

PROFILE FOR PERCY TIPENE

My background has always been working with the Primary industry as a Technician, Advisor, Auditor and Consultant for MAF, Maf Quality Management and Agriquality NZ, attained Dip Agri, Dip Maori Development and B.Sc Zoology (animal behaviour)

I chair Miria Marae, director on Ngatihine Health Trust, A member to Natural Health Products Regulation - Interim Technical Expert Advisory Committee

I'm semi retired managing my family's 650 ac farm, it is certified as a Organic farm, and validated as Hua Parakore producer, plus being a contractor, digger operator.

I have a passion for the sustainable use of our resources, an advocate conservation and preservation.

I was raised using rongoa Maori, at times my task was harvesting rongoa for whanau, this upbringing has continued my interest in rongoa today, now teaching my whanau and mokos. Though my value for maintaining the integrity of Taonga Tuku Iho, I now consider myself as a very passionate about ownership, IP, conservation and reservation of all our Rongoa species

While with Ngapuhi nui tonu as Puna Matatau, exposed me to how fragmented our Rongoa is today, and how can we package our Rongoa services into a integrated model.

As a interim trustee for Te Kahui Rongoa Trust, further cemented the importance, and value of Rongoa, and ensuring it has a proper home that enhances its real right here in Aotearoa, and that all those rights are protected.

As a Kaitiaki, I accept the privilege of being nominated to represent our rohe of Ngapuhi nui tonu as a board member for Te Kahui Rongoa Trust.