



# NGA POTIKI

A TAMAPAHORE TRUST

2022/23 Election of Trustees

## NOMINEE BOOKLET

There are **eight (8)** nominees seeking election to fill the three (3) contestable positions on the board of trustees. **You can only vote for/tick up to three (3) nominees.** Only registered members 18 years old or over are eligible to vote.

The nominees are listed below in alphabetical order.

### Eruera Tuhakaraina

Mauriora kia tātou,

I am a mokopuna of Monty and Tirikawa Ohia my mother being Sandy Tuhakaraina. I have been self-employed for 10+ years and in industry for 20+ I have chaired at hapū governance and I am also a trustee in other iwi entities. More recently I have completed a Masters degree and am continuing on with further study in business, economics and Te Reo Māori. I have a vision for tangata whenua to reclaim and re-create a version of economic rangatiratanga that caters to and for our mokopuna.

I am not a person who likes to float in the current with the herd, I would rather sit and watch and ask why everyone else likes to do so. While I appreciate as the trustee there is a responsibility toward financial gain. For myself “gain” and “progress” is about the growth and empowerment of the uri of Ngā Pōtiki.



### Irene Ruka

Ko Irene taku ingoa.

Ko Puwhenua me Mauao nga Maunga, Ko Waimpau te Awa, Ko Takitimu te Waka, Ko Waimapu te Marae, Ko Te Wakaiti me Ngati Ruahine te Hapu, Ko Ngati Ranginui me Ngai Te Rangi me Ngati Pukenga nga Iwi.

Ko Ro Tunakairoro Harihona Rahipere taku Koroua, Ko Keera Mihiata Harihona taku Kuia, Ko Carlo Tunakairoro Harrison taku Papa.

Ko Kopukairoa te Maunga, Ko Waitao te Awa, Ko Mataatua te Waka, Ko Tahuwhakatiki te Marae, Ko Rongomainohorangi te whare Tipuna, Ko Nga Potiki te Hapu, Ko Ngai Te Rangi, Ngati Ranginui me Ngati Pukenga nga Iwi.

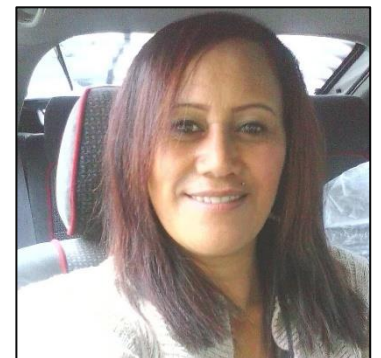
Ko Te Aohuakirangi (Nanny Dolly) Honiana Woodhouse taku Kuia, Ko Janice Harrison taku Mama.

I am an individual who aspires for excellence and integrity. I've been privy to attain significant experiences and relationships over 15 years.

#### **Experience**

Infrastructure, Strategic, Administration and Communications.

Profile Secretary-DIA; Tahuwhakatiki Marae; building and funding projects.



## **Kate Brown**

I moved back to New Zealand 3 years ago after working for the last 20 years with island people and island communities around the world on sustainability and climate change. I am the Executive Director of Global Island Partnership and run a consulting company from Papamoa.

I came home to use my experience to contribute to the future of our whanau and people as well as help my children reconnect.

My mother is Margaret Hautonga Currie and grandparents Tahuriwakanui McLeod and Peata Farrell. Partially raised in Tauranga and Mangatawa - my values have always been strongly focussed on the ideas of service and responsibility.

My experience is in organizational governance, strategy and policy development, partnership collaboration, sustainability and good practice and I sit on a number of boards.

If elected I would be focussed on transparency and good governance, making hard decisions, building relationships and engagement of Nga Potiki people.



## **Matire Duncan**

Ko Kopukairoa me Mangatawa oku maunga  
Ko Te Akau o Papamoa toku moana  
Ko Rangataua toku tahuna  
Ko Waitao toku awa  
Ko Potiki a Tamapahore toku Iwi  
No reira tena koutou tena koutou tena ra koutou katoa

I will bring to Nga Potiki a Tamapahore Trust skills in governance, leadership, advocacy, cultural resource management/planning, strategic planning, communications & transparency, an understanding of the political landscape in Tauranga Moana.

After 25 years of service to Nga Potiki a Tamapahore Trust as an original Trustee, Office Administrator & Manager for the Resource Management Unit, I resigned in 2021.

