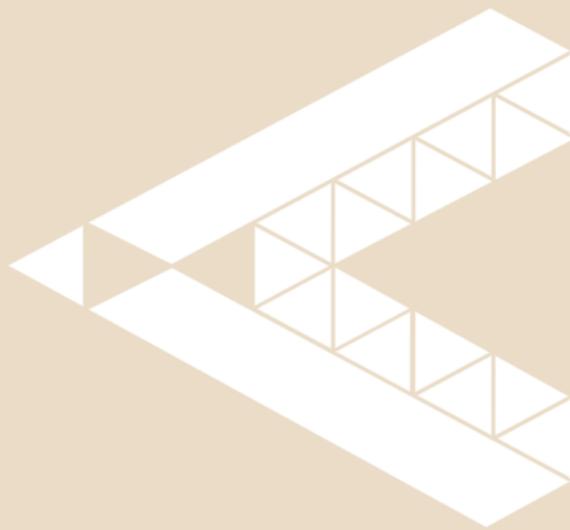
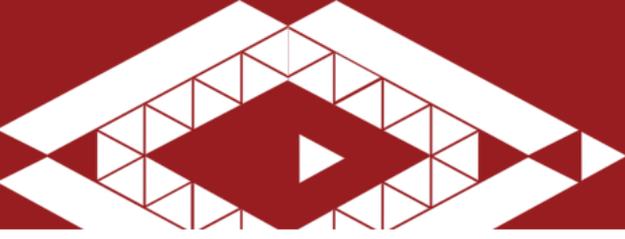


TE KOTA HITANGA O
TE ATAWA
TARANAKI



2015 Trustee Election
CANDIDATE PROFILES

Voting closes at:
5pm on Friday 11 September 2015





2015 Candidate Profiles

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Kura DENNESS

I am currently a trustee on Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa. I am a Chartered Accountant and have a Masters degree in business administration (MBA). I have spent over 40 years working in chartered accountancy and various roles in commerce, and as an independent company director.



I have been or am currently Chair of Tui Ora Limited, Te Atiawa (Taranaki) Holdings Limited, Te Rau Matatini Limited, Hauora Taranaki PHO Limited, Allied Laundry Limited, Ngati Rahiri Management Committee and Te Aroha Medcare Limited.

In addition, I am currently or have recently been on the boards of Te Atiawa (Taranaki) Settlements Trust, Te Korimako, PHARMAC, Taranaki DHB and Massey University.

I believe that this blend of skills, qualifications and experience will allow me to contribute positively to Te Kotahitanga. I am honest, hardworking and open to new ideas. I recently organised the very successful Te Atiawa Investment conference, bringing together a wide range of options and ideas for iwi to consider.

I also have a wide network outside the iwi, which can help us to expand our commercial interests.

My vision for Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa is to develop an organisation that will increase the assets that have come through the settlement process, and strengthen the tikanga and reo of the iwi. This will support the members of the iwi and allow them to realise their dreams.

I live within Te Atiawa rohe and have two wonderful sons.



Chargn KEENAN

My father was Dan Keenan. His grandparents were William Keenan and Sarah Heberley, and William Lowrie and Miritatana Te Keha. I acknowledge the tenacity of Peter Moeahu and my whaea Wikitoria Keenan, and all the staunch supporters of Te Atiawa Iwi Authority [“TAIA”], who together brought home a Treaty settlement package beyond our dreams. We need to honour their commitment, and build the momentum.



By March 2016, you will have strategies to revitalise Te Atiawatanga, advance physical and social wellbeing, and create wealth. These will be implemented that year.

My strength is implementing good governance. My background in planning, policy and advocacy means I focus on the best steps to achieve agreed outcomes. I take into account strategic direction, opportunities, risk, financial and administrative implications, and communicating outcomes.

I act in the best interests of members to maximise assets.

- With TAIA, I project managed the return of fish assets that led to the creation of Te Atiawa (Taranaki) Settlements Trust and Te Atiawa (Taranaki) Holdings Ltd.
- With Puke Ariki Land Trust, I was the lead Trustee in increasing a ground rental from \$45,000 to \$192,000 per annum.

My paid work has included policy and management roles in the hapu/iwi/Maori, tertiary education, creative, and corporate sectors. I have undertaken advocacy work in the health, anti-violence, and community development sectors.

I have a particular interest in utilising new and emerging technologies to improve educational outcomes, enhance skills sets in an increasingly competitive employment environment, and to create content that tells our stories.

