



NGĀTI WHĀTUA
ŌRĀKEI

2025 ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

CANDIDATE PROFILES

Election of FIVE (5) Representatives

Twenty-two (22) candidates are standing in the election.
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BLAIR Renata

It would be an honour to once again represent you on the Trust.

Over the past four years, we've seen strong growth and success, and faced challenges together. I've worked hard to uphold our values and represent our iwi with pride, whether in the commercial world, leading karakia, supporting our iwi at Te Matatini, or standing on the paepae to deliver whaikōrero at tangihanga.

My commitment is simple: I want the very best for our people and for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to thrive.

I bring governance experience from serving on boards such as AUT University, the IMSB, and Eden Park. I also represent the Trust on Whai Rawa, where we continue to advance initiatives such as Toi Tupu (our savings fund), and support whānau into homeownership.

Most importantly, I remain visible and present on our marae. I'm deeply connected to our people and would be privileged to continue serving you.

Kei taku iwi, kei aku toto, nei noa taku manawa, e mihi atu nei.

E tupu ora ana tō tātou whenua rangatira, tō tātou reo rangatira, me ā tātou mokopuna rangatira, me te aha, kua nui noa atu te werohia o tō tātou iwi, o Ngāti Whātua e iwi kē atu, i tata, i tawhiti rānō hoki.

Nā reira, tēnei ahau ko tō whanaunga e tū mataara nei, e wehi kore nei, e rite mārika nei hoki ki te tū hei pou whakairo mō tātou.

Neke atu i te 13 tau ahau e tū pokohiwi tahi ana me ngā toa o te iwi i te mura o tēnei ahi e ora tonu ana i ngā piki me ngā heke. He kanohi kitea, he reo rangona hoki i Te Paepae a te Kawau me ngā taumata katoa o Te Kahu Tōpuni o Tuperiri, he karanga nō ngā kaupapa hirahira o te wā.

Kua riro taku manawa i ngā kaupapa whakahirahira o te iwi, pērā i te whakawhanaketanga o tō tātou ake reo, o tō tātou ake hauora, o tō tātou ake pūkenga ki te ao pakihi, ki te ao ōhanga, me ngā mahi hoki i te ao hākinakina.

Nā reira, kei taku iwi, ki te whakatū anō koutou i ahau, ka tū hoki koutou ki taku taha, he mana nō tātou, he reo rangatira nō tātou, he whakaaro kotahi nō tātou, mō ā tātou mokopuna te take.

Ko tō manawa, ko tōku manawa, mō Whātua i te ao, i te pō.



CLARK Precious

E ngā uri o Tuperiri, he mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa.

E rere tonu ana te toto tapu o aku tini tupuna mai i a Tuperiri, Āpihai Te Kawau, Piupiu raua ko Eruini Hawke ki roto i ahau.

Ko ahau te tamāhine o Patu raua ko Nobby Clark.

Ko Precious Clark ahau, e mihi atu nei ki a koutou Ngāti Whātua heru hāpai.

I'm seeking reappointment to maintain stability, consistency, and to continue to progress our mahi. I care deeply about our whakapapa and our future; our mokopuna, kaumātua, culture, reo, our whenua and taiao.

I stand for:

- Upholding the mana of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei
- Strengthening our reo, tikanga, matauranga and establishing a Kura-a-Iwi
- Finding ways to support whānau to move through their life stages
- Fostering connections with our Kaipara whānau
- Driving economic success to fund whānau focussed kaupapa

Through our collective leadership we have achieved amazing things, including building Hawaiiki housing, growth of our reo and tikanga, hosting Te Matatini and showcasing ourselves at The America's Cup in Barcelona.

However, we are still feeling the effects of Covid and the economic recession that has followed, so we require strategic, experienced and caring leadership to navigate us.

