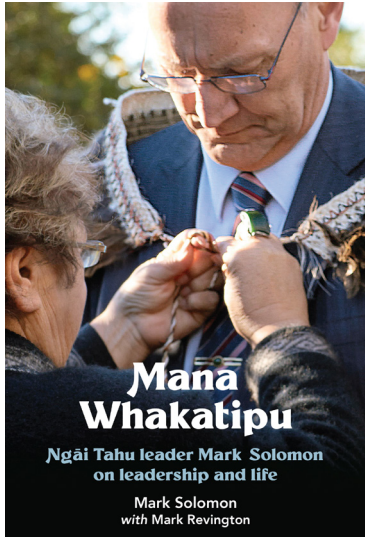




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Ngāi Tahu leader Mark Solomon on leadership and life

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THE COMPELLING MEMOIR OF A MĀORI LEADER

In 1998, just as South Island iwi Ngāi Tahu was about to sign its Treaty of Waitangi settlement with the government — justice of sorts after seven generations of seeking redress — a former foundryman stepped into the pivotal role of kaiwhakahaere or chair of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, the tribal council of Ngāi Tahu, Mark Solomon stood at the head of his iwi at a pivotal moment and can be credited with the astute stewardship of the settlement that has today made Ngāi Tahu a major player in the economy and given it long sought-after self determination for the affairs of its own people. Bold, energetic and visionary, for 18 years Solomon forged a courageous and determined course, bringing a uniquely Māori approach to a range of issues.

Now, in this direct memoir, Tā Mark reflects on his life, on the people who influenced him, on what it means to lead, and on the future for both Ngāi Tahu and Aotearoa New Zealand.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Sir Mark Wiremu Solomon KNZM (Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Kuri) served as kaiwhakahaere of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, the tribal council of Ngāi Tahu, for approximately 18 years, from 1998 until 2016. Founder of the Iwi Chairs Forum, he stepped down as deputy chair of the Canterbury District Health Board in late 2020.

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SALES POINTS

- A rare memoir of an important contemporary tribal leader and business figure
- Unique insights into how Ngāi Tahu became an economic powerhouse, and the struggle to get there
- Insights into leadership through a Māori lens
- Unique insights into a Māori paradigm

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