Shaun KEENAN

Imagine an Iwi which contributes considerably towards better life outcomes for its people. That is my vision for Te Atiawa.

Tena koutou katoa.

My name is Shaun Keenan. I am a descendant of Hikemapu and William Keenan, E Wai and James Heberley and Miritatana Te Keha. I am the brother of Wikitoria Keenan.



I believe Te Atiawa Iwi can achieve much for our people through influential leadership, robust and transparent processes, maximising of assets, and the formation of effective partnerships, both with our people and external organisations. Underpinning this, the Iwi must be socially responsible and committed to Te Ao Maori.

My strength is leadership, strategic thinking and relationship building from corporates to whanau. I have been heavily involved in Iwi and Hapu organisations for the last thirty years and have gained significant governance experience with both Maori and non-Maori organisations. My background in telecommunications, law and law enforcement compliments these skills, as well as my formal qualifications in engineering and economics.

I am currently CEO of Ngati Te Whiti Whenua Topu Trust which includes the project co-ordination of Ngamotu Marae Project. I am a Trustee on Te Atiawa Settlements Trust, Parihaka X Ahu Whenua Trust, and am Chairperson of Waitapu Urupa Trust, Tutaki Youth Trust and Stratford Parents Centre.

I am committed, available and have the skills and knowledge to be an effective Trustee on Te Kotahitanga O Te Atiawa as we strengthen and build momentum.

No reira, nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.



Shelley KOPU

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

I am a daughter of Te Atiawa, the child of Tom and Heather Kopu and mokopuna of Agnes and Edward Kopu. My tane, Ray Masila and I have three children, and have recently welcomed our first mokopuna to our whanau.

I am a lawyer, and after practicing with two leading employment law firms, I now head the employment law function for ASB. Being passionate about the development and representation of Maori, I am involved in leading the Mana Wahine programme at ASB, a member of the Maori Lawyers Association and mentor emerging Maori leaders. I have also incorporated Maori rōpū at two prominent Auckland colleges, and sit on the Board of one as the Maori representative.

My journey is focussed on utilising the expertise I have developed to benefit the wider whanau. If successful, I will bring to the Board my aroha for our people, our land and our future. I will also bring legal and corporate expertise with skills in employment relations, innovation, risk / operational and change management and strategy.

It would be an honour to represent my whanau through Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa. My experience, values and commitment to the development of Maori and Te Atiawa, enable me to make a positive contribution to the Board whilst fulfilling a personal vision to contribute positively to the future of our tamariki and their tamariki.





Toumairangi MARSH

Te Ātiawa ki Maunga Taranaki, ki Pōneke me Te Waka a Māui.

Ki te iti, ki te rahi, tēnā koutou katoa.

Following my time within the Tertiary Education sector as a student and lecturer, I am now using the knowledge and skills gained to actively engage with our people. I work with honesty, integrity and have a high attention to detail. I address all tasks with an analytical and methodical mind and am highly motivated to adhere to deadlines. I am fluent in both written and conversational Te Reo. I bring to the table a youth perspective with international exposure and use our tikanga and kawa as an operational framework. I am one who works well on a face to face capacity and will seek feedback from a wide range of perspectives. I prefer to “muck in” and get my “hands dirty” and work alongside people from all walks of life. If elected, my goal for our people is to see the start of a ‘Te Ātiawa renaissance’, where we can move from the state of Raupatu and grievance to self-sustainability and management.

Qualifications include a Master of Arts (Tikanga Māori) from Waikato University me ngā tikanga o taku iwi o Te Ātiawa.

I attend/participate in hui of Te Kaumātua Kaunihera o Puke Ariki & Te Kaumātua Kaunihera o Te Ātiawa Nui Tonu. I am Chairperson of the Taranaki Environmental Protection Agency, and liaise and assist with NPDC, TRC and the Oil and Gas sector with various environmental consultancy roles.





Dinnie MOEAHU

Tena koutou nga uri o Te Atiawa.

I am one of seven siblings and the youngest son to Peter and Wikitoria Moeahu. I reside in Opunake with Sonya, my wife of 10 years and our two sons, Christian and Kaia.

In 2013 I founded the company Dman Entertainment, within two short years it has grown into Taranaki's premiere entertainment company, providing services throughout Aotearoa and internationally. Clients include Augusta Capital, Origin Energy, Power Co, BDO, TSB Bank, NPDC and Taranaki Rugby. I believe I can bring to Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa a strong work ethic, innovative thinking, sound business relationships, a clear strategic focus, passion and proven business acumen.

