



Candidate Profiles

2024 TRUSTEE ELECTION
Election of SEVEN (7) Trustees



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COMER Leith

Tēnā koutou Ngāti Rangitihī,

I have had the privilege and the pleasure of being a Trustee and the Chairman of Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust for the last 10 years.

Over that time we have achieved significant milestones the detail of which can be found on the Ngāti Rangitihī Website:

- Ngāti Rangitihī Settlement Act 2022
- Establishment of the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group
- Development of a Strategic Plan,
- A Commercial Arm to manage our financial affairs,
- A Charitable Trust to recognise and provide support to whānau

We now have a fully operational Trust Office with talented staff working collaboratively with Trustees.

I am currently the Chairman of the Tarawera Restoration Strategy Group and member of the Ngāti Tarawhai, Tuhourangi, Ngāti Rangitihī Iwi Consortium developing a tourist operation at Tarawera.

I am also responsible for leading the relationships with Central Government Ministers and Agencies, local Mayors and Council Staff, the Chairman and Staff of the BoP Regional Council and Iwi leaders across the Motu, particularly in the Mataatua and Te Arawa rohe.

There is more to do and while I am one of the older Trustees currently on the Trust I believe I still have a lot to offer.

I bring extensive experience from my 35 years of involvement in the business of Ngāti Rangitihī starting when I was the inaugural chair of Te Rununga o Ngāti Rangitihī and Ruawahia 28 Trust.

I remain committed to the aims and aspirations of our iwi.

I seek your support to be appointed for a further three years.

Nga mihi,
Leith



DEWES Cathy

Tena koutou e rau rangatira ma, otira tatou nei nga uri o Rangitihī Upoko Whakahirahira. Tena koutou katoa.

Ki o tatou tini mate, me kii, haere ra ki tua, ki reira okioki ai.

I am the great grand-daughter of Raureti Mokonuiarangi and I am proud to tread his path of working for the people.

Koro Raureti was involved in the establishment of the Te Arawa Maori Trust Board. I continued that commitment to the customary authority and governance over our lakes when Ngati Rangitihī elected me to be the first woman to sit at the board table. I am passionate about advocating and defending mana tuku iho and tino rangatiratanga which are our human and Tiriti o Waitangi rights.

Koro Raureti advocated for the provision of educational opportunities for Ngati Rangitihī children. He was one of the owners who gifted land for both the Matata Public and Matata Catholic schools. I have also committed to establish education initiatives in Maori, by Maori, and for Maori in order that the next generations will be secure in our language, identity and culture.

I have been a trustee of Te Mana o Ngati Rangitihī since its inception in 2008. I am proud of the progress that has been made and I look forward to continuing to work for you and our future generations.

I am deeply committed to achieving cultural sovereignty, economic security, health and well-being for Ngati Rangitihī. Aroha nui naku (tamahine a Koro Dewes raua ko Kura Raureti).



MARR Tiipene Perenara

Tuwharetoa, Te Atiawa, Ngāti Rangitihī

He uri o'Bill (Pop) Marr raua ko Olive Rangimotumotu Marr au, William Awatapu raua ko Shirley Marr ōku mātua,

I have spent over half my life protesting about our polluted awa (Black Drain), it is a whole lot cleaner now but still not drinkable or swimmable, there is still work to be done.

This is not about me but our awa and our children's children. Our settlement has given us hope that we will see it clean again. We are working with key stakeholders, Councils, Industries (Tasman), farmers to make this happen.

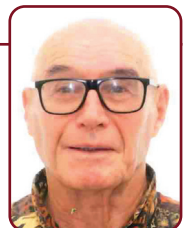
In our settlement we will get back 19,000 h.a. of Kaingaroa forest freehold, this WILL happen in 20 years time, a long time for us oldies, but for anyone under 50 it's not far away.

