
Vicky Thorn: Profile summary

Iwi affiliations: Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apa ki te Ra Tō, Rangitane, Ngāti Koata

Vicky is currently employed as Hauora Whakahaere and Researcher for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kuia; Covid Response coordinator for Te Taihi iwi; Covid Co-chair on Process Review Clinical pathway rōpū; Ngāti Kuia representative on Whakatū Arts Culture and Heritage, Te Ohu Toi Ahurea; Advisor and mentor to AVA Business Solutions – whānau Māori business startup.

Vicky's prior roles have included Operations and Gallery curator for Kahurangi Employment Trust; Manager Whakatū Service Centre, Ministry of Social Development; and she has worked for NZ Employment Service and Inland Revenue.

Vicky identifies the significant procurement of a Health Research Council (HRC) Kanohi ki te Kanohi grant for Māori community groups to undertake health research to address community-identified health needs research in a pūrākau methodology of cultural narratives for the wellbeing of iwi hauora. It is the most recent whānau Māori research for Te Taihu.

Vicky's governance is as a board trustee for the Ahu Whenua Trust.

Vicky's study achievements include with NZQA in Project Management, Beekeeping, Diploma Raranga, National Cert. Public Sector Services leadership management, First line management administrator infrastructure, HR management and Employment skills. She also received in 2004 Te Tau Ihu Māori Women's leadership award for contribution of Māori women to the wealth and wellbeing of the Māori community.