



KAPUA

Cloudborn
Pillar of Life

Ancient Treasures
Future Technologies
Connecting Communities
across Space and Time...

Sharing brilliant
Mātauranga Māori
with the World

Presented by Pou Kapua
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You find yourself on an isolated beach – rocks stand as sentries on the horizon



Something strange here... you soon realise you are on another planet ...

The beach is strewn with driftwood and curious objects – you explore ...



At one end of the beach is a cave hidden beneath some towering cliffs



*Suddenly, you hear a trumpet warning,
and you see a warrior on the hilltop*



*You leap across the
rocks and sprint
towards the cave*

*You must fight
deadly creatures
who block your path*



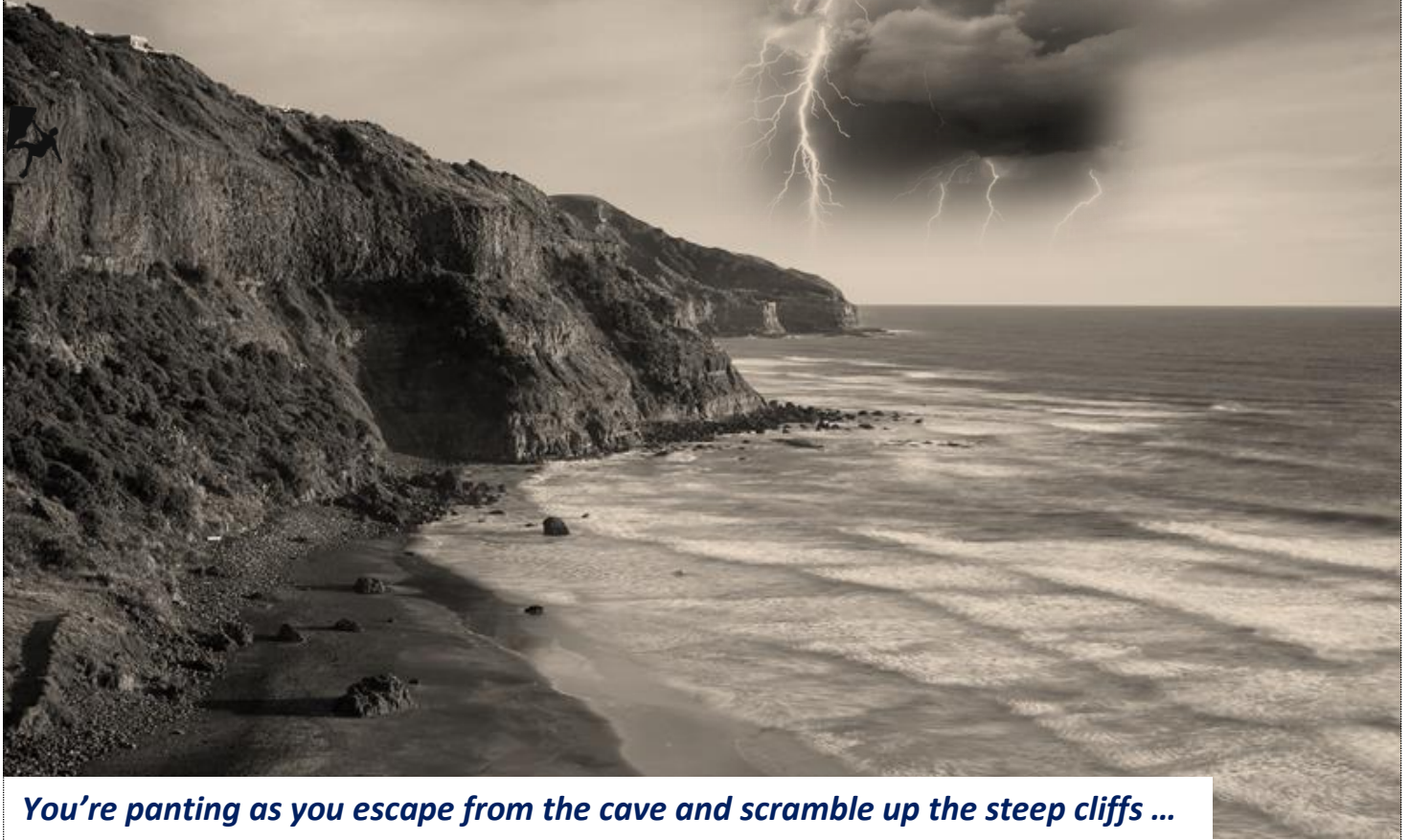
*You finally reach the cave
and hide for a while...*



*until you hear a rumbling from
deep inside ... and you realise
the fight has just begun ...*



outside, a dark storm is brewing ...



