



# Rewi

## *Āta haere, kia tere*

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### THE POWER OF ARCHITECTURE TO EXPRESS TE AO MĀORI AND TRANSFORM

A major tribute to the late architect Rewi Thompson (Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Raukawa) whose early death robbed Aotearoa New Zealand of one of its greatest thinkers about how our built landscape could best express te ao Māori and be transformative.

Written and edited by one of the rising stars of architecture and a well-known commentator on urban issues, this handsome book brings together the wide range of Thompson's projects and interviews with those who worked with him. Beautifully designed by Tyrone Ohia.

#### ABOUT THE EDITORS

**Jade Kake** (Ngāpuhi — Ngāti Hau me Te Parawhau, Te Whakatōhea, Te Arawa) is an architectural designer, writer and housing advocate. Her design practice is focused on working with Māori organisations on their marae, papakāinga and civic projects, and in working with mana whenua groups to express their cultural values and narratives through the design of their physical environments. She received a major grant from Copyright Licensing New Zealand to research and write this book.

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#### SALES POINTS

- The first ever book about a legendary New Zealand architect
- Gorgeous design with wide appeal
- Explains the Matauranga behind Thompson's practice and breaks new ground in exploring the significance of his work
- Well respected writing team and superb design by a leading talent

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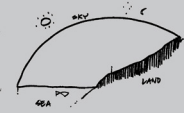
Thompson House

Kevin O'Brien

Kevin O'Brien is a principal at Australian architects BVN. He met Rewi in 1999 and later asked him to become an external advisor for Kevin's postgraduate studies. They remained friends until Rewi's death in 2016. We spoke to Kevin in October 2021, and he talked about their friendship and their approach to place as a generator of architectural concepts.

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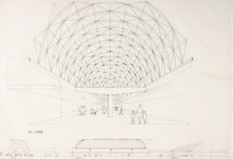


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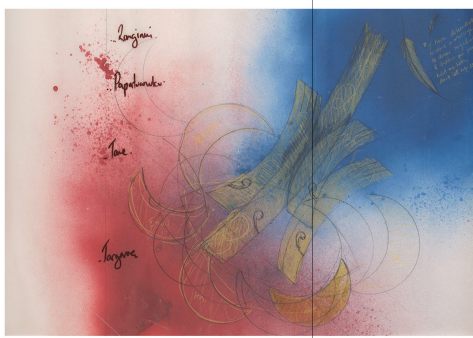


Ota public walk

Otara Town Centre canopy  
Otara, Tamaki Makaurau Auckland  
1987



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