The skills I bring are:

He Kanohi kitea

- Active contributor to Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei governance, marae and hapū activities
- Represented Ngāti Whātua at Te Matatini as part of Te Uri o Manumanu

Proven leader

- Chief Executive of my business Maurea Consulting. We work to improve outcomes for Māori and have survived despite this tough economic and political climate
- Experienced Governor and current Chair of Auckland Museum Taumata-a-Iwi
- Served two terms on NWŌ Trust. I'm a solid contributor, always turn up ready to do mahi and be in service to our whānau.



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Education and connections

- Degree in Law and Arts from Auckland University
- International legal experience
- Well connected to business leaders, Councillors and MP's

Culturally astute

- Speaker of te reo, practitioner of tikanga, kaikaranga at our marae
- Raising my whānau in a kaupapa Māori environment

Commercially astute

- Successfully run my own business
- On the Whai Rawa Board from 2012 – 2022 that grew our net equity value by 400% to \$1.2B

I will continue to work in service of our Iwi and appreciate your tautoko to do that as part of our Trust Board.

DAVIS Tama

Kei aku nui, kei aku rahi, nei rā te mihi ki a tātou, ngā uri o Tuperiri.

Ko Wiremu Reweti rāua ko Kane Nepu Paora ōku tūpuna tuatahi.

Ko Piriniha Davis rāua ko Esther Davis ōku mātua.

Ko au te pōtiki o tā rāua hononga.

Ko Ōrākei tōku tūrangawaewae.

Ko Tama Davis ahau.

With deep roots in our whenua and whakapapa, I bring extensive leadership experience across the health, education, and business sectors. I am a proud member of the Institute of Directors, hold an MBA, and have completed postgraduate studies in Māori Business Development, Māori Performing Arts, and Health Science.

Ōku pūkenga span from the marae to the boardrooms of major organisations, and into the heart of our communities—through small business ownership and mahi aroha for grassroots initiatives.

I stand for:

- Tino rangatiratanga and cultural integrity
- Warm, healthy, and sustainable homes for our growing whānau
- Healthy whenua and wai for future generations
- Continued investment in hauora, education, and career pathways for our tamariki, mokopuna, and all uri o Tuperiri

Support for Māori entrepreneurship and innovation

Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou katoa. I am humbled to serve and committed to building strong foundations for generations to come.



FAIERS SKIPWITH Mia Jan

Serving as an Elected Representative is a privileged position and I am thankful to stand as a trust board nomination.

As a child, I ran barefoot across Takaparawhau, and although I left Tamaki Makaurau some years ago, my whenua has carried me through the darkest of days.

Living in Australia has given me a greater sense of whanaungatanga & connecting with my wider whānau. Working for an Aboriginal organisation (VACCA), allows me to advocate for fairness, equity, transparency, accountability & respect for my Aboriginal clients & colleagues & their lived experiences and associated intergenerational trauma directly caused by colonisation.

With 30+ years experience as a volunteer leader for children & youth, & women's welfare, I've seen manaakitanga (kindness, generosity) change lives.

We are only as strong as the weakest among us.

Ko Ngāti Whātua Orākei tōku iwi

Ko Dawn Hawke tōku mama

Ko Mia Faiers Skipwith ahau



GLOVER Holly

Tēnei au e mihi atu nei.
Nō te taha o tōku māmā
Ko Mahuhu-ki-te-Rangi te waka
Ko Waitematā te moana
Ko Tauwhare te maunga
Ko Whititera o Rewiti me Ōrākei ngā marae
Ko Te Taou te hapū
Ko Tuperiri te tangata
Ko Povey-Uruamo te whānau
Ko Arthur Henry Povey tōku tipuna tāne
Ko Nelda Povey tōku kuia
Ko Melanie Glover tōku māmā
Nō te taha o tōku papa
Ko Horouta te waka
Ko Uawa te awa
Ko Titirangi te maunga
Ko Hauiti te marae
Ko Ngāi Tutekohi te hapū
Ko Te Aitanga-a-Hauiti te iwi
Ko William Glover tōku pāpā
Ko Holly Glover ahau.