No reira

"He aha te meanui o tenei ao, maku e kī atu, he taiao, he taiao, he taiao"

To Pononga

Tiipene Marr



MASON Toma

I live and work in Wellington as a public servant in the areas of Policy and advocate for Maori by ensuring the

Government is meeting its Te Tiriti o Waitangi responsibilities and obligations. Whilst I live away from the haukainga, I continue to maintain a strong connection to home which enables me to better understanding the needs and aspirations of our whaanau both at home and abroad.

It has been a pleasure to serve as a Board of Trustee member for Te Mana o Ngaati Rangitihi Trust for the last 3 years. In this time, I have enjoyed leading the social arm of the Trust and working alongside the trustees of Te Mana o Ngaati Rangitihi Charitable Trust as the Chairperson.

I am proud of the mahi we have achieved including, setting up new grant categories (e.g. Kapahaka), providing opportunities for whaanau to re-connect with the marae and whenua (e.g. Parekawakawa o Hinenui te Poo, Matariki) and supporting whaanau in the areas of hauora (wellbeing) and te reo Maaori.

I am keen to begin mahi on providing platforms for rangatahi to engage with the Trust and lead in the development of their own aspirations. I would also like to start looking at establishing taura here roopu (regional groups) and developing ways of better supporting our whaanau in the regions to come together and to reconnect with home, the marae and our whenua.

I hope the above will serve as a worthy reason to have your vote.



NGAROPO Pouroto

JP, MNZM, MMS, BMS, Dip Tchng

Te Arawa, Mataatua, Takitimu, Tainui, Aotea o ngā waka

He mokopuna o ngā uri o rātau mā

“We determine and action our own mana motuhake—the authority to govern our own path, make empowered choices, and live with purpose. We are the kaitiaki of our own destinations in life.”

Living as ahi kā at Iramoko Marae in the Matatā-Manawahe region, I am privileged to work daily with the community, hapū, and iwi. With 30 years of governance experience, I have served on 28 boards, chairing 18, gaining extensive insight across government, iwi, and community groups.

Recently honoured with an honorary doctorate, I now focus on building capacity for iwi and hapū through trusts like the Tūhourangi Ki Otukawa Trust, Umuhika Lands Trust, Iramoko Marae Trust, and Ngāti Awa Ki Te Awa o Te Atua Rūnanga Trust. My work also involves cultural assessments, ceremonial blessings, and upholding traditional practices.

As an advocate for the revitalisation of Te Reo, Tikanga Māori, and Māori performing arts in the Mataatua and Te Arawa regions, I remain dedicated to empowering iwi and hapū. I serve on Ngāti Umutahi Trust, Te Awa o Te Atua Committee, and as Deputy Chairman of the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group, striving to enhance cultural capacity and collaboration.

“He tangata kite, he tangata mahi—I am a man of vision and action.”

Dr. Pouroto Ngaropō



PLAYLE Taichi

My focus if successful as a trustee on TMONR would be to build kaitiaki by restoring, preserving, strengthening.

Restoring our whakapapa and connection to our Pepeha through reciprocal relationships with Taiao

Preserve our pataka kai resources by active learning and mahi kai ako for sustainable whānau lifestyles
Strengthening our Reo rangātira by supporting Tamariki, rangātira and Whānau commitment

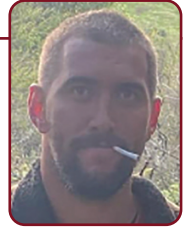
Ko Taichi ahau

He uri ahau nō Ngāti Rangitihi

Tokoiva nga tamariki, kua tata ahau hei koroua

E noho ana matou I Matatā

Tihe mauri ora



PRYOR Graham

If elected as a trustee of Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi, I would pursue the continued development of initiatives supported by Ngāti Rangitihi for the benefit of whānau of this and future generations of our iwi.

My experience includes almost four years chairing the investment company owned by Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust, which is responsible for managing the investment assets of Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust.