I'm passionate about our rangatahi, actively serving as Chairman of Opunake Primary School Board and a trustee of Step Up Taranaki, a charitable organisation that seeks to use music and dance as a vehicle to engage with our youth and raise funds for charity.

I'm passionate about our whanau, organising local community events to fundraise for families in need including Tiaan Jarman, Tyrone O'Carroll and Ariana Lawn.

I'm passionate about our community, working alongside charitable organisations such as Relay for Life, Mellow Puff Trust, and The Child Cancer Foundation.

It's this passion that defines me and what I stand for. I stand to represent my tupuna, our iwi. I stand with the belief that through our shared aspirations we can find pathways through our differences and help build a brighter future for all of Te Atiawa.



W Gary NICHOLAS

Our families, our children, our people - building our future together

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa will need to engage our youth, young parents and support of our elders. Priority areas to achieve this are:

- Education
- Employment
- Social Welfare
- Affordable housing
- Retention of our cultural practices
- Greater access to medical services

This can be best achieved through partnerships or joint ventures with;

- Regional and District Council
- Education providers and educators
- Successful iwi
- Other Taranaki iwi
- Government departments

I'm currently General Manager Toi Maori Aotearoa – Maori Arts New Zealand, a Wellington based charitable trust with two subsidiary commercial companies. The trust specialises in national and international projects that promote Maori art and artists. Since 2005, I have led projects with Tourism New Zealand, Air New Zealand, New Zealand Post, Ministry of Culture and Heritage, Te Puni Kokiri and Creative New Zealand. International projects with Canada and USA as well as the Netherlands have led to sustainable relationships for the artists. Relationship management with funders, sponsors, private and public organisations is my key role.

Governance and Management Experience:

1998-present:	General Manager Toi Maori Aotearoa-Maori Arts New Zealand
2004-present:	General Manager Toi Maori Ltd
2013-present:	Trustee Manaaki Taonga – Te Maori Trust
1972-present:	Trustee Matarikoriko Urupa Trust
1990-present:	Trustee Wahapakapaka PT 7C Blk III
2014-present:	Chairman Ngati Te Whiti Whenua Toopu Trust





Leonie PIHAMA

*Te Ātiawa, Ngā Māhanga a Tairi,
Ngāti Māhanga*

Dr Leonie Pihama is a mother of six and has three mokopuna. She is an Associate Professor and Director of Te Kotahi Research Institute, University of Waikato, and Director of Māori And Indigenous Analysis Ltd, a Kaupapa Māori research company. She has worked in Māori Education at the University of Auckland teaching in the fields of Māori Education, policy analysis, Mana Wahine, and the politics of representation. Leonie served as Director on Māori Television's establishment board and more recently on the Board of Te Māngai Pāho. She was also on the Constitutional Review Advisory panel which undertook the public review of the constitutional arrangements for Aotearoa. Leonie was a Fulbright Senior Māori scholar at the University of Washington, and has extensive expertise connecting her to a wide-range of communities and iwi.

Leonie is Principal Investigator on the research project 'Tiakina Te Pā Harakeke: Māori childrearing within a context of whānau ora'. She is Associate Investigator on the research programme 'He Kokonga Whare: Maori Intergenerational Trauma and Healing' with Te Atawhai o Te Ao, Whanganui. Dr Pihama is an advocate of Kaupapa Māori theory and research and is committed to supporting research that is transformative. She has worked on a range of projects with health providers within Taranaki supporting Maori wellbeing, including publishing the work, that was initiated by Mahinekura Reinfelds, 'Matarākau: Ngā Kōrero Mō Ngā Rongoā O Taranaki : Healing Stories of Taranaki' and 'Tū Ka Ora: Traditional Healing Stories from Taranaki'.



Liana POUTU

Te Atiawa, Taranaki, Maniapoto

E āku matua whaene, kuia tauheke, āku pārangā rangatira, tēnā koutou katoa.

I was born, raised by my grandparents Val and Ted Tamati and educated in Taranaki prior to attending Waikato University and completing a BA (Māori) and LLB. Following the completion of my law degree I have been practising law with a strong focus on Waitangi Tribunal, Māori land, Treaty of Waitangi settlements and Māori governance issues. In 2010 I was seconded from my law firm to work with Taranaki Iwi on their Treaty settlement negotiation and post-settlement governance entity establishment.