Raised with the guidance of our kaumatua, I have carried forward the values of honesty, integrity, and standing firm for what is right. I bring a fresh rangatahi perspective, eager to learn and contribute while remaining humble and guided by our tikanga. Experience wise, I have marae governance expertise, financial knowledge and strategic thinking alongside my daily work with Māori communities. Confident with technology and our developing tech world, I see opportunities to strengthen our collective's future while protecting our tikanga and culture. My focus is on honouring the sacrifices of those before us, ensuring transparency in decision-making, and listening to all voices so that we prepare a future for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei built on truth, trust, and collective wellbeing. I'd be honoured to receive your vote.

Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.

HAWKE Sharon Aroha

Tēnā koutou oku whanaunga. He mihi mahana ki a koutou kātoa.

I am standing for the Ngāti Whātua Orākei Trust once again to follow through on a commitment I made when I was in my thirties. Most of us want to give back to our people, our whenua and whānau. I knew belonging to my family there was expectation that I too would be standing where my father, his brother, and his son stood. Our Trust has developed in its own way within the influence of those who have stood as a working table of nine elected representatives. Some of you have put me here. I am asking you to keep the faith you have in me. If I can stand on my own two feet, with your support and aroha, I will continue to fulfil that promise to commit.

Nō reira, ko te hapai ki muri ko te mangai ki mua.

Na

Sharon Aroha Hawke



HOPA Otene

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Ko Otene Hopa ahau, uri nā Tarahawaiki, uri nā Paewhenua ka heke ki ōku karani ki a Huiterangiora (Aunty Helen Netana) ki a Wipāhaka (Reweti) nā rāua ka puta ko Te Tuhi Mareikura, ka puta ko Pauline Hopa tōku whaea.



Kua whitu tau i taku hokinga mai ki ngā takahanga waewae ō ōku karani, nā, nō te tīmatanga o te tau kua tūturu taku noho ki Ōrākei ki ngā whare hou e tū ana ki Hawaiki.

Katoa ō ōku kawenga i au, he mea whakaū i taku pono i taku aroha nui ki tōku iwi. Ka mutu, kua rongo ahau i te whakapono mai o te iwi ki au, ko konei ahau mihi nui atu ai.

Kua ora ahau i ngā āheitanga kua tukuna mai hei pīkauranga mōku. Ko ngā mahi o te taumata kōrero tēnā, ko ngā takinga karakia tēnā, ko te whakakanohi i te iwi ki ngā hui me ngā kaupapa nui o te motu me te ao tēnā. Kua whai wāhi atu ahau kia noho hei future director ki te poari o Whai Rawa, ā, kua noho hoki hei tauira ki ngā kaupapa o Te Matakahi me Te Matatūāhu.

Nō konei kua whakaaro ake au kia tū hei kaitarahiti mo te pōari. Ko te whāinga nui, ko te whakaū i ngā hiahia o te iwi me te whānau e whanake ano ai tātou ki taumata kē atu. E ara he rā hou, e ara he whanaketanga hou, Tīhei Mauri Ora!

Returning home to the hill has deepened my sense of belonging and strengthened my responsibility to our iwi. My journey is about coming back, reconnecting, and doing the mahi alongside our people, finding my tūrangawaewae. I believe every whānau member and uri o Tuperiri deserves to know and stand proudly on theirs.

My superpower is that I have an open heart to Manaaki: Taking time to really listen, spend time and build whanaungatanga. This is the tūāpapa of strong connection and whanaungatanga.

As a Cultural Consultant, I spend each day bringing the corporate world closer to the wisdom of Te Ao Māori. If elected, I will hold us accountable to these values, ensuring that in every decision we remember we are first and foremost an iwi and whānau organisation. Together, we can honour our past, empower our present, and protect our future.

