

## **Trustee Profile: Tania Hopmans**

Ka tuwhera a Maungaharuru, ka kati a Tangitū, Ka tuwhera a Tangitū, ka kati a Maungaharuru. Ko Ngāti Marangatūhetaua, Ngāti Kurumōkihi, Ngāi Tauira, Ngāti Whakaari rātau ko Ngāi Tahu ngā hapū. Ko Tangoio te marae. Ko Rangitere Taurima rāua ko Harata Taurima ōku tīpuna. Ko Pierre Hopmans rāua ko Daise Hopmans (nee Whakiao Taurima) ōku mātua. Ko James Burkitt tōku tane, ko Kahurangi rāua ko Hana āku tamariki. Ko Tania Marama Petrus Hopmans tōku ingoa. Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

## Skills and experience

LLB (Hons) Law degree with Honours, Victoria University, Wellington

Solicitor 10 years experience in law firms in New Zealand, London and Singapore. Initially

specialising in corporate, project and asset finance and debt restructuring, then

advising iwi groups in Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown

Key roles for hapū

2006–2008: managed Maungaharuru-Tangitū Incorporated's (MTI) successful opposition to the Unison applications for a wind farm on Maungaharuru in the

Environment Court (twice) & the High Court

2009: project manager, MTI, during the mandating phase prior to settlement

negotiations

2010-2013: manager & negotiator, MTI, for the Agreement in Principle, Deed of

Settlement & Ratification phases of MTI's settlement negotiations

Other positions Claimant for WAI 299 (Raupatu / Confiscation claim) lodged in 1992

Komiti member, MTI 1993-1997 & 2005-2013, current Deputy Chairperson

Iwi representative for Tangoio hapū on the Regional Planning Committee of the

Hawke's Bay Regional Council, 2012-current

## Aspirations

I am passionate about our marae and hapū. I am committed to seeing our whānau prosper. In this next step in our journey it is critical to ensure that our settlement assets are well managed and the income used wisely. Also, we need to develop smart strategies to realise the many aspirations that our whānau have for themselves, our marae and hapū. These are exciting times, and there will be many challenges.

What skills and experience can I share as a Komiti member / Trustee? I have been heavily involved in work for our hapū for more than 21 years (nearly half my life time), so I feel familiar with many of the issues affecting our whānau, hapū and marae. With our work I have had the opportunity to build connections in Hawke's Bay with key people, entities and iwi and those networks will help us in our endeavours in the future. I promise to continue to be hardworking, optimistic, analytical, thorough, patient and honest. I am willing to listen to what our whānau have to say and to work as part of a team to achieve our goals. Coming from Tangoio (and incredibly proud of that fact too), I also have a good sense of humour. A quality that is tremendously helpful in the tough times. Above all, you can count on me to give 110%. Nā reira, e te whānau o te hau kāinga, e noho ki wāhi kē atu, koira āku kōrero mō te wā. Tēna koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

