

Whakaaturanga-PROFILE

For consideration of member to Ko Te Kahui Tawharautanga o Nga Rongoa for Ko Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka-a-Maui.

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Ko Maunga Kahia toku maunga	Ko Moke Tapu toku maunga
Ko Whangawehi toku awa	Ko Maitahi toku awa
Ko Kurahaupo me Takitimu oku waka	Ko Kurahaupo toku waka
Ko Rongomaiwahine toku iwi	Ko Ngati Kuia toku iwi
Ko Rongomaiwahine te tangata	Ko Kuia te tangata
Ko Ngati Hikaro toku hapu	Ko Ngati Rongomai toku hapu
Ko Hikairo te tangata	Ko Rongomai te tangata
Ko Marama Hatea toku marae	Ko Whakatu toku marae
Ko tenei te aho o toku matua	Ko tenei te taha o toku matua

E nga mana, e nga reo, e nga iwi mana whenua me nga maataawaka, kua noho nei ki Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Maui. Tenei te mihi kau ana kia koutou katoa. He tangi hoki toku ngakau ki nga tini aitua kua riro atu kia Hinenui Te Po. Kua haere ana koutou katoa ki te waahi ngaro, ki te okiokinga o nga tipuna. I pikitia ki te rangi i tataitia i te poho o Ranginui, kua whetu rangitia koutou katoa. Kua mahue mai ana matou nga kanohi urupa o ratou ma. Ratou te hunga mate ki te hunga mate, Matou te hunga ora ki te hunga ora, Tena ra koutou katoa huri noa te motu.

I have recently been nominated to represent Te Tau Ihu on the newly established traditional Maori therapies Governance Board duly named, "Ko Te Kahui Tawharautanga o Nga Rongoa Incorporated". I am currently involved in a new set of challenges and includes working at a senior level out a new Career-pathway in Māori Education, training and Economic Development. I have put together the following information for your consideration.

Nga Pumanawa Paakihi-Professional

I have held the following positions which demonstrate my personal involvement and participation in community matters outlined hereunder;

Nga Pumanawa Whakahaere-Governance

- a. Chairman of Maataawaka Ki Te Tai Aorere Inc. Nelson-Tasman, Whakatu-Motueka-Mohua
- b. Marae Trusteeships, Whakatu Marae, Whakatu.
- c. Kotahitanga Maori Leaderships Forum, Nelson City Council, Whakatu-Nelson
- d. Iwi Arts Group, Nelson City Council, Whakatu
- e. Iwi Economics Group Nelson-Tasman.
- f. CareerForce Ltd, Te Mana Whakahaere, National Maori Cultural Advisory Board. Otautahi
- g. Chairman Maori Anglican Pastorate ki Turanganui-Whangara rohe, Tairawhiti.
- h. Ratapu-Tamatea Trust, Trusteeship whenua research claims & titles Tairawhiti-Mataatua-Waiariki
- i. Totoru Trust, Trusteeship whenua kaitikiakitanga, Mahia Peninsula
- j. District Treaty Claims Working Groups, Wairoa.

- k. District Treaty Claims Working Groups, Gisborne.
- l. Education Strategy, Ministry Of Tertiary Education Partnership.
- m. Kaitiakitanga Environmental Focus Group – Gisborne.
- n. Māori Liaison Group member District Council East Coast.
- o. Trustee, Turanganui A Kiwa Voyaging Trust (Te Waka Hourua Pageant Year 2000).

Nga Pukenga Matauranga-Academic Achievements

- 1. Diploma in Traditional Maori Therapies, Te Heke Matauranga Rongoa, Te Wananga o Raukawa 2007.
- 2. I hold units in Education & Te Reo Maori, Te Wananga o Manawatu-Massey University 1991-94.
- 3. I hold units in Teaching, Palmerston North College of Education 1991-1993
- 4. I hold units in NZ History and Communications, Waikato University 2000-2001
- 5. I hold a certificate in Finance, Ministry of Commerce, 2000

Nga Pukenga Mohiotanga-Skills and Experience

- a. Proficient knowledge of Te Tiriti o Waitangi [The Treaty of Waitangi] 1840.
- b. Life time knowledge and practical experience in, he taonga tuku iho Rongoa Maori by whanau.
- c. Comprehensive knowledge of Te Reo Maori me ona tikanga and its application in organisations.
- d. Management of Te Tau Ihu Ministry of Health Rongoa contract, Ko Te Poumanawa Oranga o Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Maui Ltd.
- e. Proficient Communication and Interpersonal knowledge and experience
- f. IT Computer literate and with the latest Microsoft 2007 programmes.
- g. Management, Business Management, Strategic Planning, Accrual financial management.
- h. Established networks and relationships in the Public Sector [Health and disability settings].
- i. Significant knowledge in the Industry Training Sectors.
- j. Research and data analysis including presenting complex issues in a simple manner.
- k. I have served in the Armed Forces, Reconnaissance Expert, Royal New Zealand Infantry Corp (1981 – 1987).
- l. I have served in Royal New Zealand Infantry Reconnaissance and Pioneer Group, Singapore (1981 – 1987).

Whakaotinga-To Conclude

I believe that my skills, experience, and knowledge will be able to add value to the role and responsibilities of Ko Te Kahui Tawharautanga o Nga Rongoa Inc for the next three years. My knowledge of the political climate and the machinery of government will certainly provide Te Kahui Rongoa with a range of high level strategies and field operational support to achieve its key outputs for the sustainability and protection of our Rongoa into the future.

No reira, e tipu ake ana nga pumanawa o nga purapura Rongoa.

For your consideration in this regard;

Mauri ora

Kereopa Ratapu