IRVINE Tom

Ko Ngāti Whātua te iwi
Ko Tuperiri tōku tupuna
Nā Tuperiri ko Tarahawaiiki
Nāna ko Atareta
Nāna ko Rēweti
Nāna ko Wiremu Te Whenua
Nāna ko Pāora Rēweti
Nāna ko Pirinihia Rēweti
Nāna ko Esther Viola Rēweti
Nāna ko Merekaraka Talbot



Nāna ko au, ko Tom Irvine e tono atu nei

Tenā koutou katoa me ngā mihi nui hoki e te whānau, ngā uri o Tuperiri.

Tōku whakapapa, also connects me to Tuperiri through our Whakaariki and Paewhenua lines. With this deep whakapapa connection to you all, I was born to serve our whānau.

Ko au ko Ngāti Whātua, ko Ngāti Whātua ko au.

An empathetic leader with 20 years' experience in senior leadership roles (including 5 years at Whai Maia), combined with a range of community, commercial and national governance board experience. I also bring broad business contacts, strong Iwi and Civic engagement, and sincere love of Tāmaki Makaurau and our people.

With my broad commercial acumen, governance experience and drive for whānau equity, I will make a positive contribution on our Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust Board.

If elected, my focus will be supporting structures, strategies and on the ground kaupapa that ensure current and future generations of our whānau are healthy, happy, prosperous and are connected to our culture.

“Ka ki mai koe ki au, he aha te mea nui o te ao?

Maku e ki atu... He Tangata, He Takiwa, He Take ”

Ngā manaakitanga, mauri Whātua!

KEMP Henry

Ko Wai Au

I te taha o tōku māmā

Ka moe a Tuperiri i a Kura Roa

Kia puta ake ko Tarahawaiki

Nāna ko Āpihai Te Kawau

Nāna ko Herawhakamana

Nāna ko Hāmiora Pateoro

Nāna ko Te Hira Pateoro.

Nāna ko Kirihipina Matekuri.

Nāna ko Takurauāroha Tahana.

Nāna ko Ngaroma Cullen.

Nāna ko au

Ko Henry Kemp ahau

Academic Qualifications:

Bachelor of Arts (Social Policy). Bachelor of Social Work (Biculturalism in Practice). Certificate in Business Management. Certificate in Rongoā Māori. Diploma in Rongoā Māori.

Current Position:

Practicing Registered Social Worker.

Governance Experience:

Pouto Topu A Ahuwhenua Trust - Secretary. Orakei Marae Board – Chair. Rangitane Hall Committee – Treasurer. Orakei Marae Health & Social Service Inc - Committee Member. Nā Te Rau Aroha ō Ngā Tuākana nō Te Wao nui ō Tāne Inc – Chair. Dargaville Community Development Board - Board Member. Komiti Marae Orakei Trust – Current Chair.

Personal Interests:

Sailing, Muscle Cars, Camping, Fishing, and Te Taiao.

Profile Statement:

Kia ora Whanau I was born in Orakei we lived in 78 Kitemoana Street raised old school, by a strong Waikato grandmother, taught to live within my means, let your words and actions align, qualified with “that’s how your Tipuna were”. Constantly reminded of the importance of whakapapa and the obligations associated to Tipuna, Whanau and Whenua. The obligations associated to Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, and Kaitiakitanga, remember those from the past, and take care of the present for those who are to come. These principles were seared to the memory of a young impressionable mind that has echoed through the years of an aging adult and has formed a foundation of my personal and professional roles and my Governance approach.

Mauri ora.



MAIHI Hana

Ko Hana Maihi tōku ingoa, nō te whanau Maihi, Reweti hoki. I tupu ake au i raro i te maru o oku tupuna.

Our whenua, whakapapa and tikanga have shaped my commitment to kaupapa Māori. As a proud māmā and uri of Tuperiri, the orange of our whānau and iwi and taiao at large are at the heart of all kaupapa I dedicate myself to. My values and commitment to tupuna led and mokopuna- focused decisions have been shaped by our iwi and kaumātua growing up on the pā. I'm passionate about amplifying whānau voices and values in decision-making and bringing my diverse governance and life experience to the board.

