

HIKURANGI TAKIWA TRUST
2015 TRONPnui CANDIDATES SURVEY

Thank you for standing for election at a Trustee for Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou. [Hikuranga Takiwa Trust](http://www.hikurangitakiwa.nz) is an entity representing the six pa in Rohenga 5. Whanau in our rohenga affiliate to all the other TRONPnui rohenga as well, so we are sending this candidates questionnaire to you all so we can share the responses within our hapu and Ngati Porou whanui. Of course it is an optional survey - you can answer all, some or none of the patai - readers are likely to appreciate responses that are not too long, so being economical with your words while still saying what you need to, may be useful. **If you wish to participate, please email your completed survey back to: tarsh@parekereke.nz by Monday 7 September.** We cannot guarantee late responses will be shared with voters before voting opens. Responses will be published at www.hikurangitakiwa.nz by Wednesday 9 September.

PERSONAL QUALITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Ko wai koe? No hea koe?	Ko Huti Puketapu-Watson taku ingoa, no Te Araroa awau, kei Rohenga Tipuna 1 awau e noho ana.
2. What are the three most important qualities you would bring to the role?	Reliability: In the 6 years I have been on the Ngati Porou Hauora I have NOT MISSED A MEETING, attending by teleconference if unable to travel. Integrity: In everything I do. Common Sense: I tend to keep it simple and look at the fundamentals in decision making and how that decision will impact on our whanau first and foremost. I also believe in: "Nō Ngāti Porou, mō Ngāti Porou, nā Ngāti Porou", from Ngāti Porou, for Ngati Porou, by Ngati Porou. - tino rangatiratanga in everything we do.
3. What Ngati Porou person or people do you take most inspiration from?	1. The Hau Kaenga: those who, in rain, hail and snow look after our marae, our kawa, tikanga, whenua, moana and awa, and who are there for all the whanau under all conditions. 2. Those Nati Leaders who clearly have the best interests of the iwi at heart. We know who they are. Nga mihi kia kotou katoa.
4. What other paid roles do you currently have and which - if any - would you plan to continue if elected?	Deputy Chair of Ngati Porou Hauora. I also have a key role in the development of the Ngati Porou Miere LP. It is unpaid. I would continue to work with both of these as NPH is a subsidiary of the Nui, and the NP Miere has a strong relationship with TRONPnui as a key economic development initiative. I am self employed and work from home, which allows me the flexibility to manage my time and schedule in any work needing to be done on behalf of the iwi.
5. Over the last two years, on average, approximately how many days per month have you spent in the rohenga you are standing to represent? And how many days on average have you spent in Ngati Porou mai i Potikirua ki Te Toka a Taiau?	I am based in Te Araroa so effectively I am here all the time. Like many, I take time to do business in Gisborne, staying there the odd weekend, and spend up to 3 weeks spread over the year in Australia on business.
6. How do you plan to engage with your rohenga members and the wider iwi if elected?	I have community development experience and expertise in my background, and I aim to use it for the benefit of the whanau and hapu in my rohenga tipuna, and the wider iwi. By holding community hui with nga hapu,

	marae, and attending other hui happening in the rohenga.
7. Is there anything you have done in either a professional or personal capacity that if made public would likely bring the organisation into disrepute or cause voters to lose confidence in you?	No.
8. Are you aware of any existing commitments or health issues that may make it difficult for you to commit the time and energy required of the Trustee role?	No
9. Are you comfortable and confident with significant parts of Board meetings being conducted i roto Te Reo o Ngati Porou?	Yes, I am reasonably proficient in te reo and am a parent and kaiawhina of kohanga reo since the early 80's and a consumer and advocate for kura kaupapa Maori and Te Ataarangi.

IWI & HAPU DEVELOPMENT

10. How have you contributed to hapu development to date?	<p>Chair Te Paerauta Marae: Te Whanau A Te Aopare, me Ngai Tamakoro. Secretary Kaiwaka Marae: An initiator of current refurbishment. Supported numerous jobs of R&M on various marae in our rohenga. (Mana Tangata). Trustee Tarere Station, Pohutu Station. (Mana Whenua). Trustee: Te Kura Kaupapa Maori me te Kohanga Reo O Kawakawa Mai Tawhiti and Te Ataarangi Wananga. Chair of Ka Ko Nga Kopara Inc Soc: Te Reo Strategy for Nga Kopara A Rongomaitapui.</p> <p>Worked in supporting te reo with Te Ataarangi movement in both Matakaoa and Waiapu in recent times.</p> <p>Using CD principles / Kaupapa Maori praxis I have been working with hapu members to respond positively to the recent tragedies that occurred in our rohenga. Working with whanau we have been successful in getting TRONPnui support for the re-development and refurbishment of the old Te Araroa Post office to set up as a central hub to increase services to the community including: innovation in using technology to help people access their WINZ accounts for reporting and other purposes, free tax service, WINZ advocate to support beneficiaries, re-establishment of Mana Tane ki Matakaoa, Maori Wardens base, E Tu Whanau Anti Violence Campaign kaupapa, a place for Matakaoa Pakeke, and the iSite. This space will also be used for other activities such as Ataarangi classes, kids club, and other hui as well as a drop in centre for those who want somewhere to meet on a daily basis.</p> <p>I have reached out to taurahere to start dialogue as to how they might better engage with hau kaenga and to find out what their needs are.</p> <p>I also do other charitable works on an as needed basis.</p>
11. How will you work to enable the hapu, so we drive transformation from there rather than from the Iwi level alone? What are your practical ideas for achieving this?	<p>I have extensive experience in community development, community building and organizing. I will be using enabling processes among communities and groups and my kaupapa as a TRONPnui rep, will be based on using community development frameworks and principles working with whanau from the ground up. I envisage hapu telling me what their expectations are and working with them to develop rational deliverables that I may be able to measure my performance against over time.</p>

