



Karewa

Ko Karewa te motu tapu o Taurikura, hō!
Karewa, the sacred lands of our guardian Taurikura

The sacred sanctuary of our guardian Taurikura nestled in Te Moana a Toi competing against the elements. Still today Taurikura's paradise is somewhat untouched enhancing this precious land.

This island is the home of Taurikura and her descendants the tuatara. Taurikura once lived as a young woman in the midst of her people at Taumata below Ōtānewainuku and Pūwhenua.

Her story begins with her koro asking her to fetch water from the spring below the pā to which she refused, leaving him having to make the journey himself.

Upon his return she partook of the water and emptied the calabash. In his frustration her koro scolded her for her misdeed. As a result she left Taumata and her people. Taking on the form of the tuatara, she went to live on Karewa where it was said nothing could survive.

Her story is one of growth, change, and resilience to turn what others disregarded into her own path forging her own legacy.

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