You're panting as you escape from the cave and scramble up the steep cliffs ...

You finally arrive at the summit of a sheer ridge ...

You see Storm Island and the legendary Pou Kapua – Guardian of Planet



You are so close – and yet ...

Treacherous seas separate you from Storm Island and the legendary Pou Kapua



You have no choice. You must cross the bridge of the unknown ...

You reach Storm Island and arrive at Pou Kapua ... Guardian of the Planet – you start your quest

*I am Ruaumoko
Guardian of Volcanoes*

*I am Maui
Trickster of Time*

*I am Hinenuitepo
Ruler of the Underworld*

*I am Tane
Guardian of Forests*

*I am Matakerepo
Guardian of Thunder*

*I am Tawhirimatea
Guardian of Storms*

*I am Tumatauenga
Guardian of War*

*I am Ranginui
Sky Father*

*I am Papatuanuku
Earth Mother*

*I am Tangaroa
Guardian of Oceans*

As you climb, you hear the chanting, the stories, the songs ... You gain knowledge, skills, weapons, and keys as you overcome challenges and reach new heights. You continue to aim for the top as you search for the ultimate taonga / treasure.

The climb is perilous, with many risks and challenges you must overcome ...



The challenges begin ...

*You hear chanting as
you begin your climb ...*

I AM POU KAPUA

Conceived in time immemorial by my parents

Ranginui – Sky Father

Papatuanuku – Earth Mother

Fashioned in the abode of Tane of the Heavens

On the sands of the Crimson Bowl

For thousands of years from seed to sapling

To Majesty of the mountains of Mitimiti

I stood, remained steadfast

Ready to leap forth into the world of humans



I have witnessed much in my time

The beauty of the world, lands, oceans

My great cousins the whales

Keepers of knowledge and time

My siblings of forests, lush and fruitful

I have felt both your happiness – and your pain...

Humans I have seen arrive at these shores

Of Aotearoa – this land of long white clouds

I grasp in my hand the Baskets of Sacred Knowledge

Ancestral Knowledge, Life Knowledge

The baskets I entrust to you

To nurture with reverence

To learn, to know, to share





**To live in harmony with nature
To live in peace with each other
To love and care for your children and their children
Peoples of the four winds, near and far**

I AM POU KAPUA

**The feathered cloak of the children of
Sky Father and Earth Mother
Has kept me warm
From beyond time I have emerged
From their cosy haven I have come forth
I have leaped forth into this enduring world**



**I AM POU KAPUA, the guardian pillar of space and time
I am Uenuku, the standing rainbow that links Heaven to Earth
Now I turn towards the Sun
My dreams to the World carved by Sacred Adzes
Brought into the light by those who answered my call ...**



**I AM POU KAPUA
I stand tall
I embrace you
I embrace the World
All past, present and future
All hearts rejoice with happiness!
Tihei Mauri Ora
POU KAPUA**

