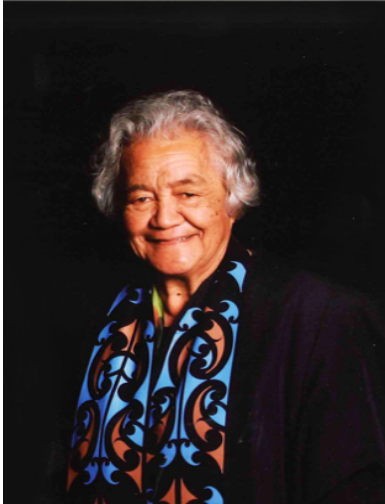
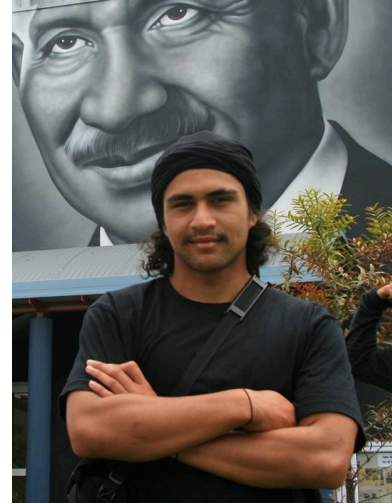




## **Ngaroimata Cavill Tertiary Excellence Award – 2015**



**Ngaroimata Cavill**  
Kuia Rangatira ō Ngai Tukairangi



**Hikitapua Ngata**  
Bachelors in Engineering (Hons)

This year, Hikitapua Ngata was the proud recipient of the Ngaroimata Cavill Tertiary Excellence Award. This scholarship offered a helping hand in the form of financial aid, which contributed to his journey towards completing an Honours degree in Engineering at the University of Waikato.

The Ngaroimata Cavill Excellence Award recognises individuals who are studying in a field that deserves special recognition, and also acknowledges the ability for people to demonstrate excellence within their chosen field of knowledge. This award was created in the memory of Kuia Ngaroimata Cavill, a woman whose nature so elegantly expressed the importance of whanaungatanga and tikanga Māori within our community and hapū.

Ngaroimata was affluently knowledgeable in the history of our Iwi, our hapū, our surroundings, and our traditions as indigenous peoples. These aspects have allowed for her memory to live on, having been expressed in the forms of academic papers, waiata and books such as the Waitangi Tribunal evidence for Ngai Tukairangi Hapu, and Taku Tau Kahurangi: He kohinga waiata tawhito mō Ngāi Te Rangi, Tauranga Moana.

In her lifetime, she impacted our whanau, communities, hapū and Iwi through her leadership, her values, and her ability to share these. In a compelling way, she also ensured that our Marae; Whareroa, Hungahungatoroa, Waikari and Maungatapu were emanating and embodying mana in every way possible. In her actions, she sets

a high expectation for future emerging community and hapū leaders. In that sense, we hope that with our assistance, provided we have Kuia Rangatira such as Ngaroimata to look up to, that Hikitapua, along with many others, are one day able to give back to our community as selflessly as she did.

Hikitapua Ngata descends from a long line of academics, beginning as far back as his Great Great Grandfather - Sir Āpirana Ngata. He is the grandson of Ngai Tukairangi trust shareholder Hikareia Ellis, and the son to Riri Ellis. Riri is an individual whose efforts as an active community member go far beyond just the borders of our Matapihi village. These efforts have no doubt influenced his drive to do well.

Hikitapua has demonstrated excellence both academically and creatively, evident through his university achievements, and the launch of his first business – an independently run clothing brand. These attributes of his have so easily led to various accolades within these fields. This was exemplified recently when he was granted the award for the overall Rangatahi of the year at the 2015 Tauranga Moana Rangatahi Awards. His current abilities along with his insightful demeanour provide a solid foundation for who he is, and what he has managed to achieve in his short life.

Ngai Tukairangi is proud to award Hikitapua with the Ngaroimata Cavill Excellence award, as it not only represents a token of support towards building a Māori professional, but it also symbolises an investment into his future as a role model for our Māori youth to come.