Over most recent years and I have and continue to serve as a trustee of Aotearoa's largest community trust Foundation North, overseeing and implementing our Te Tiriti commitments across over 1.6 billion in investment and 52 million distributed across our Tāmaki, northland region this year. I dedicated most of the last 15 years to supporting rangatahi kaupapa and wānanga across the motu that shaped my broader understanding of our strengths and challenges as whānau and hapū and iwi. It was here I made my start on grassroots boards like our Marae Komiti that has left a lasting impression on what kaupapa Māori governance is to me - to resource the vision of our people and mokopuna to come.



MAIHI Santana

He mokopuna ahau nā Pateoro Weneti Maihi rāua ko Puti Maihi. I pakeke mai ahau ki te tiriti o Kitemoana, ki konā whakatakotohia ai te tūāpapa mō tō mātou whānau e toku Nan me tōku Papa.

From a young age, I watched my papa, Matepurua (Matt) Maihi, carry out his role as Ōrākei Marae Manager with unwavering dedication to our people. His passion for our people continues to inspire me and has instilled in me a deep sense of responsibility and pride in where I come from.

With over eight years' experience in the banking and finance sector, I've worked across consumer and business banking, operations, and now marketing. In my current role at one of the four major banks, in Aotearoa, I lead the brand aspect of consumer bank, while also championing Māori strategy and extra care initiatives that support our most vulnerable New Zealanders. At the heart of my work is a deep commitment to making decisions that support New Zealanders in reaching their financial goals - especially whānau Māori.

I am applying for our Trust Board because I care deeply about the wellbeing and success of our people. I believe in the potential of every hapū member, no matter their age or aspirations and I want to play an active role in supporting that potential.

I bring with me a strong foundation of corporate knowledge, strategic thinking, generational diversity but more importantly, I bring heart. I bring a deep love for our people, a belief in our collective strength, and a commitment to serve with integrity, transparency, and ambition for what we can achieve.



MARTIN Willy-John

I'm truly grateful for the profound difference our hapū's support and leadership have made in my life and in the lives of my whānau. Standing for the Trust Board is an opportunity to give back and support the thriving future of Ngā Uri o Tuperiri.

I bring over 20 years of experience across science, health, and technology, including leadership in national policy and Māori research investment. My current role as Director of Māori Science, Innovation and Technology in a national leadership position gives me insight into how we can better harness mātauranga, research, and innovation for the benefit of our hapū.

I care strongly about maintaining connections with whānau in Australia and across Nukuroa/Aotearoa, so that wherever we are, we thrive as one hapū, proudly claiming and living our Whātuatanga.

I'm committed to showing up fully, bringing the best of my experience, judgement, and heart to serve our people.



MERCER David

Ko David Mercer tēnei. Chairman of Whiti Te Rā – Reweti Marae. Son of

Tamaki, mokopuna of Tui Pairama Mu. I stand on #tika #pono #whakapapa—truth, integrity, and ancestral connection.

My governance journey began at 16 as Selwyn College's student board rep, and continues through decades of voluntary service and marae leadership. As Chairman, I've upheld strong, transparent governance rooted in tikanga and community accountability.

Professionally, I've worked across film, television, and live events—mentored by icons like Merata Mita and Don Selwyn. From directing Waka Huia to filming ANZAC Day LIVE, my camera honours whakapapa and cultural nuance.

I bring creative vision, solid governance, and deep commitment to kaupapa Māori. I offer my service to strengthen our marae, empower our people, and ensure our stories are led with integrity and heart.

Tēnā tātou katoa.



MOREHU Te Arepa

Kei aku huānga o Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, tēnā koutou katoa.