I AM TANGAROA

God of the Oceans

King of the Seas

Fear and respect me

**Lest I drag you down to the
cold dark depths of my domain**

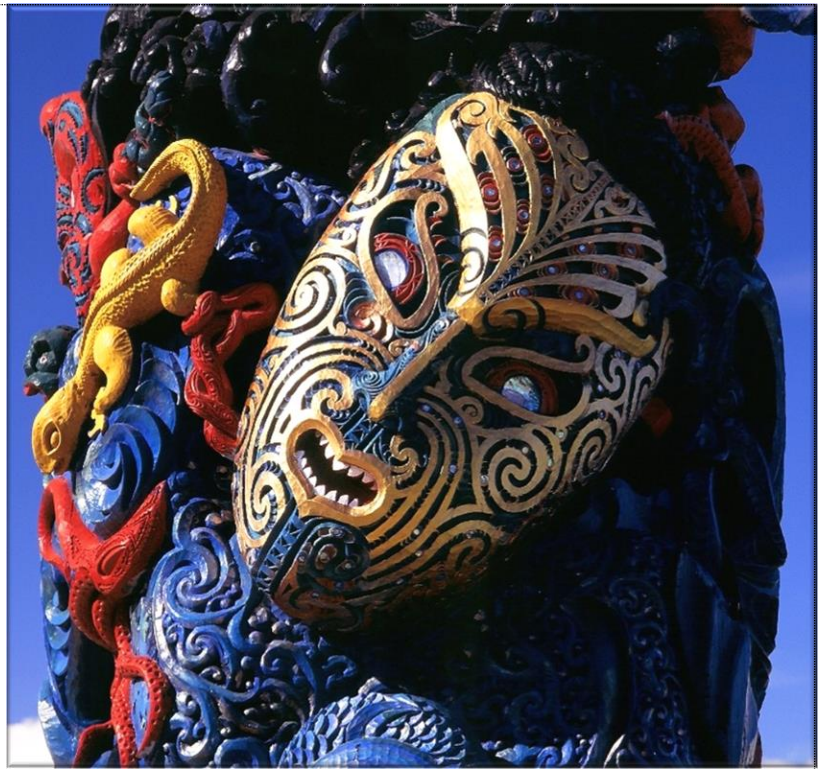
I am the power of the whirlpool vortex

The source of fearsome tsunami

Bringer of the monsters of the deep

Do not come down to the sea

Without paying tribute to me



I AM TANGAROA



I AM TANGAROA

Guardian of all ocean life

Protector of all creatures, great and small

My body has fed the world

My water gives breath to the planet

Fear me, respect me

For I keep the balance of life in my eye

Do not come down to the sea

Without paying tribute to me

I AM TANGAROA



I AM TANE

**First-born of Ranginui Sky Father
and Papatuanuku Earth Mother**

The stars in the sky

I placed upon my Father's chest

To nurture my children the plants

And to nourish humankind



I AM TANE

Bringer of Light into the World

God of the Great Forests

Its birds, creatures, and living things

I AM TANE

Awaken from your ignorant slumber

Destroy me at your peril ...

I AM TANE

Treat me with reverence

And I will give you the power to heal

I AM TANE – THE GREAT ONE OF THE FOREST



I AM MAUI

Conceived in the oceans

Forgotten and alone

I awakened as Hero

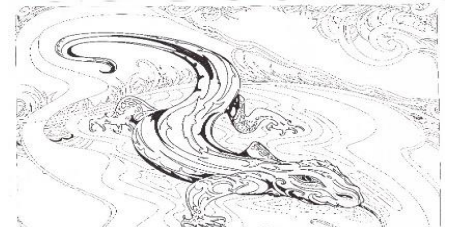
With magical jawbone

I hauled up the islands

from the depths of Tangaroa

A dwelling place for my descendants

Forever more



I AM MAUI

I am the one who tamed the Sun

**The challenge that gives us
the light of each day**

**And it is I who brought Fire
to the World of Mankind**

I AM MAUI

Demigod, Disrupter, Trickster of Time

I am the Navigator, the Explorer

I challenge the past to secure the future

I AM MAUI



Pou Kapua – From Dream to Reality

Pou Kapua - "A gift to the nation, a gift to the world".

A Taonga, a Treasure, **Pou Kapua** is an incredible manifestation of the many wonderful relationships and alliances forged throughout our lifetimes; a demonstration of how these colourful, diverse, and enduring peoples, groups, Indigenous tribes and communities have been able to support a collective vision of cultural heritage, identity, and spirit.

One weekend in February 2002, as Wikuki Kingi (Master Carver / Native Technologist) and Tania Wolfram (Cultural Psychologist / Inventor) were having a cup of tea, they read an article about how the local council were planning to build the 'Pillars of Hercules' in the Auckland harbour. Distressed and outraged by the idea that a borrowed symbol (two strokes in the dollar sign) would dominate their ancestral harbour, they dreamed instead of creating a magnificent Pou (totem) for the people of New Zealand. Such a Pou would be a symbol of Māori and Pacific identity; would strengthen their mana and reveal the cultural heritage of the Tangata Whenua (People of the Land) in positive and powerful ways.

Knowing that they would be supported by their whānau (families), marae (traditional villages), and iwi (tribes), Wikuki and Tania started to research, develop, and plan the Pou. With the blessing of Te Arikinui Dame Te-Ata-I-Rangi Kaahu the Māori Queen, and the support of Te Ranga Carving Academy, they sought kauri trees from the north. Three magnificent ancient kauri trees were gifted by the tribes of the north, and the carving of Pou Kapua began.



Original sketch of Pou Kapua by Wikuki Kingi, 2002



Wikuki and Hawaiian Master Carver Kawika carving Maui

Created and carved by our team of over 35 Tohunga / Master Carvers and international Indigenous artists from around Aotearoa New Zealand, the Pacific Islands of Tonga, Samoa, Cook Islands, Tahiti, Hawaii, Kanak (New Caledonia), Rapanui (Easter Island) and Indigenous peoples of the nations of Australia, Alaska, Canada, and America, Pou Kapua creatively depicts enthralling stories of creations, beginnings, sacred places, people, and legends.