In addition to my significant legal background, I have extensive governance experience having served on a range of governance boards including Māori Land Trusts, Puketapu Hapū, Te Reo o Taranaki Charitable Trust, Tūhono Trust, Tui Ora Ltd, and Conservation Boards.

My upbringing has instilled in me a sense of responsibility to uphold and honour the legacy of our tūpuna as Te Atiawa enters the next phase of our journey. I am honest, hardworking, a strong leader and communicator, and have a passion for and dedication to the development and empowerment of our people.

I have been the caretaker Chairperson of Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust since its establishment in March 2014 and involved in progressing the Treaty Settlement process for Te Atiawa to its conclusion. I would consider it a privilege to continue to serve my iwi as a trustee on Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust.





Pamela Teurumairangi RITAI

Striving for prosperity, security and sustainability

Ko Te Atiawa me Taranaki aku Iwi. He uri ahau
nō ngā whānau Watene rātou ko, Love,
Te Hunahuna, Waru, Atua.

As a Registered Nurse I have a strong background in Māori development, growth and sustainability with years of experience in Māori health management, service delivery, policy, project and program development and implementation as well as Company Directorship experience and understanding.

Though recently retired I am still very active and over many years continue to represent Te Atiawa Iwi on a variety of health governance boards in Taranaki and participate on a number of National governance cancer boards. The skills and knowledge I bring from these experiences are in governance, financial performance, strategic and future planning, collaboration, strengthening relationships, leadership and influencing changes that will benefit our Iwi, hapū and whānau. I am a great listener, open to debate, grounded, transparent and committed and I will advocate on your behalf to make a difference.

I am the current Ngāti Rāhiri hapū o Te Atiawa chairperson providing leadership for growth, engagement and fostering prosperity. I am also a mother of five children, many mokopuna and great mokopuna, my greatest gift and one that continues to drive me. Though it is an exciting and challenging time for Te Atiawa Iwi, I will be there to work with and beside you and your whānau. Tēnā koutou katoa



Kim SKELTON

Tribal Affiliations:

Te Atiawa, Taranaki iwi, Ngāti Raukawa
Ngāti Rahiri hapū (Lulu Coulter tōku kuia)
Ngāti Te Whiti hapū (Mick Skelton tōku tupuna,
Tony Skelton tōku pāpā)
Puketapu hapū (Takaterangi Tamati tōku tupuna,
Moana Tamati tōku māmā)



Occupation:

Director, Solas Consulting

- Māori business development, Treaty settlement advice, project management, strategic planning, governance policy
- Currently Project Manager & Executive Leadership Team member, Crown Forestry Rental Trust

Current Qualifications: BA/LLB

Personal Interests:

Whānau

Whānau historian / Whakapapa researcher

Gardening

Community Involvement:

- Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust, Trustee 2014 - present
- Te Atiawa (Taranaki) Settlements Trust, current Deputy Chair, Trustee 2007 – present
- Greater Wellington Regional Council, Committee member 2012 - 2015
- Te Kura o Ōtari, Trustee & Finance Committee Convenor 2004 - 2010
- Wellington Ethics Committee, Lay member 2001 – 2003

Skills and Experience relevant to being a Trustee of Te Atiawa:

E te iti mē te rahi o Te Atiawa, tēnā koutou katoa. I humbly seek your endorsement to serve as a Trustee and commit to always act in the best interests of Te Atiawa.

I offer my legal, business, strategic, and people skills combined with extensive governance experience, including management of settlement assets. As Deputy Chair of the Fisheries Trust, I have worked hard to ensure Deed compliance, integrity in decision making and accountability to iwi members, through Annual Reports and the Distribution Policy.

My personal Atiawa vision is: Te Atiawa are vibrant, economically prosperous and culturally strong, at home and away.



Ngamata Kirsty SKIPPER

*Of Tawhirikura, Puketapu, Ngati Te Whiti
& Ngati Rahiri*

Tena koutou

I am standing for a trustee position on this entity so that I can support this first phase of development for Te Atiawa in the post-settlement era. Of particular interest to me is growing our capacity – in people, in resource, financially, culturally and through demonstrating leadership, guided by the people.

I am passionate about and love our people. Our settlement process certainly tested our relationships with each other and we can only move forward. Its time to inspire each other, to grow this settlement and achieve more for our future generations.

My background is in Hauora and I am currently working in Health Management with a focus to improve the health of Maori. My skills lie strongly in the areas of strategic planning, project management, community development, management and effective communication.

