

CANDIDATE PROFILES – 2025 TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Ngāti Rārua – Nominees (2 positions to fill)

CHASE Mereama

I am of Ngāti Rārua, Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Kahungunu and Ngai Tuhoë descent.

I was appointed as a Trustee in 2015 and am the Chair of the Remuneration committee and a member of the Whenua, Investment and Te Whanake committees.

I have extensive experience in public management and public policy and am Director Policy at the Public Service Commission | Te Kawa Mataaho where I lead on advice to support the future design of the public sector.

I am a graduate of Victoria University Wellington | Te Herenga Waka and have a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Māori Studies. I live in Te Whanganui a Tara with my husband Andy and three tamariki.



- **Abel Tasman Birdsong Trust** – Former Kōmiti Member
- **Motueka Museum** – Former Contributor
- **Te Pouāranga Kōmiti (The Suter Art Gallery)** – Current Member
- **Te Ātiawa Whakapapa Kōmiti** – Current Member
- **Pūpuri Taonga o Te Taiao Kōmiti (Nelson Provincial Museum)** – Current Member
- **Te Pou Mauri Ora, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua** – Current Cultural Manager

I hold a grounded understanding of the issues affecting Whakarewa and our wider whānau. I have read and fully support the current Strategic Plan, and I believe that my strong governance background—combined with my practical experience in community and cultural initiatives—positions me well to support and advance the aspirations of our whānau whānui.

Ngā manaakitanga

SHORROCK Ngāwaina Joy

Ko Tū Ao Wharepapa, ko Pukeone ngā maunga
Ko Motueka te awa
Ko Riuwaka te puna waiora
Ko Tainui, ko Tokomaru ngā waka
Ko Ngāti Tūrangāpeke, ko Puketapu ngā hapū
Ko Ngāti Rārua, ko Te Ātiawa ngā iwi
Ko Ngāwaina Joy Shorrock tōku ingoa
E noho ana au ki Motueka



Tēnā koutou katoa

The most important reason I put myself forward for consideration is that I live here and am very active in our community. This gives me an important perspective, means I am accessible and available to do the mahi.

For the past 25 years, I have attended the Whakarewa (NRAIT) Annual General Meetings. I live in Motueka in a Whakarewa whare with my whānau and I acknowledge the significant role of Whakarewa in my return home. The journey since has been both transformative and life changing.

Governance and Community Involvement

I have decades of experience in both governance and flaxroots roles, projects and kaupapa:

- **Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui** – Former Trustee
- **Wakatū Incorporation Pae Manatū Kōmiti** – Former Director
- **Te Āwhina Marae** – Former Trustee and Chairperson (retired to take up the role of Marae Manager)
- **Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board** – Former Trustee
- **Kaiteretere Recreation Reserve Board** – Former Trustee

THOMAS Russell (Barney)

I was first elected on to the Board 1993 and have thoroughly enjoyed the 32 years of seeing our Trust develop and advance. I have been thinking that if I can no longer contribute then I will retire, however I know that I can continue to contribute. So, I will leave the decision to our owners to decide on my future as a Board member.



I am so pleased that others are interested in being a Board member, this is a very healthy sign and good for our future as a Board member and the hapu moving forward.

My iwi connections through my mother are Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Toa and Te Ātiawa, and through my father, Ngāi Tahu.

I have been a Trustee of Ngāti Rārua Ātiawa Iwi Trust since its inception and Vice Chair from 1998 until 2019. I am also a Director for Wakatū Incorporation. I am Chair of Te Whanake committee. I was Chair of Ngāti Rārua Iwi Trust until I retired in 2005 and served on the Board of Trustees for Whakarewa School from 1991 to 1993.

I work for the Department of Conservation in the Nelson/Marlborough area. I was formerly with the Inland Revenue Department and the Department of Labour. I served as a public servant for 46 years. I commenced as a Māori and Pacific Cadet in 1980 in Blenheim and transferred to Nelson 43 years ago.

I am married to Shona and has three children, Renee, Fraser and Jackson and moko Sophia.

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Te Ātiawa – Nominees (1 position to fill)

KATENE John (JK)

I am of Te Ātiawa descent. My connectedness to the Trust is through my tupuna Hōhaia Rangiauru.

I was reappointed to the board in 2017, having spent several years previously as a Trustee. I am a member of Te Whanake committee.

I have spent thirty plus years as an Iwi Monitor and am currently a project co-ordinator for Arewa, appointed by Te Ātiawa with a focus on Culture Health Indicators (CHI) in Motueka. I am very familiar with the whenua and have lived in Motueka all of my life, apart from working in the mines in Australia.

I am a member of the Motueka Christian Fellowship, and my church is an important part of my life.



MCGREGOR Kimiora

Taketake noa ana tōku ahi ngiha ki te whenua tāngaengae i Whakarewa.

Tērā a Tū Ao Wharepapa, a Pukeoneone e kekeho atu ana ki ngā wai maringi ō Motueka, ō Riuwaka e tūhono atu rā ki te tai pākato o Aorere, ki te ūkaipō o Hohaia Rangiauru, o Wikitoria Rangiwahakapae, me kī ko Motueka.

Tēnei a Puketapu o Te Ātiawa, o Tokomaru waka te mihi atu nei.

My koro, Rongo Ropata, was the eldest of nine tamariki to Frances Nukumaru (nee Pullen) and Ngamoana (Jack) Ropata. My mother is Melanie McGregor (nee Hippolite).

Born and raised in Whakatū, my siblings and I grew up on Whakatū Marae, surrounded by our kaumātua, aunties, uncles, and cousins. Immersed in whanaungatanga, manaakitanga and mahi marae, we learned early on the value and strength of the collective and the importance of serving our people.

While my personal connection to Te Ātiawa has developed in recent years, it has grown from a love for whakapapa and kōrero tuku iho, as well as opportunities to foster connection through kaupapa on the marae and within the Motueka and iwi community.

My five tamariki - Ava Hinekohu Te Uira (17), Te Ākau Turi James (13), Wairā Te Kahupuku (9), Pakaue Te Mana Hereora (8), and Tyler-Morgan Te Rongomau Āwhio Tuo (6) - are actively engaged in their ahurea, reo and whakapapa through whānau, marae, kura, and iwi kaupapa.

Professionally, my background is in operational support and project-based administration within the iwi and public sectors. That experience has enabled me to serve Te Tauihu Iwi in my current role as Kaiāwhina Hononga for Te Kāhui Hononga (Iwi and Māori Partnerships and Engagement) at Te Kaunihera o Te Tai o Aorere (Tasman District Council).

I represent Ngāti Koata on the iwi advisory committee to the Nelson Provincial Museum and am the current iwi trustee for Tasman Bays Heritage Trust. I have held these roles since 2020 and 2023, respectively.

My strong cultural background and knowledge base, future and whānau focus, and personal inclination for the preservation and intergenerational transmission of taonga tuku iho (particularly whakapapa, kōrero tuku iho, mātauranga Māori, and waiata-ā-iwi) would add value to the strategic vision and objectives of Whakarewa and its Board.

It would be a privilege to contribute to the legacy of my tipuna, Hohaia Rangiauru and Wikitoria Rangiwahakapae, through dedicated service to the whānau of Whakarewa as a Trustee.