Ko Te Arepa Morehu tōku ingoa. He uri ahau nō Tuperiri, nō Paewhenua rāua ko

Whakaariki. Ka noho ahau ki te Papakāinga, tata atu ki Ōrākei marae – te manawa o tō tātou iwi. Ko te marae he kāingarua mā taku whānau, ā, e tokorima āku tamariki kōrero

Māori e tupu ake nei i te mana tuku iho o te ahikā, me tōna ahurea Māori.

Ko te reo te mauri o te mana Māori – he kupu e kawē ana i aku mahi, i aku wawata hoki

mā te iwi nei. He ngākau nui tōku ki te oranga tonutanga o ō tātou whānau, hapū, me te iwi whānui.

Kua roa au e whai wāhi ana ki ngā kaupapa o te iwi hei kaikawē, hei kaitautoko, hei ahikā.

Ka tae atu ki ngā karakia, ngā pōhiri, ngā mihi whakatau, ki roto anō hoki i te wharekai. He māngai hoki ahau mō te iwi i ngā horopaki huhua puta noa i Tāmaki.

I am passionate about supporting and advocating for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei kaupapa across our city, often attending karakia, pōwhiri and other hui alongside our kaumātua.

Outside of the wharenui, you may also find me on Te Kawau, in the kitchen, or looking for my tamariki.

In my professional life, I serve as the Tumuaki Māori at Tāmaki Paenga Hira – Auckland Museum, where I create pathways for iwi, hapū, and whānau to be seen and heard in important spaces. Over my career I have worked in technology, communications, and banking, which has equipped me with a broad perspective, as well as the finance and strategic skills needed at our top governance table.

I currently sit on several governance boards, where I offer fresh thinking, set strategy, and manage the hard stuff. Now, I am seeking your support for the opportunity to do this mahi on behalf of ngā uri o Tuperiri on the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust.

If you vote for me, you're voting for someone who is committed to the kaupapa, who is grounded and present in the community, contributing to decisions and aspirations for our tamariki and mokopuna of today, and of those to come. Karawhiua!

Ngā manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa.

Te Arepa Morehu



PAPA Bernadette

He mokopuna tenei a Nanny Taku, ko Paki Tahana raua ko Kirihipina Matekuri Pateoro ōna mātua. Te kōtiro pōtiki a Makawe 'Kawe' Such (nee Cullen), ko Bernadette Papa tōku ingoa.

Whānau comes first for me and I love to hear about and develop solutions to whānau needs, concerns and moemoeā. I support efforts to ensure whānau feel connected and included wherever we may live and when returning home to Tāmaki Makaurau, the marae and papakāinga.

Having endured and overcome major struggles and separation as whānau from 'Boothill', I stand proud of the aroha and toto that flows through and connects us as Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. I hold the values of manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and kaitiakitanga in high regard and these should guide our governance and decision-making.

After completing a post-graduate degree in 2002, I have worked mainly in the kaitiakitanga and Tiriti partnerships space for iwi, central and local government. Having worked for the Department of Conservation and Auckland Council for well over a decade, I have professional insight and experience to contribute.

I have been a hapū representative on the Tūpuna Maunga Authority and former chair of the ALD Whānau Trust. I have a passion for ngā taonga tuku iho o ngā tūpuna, especially our raranga-whatu (weaving) arts as well as access to natural resources to sustain our cultural practices.

Mauri ora!



PHILLIPS Steve

As a direct descendant of Apihai Te Kawau, mokopuna of Tuperiri

I stand as a candidate guided by Whakapapa, Tikanga, Whenua and our Tupuna.

My commitment is to accountability, transparency, and fairness for all Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei beneficiaries.



The Trust exists to serve our people, yet current leadership creates different classes of hapū members, undermining tikanga and whanaungatanga.

Health: The removal of NIB cover for whānau living abroad must be reversed to protect the health and wellbeing of our whanau living in Australia.

Housing: The Trust has failed to provide a fair and equitable housing model. All whānau inherit the right to live on our whenua without the threat of eviction ever again.

Debt: Growing tribal debt threatens the future of our mokopuna. A forensic audit is essential.

