

## **Tōmairangi Taiapa**

Tuhoe, Moriori, Ngāti Mutunga, Kai Tahu

Tōmairangi Taiapa was born in Te Urewera and grew up mostly in Christchurch. Toi has been an adoration of hers and has been the driving force of her passion for creativity.

She has been doing visual arts ever since she could remember. In 2012 she began exploring art with technology which sparked her interest for animation and online art. Practicing whakairo for 6 years, opened the door for Tōmairangi's new path as a Tāmoko practitioner, Tōmairangi is working as Kaiarahi within a Toi program mentoring Wāhine Māori as well as illustrating a book for her iwi.

### **Kurawaka**

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*Totara, acrylic, shellac*