With carving operations starting at their home marae of Kirikiriroa in 2003, the Pou then travelled around Auckland as it was created and constructed with cultural specialists and cutting-edge engineering techniques over the next two years. During that time hundreds of people supported the creation of **Pou Kapua** with precious resources, funding, skills and expertise, millions of dollars, thousands of hours of time and boundless positive energy.

*Hundreds of people helped to bring **Pou Kapua** to life in the human world ... for peoples of the four winds to see and feel.*

Standing as kaitiaki / guardians on each side of **Pou Kapua** are two imposing three-tonne moai, carved by expert sculptors from Rapanui / Easter Island. At the base of **Pou Kapua** stands mighty Tangaroa, the Guardian of the Ocean. Above him are Ranginui (Sky Father) and Papatuanuku (Earth Mother). Throughout **Pou Kapua** are many guardians, including Tane (Forest), Tawhirimatea (Winds), Tumatauenga (War), Ruamoko (Volcanoes), and Rongo (Peace). We have stories of 'ohana', the taro providing the roots of family for the people of Hawaii; stories of Kanak of New Caledonia; Aboriginal dreamtime, Tlingit killer whales, and Cree warriors to name a few.



Rapanui Master Carver Tomas carving Moai



Wikiki with bronze weapon

Threaded throughout **Pou Kapua** are the journeys and adventures of our ancestors, with Maui at the top; fascinating legends and absorbing histories of our migrations throughout the magnificent Pacific Ocean. A spiritual rope of unity binds tribes and people together.

*We call on the ancient past and the warrior spirit of our ancestors
to bring to life and manifest their heroic deeds
to shine the light on realities of survival in challenging environments
- for future generations to know, to learn, to share ...*

In April 2005, the Puawaitanga, sacred dawn ceremony of Te Uranga o Te Ra (the Rising of the Sun), revealed Pou Kapua to the world. Recognised as the largest Māori / Pacific Pou / totem in the world, reaching over 80 feet in height and weighing more than 20 tonnes, **Pou Kapua** is carved from 2,000 year-old magnificent ancient Kauri from the forests of the northern iwi / tribes; 50,000 year-old swamp kauri; 1,000 year old totara; is supported with carved steel; and adorned with paua, pounamu, bone and crystal.



Pou Kapua has found his standing place in Manukau, New Zealand.

With the highest population of Māori and Pacific peoples in Aotearoa, and home to over 165 different ethnic and cultural groups, Manukau is one of the most culturally diverse areas of New Zealand. This vibrant and colourful region provides an appropriate home for **Pou Kapua**.



Tania at Pou Kapua

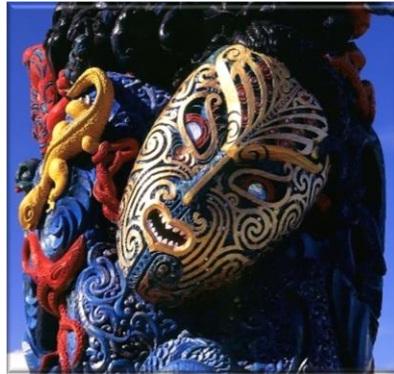
As a gift to the people of Aotearoa and the World, in fulfilment of our dream, **Pou Kapua**, a wonderful sacred symbol of our culture, identity, science, and sovereignty, can now be viewed and experienced by millions of people all year long, being accessible to all peoples at all times ... and soon by millions more in the digital world!

Moving the Realty of Pou Kapua into the Digital Assets Arena



PLANET MĀORI EXPERIENCE provides a fully immersive and interactive experience for participants, engaging them physically, intellectually, and emotionally through sight, sound, and touch.

PLANET MĀORI EXPERIENCE shares the story of Pou Kapua, the largest Māori / Pacific totem through multiple media, including virtual reality and gaming. The experiences trigger perceptions of depth and breadth; understandings of Mātauranga Māori and Pacific culture and heritage; and feelings of excitement and wonder, making it an exhilarating, profound and memorable for all participants.



