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## Platform Owner | Kaipupuri Pūhara

Working in the Public Service | Nga mahi o te tari kāwanatanga

Ka mahitahi mātou o te ratonga tūmatanui hei painga mō ngā tāngata o Aotearoa ināianei, ā, hei ngā rā ki tua hoki. He kawenga tino whaitake tā mātou hei tautoko i te Karauna i runga i āna hononga ki a ngāi Māori i raro i Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ka tautoko mātou i te kāwanatanga manapori. Ka whakakotahingia mātou e te wairua whakarato ki ō mātou hāpori, ā, e arahina ana mātou e ngā mātāpono me ngā tikanga matua o te ratonga tūmatanui i roto i ā mātou mahi.

In the public service we work collectively to make a meaningful difference for New Zealanders now and in the future. We have an important role in supporting the Crown in its relationships with Māori under the Treaty of Waitangi. We support democratic government. We are unified by a spirit of service to our communities and guided by the core principles and values of the public service in our work.

You can find out more about what this means at (<https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/about-us>)

### About Stats NZ | Mō Tatauranga Aotearoa

As New Zealand's national statistics office, Stats NZ Tatauranga Aotearoa is uniquely positioned to support the decisions that the Government, Māori and Iwi organisations, businesses, NGOs, and New Zealanders make every day. Our structure, culture, and systems are designed with collaboration and customers in mind – mobilised and working together to realise our ambition: **About Aotearoa, for Aotearoa – data that improves lives today and for generations to come.**

The increased availability of data brings data-driven innovation. Insights obtained from exploring data can lead to new and creative approaches in business, public services, and customer experience – ultimately improving the wellbeing of New Zealanders. Stats NZ Tatauranga Aotearoa, as data stewards and leaders of the data eco-system proactively protect and enhance the provision of good quality data to realise the value of data.

Stats NZ Tatauranga Aotearoa is led by the Chief Executive who is also the Government Statistician and Government Chief Data Steward.

### Te Tiriti o Waitangi

As an employee of Stats NZ Tatauranga Aotearoa and as a public servant, you are expected to recognise and respect the Crown's responsibility to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Treaty of Waitangi – incorporating it into your work and becoming an informed and confident te Tiriti partner. By embracing and uplifting te reo Māori, tikanga and te ao Māori at work you are contributing to the Crown's commitment under the Public Service Act 2020 to engage with Māori and support the Māori-Crown relationship.



## Role Purpose | Mō te tūnga

As a Platform Owner, you will manage platforms which support the production of Stats NZ | Tatauranga Aotearoa’s strategic data products and ensure they deliver ongoing value to the organisation. You will act as the advocate for platforms and serve as the key arbiter on behalf of the business for the platforms under your ownership.

You hold a clear understanding of the platform vision and are responsible for shaping and managing the platform backlog to achieve that vision within relevant technical, organisational, and governance constraints. You balance potentially competing priorities from the multiple products that rely on the platform across its lifecycle. You ensure platform decisions reflect user needs and enable best practice.

The ideal candidate combines technical fluency, strong communication skills, and a product mindset to drive delivery in an agile environment.

Requirements in your role may change with the needs of the organisation.

Key Outcomes	Accountabilities
Shape and promote the platform vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a clear understanding of the platform benefits and how these will positively impact both internally, on different areas of Stats NZ, and if relevant; externally and be able to articulate, measure and communicate them</li> <li>• Be a champion of these benefits to increase stakeholder engagement and buy-in if appropriate</li> <li>• Understand and articulate user viewpoints and having them front of mind</li> <li>• Have a clear understanding of the platform vision as passed down from the governance level to ensure effective decisions are made</li> <li>• Act as kaitiaki of the platform vision, and feed into its development when and where appropriate</li> </ul>
Make key decisions on behalf of the business in a timely manner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navigate business priorities and be the voice of neutrality on competing priorities to gain agreement from different stakeholders</li> <li>• Manage competing priorities at all levels to drive final agreement between business units</li> <li>• Use high level of trust within the business and with stakeholders, along with delegated authority, to push through key decisions</li> <li>• Be conscious of, and able to report against or speak to, the financial implications of all business decisions</li> <li>• Ensure there is a transparent and robust process to decision making in line with public sector best practice</li> <li>• Continually consider Security, Privacy and Risk management elements to maintain the trust, posture, and resilience of the platform</li> </ul>