I am proud to be actively involved with my hapu and marae and our local communities. This will enable me to provide a good working knowledge of whanau aspirations at the TKOT table.

I promise that if you invest your **VOTE** in me, I will ensure robust discussions will happen at that table and that your contributions will be valued and used to shape our collective future.

You can be assured that I will work tirelessly to ensure that what we do will be the very best for Atiawa. I leave you with these kupu aroha;

E nga Iwi

We are the people.



Wharehoka WANO

Iwi:

Te Atiawa, Taranaki, Ngāti Awa

Employment:

Teacher, Director Tihi Ltd, Senior Leadership Team - CORE Education

Qualifications:

M.Ed.Admin, BEd, BA, Secondary Teaching Diploma

Personal Interests:

Whanau, Reo, Waiata, Kapa Haka, The Arts, Surfing, Iron Māori, Rugby

Community Involvement:

Marae activities, Sports, Festivals

Skills & Experience:

I am the current chairperson of the Te Atiawa Taranaki Settlements Trust and as a trust we have ensured our fish quota and assets have been effectively managed. I am the interim Deputy Chair of Te Kōtahitanga o Te Atiawa (TKOTA) and over the last 18 months we have worked hard to ensure TKOTA is ready to receive and manage our settlement assets. I am also the current deputy chair of the Taranaki Māori Trust Board.

My present employment is senior team leader at CORE Education a national education provider managing a large team of educators who work in schools supporting leaders and teachers. My wife and I are Directors of Tihi Ltd an Event management and Education consultancy company which has a national and international profile. Leading and managing teams and resource of this size has put me in good stead to transfer those leadership, management and governance skills into the tribal space.

I am also committed to building our cultural capacity in te reo and tikanga and supporting our hapū and marae so our Te Atiawatanga and our Taranakitanga are secure. Most importantly I want to ensure that Te Atiawa has a profile and provides courageous leadership into the future.





Andrea M WILLIAMS

Whaikororia ki te Atua I runga rawa,
Maungarongo ki runga I te whenua, Whakaaro
pai ki nga tangata katoa

I am the daughter of Gayle Williams (nee Rangi)
and Patrick Williams. I am a mokopuna of
Kathleen Rangi (nee Tamati), who was known as
Aunty Kath by many.



I am a trustee of the Te Atiawa (Taranaki) Settlements Trust. First
elected in 2007, I am serving my final term on the board.

In 2015 I was appointed a director of the Asset Holding Company,
and I am an interim Trustee for Te Kotahitanga O Te Atiawa Taranaki.

Professional qualification held:

Chartered Accountant, New Zealand Institute of Chartered
Accountants since 1991 when I attained full membership.

University qualifications:

A Bachelor of Business Studies with a major in Accounting and
Finance and a Diploma in Business Studies with an endorsement in
Accountancy, from Massey University.

I have worked for the Department of Maori Affairs, the Iwi Transition
Agency, the Ministry of Maori Development and the Maori Trustee,
holding various roles in Accounting, Finance, Treasury and Asset
Management, including at senior management levels in a career
spanning more than twenty years.

Presently I am working with a large Ahu Whenua Farming Trust
located in Taupo, assisting with the establishment of their
organisational and operational infrastructure as they move to self-
management.

I look forward to a future where Te Atiawa will be united and where
I can use my skills and experience to assist with the growth and
management of the assets for all.



Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust is to be held at 10am on Sunday 27 September 2015 at the Owae Marae, Manukorihi, Waitara. All Te Atiawa uri are invited to attend.

Agenda:

- Mihi Whakatau and Karakia
- Apologies
- Inaugural Report for 2014-2015
 - Audited Financial Statements
- Approval of Appointment of Auditor
- Trustee Remuneration
- 2015-2016 Annual Plan
- Trustee Election Result / Introduction to new Trustees
- General Business
- Karakia

The Annual Report and Financial Statements will be made available from 31 August 2015. For further information please contact tari@teatiawa.iwi.nz or ring (06) 758 4685.

Election Results

It is expected that the checking and verification of any special votes cast in the election will be completed by Wednesday 16 September 2015. The final election result will be generated on the afternoon of 16 September and released to the Trust and candidates. The result will then be loaded to the Trust website www.teatiawa.iwi.nz as soon as possible thereafter, advertised in the Taranaki Daily News on Saturday 19 September and announced at the AGM.







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