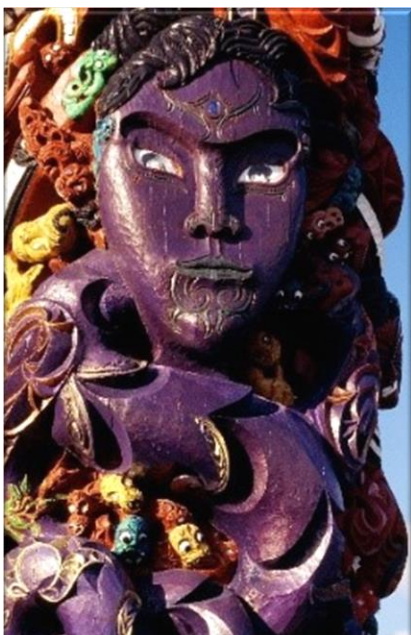
Tangaroa

This digital asset will be based on Tangaroa, Guardian of the Oceans and all of the sea creatures. He is sometimes depicted as a whale. This asset will showcase the colours, hues, and features of the oceans and seascapes.



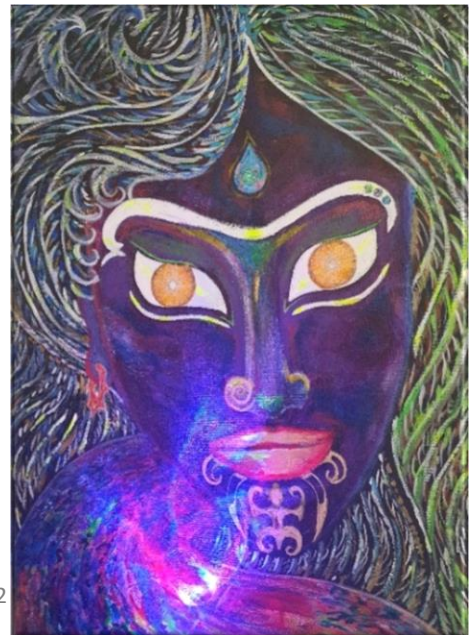
Tane

Tane is the Guardian of Forests and Birds and creatures of the lands. Tane pushed his parents Ranginui and Papatuanuku apart with his strong legs. He was also tasked to go to the heavens to bring back the three baskets of knowledge. This asset will have Tane in various forest and tree settings on land and in the skies highlighting the colours and luminosity of the lands.



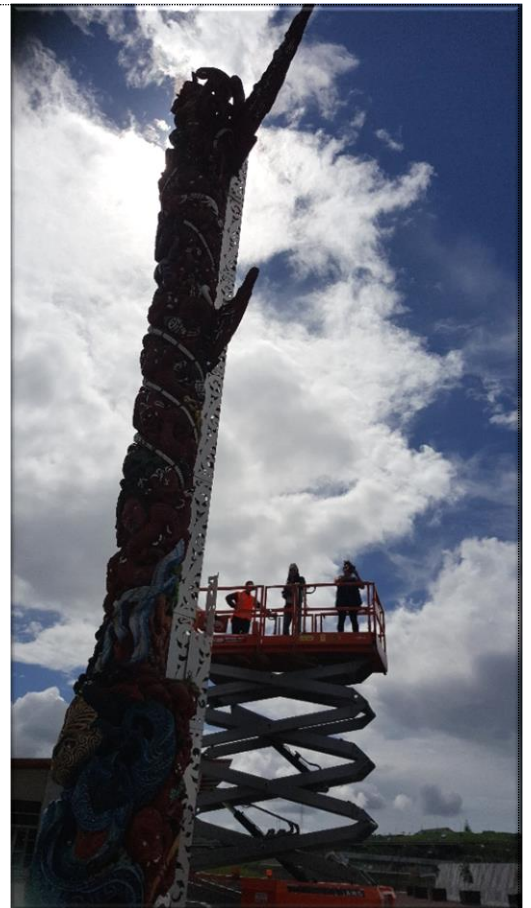
Matakerepō

Matakerepō is the Guardian of Thunder. She is commanding and threatening and must be placated. She is a powerful female deity who despite being blind can see into the future. She gives sight and insight to those who seek knowledge and shows her descendants the pathway to the heavens. She embodies the power of wahine. Amazing colours including iridescent hues will be used to illuminate her potent beauty.

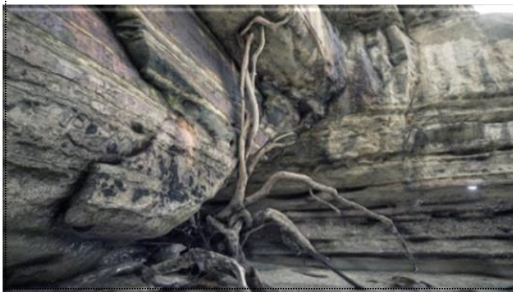
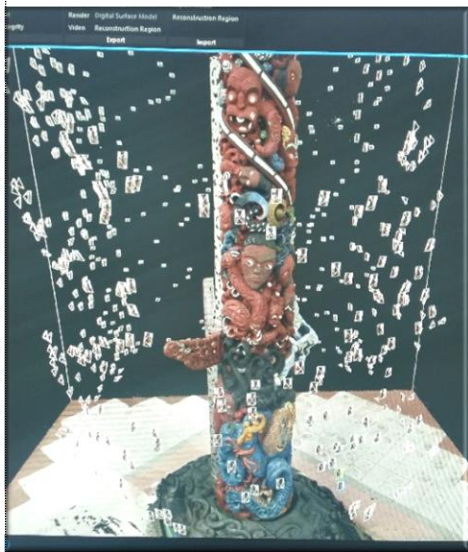