<p>Manage relationships with connected business units</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistently work on high level relationship management with relevant stakeholders and business owners across the organisation</li> <li>• Proactively manage interdependencies</li> <li>• Ensure all parties are aware of both their own responsibilities, and interdependencies, between business units</li> <li>• Support and feed into on-going communications with stakeholders and customers through all appropriate channels, in a timely way to support informed decision making on all sides</li> <li>• Manage on-going communications with stakeholders and customers where needed</li> <li>• Communicate ideas and information responsively across different audiences</li> </ul>
<p>Perform platform ownership functions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be the sole party responsible for managing the Platform Backlog and ensure the Platform Backlog is visible, transparent and clear</li> <li>• Define the features of the platform and prioritise these according to value and benefit to the organisation against other priorities</li> <li>• Apply effective cost/benefit thinking when making decisions through the platform lifecycle.</li> <li>• Negotiate Acceptance Criteria and sign off against said criteria</li> </ul>
<p>Demonstrate commitment to Stats NZ Tatauranga Aotearoa policies, procedures, strategy, and related initiatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively support our Strategy, Mana Ōrite Relationship Agreement, Statistics Act 2022 and abides by other policies.</li> <li>• Actively support and engage with our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Roadmap, policy, and principles.</li> <li>• Actively demonstrate The Way We Work principles which speak to what we care about, how we do things and what is needed for all our people to be successful in our organisation.</li> <li>• Demonstrate commitment to being a confident and capable partner of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This includes an understanding of its relevance to your role as a public servant and the work you undertake at Stats NZ Tatauranga Aotearoa and building knowledge in te ao Māori, te reo Māori and tikanga.</li> </ul>
<p>Demonstrate as a model public servant committed to the principles outlined in the Public Service Act 2020 and any subsequent adaptations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and promote initiatives from the Public Service Commission Te Kawa Mataaho, including Papa Pounamu and Kia Toipoto.</li> <li>• Develop and maintain cultural capability to positively contribute to Māori Crown Relations initiatives and actively support others to support this.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adhere to Te Tauāki Whanonga mō te Rāngai Tūmatanui the Code of Conduct for the Public Sector values and principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trustworthy – to act with integrity and be open and transparent</li> <li>○ Respectful – to treat all people with dignity and compassion and act with humility</li> <li>○ Impartial – to treat all people fairly, without personal favour or bias</li> <li>○ Accountable – to take responsibility and answer for our work, actions, and decisions</li> <li>○ Responsive – to understand and meet people’s needs and aspirations</li> <li>○ Political neutrality – to act in a politically neutral manner</li> <li>○ Free and frank advice – when giving advice to Ministers, to do so in a free and frank manner</li> <li>○ Merit-based appointments – to make merit-based appointments (unless an exception applies under the Act)</li> <li>○ Open government – to foster a culture of open government</li> <li>○ Stewardship - to proactively promote stewardship of the Public Sector.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Demonstrate commitment to Health, Safety and Wellbeing while at work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take personal responsibility for your own health safety and wellbeing.</li> <li>• Ensure your actions or lack of action do not adversely affect the health and safety of others.</li> <li>• Report any incidents, near misses or any other concerns relating to health safety and wellbeing.</li> <li>• Make all efforts to comply with Stats NZ Tatauranga Aotearoa Health Safety and Wellbeing policies and processes to ensure the organisation is compliant with the current Health and Safety Act or regulations.</li> </ul>

## Person specification | Ngā āhuatanga e hiahiatia ana e mātou

### Core requirements

- A relevant tertiary qualification and/ or equivalent relevant experience for this role.
- At least 3 years' experience in working in complex agile environments.
- Experience working with statistical or analytical platforms.
- High level of technical credibility and proven relationship management skills, able to balance both of these when speaking to stakeholders.
- Proven experience in a Product Owner role desirable but not essential.
- The ability to work within financial constraints.
- Ability to translate business needs or requirements into suitable platform features.
- Able to make timely decisions in environments with both certainly or high ambiguity.
- Able to understand and apply knowledge of both the technical business landscape and the relevant platform space.
- Experience using everyday office software including a laptop/tablet, phone, Microsoft suit of products e.g., Outlook, Word, Excel, Intranet, online communications channels for meetings and chat.
- Written and oral communication skills suitable for a varied audience in a corporate setting.
- Competency or fluency in te reo Māori language or possess a willingness to develop knowledge and competence. (By 2040 Government aims to have 85% of its workers speaking te reo Māori).
- Understand Te Tiriti o Waitangi relevance to own role as a public servant and seeks opportunities to better meet the information needs of Māori. Supports initiatives to increase responsiveness to Māori.

### Desirable

- A broad knowledge of the machinery of government and working in the public sector would be an advantage.
- Experience working in data or statistical organisations.



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