



Taranaki Iwi
me tōnġai harakeke

2017 Trustee Elections - Candidate Profiles - Ordinary and Extraordinary Vacancies

Note: Candidates are allowed to stand for both vacancies. If a candidate is elected to both positions they will need to choose their preferred term and then withdraw from the other election. The next highest polling candidate in the other election will then be confirmed as the successful candidate for that election.

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GALLAGHER Pat

Pepeha:

Ko Taranaki tōku maunga

Ko Taranaki tōku iwi

Ko Ngati Tamaahuroa me
Titahi ōku hapū

Ko Rangihuatau raua ko Mary Hikaka ōku
tūpuna

Ko Terry raua ko Bebe Gallagher ōku
mātua

Ko tōku ingoa Patrick Gallagher

Occupation:

Accountant

Current Qualification:

BCA (Accounting and Commercial Law),
Victoria University.

Professional Memberships:

Chartered Accountants of Australia and
New Zealand;

Institute of Directors, New Zealand

Candidate Statement:

Throughout my professional career in the public sector, principally in the Department of Justice and Inland Revenue, I have built strong skills in management, accounting and law. My analytical and pragmatic approach assisted me to succeed in the application of those skills.

I was on the negotiating team for the Ngaruahine settlement with the Crown and am currently a trustee on the Board of Te Korowai o Ngaruahine Trust, the governance entity for Ngaruahine. I have found this position to be an excellent base to gain deeper insight and understanding of the needs of hapū whom I have visited and engaged with in order to be able to represent their interests around the Board table.

My main priority if elected, will be to make a strong and active contribution to the development of Te Kahui o Taranaki asset base for the benefit and advancement of our Iwi and hapū.

I am an independent thinker, unafraid to ask the hard questions and the perseverance to continue until my concerns are addressed. I value integrity, openness and ethical behaviour and I enjoy learning and discovering new things.



LEATHERBY Donna Marie Rawinia

Pepeha:

Ko Taranaki te Mounġa

Ko Taranaki toku Iwi

Ko Ngati Haupoto toku
Hapū

Ko Parihaka toku Papakainga, Ko Te
Potaka toku Marae

Ko Johnny raua ko Kaiwai Leatherby oku
mātua,

Ko Desmond raua ko Rawinia Leatherby
oku mātua tupuna

Ko Rawinia (Donna) Leatherby toku
ingoa.

Occupation:

Rawinia is currently a Manager in Public Health Unit, Taranaki District Health Board with past experience (25 years) working in Māori Health within Taranaki.

Professional Memberships:

Rawinia is the current chairperson of Te Potaka Marae, deputy chair for Para Kore Marae Board (national waste minimisation education and training initiative). She is also a current trustee for Taranaki Cancer Society and Taranaki Tū Mai Trust.

Candidate Statement:

Iwi Māori, health professionals and community members have described Rawinia as an advocate for Māori and equity, supportive towards Iwi aims and goals, encouraging working together with positive relationships and solutions.



NGAWHARE Dennis

Pepeha:

Ko Taranaki te maunga

Ko Taranaki te iwi

Ko Taranaki te tupuna

Candidate Statement:

Taranaki iwi is an integral part of my identity and I'm proud of our inspirational history of strong and courageous men and women. Their leadership and service are the examples I've tried to follow at Puniho Pā as a trustee, kaimahi, kaikōrero and now chairman.

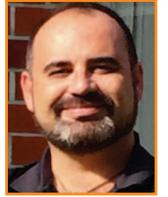
Although I live in Taranaki, I grew up in Auckland, so I'm very aware of the challenges facing our cousins who live away from the maunga. However after nearly twenty years of involvement in Taranaki tribal affairs, I have insight and understanding of the issues facing us as hapū, marae, whānau and individuals. Over the years I've also gained valuable experience in the Education sector including administering a million-dollar fund for taura support at Auckland University and achieving a doctorate from Victoria University. Currently I'm managing the Rangiatea campus of Te Wānanga o Aotearoa in New Plymouth.

And I can still do the dishes and help at the hāngi pit.

My vision for Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi Trust is a capable organisation that unites people, defends our interests, encourages cultural reconnection and cultivates the prosperity of our hapū, marae and whānau. If elected to the trust, I promise to be accountable, proactive and serve the iwi to the best of my ability.

Representing our iwi is a serious responsibility and I will contribute positive solutions that will improve our tribe in the present and benefit future generations.

Tihe te Taranakitanga!



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RITAI Damon Paul Waru-Te-Puu

Pepeha:

Ko Taranaki te mounga.