Moving the Realty of Pou Kapua into the Virtual World





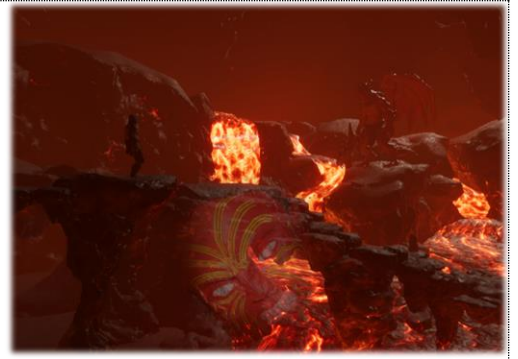
15000 incredible images
 thousands of hours
 trail-blazing technologies
 countless sleepless nights ...
 ... and Pou Kapua is reborn
 in the Virtual World
Haere Mai – Welcome



Meet Pou Kapua
 Tangaroa, Maui, Tane
 Be Powerful – Be Free

Moving the Realty of Pou Kapua into Immersive Gaming XPs

The Game: Your quest is to search for the Magical Harakeke Flower that has woven the Three Sacred Baskets. This will unlock the knowledge to save yourself, the people, and the planet from extinction!



GAME GENRE:

Open World, Survival, Adventure, Action, Building, RPG, Single Player, Exploration, Simulation, Crafting, Fantasy, Third Person, Atmospheric, Realistic.

GAME CHARACTERS (KEY ANIMATED AND NPCs):

- **Tangaroa** – Guardian of the Oceans
- **Tane** – Guardian of the Forests and Birds
- **Tumatauenga** – Guardian of War
- **Tawhirimatea** – Guardian of the Winds
- **Ruaumoko** – Guardian of Volcanoes
- **Hinenuitepo** – Ruler of the Underworld
- **IO Matua Kore** – Supreme Creator Being
- **Ranginui** – Sky Father
- **Papatūānuku** – Earth Mother
- **Matakerepō / Whaitiri** – Guardian of Thunder
- **Tāwhaki** – Guardian of Lightning
- **Hina** – Guardian of the Moon
- **Whiro** – Lord of Darkness
- **Rongo** – Lord of Light
- **Maui** – Trickster of Time

GAME PRELUDE: TE AO MĀORI CREATION STORY

Player starts at the bottom of Pou Kapua and witnesses the story of the creation of Te Ao Māori including the separation of Ranginui and Papatuanuku. The Player then moves into the domain of Tangaroa, navigating and sailing across treacherous oceans to far flung islands.

GAME ENVIRONMENTS INCLUDE:

- **Tangaroa:** Oceans, Seas, Islands
- **Tane:** Forests, Ferns, Birds (Skies)
- **Tumatauenga:** Mountains
- **Tawhirimatea:** Storms, Cyclones
- **Ruaumoko:** Volcanoes, Fire
- **Hinenuitepo:** Ancient Ruins

GAME DESIGN AND MECHANICS:

- Dynamical seasons, with 7 days for each season (spring, summer, autumn, winter)
- Dynamical day/night cycle
- Temperature mechanic: Hot and cold
- Building base mechanics
- Survival mechanics: Hunger, thirst, sleep
- Camping mechanics: Campfire, cooking pot, tent
- Gathering resources (e.g., chopping trees to get wood, gathering food)
- Sailing and navigation mechanics across the ocean to a new environment
- Progression to / unlocking new environments (e.g., in winter lake freezes, need warm korowai to travel through mountains)
- Crafting mechanic
- Cooking mechanic
- Health mechanic (revival)
- Trading mechanic / trading resources

GAME ELEMENTS & REWARDS INCLUDE:

- Learning and solving puzzles
- Object acquisition
- Combat / fighting
- Survival

Rewards: magical items, keys, maps, skills, Mātauranga / knowledge, special weapons, kaha / health, mana / strength

POU KAPUA CREATIONS, AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

POU KAPUA CREATIONS are a collective of Tohunga / Cultural & Arts Specialists who have been acknowledged and mandated by their tribes for generations. Pou Kapua Creations are celebrated as traditional knowledge holders, experts, and authorities of Māori, Pacific, and Indigenous art, culture, heritage, native science, leadership and partnership. **Pou Kapua Creations** are supported by tribes and native communities across Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific, weaving people together through a shared vision that is enduring, intentional, and transformative.

