



## Mihingarangi Forbes

**Height** 160 cm

**Pronouns** She/Her

### Event Highlights.

- 2022** Toi Te Kupu Whakaahuatanga, Janda Productions - MC
- 2022** Local Government New Zealand, Conference Innovators - MC&Facilitator
- 2022** MoH Facebook Live on Tamariki, Ministry of Health - Facilitator
- 2022** PSA Women 's Network Conference, PSA - Speaker

Mihingarangi Forbes (Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Paoa) is an award-winning television journalist and presenter. In the course of her career, Mihi has worked across programmes such as Native Affairs, 60 minutes, 20/20 and Campbell Live—where her presenting earned her a Qantas Award for Best Reporter for Daily Current Affairs. Currently, Mihi is the host of Māori Current Affairs show The Hui and was awarded Best Presenter at the 2020 NZ TV awards. She also has won Best Reporter - Māori Affairs at the Voyager Media Awards in 2022, and recently announced winner of the Te Tohu Kairangi Award at the Voyager Media Awards this year (2024)!

Mihi takes great pride in her Māori heritage and is the proud mother of four bilingual children, as well as being bilingual herself. Through her work, she moves to seek accountability for Māori and to also help the Pākehā world understand indigenous issues with depth and sensitivity. On her European side, Mihi has family connections to suffragette history, as her great great grandfather married celebrated women 's activist Kate Sheppard. Her deep interest in history led her to fronting NZ Land Wars series Stories of Ruapekapeka, which has screened both locally and internationally.

Mihi is an accomplished facilitator of debates and events, who is able to host multiple guests in a live or pre-recorded setting with ease. Comfortable in both English and Te Reo Māori languages and forums, Mihi brings a special type of energy to every event in which she is involved.

### Testimonials.

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Mihi and Julian co-moderated our recent Summit. The depth and breadth of their respective broadcasting and media experience was on display as they both deftly navigated a broad spectrum of business related topics coupled with an unparalleled understanding of nuances and relatability needed to engage a Maori audience over two-days. They both display total professionalism and credibility. We were very proud to have them associated with our organisation.

Tamaki Makaurau Economic Summit 2020

### Testimonials continued...

Auckland Unlimited

**- Edwina Merito | Maori Outcomes & Relationships**

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Mihingarangi is very articulate and radiates confidence, charisma and humour. She has an innate ability to engage the audience with her ad-lib skills enhanced by her fluency in Te Reo which is a true testament of her character. She has the ability to put people at ease that ultimately creates a great atmosphere.

Green Property Summit 2019

**- Aroha Te Kanawa | Event Project Manager**

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Mihingarangi Forbes is a marvel. She is an excellent content contributor and executes the role of the moderator with effortless ease. Mihi tackles issues that she cares about and works with people she truly values. I look forward to working and collaborating with her in the future.

LATE at the Museum 2019

Auckland War Memorial Museum

**- Dina Jezdic | Public Programme Content Specialist**

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Mihingarangi Forbes, alongside her friend and colleague Annabelle Lee, were sensational guest speakers at the Wintec Press Club lunch extravaganza in Hamilton. They held the VIP invite-only audience captivated, and received the loudest and longest ovation I have experienced since I began staging these events in 2010. As president of the Press Club, I invite guest speakers to three lunch events during the year. The list has included Sir Paul Holmes, actress Robyn Malcolm, Patrick Gower, Duncan Garner, Michael Laws, criminal lawyer Greg King, Pam Corkery, Te Radar and Paula Penfold. Some have not been total successes. Some have raved on about themselves, and delivered formless, boring speeches. Mihi was absolutely superb. Venetia Sherson, the ex-editor of the Waikato Times, and who created the Press Club in 2005, said Mihi was the best speaker she had ever seen and rated her 11 out of 10.

Wintec Press Club