

## Biography

Raewyn Paewai (RLIANZA)

I am of Māori descent, my Iwi (tribe) are Rangitane and Te Arawa.

I work for Auckland Libraries as the Senior Librarian – Māori Research at the South Auckland Research Centre in Manukau and I have been working in libraries for 18 years. .

I am currently on the executive committee for Te Rōpū Whakahau (Māori Library and information workers association), on the LIANZA Council and I am a member of the Māori Subject Headings working group. In 2010 I was awarded the Meri Mygind memorial award for initiative, creativity, dedication and promotion of Māori services within libraries, archives and information repositories and within Te Rōpū Whakahau and at the same time the Robin Hakopa Te Reo Māori award. In 2013 I was awarded the joint letter of recognition for bicultural development by LIANZA and Te Rōpū Whakahau.

In my current role I specialise in helping to connect Māori with their whakapapa (genealogy), train staff on Māori resources and provide access for the public researching Māori information.