Whenua: No SALE of Whenua and No Long Leases (175 yrs) without hapū consensus.

I pledge to restore trust, end opaque practices, and ensure governance reflects our Tupuna values.

POLLOCK Vicky

Ko Tuperiri

Ko Whakaaariki

Ko Whatarangi

Ko Tautari

Ko Wiremu Watene Tautari raua Ko Kirihipina
Pateora

Ko Taoho Watene

Ko Kiwara Taoho Watene

Ko Harry Taoho Watene

Ko au, ko Vicky Pollock

I am an artist and weaver with Te Puāwai Weavers, and a proud member of Te Puru o Tamaki kaumātua kapa haka, and an active member of the NWO Kaumātua Roopu.

Although I was not brought up on the papakāinga, in later years I have found deep value and purpose in my involvement on the marae, strengthening my connection to our people and kaupapa.

I have served as Chair of the Manukau Sister City Committee, sat on local school boards, contributed to cultural, environmental, and community initiatives, and served on my whanau Ahu Whenua Trust.

These experiences have reinforced my belief that leadership must be present kanohi ki te kanohi with whānau, listening openly and acting with integrity. If elected, I will work with my fellow Trustees and our community to uphold our tikanga, protect our whenua and moana, and create opportunities for our iwi to thrive.

Whānau mā, your vote is your voice, he waka eke noa, let us move forward together with unity and purpose.



RAWIRI Anahera

Tēnā tātou e te whānau,

I am a Māmā of 4, raising my tamariki in Ōrākei, guiding them through kura. I see the benefits of being strong in our reo, active in sport and achieving academically - a balance that sets our children up to succeed.

Our mokopuna deserve conditions to thrive, not just survive. That means investing in opportunities that keep us well - culturally, physically and academically.

We have a \$1.5bn asset base with low cash returns. We need to grow our assets and increase our income so we can invest more into education, health, housing and cultural wellbeing.

I have served the iwi as a kaimahi delivering housing, nib health insurance and Toi Tupu. I bring governance experience from the Waitemātā Local Board, Jasmax and the Auckland Urban Design Panel.

Invest in ourselves, on our own terms.

All the best to our whānau standing in this election.



RUA Matt

“Ina kite koe tētahi mea hē ki mua, whakatikangia, ina kore ka rite koe ki taua hē.” “If you see something wrong in front of you, you are duty bound to correct it. If you do not, you will become like it.”

I stand for the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust because transparency is the foundation of trust. My previous removal from the Board was not for neglecting the Trust Deed, but for promoting openness and requesting accountability.

Then, I lacked the tools I now have—tools that protect fairness and our taonga from costly legal layers and propaganda. If elected, I will call for a full audit, to set a clear baseline from which integrity can grow.

With the right committed people, visibility is achievable. I will ensure the Trust’s operations are fully transparent. Performance ratios and true evaluation are now possible at the push of a button.

#tika #pono #whakapapa



STEEDMAN Michael John

Kei aku Whātua nuku, aku Whātua neke
I roto i ngā kupu, kia tau iho ngā
manaakitanga ki runga ki tēnā, ki tēnā o tātou
Ko au tētahi o te whānau Reweti, me te
whānau Paora

Ko Wiremu Piriniha Reweti rāua ko Maggie
Davis (nee Ferrall) ōku mātua tūpuna

Ko Pikiteora Maryanne Steedman (nee Davis) rāua ko John
Steedman ōku mātua, ko Barry Olsen (Ngā Puhi) hoki taku pāpā
whāngai

Ko Rob, Phil aku tēina, Ko Lil taku tuahine

Ko Tui Kaumoana tōku makau

Ko Arama, Leane, Maire, Aroha, Tainui aku tamariki, ko
Tarahawaiki taku mokopuna

Ko Michael Steedman taku ingoa.

Tēnā tatou katoa,

My governance and leadership experience is grounded in
education and service to our people. For the past 16 years I
have worked at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland,
currently as the Kaiarataki | Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori.

