

Robert Wehipeihana Biography

Robert Wehipeihana has always had a connection with rongoā his experienced rooted at a young age. It was fortunate for Robert growing up on Maungatautari that his kuia nurtured him with the mātauranga.

Since the establishment of Te Paepae Matua Rongoa mō Tainui waka, It was effortless for Robert to append as he was motivated and inspired by the teachings of his tupuna to participate and protect a precious taonga. A lot has been spoken about the importance of rongoā and classified abrupt at the national level. The National Board for rongoā will enable Māori to manage, control and regulate the use of rongoā so that it will not be claimed by other sources this is Robert's desire.

Robert has been a member on a number of boards, land trusts, his most current positions include; Trustee for Te Reo Irirangi o Ngāti Raukawa, Te Kāhui Amorangi Kaunihera (Te Wānanga o Aotearoa) and Te Kaumātua Kaunihera for Raukawa Settlements Trust. Robert works as a Funeral Director as has done for 16 years now, recently Robert has established his own company, his desire in the future for the funeral industry is to broaden his horizons to an Eco-friendly approach for Tangihanga with a particular focus on the environment and rongoā māori. Robert's view on rongoā for the future is significant and important for Te Aō Māori so that we can continue to practise our mātauranga māori for ngā uri whakatupuranga.

References

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