I have always been passionate when it comes to whanau, marae & Māori land trust development, mana taiao & mana moana within Nga Potiki & the wider Bay of Plenty.

I believe a focus for the Trustees should be the delivery of capacity, capability for Nga Potiki whanau aspirations for papakainga, business ventures, etc.



## **Ropata Stephens**

Kia whai kororia, honore, hareruia, kia Ihoa o ngā mano, tuauriuri whāioio  
Matua Tama Wairua Tapu me ngā Anahera Pono me te Māngai  
Kia piki te Ora piki te Kaha piki te Māramatanga me te Rangimarie ki a mātou  
Manākitia mai mātou i waenganui i o mātou kāinga  
Whakaorangia ngā tangata e māuiui ana  
Ko te māngai hei tautoko mai  
Āiane, ake nei, ae



Ko Mātaatua te waka  
Ko Kopukairoa me Mangatawa ngā maunga  
Ko Waitao te awa  
Ko Ngāpōtiki a Tamapahore te iwi  
Ko Tahuwhakatiki me Mangatawa ngā marae  
Ko Haimona Taite rāua Ko Te Rāhuikura (nee Ngatai) ōku tupuna  
Ko Te Tio (nee Taite) rāua ko Warena Stephens ōku mātua  
Ko Ropata Pinehia Stephens taku ingoa

Current trustee up for re-election to continue the amazing success we have achieved over the past 5yrs of my tenure. I bring 45yrs of experience, knowledge, and service in similar governance roles.

## **Thomas Wepiha**

### **Whakapapa**

Mai i te Whanau Wepiha no Taranaki Lane.  
Ko Paea Pikitia me Wepiha Rangiamoamo oku Tupuna  
Ko Mikaere toku Koroua me Kurawhakaata Ngawaka toku Kuia  
Ko Te Kirirama me Barbara Mihiora Tangitu oku Matua  
Ko Thomas Augustus Wepiha ahau.



### **Work / Life Experience**

Electrical Engineering qualification experienced in Business Management, Strategic Planning, Project Management, Sales & Marketing.

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| Tangitu Whanau Trust                              | • >20 years  |
| Mangatawa 4E Trust                                | • Trustee  |
| Walsh Trust – West Akld                           | • Mental Health Board member 4 years   |
| ESITO – Electrical Industry training organisation | • Responsiveness Project – Increase Maori, Pacific Island & Women’s participation in the Electrical Industry |

### **Aspirations**

Grow the Ngapotiki Assets to achieve positive outcomes that;

- Reaffirm & consolidate our turanga mo te rohe o Ngapotiki
- Unite whanau within a united whenua
- Support both Marae and activities to maintain its unique Ngapotikitanga
- Contribute to the development of our people kei roto i te matauranga maori me te matauranga pakeha.

## **Verna Ohia-Gate**

Ko Monty raua ko Tirikawa Ohia oku matua  
Ko Verna Ohia Gate ahau  
Tihei mauri ora

I returned home in 2006, to look after Mum and Dad and to do some governance mahi.

- Retired Trustee for Ngati Pukenga ki Tauranga Board
- Retired Trustee on Te Au Maarō, Ngati Pukenga settlement entity
- Retired Trustee, Chair Te Reo Irirangi o Tauranga
- Retired Trustee, Chair Welcome Bay Community Centre Board
- Ngā Pōtiki a Tamapahore Trust rep, Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Partnership
- Te Rangapu rep Smartgrowth Leadership Group.

I have been honoured to be a current Trustee. I became the Chair in May 2022. 2023 has begun with the employment of our CEO and the tenth anniversary of the Trust.

I want to remain on the Board to be part of the exciting times ahead.



## **Vincent Campbell**

I am currently employed as Pou Ahurea (cultural advisor) for KPMG NZ and whakapapa back to Ngāi Te Rangī and Ngāti Pukenga.

Prior to starting work at KPMG in 2021, I spent seven years at Callaghan Innovation (NZ's Innovation Agency) as business relationship manager to some of Maoridom's most aspirational and high potential businesses, Iwi, Land Trusts and Incorporations, including, Wakatu, Tauhara No2 Trust, Ngāti Porou, Te whānau a Apanui, Miro, Robotics plus, Ngāti Whātua and Tuaropaki.

I am now in a unique position to use my knowledge, experience, skills and networks to add real value as a trustee at Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore.

Mauri ora

