



Callaghan Innovation's second Māori Inspire Event "Matariki X" is coming to Rotorua on Saturday 11th June. This invitation-only event will bring together up to 350 ambitious, innovation-minded Māori entrepreneurs from across the country, and selected rangatahi, to explore the importance and role of innovation and the opportunities it will bring to the Māori economy.

Callaghan Innovation's General Manager Māori Economy, Hēmi Rolleston says Matariki X will facilitate collaboration.

"This event is a great opportunity to celebrate Matariki by bringing together a group of very successful Māori in their respective fields, to meet and learn from one another, build connections and be inspired.

"We are also excited to be partnering with Takiwai (Rotorua Māori business network), GHA (Rotorua-based Māori accountancy and consultancy firm) and Poutama to bring this event to Rotorua".

Following the theme of 'Innovation, Inspiration and Overcoming Failure', Matariki X will feature an impressive and diverse line-up of inspirational Māori sharing the stories of their success and also the challenges they've encountered on their innovation journey to explore the unknown and take their business to the next level.

The confirmed line-up of speakers includes:

Robett Hollis	Rangimarie Hunia	Bailey Mackey
Wetini Mitai-Ngatai	Takurua (Tak) Mutu	Tawera Nikau
Dr Lance O'Sullivan	Steve Saunders	Dr Anna Rolleston
Heather Skipworth	Miriana Stephens	Ian Taylor
Mana Vautier	Jason Witehira	

There will also be presentations by the Māori Development Minister, the Hon Te Ururoa Flavell, and Callaghan Innovation's Chief Executive, Dr Mary Quin.

Click [here](#) for a snapshot of the Inaugural 2015 Māori Inspire Event

About Callaghan Innovation

Callaghan Innovation is New Zealand's business innovation agency. It helps businesses succeed through technology. Callaghan Innovation created Inspire to increase Māori businesses' ambition to grow while supporting Māori business leaders to pursue disruptive innovation and entrepreneurship.

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