

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](#) 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](http://www.hikurangitakiwa.nz) by Wednesday 9 September.

PERSONAL QUALITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Ko wai koe? No hea koe?	Ko Michael Hei Hei ahau, He Uri au no Te Aiatanga A Mahaki me Ngati Uepohatu
2. What are the three most important qualities you would bring to the role?	The 3 important qualities I bring to the role would be 1) Respect 2) Honesty 3) Transparency
3. What Ngati Porou person or people do you take most inspiration from?	Apirana Ngata and the people of Onepoto ki Rahuimanuka
4. What other paid roles do you currently have and which - if any - would you plan to continue if elected?	I have no current paid roles as I am a full time University student but I volunteer at the local Community Centre in Auckland
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 Taiiau?	I am not sure but have recently been back to the Opening of Te Tini O Porou in August and enjoyed it very much.
6. How do you plan to engage with your rohenga members and the wider iwi if elected?	I am engaged with my people of my rohenga at the moment, I have created a Group on Facebook named, Onepoto ki Rahuimanuka – Rohenga Tipuna 4, where whanau in my rohenga can share information swap pictures etc. For those who are not social media literate I will be reporting back to the Marae and the local people of my Rohenga via phone, in person and email once a every 2 months or maybe more. I also plan on creating a rohenga email list and sending out newsletters.
7. Is there anything you have done in either a professional or personal capacity that if made public would likely bring the organization into disrepute or cause voters to lose confidence in you?	No not that I am aware of as a youth I was involved with different disputes but I ensure the voters and the organization that I have no criminal conviction and or record and have nothing to hide as I believe in Transparency and Honesty.
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?	I could loose abit of weight, I was diagnosed with asthma at a young age but have no other health issues that Im aware of at this point in time.
9. Are you comfortable and confident with significant parts of Board meetings being conducted i roto Te Reo o Ngati Porou?	Aē, kei te pai tera, na te mea kei te matatau au I roto I Te Reo. (Yes that is fine because I am a fluent Maori speaker.

## IWI & HAPU DEVELOPMENT

10. How have you contributed to hapu development to date?	To be quite honest I haven't contributed to my Hapu, But I wish to change that when and if im elected.
11. How can all of Ngati Porou support the work of the Runanganui? What do we need to contribute for us all to succeed?	EDUCATION – Ngati Porou need to keep their tamariki or themselves in kura. When and if im elected I will make sure we implement scholarships and or grant systems to help our rangatahi and pakeke that want to develop their skills. Once they have a degree I hope they come back to work for the Iwi and teach our other pakeke or rangatahi.
12. How will you increase transparency and accountability to our hapu? Practically how will this work?	I WILL increase transparency by getting gathering reports from the TRONP and making sure that whanau near and far can receive copies of Financial Statements, Portfolio reports and also get the reasons for the decisions made by the portfolio holder and TRONP.
13. How will you build the community and create meaningful employment on the Coast in ways that restore rather than harm the environment and cultural capital?	When and if im elected I will put forward to the Runanga, to help our marae and pay for Ngati Porou people to be employed to do that. Not only painting etc. etc. But help our whenua, awa etc.
14. 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?	One of the man investments that I am proud that we have made id in our Reo Maori. We (Ngati Porou) can walk tall with our reo Maori knowing that we have talked the talk and walked the walk with helping preserve out reo.
15. What are your hopes and dreams for te taurahere o Ngati Porou?	My hope is that TRONP have governance over the Taurahere so TRONP can help the Taurahere with Data Base issues, Notify Ngati Porou events to the community in which the Taurahere are in.

## GOVERNANCE

16. Do you support the Trust Deed limiting Trustees to a maximum of three consecutive terms (12 years)?	No I don't, It is up to the people of Ngati Porou, if they vote for that particular trustee then they must have confidence in that trustee.
17. 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?	I have concern with a Hau Kaenga Candidate MUST be elected Because for example if there is no Hau Kaenga Candidate and 6 - 7 Kei te Whenua Candidates only one Kei te Whenua can be elected and they have to hold another election and or wait for a Hau Kaenga to put there name forward and that Hau Kaenga might only get 10 – 12 votes and becomes a trustee no matter how many vote the other Candidates received.
18. Do you think nearly one million dollars per annum in governance fees is justified? If not, what fees and/or positions will you advocate to change?	No I don't think nearly One Million Dollars per annum is justified. Trutees get paid 25,000 a year that should include travel. If trustees wish to get paid for travel they should be able to drive to meetings etc. not Fly, flying is the most expensive option, especially for out of down people. There are cheaper alternatives!
19. 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 I do to a certain extent. Being paid as employees is a conflict of interest if the Governing Board is already paying them. "Double Dipping" is the word m grandmother would use.
20. 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 believe that Registered members and General Public should defiantly be able to sit in on board meetings because General Public may whakapapa to Ngati Porou but might not want to register or have bothered trying.
21. What are the largest organizations you have had governance or management responsibilities for? What was your role?	Judges Liaison for Nga Manukorero Student Representative for Crown Institute of Studies Student Ambassador for Maori @ Massey University Student Representative for Te Waka O Nga Akonga Maori (Maori Student Association)

