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Mereana leads Iwi engagement across the exciting gallery renewal programme, and ensures that He Korahi Māori (The Māori Dimension) is embedded into the workflow of the team. Mereana is a proud woman of Māori and Tongan descent, who has worked in the GLAM and Heritage sectors in Aotearoa, New Zealand for more than 15 years. Mereana has experience working with Māori and Pasifika communities in the GLAM space, programme development, heritage research and advisory through her roles as a Librarian, Researcher and Programme Adviser. Mereana holds a BA (Hons) in Māori Studies and a BSc (Geography) from Victoria University of Wellington