



## **NZ press launch speaker biographies:**

### **Tanea Heke: Project Director**

As project director for New Zealand's Guest of Honour Year at the Frankfurt Book Fair, Tanea is responsible for developing a programme in Germany that gives maximum exposure to New Zealand's culture and business.

She has previously managed the very successful Michael Parekowhai exhibition at the 2011 Venice Biennale, worked as an exhibitions manager at Te Papa (New Zealand's national museum) and was programme manager/artistic director at Taki Rua Productions, one of New Zealand's most successful theatre companies.

### **Kevin Chapman: Advisory Group, President, Publishers Association of New Zealand**

Kevin Chapman has been involved in book publishing and packaging for over thirty years, working in North America, the UK and Australia as well as New Zealand.

For the past eleven years he has been managing director and publisher at Hachette New Zealand (formerly Hodder Moe Beckett), and for six of those years was also managing Director of Anne Geddes Publishing.

### **Lewis Holden: Ministry for Culture and Heritage Chief Executive**

Lewis Holden oversees the running of the ministry and is overall the government representative responsible for New Zealand's role as Guest of Honour at the Frankfurt Book fair 2012.

He holds a masters degree from Yale University in public and private management, is a former deputy secretary of the Ministry of Economic Development and has held other senior roles at Treasury and the World Bank.

### **Witi Ihimaera: Writer**

The first Maori writer to publish both a book of short stories and a novel, Witi Ihimaera considers 'the world I'm in as being Maori, not European,' and his fiction develops out of this perspective.

He creates imaginative new realities for his readers, drawing from autobiographical experience. His novel, *The Whale Rider*, has become an internationally successful feature film directed by Nikki Caro.

### **Sir Peter Gluckman**

Sir Peter Gluckman is one of New Zealand's most distinguished scientists. Originally trained as a paediatrician, Sir Peter established the Liggins Institute, one of the world's leading medical research centres. His research has won him numerous awards, including New Zealand's top science award, the Rutherford medal, in 2001. In 2009 he was appointed inaugural chief science advisor to the Prime Minister, responsible for providing independent advice on scientific issues.

Sir Peter is the author of more than 500 scientific papers and reviews and is passionate about communicating a better understanding of science in the community.