



MAUNGAHARURU  
T A N G I T Ū

# Profiles of Nominees for Trustee Elections

2017 Election of TWO (2) Trustees

## Trustee Elections

Enclosed with this booklet is a **blue** voting form for the election of Trustees for the Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust. Instructions on how to vote are on the voting form. Voting closes at **5pm Tuesday 21 March 2017**.

Below is a summary of the role, responsibilities and expectations of the Trustees. There are two vacancies and we have received four nominations. You may vote for up to two (2) nominees.

On the next four pages there are profiles about the nominees received from whānau from across Ahuriri and Australia.

## Role of the Trustees

The role of the Trustees includes:

- 🐟 strategic governance
- 🐟 management of affairs, business activities, assets and liabilities
- 🐟 representing the Hapū on various matters and in various forums
- 🐟 fostering and promoting amongst members of the Hapū:
  - 🐟 spiritual values, unity, support and cooperation
  - 🐟 recognition of traditional customs and values
  - 🐟 physical, social and economic wellbeing and advancement

## The Responsibilities of Trustees

Trustees are required to produce and maintain a current five year strategic plan and an annual plan. The plans must include:

- 🐟 objectives
- 🐟 strategic vision
- 🐟 nature and scope of the activities to perform the objectives of the Trust
- 🐟 performance targets and measurements (which the Trust may be judged against)
- 🐟 dealing with projected income
- 🐟 proposals for activities and management of the fund

## Profiles

Candidates were invited to provide a brief description (no longer than an A4 page) of their skills and experience relevant to the position of Trustee. Please read and consider the profiles provided by the nominees. These are their images and words, copied as they were provided to us.

## Erena Wairemana Cooper



*Nominated by: Aroha Taurima, George Reti, Matiu Nohokau Eru, Teaiorangi Trevor Taurima (Snr), and Bevan Taylor.*

“Kia haruru te maunga o Maungaharuru. Me tūtira te puninga”

Ko te mihi tuatahi ki te tāhūhū. Ko te tāhūhū o tōku whare, ko te Atua, nānā nei ngā mea katoa. Ki ngā kanohi tē kite ai, piki ake kake ake ki te toi huarewa, ki te toi o ngā rangitūhāhā. Kei reira koutou okioki ai. Ko te akaaka o te rangi koutou. Rātou ki a rātou, tātou ki a tātou. Kāti rā.

Ko Maunga Pōhatu, ko Panikire, ko Taupari me Tawapata. Ko Whakapunake a te mātau a Māui tikitiki ā Taranga, ko Taraia, ko Tītīrangī, ko Heipipi, ko Kahurānaki. Ko Taranaki, ko Aoraki ōku maunga kārangaranga huri noa i te motu.

I tipu ake ai au i raro i ngā panikoti o tōku kuia rā ko Nepi Rigby. He whāngai aia a Rawiri Paku(Neera) rāua ko Paremoēone (Kōpīri) Aranui. Ko ōna ake mātua ko Te Mairuna (Flanagan) Pōhio rāua ko Hinepehinga Puna. Ko au he toenga nō rātou mā.

My passion is Tino Rangatiratanga – sovereignty and prosperity for our people, the people’s of these lands - mai i te kopu ki te kopu.

My passion is the revitalization of our language and culture – a God given heritage of our people.

My passion is to see that the generations still yet to make themselves known to us can enjoy the treasures we inherited from our ancestors, knowing that we united and consciously have made the efforts to leave these treasures in a much healthier state than what we received them. “Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini.”

I am a steadfast supporter of Kaupapa Māori ahakoa he aha. I have been actively involved in circles of Whānau & Marae Development, Kohanga Reo, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori, Wharekura, Whare Wānanga, Kapa Haka, IronMāori & Waka Ama, extending from Mahia to Heretaunga. I presently live in Te Whaganui ā Ōrotū. I have a background as a Registered Comprehensive Nurse. Presently I work for HBDHB employed as a Public Health Nurse. I have a strong belief regarding alternative medicine practices o ngā iwi ake o te Ao. I have a robust background as a Māori Performing Artist, combining these skills by actively participating in the functions of Marae in all areas.

My greatest achievements are my children including whāngai I have raised or supported to raise. I am honored to have them in my life as they have enriched me as a person. My greatest blessings is the unconditional love and support of my whanau.

Nā reira aku nui, aku rahi, nikā nei taku mihi me ngā kupu whakamutunga. Ki tā ngā wai o tō tātou tipuna rongonui ko Wi Te Tau Huata “Ko te Amorangi ki mua, ko te hāpai ō ki muri, ā, Tūtira mai ngā iwi, tātou tātou e.”

## Adam Justin Puna



*Nominated by: Zane Adam Puna, Rees Anaru Puna, Diana Taunoa, George Puna, and Kiri Spooner (nee Puna).*

In nominating for a position on Maungaharuru Tangitu Trust I hope I can bring a change of direction to the trust. My main aim is to see the business grow, which would create employment and education for our whanau and future generations.

Success of the trust would ensure we build a place of identity for both young and old.

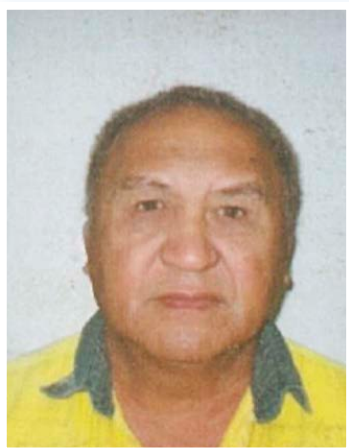
Firstly introductions, I was born in Tangoio and lived there to the age of 15. I had humble beginnings brought up only by my mother ( Herita Haua Puna ) along with two other siblings, with another 4 whanaued out. I must mention here my father was ( Sonny Taylor ). Till this day I still have fond memories of my child hood times in Tangoio and looking back I perceived it as character building which made me all the stronger to succeed in life and accomplished and achieved all the success I have today. Married with two sons, of my 66 years of age 43 of those I have lived and worked in Australia and should I be successful in my nomination would not find it a hindrance to attend meetings and events because of my commitment to do something positive for our people.

