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Terori Hareko-Avaivilla

First Nation Cultural Educator, Wellness knowledge holder and Water Ceremony holder, KOKO ceremony holder

Terori is a passionate cultural educator, artist, story teller, water ceremony and traditional koko ceremony knowledge holder and founder of Avaivilla Group. Terori developed 'Ngarra-Djarra Gurri Bunmarra (meaning 'Heal, Well Health' in the Woi-wurrung language of the Wurundjeri Nation), to bring women of all cultures and beliefs together in spaces of cultural knowledge and ceremony, facilitating First Nations understanding and practices of healing and wellness. Much of the work Terori does, focus on wellness and sharing of First Nation practices of healing and sistahood circles.

Terori brings her rich Islander identity as a salt water woman with tri-cultural heritage, infusing her songlines of Papua New Guinea, Torres Strait and Samoa to provide a unique world view, knowledge systems and cultural practices.

Terori was 2015/16 Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership Emerging Leader awardee. Previous to that, she was the awardee under the Victorian Government State Training Awards, as Trainee of the Year 2005.