

Dame Rangimarie Naida Glavish

DNZM. JP

As a Māori health advocate Dame Rangimarie Naida Glavish DNZM. JP was one of four new Dames announced in the 2017 New Year Honours. Ms Glavish became a Dame Companion of the NZ Order of Merit for her services to Māori and is well-known for championing appropriate cultural support. 2011 Ms Glavish was awarded ONZM for services to Māori and the community.

From the early 1980s Ms Glavish has been involved in Māori affairs in education and health. In May 1984 as a humble toll operator Ms Glavish challenged the might of the then Post Office and won the right to use 'Kia ora' across Aotearoa and continues to campaign for her people and her language.

Dame Naida started at the Auckland Area Health Board in 1990 as a Bicultural Manager. Then dual role as the Chief Advisor Tikanga and General Manager Māori, Māori Health, Auckland DHB and in 2011 the collaboration of Māori Health Services across Waitematā and Auckland District Health Boards.

November 2016 Ms Glavish's role changed to the Chief Advisor Tikanga, Māori Health Services, Waitematā & Auckland District Health Boards.

Ms Glavish is a strong advocate for Māori and non-Māori and has proven ability to link government initiatives and community expectations. The introduction of practices based on tikanga Māori have made a significant contribution to Māori Health Gains in the region.

Ms Glavish has many hats to mention a couple, Ms Glavish is the Advisor to the Chief Coroner and is the chairperson of Te Runanga o Ngāti Whātua.