

## PROFILE

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*Ko taku Papa a Te Ohomauri:*

Ko Puketapu te Maunga  
Ko Te Arai te awa  
Ko Ngati Maru te hapu  
Ko Rongowhakaata te iwi

*Ko taku Mama a Roti:*

Ko Tairahia te Maunga  
Ko Rangitaiki te awa  
Ko Ngati Koura te hapu  
Ko Ngai Tuhoe te iwi

I tipu ake ai ahau i te rohe o Te Tairawhiti, otira te wa kainga o Manutuke, Turanganui-a-Kiwa. I haere hoki matou ki te wharua o Ruatoki ki nga hui maha o tera takiwa. Koinei te ao Maori i tipu ake matou nga tamariki a Te Ohomauri raua ko Roti.

Ko te ao Maori ke me te tautokona o tenei ahuatanga te tino putake o taku tono, taku whakaaetanga hei mangai mo te Tairawhiti. Ki a ahau nei, he orite te ao Rongoa me te ao Maori. Na te kupu whakaari, kupu korero i arahi nei ahau ki runga i nga tapuwae a o tatou matua tipuna:

*“He honore, he kororia ki te Atua,  
He maungarongo ki runga i te whenua,  
He whakaaro pai ki nga tangata katoa”.*

Na reira, ka mihi atu ki a Huhana kua manahia hei mangai mo Te Kahui Rongoa. Ko te tumanako ka mahi tahi nei maua hei whakapiki te mana o tenei taonga tuku iho o tatou i roto i Te Tairawhiti, huri noa i te motu.

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa.

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### Governance Experience & Positions Held

1992-2002, Chairman  
Pahou Marae, Manutuke, Gisborne  
Oversee and manage day to day Marae activities, Ngati Maru, Rongowhakaata iwi.

1995-2000, Trustee  
Rongowhakaata Charitable Trust  
Mandated Trustee to represent, govern and oversee the economic, social and cultural affairs of Rongowhakaata iwi in Turanganui-a-Kiwa

1997-2006, Director

Te Hauora o Turanganui-a-Kiwa (Turanga Health)

Mandated iwi Director to represent, govern and oversee the delivery of health services to whanau of Turanganui-a-Kiwa, Gisborne region.

2005-2010, Director

Turanganui Primary Health Organisation

Mandated iwi shareholder Director to represent, govern and oversee a network of General Practices and community based primary care providers to deliver primary health care services in Turanganui-a-Kiwa, Gisborne region.

2007-2011, Chairperson

Te Pahou Kohanga Reo

Facilitating, monitoring and committing to the delivery of “te reo me ona tikanga” at a Marae based kohanga reo for mokopuna of Ngati Maru hapu, Rongowhakaata iwi

2008-2011, Kaihautu (Paepae Mahi)

Te Paepae Matua Mo Rongoa Trust

National collective to promote & protect rongoa Maori interests in Aotearoa

2009-2011, Chairperson

Rongowhakaata Claims Committee

Chair, facilitate & lead Rongowhakaata Treaty claim

2010-2011, Trustee

Rongowhakaata Charitable Trust

Mandated Trustee to represent, govern and oversee the economic, social and cultural affairs of Rongowhakaata iwi in Turanganui-a-Kiwa

2010-2011, Trustee

Te Runanga o Turanganui-a-Kiwa

Mandated representative for Rongowhakaata iwi to govern and oversee the economic, social and cultural affairs for all iwi of Turanganui-a-Kiwa, namely Te Aitanga-a-Mahaki, Ngai Tamanuhiri & Rongowhakaata

2010-2011, Iwi Shareholder Director

Te Hauora o Turanganui-a-Kiwa (Turanga Health)

Mandated iwi Director to represent, govern and oversee the delivery of health services to whanau of Turanganui-a-Kiwa, Gisborne region.

2011—present

Te Kahui Rongoa Trust

Appointed Interim Trustee.