Ko Kurahaupō te waka.

Ko Taranaki tūturu te iwi.

Ko Ngāti Haupoto, ko Waiotama nga hapu.

Ko Waiari te papakāinga ki Waiotama.

Ko Otukaia, ko Kaipī nga urupā tapu .

Ko Reweti Joe Ritai, rātou ko Flora Mirimata Mitchell, ko Taniwha Sonny Waru, ko Ani Reta Watson ōku tupuna.

Ko Alex Te Nohoanga Pani Ritai raua ko Pam Te Urumairangi Waru Pirihi ōku mātua.

Ko Damon Paul Waru-Te-Puu toku ingoa.

Occupation:

Principal for 11 years Frankley School, I have been in education since 1995

Qualifications:

Degree in Education,

Diploma in Teaching, Diploma in Computer Education

Personal interests:

Te Reo Māori me ōna Tikanga, Whakapapa - Genealogy, Music - Guitar, Ukulele, Alto Saxophone, Coaching sports.

Community involvement:

Owae Marae Paepae kaikorero, Toroanui Marae Chairperson (Parihaka Pā) and Paepae kaikorero.

Candidate Statement:

Board governance experience, strong leadership, future focused.

I have had 11 years experience in Board management and governance, making informed decisions that focus on the vision of the organisation. Strong leadership that founded on the values of manākitanga, aroha, whakapono, tumanako. I always have an eye to the future and the path that we lay for our rangatahi and future generations o Te Kāhui o Taranaki.

“E kore au e ngaro, he kākano au i ruia mai i Rangiātea.”



TUUTA Raymond

Iwi/Hapū Affiliation:

Taranaki Iwi (Ngāti Haupoto), Ngāti Mutunga, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Maru

Qualifications:

Currently studying towards Bachelor of Business Studies

Occupation:

Project Manager / Administration

Candidate Statement:

He mokopuna nā Taituha (Pipi) Leatherby rāua ko Wāti Conroy i te taha o tōku whaea, me Te Keepa Tuuta rāua ko Mahere Conroy i te taha o tōku pāpā.

I commit all my time and energy to improving outcomes for my iwi and our communities. I enjoy being hands-on in all that I do, whilst also understanding the roles and responsibilities of a trustee that sits at an iwi governance table. I'm a firm believer in the notion that you need to be on the ground with the people and amongst them if you are to create a positive ripple effect that will motivate whānau to re-connect with their iwi. I'm open, honest and not afraid to seek the information and knowledge that will enable me to understand the history, current situation, and future aspirations of Taranaki Iwi.

What is important to me is that we as an iwi work collectively and support each other so that all Taranaki Iwi marae are prosperous and thriving. I believe a collaborative effort will empower and enhance the mana of each marae, in a way that our tūpuna would be proud.

I am a Te Pōtaka Marae trustee, Urenui Pā secretary & trustee, kapa haka tutor, netball coach, and staunch supporter of Taranaki Tū Mai!



WATSON Morgana

Pepeha:

Ko Taranaki te mounga

Ko Aotea te waka

Ko Matanehunehu te awa

Ko Pūniho te pā

Ko Taranaki nui tonu te iwi

Tēnā koutou katoa

Morgana is a cultural consultant and the Kaiako Māori at Govett-Brewster Art Gallery (7 yrs). She served on the Oakura Pā Board of Trustees, is trained in Governance and is an active member for her iwi. A well known musician and highly proficient in Te Reo, Morgana also instigated and co-curated the toi māori mural “Te Kureitanga II IV” to increase indigenous presence in the contemporary artspace.

The mokopuna of Te Whetu Marama (Cappy) and Doreen Erueti (nee MacLeod), Morgana's ability to connect to people supports her ongoing service to her iwi through solution-based, innovative leadership.

Waiho mā rātou, e mihi: (Testimonials – engagement & leadership)

“...it was heartening when Morgana was prepared to put her time, energy, and talent, into supporting the cause ... We are appreciative of [her] support and wish her every success!” - Peter Tennent QSO | Campaign Chair – The Cathedral Project

“I have found [Morgana] to be both approachable and a talented Kaiako, enabling me to appreciate not only learning the language, but an appreciation of tikanga...” – Dr Dominic Firkin, Dentist and Practice Consultant.

Candidate Statement:

Ka kāria, ka ruingia, ka whāngai hoki i tō tatou māra huhua o Taranaki Iwi. Kawea te kai ā ō tātou tūpuna, tukuna atu anō ki ngā uri mō āpōpō.

