSLG Workplace Plan was finalised in July and will be released soon. It outlines important information on responding to the challenge of developing an equitable, responsive and sustainable labour market system that supports everyone in our region to thrive, with particular emphasis on achieving the aspirations of Māori communities, iwi, hapū and whānau.

- Work Force Dunedin Central - with updates on the New Dunedin Hospital Build and opportunities for Māori businesses

- MBIE, Wellington, bringing Māori business networks together to share future ideas on impactful solutions for Māori businesses.

And meeting with local and regional business and economic leaders.

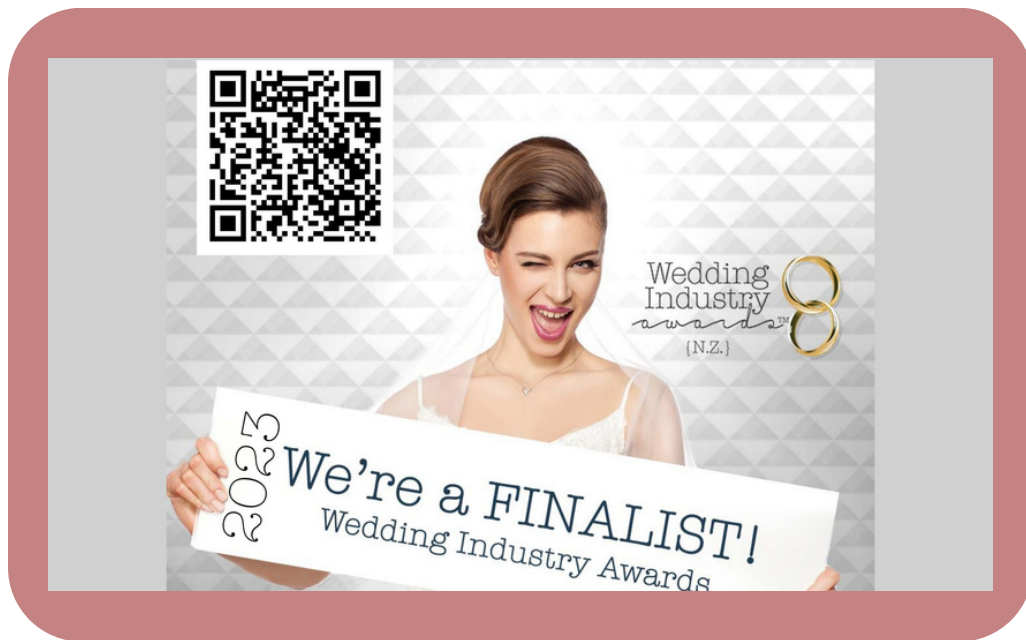
The focus over the next few months will be on planning for the next KUMA Business Awards: we can't wait to bring our community together to celebrate all things Māori business!!

Community News



Check out what the KUMA community has achieved recently

Leah from Encore Events, another exceptional KUMA member, is making headlines with her outstanding achievement.



Congratulations to Kale from K&J Growth for his success at the recent Te Hapori Matihiko awards.



Opportunities

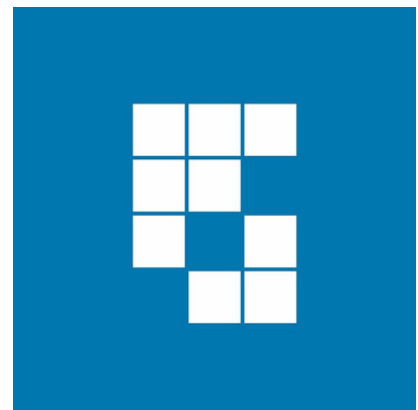


Unleashing Potential: Lucrative Business Opportunities Await

Digital Boost - Digital boost is your FREE one-stop shop for information on Digital Tools. Whether you're new to digital tools or wanting to take them a step further, there's something for you.

KUMA's Digital Boost Facilitation Program is FREE and still has spaces available.

Contact: mel@kuma.co.nz for more information



Te Wānanga o Aotearoa is running a class for the Certificate in Small Business here in Dunedin for Semester B, the details of the classes are as per below:

- Tuesday night 6pm – 9pm
- Classes held at Te Temu, Otago University, 85 Albany Street, Dunedin

This is a fantastic programme for anyone who is looking to start a business and wants to know the ins and outs without committing anything financially. Taurira (students) will develop a comprehensive business plan that they can then use to take to an investor or to the bank to seek funding.



What's Next



Upcoming events at KUMA

Murihiku Breakfast Hui @ Koha Kai 01/08/23 7:00am - 8:30am

Otepoti Breakfast Hui @ Starfish Cafe 04/08/23 7:15am-8:30am

Tāhuna Evening Hui @ ASB 16/08/23 4:30pm-6:30pm

Save the date



KUMA has an important event coming up

KUMA MĀORI BUSINESS SHOWCASE & AWARDS GALA

Tāhuna | Queenstown
29 Sept - 01 Oct 2023



For further information visit <https://kuma.co.nz/awards2023> or contact awards@kuma.co.nz

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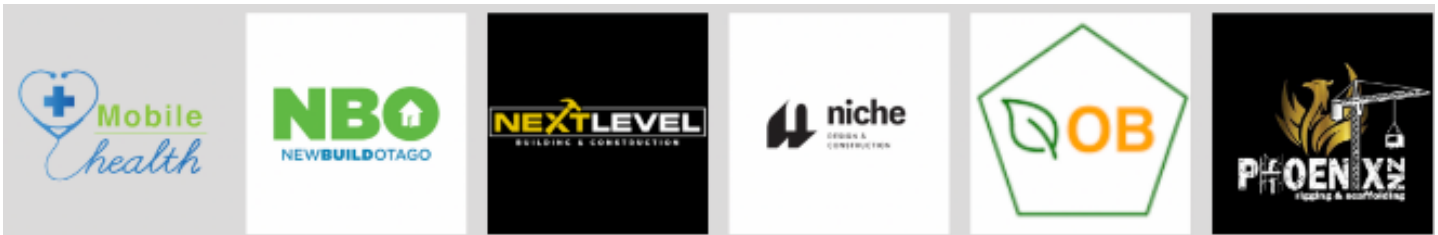
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For questions, feedback, article ideas, or story contributions, email kuma@kuma.co.nz, and we'll be in touch.

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