POU KAPUA CREATIONS ignites and empowers Master Carvers, creative specialists, artisans, native scientists and technologists to come together and collectively illuminate and expand the horizons of the Māori, Pacific and Indigenous worlds. With incantations, deep cultural intelligence and wisdom, thought, word and action, Pou Kapua Creations focuses on making the natural native world visible through Māori and Indigenous culture, art, science, and technology.

POU KAPUA CREATIONS creates wonderful Taonga Toi / Cultural Treasures. Like their Pou / Totem **Pou Kapua**, their waka / canoes and marae / tribal houses keep their cultures alive through nurturing their creative spirit. These treasures provide tribes and communities with safe spaces and places for connecting and re-building relationships. They teach everyone who seeks to learn, as they express ancient stories of moana / oceans, whenua / lands, kainga / villages, whānau / family, oranga health – of cultural, social, ecological, and spiritual health and wellbeing. And they remind humanity of their responsibilities regarding the earth, seas, skies, nature - indeed of all living things.

WIKUKI KINGI, Creative Director of Pou Kapua Creations, is a native of Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific – Māori and Hawaiian. He is a leading world expert in Māori / Pacific symbology and design, a native science technologist, and Master Carver with an extensive history of creating artistic treasures, including Pou Kapua - for communities, local and global. Shapeshifting in the cyberflux, Wikuki is a modern Maui, seeking to unshackle the power of creativity and innovation encoded in the helix of our DNA – releasing the ‘taniwha of transformation’ upon the universe.

TANIA WOLFGRAMM hails from the Māori tribes of Aotearoa New Zealand, and the Pacific Kingdom of Tonga. A cultural psychologist, creative designer, visionary thinker and strategist, Tania seeks to express and imprint the Indigenous view of the world, their languages, hopes and dreams onto and into technologies and innovations that they create. Tania is also the founder of the HAKAMANA System of Transformative Design, Development, and Evaluation. Like Matakerepo, she sees the potential for technology to be a powerful creative force for healing the psyche of people and cultures.



I AM MATAKEREPO

I am blind
Yet I can see all
I am from the past
Yet I can gift you
a glimpse of the future
Call to me
for wisdom and insight

Take care
For what I see is both
Destruction and Creation
Choose your path well ...

See: www.poukapua.com

And: www.hakamana.com

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KAPUA Project - Overview



Phase One
Honouring
Mātauranga
Māori

Phase Two
Developing
Digital
Assets

Phase Three
Creating
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Experiences



Te Ao Tawhito

The Ancient World

Te Ao Mārama

The World of Enlightenment

Te Ao Hurihuri

The World of Tomorrow

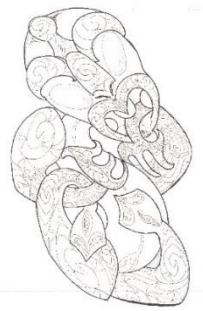
WHAT WE ARE CREATING

- **Mātauranga Māori Pātaka (Repository of Knowledge)**
A Mātauranga Māori Pātaka (Repository of Knowledge) of authentic cultural knowledge, historical stories and legends based on the mātauranga expressed and revealed through our real-world taonga Pou Kapua.
- **Digital Asset Library**
An authentic Mātauranga Māori Digital Asset Library based on our Mātauranga Māori Pātaka, capturing each of our taonga and carvings in rich 3D detail, provided alongside the authentic Pātaka story.
- **Immersive Gaming Experience**
An Immersive Gaming Experience that showcases our authentic Mātauranga Māori assets in the digital world, bringing the experience to life to allow people young and old to live and experience Te Ao Māori.