12. How can all of Ngati Porou support the work of the Runanganui? What do we need to contribute for us all to succeed?	Contribute our thoughts of what our positive vision for the future might look like. Vote. Insist on transparency, integrity and accountability in all dealings.
13. How will you increase transparency and accountability to our hapu? Practically how will this work?	Attend hapu / marae hui to report back regularly kanohi ki te kanohi, provide reports on social media. Call hui to report back on hapu plans and reflect and modify as necessary going forward.
14. How we will you build the community and create meaningful employment on the Coast in ways that restore rather than harm the environment and cultural capital?	I am a long term proponent of the development of the manuka honey industry on the East Coast (Ngati Porou Miere) having worked at the Trustee level on land blocks to this end. I have always supported this industry as it is not harmful to our environment or people, but will enhance economic development and increase employment across the region.
15. Are you comfortable with the type and level of investments currently being made by TRONPnui in social, economic, cultural and environmental wellbeing for Ngati Porou?	I am not yet fully informed of the extent of the investments but my take on the situation is that the capital that was initially settled by the Crown was invested for a term, and that the interest from the capital has only recently been made available for distribution. Since this is early days I expect there to be some delay in fully resolving how and what to prioritize for distribution. I would like to see a plan developed for fair and equitable distribution according to iwi priorities and or relevant data. Eg, health statistics clearly show that Ngati Porou have the poorest health outcomes in the country, so while TRONPnui have already well supported Ngati Porou Hauora to remain viable, I would expect a continued investment in health particularly in supporting preventative medicine such as NPH's re-establishment of Ngati and Healthy as Ngati Porou's own distinctive health promotion program.
16. What are your hopes and dreams for te taurahere o Ngati Porou?	That nga taurahere are able to realize benefits from being part of this new era of post settlement. That they are able to engage with hau kaenga, not just at Pa Wars, but perhaps a festival where we can come together to enjoy each other, perhaps around kapa haka but at the very least feel part of Ngati Porou and part of their marae, whenua and hapu. Find ways that taurahere can contribute to their marae in funds or other forms and feel a part of who we are as Ngati Porou.

GOVERNANCE

17. Do you support the Trust Deed limiting Trustees to a maximum of three consecutive terms (12 years)?	I haven't been a part of the discussion thus far so I would be open to hearing the views of the iwi.
18. Do you think the current arrangement of seven rohenga with two representatives each is the best structure for representation? If not, what changes will you advocate for?	Its clear to me that taurahere do not understand the real time life issues facing hau kaenga at home especially those who have never lived home, so it would be quite detrimental for there not to be seats for hau kaenga on the Nui. I couldn't think of a worse scenario than for people who did not live at home to be making decisions for the hau kaenga because they simply do not understand the issues we face. The only way I would agree to a reduction in trustees is if the seats were hau kaenga and that wouldn't be fair either but I am open to alternate suggestions keeping in mind the above.
19. Do you think nearly one million dollars per annum in governance fees is justified? If not, what fees	I think that consideration of how and where to reduce costs is always justified and must continually remain a

and/or positions will you advocate to change?	high priority. However, I am also aware that the fees are below the national standard of an organization such as the Nui. The recent changes in the law also mean that the trustees now carry more risk, so it would be in keeping for the fees to reflect that. That said, I am in favour of a reduction in the overall costs and I would advocate this.
20. Do you see any conflict of interest in governance members also being paid as employees or service providers to TRONPnui, and/or as Crown employees or advisors?	Yes, employees should definitely not be allowed. This is a difficult question because we are all related and live in a small area and are bound to wear several hats. We also have many Ngati wanting to bring their expertise and skills and links to resources back to Ngati Porou, and we also want them to do that. How the conflict is managed is the more important question. Declaration of conflicts of interest and transparency including withdrawal from decision making once a decision around ones conflict is on the table is in my view allowable.
21. Do you think the general public, Ngati Porou news media and/or only registered TRONPnui members should be able and encouraged to sit in on Board meetings (other than when an individual's privacy or commercial information needs to remain confidential)?	I'd like to be part of a discussion around that and am open to hearing what people think.
22. What are the largest organisations you have had governance or management responsibilities for? What was your role?	Executive Director of a company that is consultant to an Aboriginal Corporation and my role is two fold: one is property development and management, and the other is liaison between the Board Members and Rio Tinto Alcan Executive management, Queensland State Government representatives and other major stakeholders. Also delivery of governance and leadership training. (Current role) Ngati Porou Hauora: Past Chairperson and currently Deputy Chair. Other management positions in Public Health sector Australia.
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Nga mihi kia koe e Hine, e whakapau kaha ana koe ki tenei kaupapa, ka rawe.
Na Hutu Puketapu-Watson