

The Te Iho-Takaroa Ringawera Award is made by the PENZ Board for contributions to the profession that may be left field because at times they will be removed from the day-to-day work of Physical Education. The contribution is 'golden' in that it is often done in obscurity but is highly prized as in the distinguished and respected work of a 'ringawera'.

This year the board has chosen to acknowledge Dr Ihirangi Heke who was instrumental in working alongside Nichola McCall and the Māori Advisory Group in 2018, in establishing our two new Māori Awards - the Tane Pepeke Award and the Tama te Uira me Hine te Uira Award. We thank him for sharing his knowledge of atua and helping to frame the narratives for these two awards.

Ihi has also supported the board in our commitment to improving our cultural competency, and has spent time with us to improve our understanding and challenge our thinking around Mātauranga Māori.