

## CANDIDATE PROFILES – 2026 TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

### Ngāti Rārua – 3 Nominees (2 positions to fill)

#### **MORGAN** Paul (QSO, CNZM)

I am of Ngāti Rārua and Te Mahurehure (Ngāpuhi) descent. I am a longstanding Trustee with a strong record of leadership in lands return and whenua development, supported by decades of governance experience across Māori entities, commercial organisations, and local government including being a current Tasman District Councillor.



Within the Trust, I have contributed as an active member of Te Whanake and the Audit and Risk Committee, and through the Whakapapa Working Group. I also bring a breadth of governance and commercial experience, including chairing Wakatū Incorporation and the Papakāinga Development Committee, serving as Land Trustee of Te Āwhina Marae, and holding directorships and shareholdings in a range of organisations and investment initiatives. Across these roles, my focus is on strengthening outcomes for whānau through responsible stewardship of whenua and taiao—protecting and restoring the mauri of our land and waterways—alongside sound commercial judgement, effective risk oversight, and clear accountability.

#### **SHORROCK** Ngāwaina Joy

E aku karangatanga – tēnā koutou katoa

Tēnei au ko tō whanaunga e tū nei hei kaiwhakaterere waka mō tātou o Whakarewa.



It would be an honour to represent you on the Trust.

I work hard to uphold our values and represent our people, whether it is in the boardroom, contributing to our cultural events, helping out around the papakāinga or supporting our whānau at tangihanga.

My commitment is simple, I want the very best for our people and for the Whakarewa Trust to thrive.

I bring governance experience from servings on boards such as the Kaiterere Recreation Reserve, the Nelson-Marlborough Conservation Board, Te Āwhina Marae, Manatū - the owners board of Wakatū Incorporation and Te Ātiawa Iwi Trust. I am the Pou Mauri Ora – Cultural Manager of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua and have extensive experience in mahi toi, wānanga, education and kaitiakitanga.

Most importantly, I remain visible and present on our marae. I'm connected to our people and would be privileged to serve you.

Over the years we have seen strong growth and success of the Trust, and navigated through many challenges. I am inspired by our resilience and perseverance, which has motivated me to stand at this years election.

I believe that each and every member of Whakarewa is important, no matter their age, where they live, or their aspirations and I want to play an active role in supporting that potential. I believe in our collective strength, the importance of integrity, transparency and ambition so we can thrive together – as the whānau of Whakarewa.

Nō reira, tēnā anō tātou katoa.

#### **STEPHENS** Miriana

(Ngāti Rārua, Ngāi Te Rangī, Ngāti Rangīnui)



I was born and raised in Motueka and continue to live here with my whānau. Whakarewa is our whenua, our history, and our future and I am standing because I care deeply about how we continue to protect and grow our legacy for our hapū and collective wellbeing.

I bring over 20 years' experience in governance, investment, and iwi and hāpori development. I am currently Deputy Chair of Wakatū Incorporation, have been Acting CE of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua in recent months, and Chair of Leafit Foods which is an innovation business developing plant-based proteins and high-value that support our taiao and deliver strong long-term returns.

Across these roles, my focus has been on strengthening financial performance, sustainably growing our asset base, and ensuring benefits flow back to whānau - through housing, employment, education, and long-term opportunities for current and future generations.

Closer to home, I have been actively involved in the development of Te Āwhina Marae, including papakāinga housing and wider community initiatives, because I believe strong whānau and strong whenua go hand in hand.

For me, this role is about service. I want to bring practical governance experience, strong financial oversight, and a clear focus on outcomes, so that Whakarewa continues to grow sustainably and deliver for all of our whānau, now and into the future.

### Te Ātiawa – 1 Nominee (1 position to fill)

**(No election required, Emma is re-elected, unopposed)**

#### **PARK** Emma

I am of Te Ātiawa descent and I was appointed as a Trustee to the Whakarewa Board in April 2008. I am the Chair of both the Audit and Risk and Commercial committee.



I am a Fellow Chartered Accountant and a member of the Institute of Directors.

I am Pou Hāpai for Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust and lives in Taranaki with her husband and their tama.