I am an accountant by profession and an experienced CEO, trustee and company director, having managed media businesses including MaiFM and Radio Waatea, consulted to business, investment management, and Treaty negotiation and currently contracted to Manukau Urban Māori Authority as its chief financial officer.

I was one of a three-person negotiation team that successfully negotiated the settlement of NZ's largest Treaty claim with the Crown settling the historical claims of eight Central North Island Iwi including Ngāti Rangitihi to 176,000 Ha of CNI forests land.



PRYOR Lynne Moewai

Kia ora koutou katoa.

Ko Lynne Moewai Pryor ahau.

Ko Ngāti Rangitihī te iwi.

No Matatā ahau.

My main goals are to enable the people of our iwi to thrive as a group by achieving their full potential through economic equity, providing training opportunities for our Rangatahi, focusing on good quality housing for our whānaunga and supporting aspirations of our marae-Rangitihī. If we utilise the skills and potential within our iwi, I believe it will bring our people back to strengthen Rangitihī Marae and in turn our Rangatahi for generations to come.

My work background of the last 30 odd years is in Food Business ownership & senior management, building training programs for employees, managing H & S for staff and contractors, liaising with corporate customers including roles in Sales, Compliance and HR. My current role is at Maketu Pies as the Compliance Manager & previously the Operations Manager.

I am trained in NZCS - Food Science and as a Lead Auditor-Food Safety & am a student of Pono Ki te Reo-Ngāti Rangitihī training program in the hope of growing my Reo everyday.

I would bring my experience to the many areas that Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī operate within and to help strengthen our future generations. As a strong & resilient iwi, we will not only improve the future outcomes for our people, our whenua and our environment but also make ours a great place to live and thrive.

Ngā mihi



ROSS Pretty

Kia ora e te whānau,

My name is Pretty Ross, and I am honoured to be nominated as a Trustee for Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī. With over 20 years of experience in leadership and strategic planning, I am deeply committed to contributing to the long-term success and well-being of our iwi. My approach to mahi is grounded in Taha Wairua, ensuring that all decisions and strategies I lead are firmly rooted in spiritual and cultural values.

Throughout my career, I have worked across various industries, honing my expertise in human resources, operations, and community-focused initiatives. I believe that a solution-focused mindset, combined with a strong sense of purpose, is essential to creating positive outcomes. My experience in strategic planning has enabled me to develop and implement initiatives that drive meaningful change, while fostering collaboration and inclusivity.

I am currently pursuing a Diploma in Psychology and Counselling, which will allow me to further support the well-being of our people. My passion lies in nurturing the collective growth of Ngāti Rangitihī, ensuring that we thrive both culturally and economically for future generations.

It would be a privilege to bring my skills, vision, and dedication to the role of Trustee, helping to safeguard and grow the future of our iwi.

Ngā mihi mui.



RAURETI Tracey

I was born and raised in Matatā. I have a teaching background. I spent 20 years working in London and Sydney. Now, I am the teacher of the Junior Classes at Saint Joseph's School, Matatā.

I've served one three-year term as a Trustee on Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust (TMONR) and am the only hau kainga representative on the Trust.

Part of my role as Trustee is as a member of the Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Charitable Trust (CT) where we have been able to disburse grants and have committed to supporting the haukainga and helping reconnect our people by bringing them home to Rangiaohia for Wananga and Whānau Days.

I am one of two, Ngāti Rangitihī committee members on the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) alongside other representatives from Ngāti Awa and Ngāti Tūwharetoa. The JAC was established to advise the Minister and the Department of Conservation on matters pertaining to Te Awa o te Atua, Whakapaukorero, and the Matatā Scenic Reserve. The mahi involved includes planting and animal pest control in the region so that our native species may flourish.

There are so many projects going on it's important that Trustees engage regularly with our iwi. I have experience in working at governance level and also place high priority supporting our community and working with our whānau on the ground.