I am a qualified carpenter by trade with cottage and commercial experience. Currently employed in the Open Cut Coal Mining industry I am licenced to operate heavy machinery with 32 years experience. I have been a successful owner / operator of two businesses which has given me the insight into business practices and financial accountability. I also manage my own self-managed superannuation fund which is established as a trust and gives me a good understanding of my obligations.

My vision for Maungaharuru Tangitu Trust is to generate enough income to grow the business, to accomplish this I envisage a Culture Centre of significance built in the Napier precinct. I foresee the Culture Centre to be developed along the lines of those similar to Whakawarewa Maori village in Rotorua. Apart from incorporating our own trust offices we could include Maori carving school, Te reo Maori school, Maori greenstone and jade carving, Te moko tattoo shop, souvenir shop, Restaurant incorporating hangi dinner and Maori culture performances, financial learning classes, etc. I have sourced a two storey building developed by NZ architects Irving Smith Jack and in conjunction with the University of Canterbury includes a concept beneficial to withstand earthquakes. They have constructed this building down in Nelson for \$2.2 million with 1200 square meters of floor area. The design would incorporate the capability for expansion should the need arise. They have a similar building of 800 square meters of floor area costing \$1.5 million ideal for the marae out at Tangoio should the people think it's time to look at replacing the current one.

While home for a visit I acquired a feasibility study on a 2016 Tourism survey for Napier attracting 280,000 arrivals staying in commercial accommodation, that alone and disregarding cruise ship visitors, locals from Napier and Hastings I feel there is a huge opportunity conducive to not only generate its own income for the Trust but be of immense benefit not only to our whanau but to a larger extent the wider community.

## George Puna



*Nominated by: Mako Shanks, Attoinette Marie Taunoa, Adam Justin Puna, Memory Puna-Smith, and Rawinia Puna.*

### **Personal**

I have been married for 40 years and have 2 children who both graduated from university in their chosen fields. I am a very motivated person and have good insight into how things can be improved or expanded upon for the future. I have excellent leadership qualities and believe in a “can do” attitude.

Although I live in Australia, I am in a position to return to NZ, not only for meetings, but events which would require attendance, should my nomination be successful.

As you may be aware several members of our whanau reside in Australia and I am in regular contact with them. We will often get together and have discussions regarding Tongioio and Aropaoanui and my commitment to these are as strong as if I were residing in NZ.

I believe educating our young people is the highest of priorities, as this will stand them in good stead for the future in leadership of our people. In saying that I see the need to ensure funds are utilised and invested diversely to achieve optimum returns which will give us the monies to expend upon different resources and programmes for our people. This in turn will ensure a long and secure organisation leading to the upcoming generation.

I am passionate about my Maori heritage and my birthplace and believe I would be an effective and strong member of the committee, at the same time showing keen interest for others opinions and ideas pertaining to family members and matters.

### **Employment - Past**

40 years+ in the mining industry firstly as an operator and then into senior management roles.

### **Employment - Current**

Owner/Operator of Limousine Hire business with a second business to come on board in the next few months (Management Rights of large apartment complex with my wife)

### **Financial Knowledge**

I have an excellent understanding of finance, especially in Trusts as both my business and my superannuation are established as Trust Accounts. I am also heavily involved in the buying and selling of stocks in both Australia and NZ and have to this end an excellent and comprehensive understanding of the stock market

### **Qualifications**

Diploma of Mining Engineering

Mining Manager Certificate

Certificate IV in Training and Assessment

## George Reti



*Nominated by: Hinei Reti, Marewa Kuini Reti, Hinei Emeline Reti, Perēri Murray King, and Marewa King*

*Korōria, Hareruia ki a Ihoa O ngā mano, tūāuriuri, whāioio ki tonu te rangi me te whenua, te nui o tōnā korōria, Matua, Tama, Wairua Tapu, Ngā Anahera Pono me Te Māngai, Aē.*

*Kai aku nui, kai aku rahi!*

*Nei ngā mihi taioreore ki a koutou te mauri o ngā tihī o Maungaharuru.*

*He tameme o te ngākau, kia haruru te maunga i te aō, i te pō, kia hoki ki tō Tūpai wā! Ēngari, He raru ki tai, He raru ki tai!*

*Kua ngaro atu rā koutou aku mātanga,*

*Taku aroha ki a koutou te reo kua mū, ka tōkia tō kiri i te anu matāo! Auē!*

*Haere atu rā koutou ki tōna pūtahi o te aroha...*

*Kua oti koutou! Whakatā ki te aō wairua e...Haere atu rā...*

*Hoki mai ki uta, hoki mai uta.*

*Ho! Ho! Ho! Maranga kia tū, Maranga kia ita!*

*Maranga kia kaha te werohia te tauā o te moananui e!*

*Ahakoā taitimu, taipari, Kia tū tika ai te ia o te hoe!*

*Tīhei mauri ora!*

Tēnā tātau katoa,

I have a passion in developing opportunities for all people, and I believe I have the skills to confidently communicate on all levels. My vision within our Hapū is to develop inter-generational leadership and strong foundations within education, employment, Health and Well-being and maintain a strong spiritual and physical connection to our whenua, Marae, Kawa, Tikanga and Reo practices of our ancestors.

I bring with me experience within local, Marae and Iwi governance and have gained new skills and qualification in teaching on all levels from Mokopuna to pākeke.