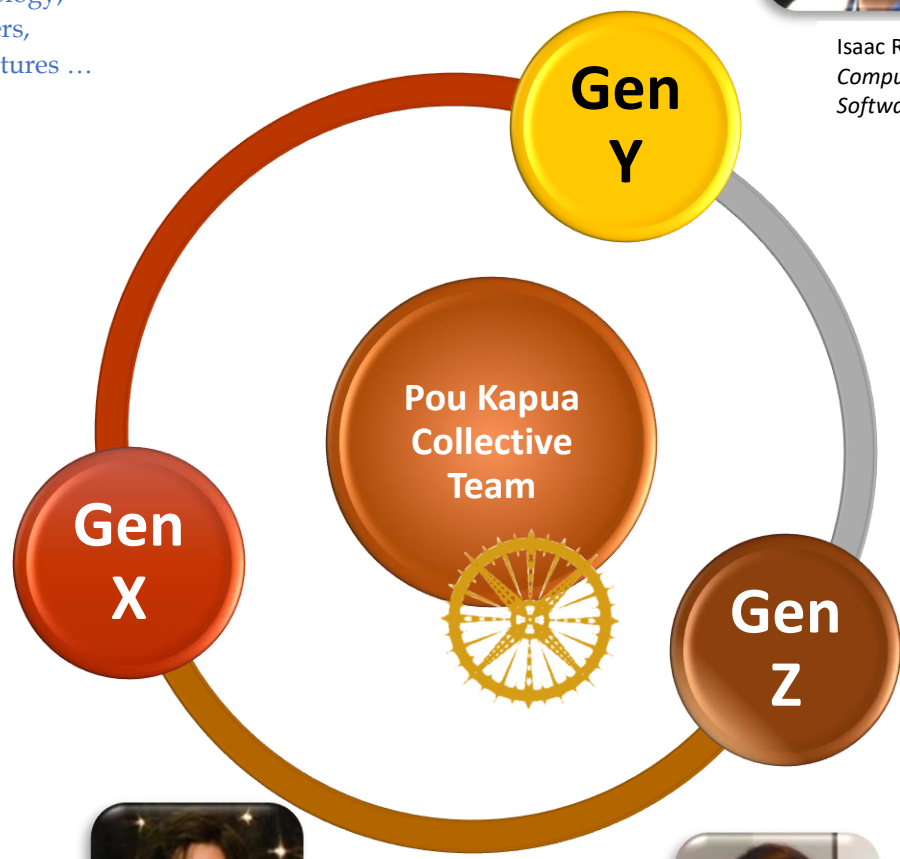
These outputs will allow us to build a dedicated online community that brings together our rangitahi, whānau, and kaumatua in our Marumarū Atea (respected and culturally safe space), in order to support the preservation and sustainability of Mātauranga Māori.

“From the creation of the universe itself, to the parting of Ranginui and Papatuanuku, our Atua and our collective Māori and Pacific histories are brought to life through this whakairo.” Takirimateata Turner, Kaumatua Kiingitanga, Tainui – “the last Kaumatua left who witnessed first-hand the Kauri trees from the Hokianga”

POU KAPUA CREATIONS COLLECTIVE - CULTURAL & CREATIVE GENIUS ...



Nurtured with ancestral wisdom,
we are shapeshifters in the cyberflux,
tricksters of technology,
poets, storytellers,
co-creators of new futures ...



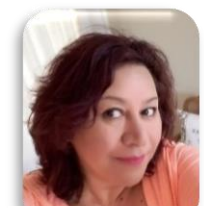
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Designer, Technologist*



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*Executive Director
Systems Sculptor*



Moka Apiti
*GIS Specialist/ UAV
Geospatial Mapping*



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*Specialist - International
Business & Sustainability*



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Pharmacology*



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*Social Media Design,
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Arts Conservator*



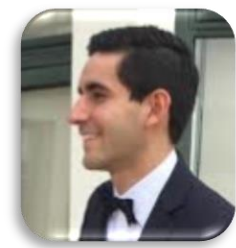
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Software, Platforms*



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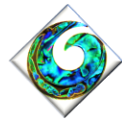


Simon Che De Boer
*VR Specialist
Creative Director*



Vincent Wolfram-Russell
*Ekarus Studios
Mathematician, Algorithmist,
Game Programmer*

- Pou Kapua Collective Alliances & Associations**
- VRARA; NZGDA
 - TE HA Global Alliance
 - Native Science Academy
 - Data Sovereignty Network
 - The Cultural Conservancy
 - Indigenous Education Institute
 - Auckland University of Technology (AUT)
 - University of Auckland (UoA) School of Business
- Global Alliances in the Virtual Reality / AR / MR Arena
Local Tribes / Communities across NZ / Pacific / Globe



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Sharing Cultural Treasures with the World



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I FEEL THEREFORE I AM

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The Star Compass of Pou Kapua Creations Collective is an instrument born of the ancient voyaging traditions of the people of the great Pacific Ocean.

The Star Compass helps us to navigate across vast oceans to distant horizons. Our Pou Kapua Collective invites you to journey with us as Wayfinders – as we experience future realities.