

T.M. HORO MANAGEMENT



Vanessa Rare

Actor

Ethnicity:	Māori European
Height:	5' 10" / 178cm
Eye Colour:	Brown
Hair Colour:	Black
Location:	Waikato
Age:	56

Background

Vanessa Rare, a name that has become synonymous with excellence in the New Zealand film and television industry, has captured the hearts of audiences across the nation for her exceptional talents both in front of and behind the camera. As one of New Zealand's most recognised faces in the entertainment world, Vanessa's journey started in front of a camera playing scheming solo mum Rata, in Gaylene Preston's comedy hit Ruby and Rata (1990). Herald critic Peter Calder wrote that she filled "the screen with a presence one would expect of a veteran performer".

Vanessa's dedication to her craft and tireless work ethic led to back-to-back award-winning performances, establishing her as a force to be reckoned with in the industry.

Resume

AWARDS

- 2015: Film and TV Awards - The Z Nail Gang - Best 'Supporting Actor' .
- 2003: Won Best Cinematography - The Blue Line - 'Best Script for TV Series and Best Cinematography

FEATURE FILM

Year	Production	Part	Production Company	Director
2014	The Z Nail Gang	Aunt	CommonUnity Productions	Anton Steel

SHORT FILM

Year	Production	Part	Production Company	Director
2025	Impossible	Crystal (Lead)		
2015	The Lost Pearl	Mum	Tenati Productions	Temura Morrison
2015	Thunder Down Under (Pilot)	Mrs Fraser	Tenati Productions	

TELEVISION

Year	Production	Part	Production Company	Director
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2025	The Gone Season 1 & 2	Wiki (Lead)	Blinder Films (Ireland), Kingfisher Films (NZ)	Southern Lights Films - Director: Peter Burger
2025	End of the Valley	Mercia	Miro Productions	
2025	Anahera	Guest	South Pacific Pictures	Various
2024	Friends Like Her	Winnie	Great Southern Television	Joshua Frizzell
2024	Rūrangi	Aunty Beth	Autonomouse Limited	Max Currie
2022	The Brokenwood Mysteries	Mamma Sass	South Pacific Pictures	Various
2021	Tender Trap	Rita	Greenstone Productions	Sima Urale
2020	The Sounds	Pania Cottle	Acorn TV	
2018	Fresh Eggs	Bev	Warner Bros	
2016	This is Piki	Tarnz	Brown Sugar Apple Grunt Productions (pre production)	
2015	Find me a Maori Bride	Actor Cameo	Brown Sugar Apple Grunt Productions	Various
2004	Akina	Brenda	Cinco Cine	
2000-2007	Shortland Street	Te Hana Hudson - recurring core cast. (Lead)	South Pacific Pictures	

THEATRE

Year	Production	Part	Production Company	Director
2015	Patua	Dina	Te Pou Maori Theatre	

PRESENTING-EVENTS

Year	Production	Part	Production Company	Director
2005-2006	Ask your Auntie	Presenter	Greenstone Pictures	

PRESENTING-TELEVISION

Year	Production	Part	Production Company	Director
2007-2008	Kai Korero	Charlotte Spalding (Lead)	Front of the Box Production	
2005	Last Man Standing	Tish Panoho	Seven Network	

TRAINING

Year	Production	Part	Production Company	Director
2010	Music Business Course		PACE Programme	

Skills

- Accent*
 - Australian
- Music*
 - Guitar
- Māori*
 - Kapa Haka
- Sports*
 - Basketball / Darts / Golf / Hula Hoop
- Water Sports*
 - Swimming

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