

Albert Ropiha STEWART

Albert hails from Rongowhakaata Iwi in Tairāwhiti on his father's side, Ngāi Tuhoe and Te Arawa on his mother's. He currently resides in Turanganui-a-Kiwa, married with children and grandchildren.

Involved in the health sector for over 15yrs in both governance and management roles, Albert has worked for mainly iwi organisations supporting the development of whānau, hapu and iwi. More recently involved in Treaty settlement claims for his iwi, providing consultancy work within the health sector and now participating in health research involving rongoa Māori healers and clinicians.

Albert has a Masters degree in Public Policy. He is committed to use his knowledge and experience actively improving the health of Māori by supporting the development and use of rongoa Māori as a *kaupapa* and traditional medium to deliver in a contemporary setting.

Since the inception of Te Paepae Matua mo Rongoa in 2007 Albert has been involved representing Te Tairāwhiti rohe on its national working group – Paepae Mahi. Albert chaired this group for nearly 3yrs and then later joined a small working group to transition a merger between Te Paepae Matua and Nga Ringa Whakahaere.