I belong to Te Whare Tū Tauā o Aihe under Malcolm Kerehoma,
and kaihaka of Te Puru o Tāmaki and Hātea Kapa Haka.

If elected, I bring:

- A strong track record in governance, strategic planning and financial management skills.
- Commitment to positive decision-making for the benefit of all whānau.
- Dedication to developing opportunities for our people locally and globally — in education, culture, and research.
- A practitioner of our tikanga, te reo, across te Kahu Tōpuni o Tuperiri, ki te ao hoki.

It would be an honour to serve our whānau, uphold the mana of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, and to ensure our mokopuna inherit a thriving future.



TIPENE Graham

Tena tatou e aku Rangatira.

It has been an honour to serve on the Ngāti Whātua Orākei Trust from 2021 to 2025.

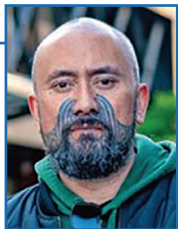
In my 4 years as an elected trust member I have been privileged to be part of the inner workings of Ngāti Whātua and help make decisions for positive future outcomes for our people. Im reminded of those who served on past Ngāti Whātua Orākei Trust Boards who made hard decisions that we are currently benefiting from. Everything Ngāti Whātua is today is due in part to hard decisions made by a strong board with strong leadership.

It's this thinking that pushes me to run for this round of elections for the Ngāti Whātua Orākei Trust Board 2025 to 2029. The work our team has completed in the last 4 years is only part of the bigger picture and future progress of Ngāti Whātua. The new developments currently in play for Ngāti Whātua needs a team that understands the work that has been done since 2021 and before. The ability to monitor the progress with the people who helped shaped the decision seems like a win for all.

To serve my people for the next 4 years will mean I can continue to offer a unique perspective for decisions being made for our people. To serve my people for the next 4 years will ensure I can continue to bring a voice to the table for those who can talk to me yet shy away from talking to others. To serve my people for the next 4 years will mean I can continue to fight for opportunities that will otherwise evade our people.

Nga Manaakitanga nui ki a tatou katoa

Graham Tipene



WOODS Harry

Ko Tauwhare te maunga
Ko Wai-Patu-Kahu te awa
Ko Mahuhu – ki te rangi te waka
Ko Ngāti Whātua te iwi
Ko Te Taoū te hapu
Ko Reweti te marae
Ko Te Taou te whare tūpuna
Ko Tuterangi Netana raua ko Tame Akariri Pairama Mu ōku
tipuna
Ko Manuel Pairama toku koro
Ko Averil Pairama toku whaea
Ko Harry Woods ahau
Kia Ora Whanau,



I am honored to be nominated on behalf of my Pairama Mu whanau in the 2025 NWO Trust elections. My wife and I, and our 4 children, have been back in Auckland for 8 years, after travelling overseas, and I have always wanted to give back to our community by being more involved with the Iwi. I would be honored and humbled to take this opportunity to contribute to the development of our people, and carry on the legacy of our tūpuna

I bring a depth of commercial, executive, and governance experience to serve our whānau with integrity and purpose. With over 20 years in senior leadership roles across global businesses and high-growth Aotearoa-based enterprises, I've led strategic transformation, commercial growth, and long-term value creation for a diverse range of stakeholders.

I currently serve on multiple boards, and I have been the director of several businesses in Aotearoa and overseas, bringing strong financial acumen, risk management capability, and a commitment to sustainable impact.

My governance approach is anchored in tikanga, transparency, and whanaungatanga, ensuring that decisions uplift the collective and honour our tūpuna. I offer a steady hand, a clear commercial lens, and a deep commitment to advancing the aspirations of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei — from intergenerational wealth creation to social, cultural, and environmental wellbeing.

I stand for strong, accountable leadership that listens, leads with aroha, and protects our taonga for future generations.

Ngā Mihi,
Harry Woods

