

2022 TRUSTEE ELECTION CANDIDATE PROFILES

Election of THREE (3) Trustees



NGĀTI KOATA
TRUST

Te Pātaka a
Ngāti Koata Trust

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CASE Donna Lee

Ko wai au?

Ko Maungatapu te Maunga

Ko Maitahi te Awa

Ko Aorere te Tai

Ko Raukawakawa te Moana

Ko Tainui te Waka

Ko Ngati Koata raua ko Ngati Toa nga Iwi

Ko Whakatu te Marae

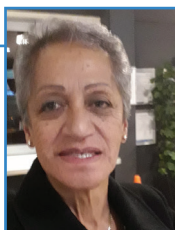
Ko Kakati te Whare Tupuna

Ko Donna-Lee Rangiruhia Case ahau

I am the youngest child of Rangikapua and Rangiruhia Elkington. I have lived all my life in Whakatu raising five wonderful children. I am now a great-grandmother and my desire to create and build a strong foundation for our future generations has only become stronger. I've been affiliated with Ngati Koata Trust since it established in the late 1980's and am proud to be associated with its growth. Due to the recent loss of my husband, I have time available to support the further growth of Ngati Koata.

At present I am semi-retired, my profession and passion is caring for our people who have disabilities and who are aged. My strengths that I can bring to the board are my people skills and positive decision making which I learnt in my role as a supervisor at Sealords.

No rei ra, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.



CUMMING Hemi

E ngā mana, e ngā uri huhua o Koata, tēnā koutou kātoa.

Ko Hemi Cumming tōku ingoa.

My connection to Ngāti Koata is through my grandmother, Grace Terewai Moffatt (nee Potete), who grew up in Pukerua Bay. She was brought up by her grandfather, Potete Nopera Manupiri, who was the youngest child of Marara Horomona (and half-brother to John Elkington).

I live in Whakatū/Nelson with my wife, Annie, and our two young kōtiro, Te Ahi and Atarau.

I grew up in Tūranganui/Gisborne where I attended kōhanga reo and kura kaupapa. I went on to study science at Massey and then Canterbury. I have a PhD in Chemistry from Victoria University of Wellington and am currently a Researcher and Māori advisor for Plant and Food Research (PFR) (NZ government owned research institution).

How will you add value to the Trust board

Having grown up in kaupapa Māori settings and through my science education pathway, I bring a diversity of experiences and skills that I believe will be complementary to the board. My current role at PFR covers a range of activities primarily in the seafood/aquaculture space; leading and undertaking science research projects, contributing to organisation-wide Māori development strategy, being part of funding proposals, and supporting our pipeline of Māori in science. My experience through university as a student and mentor has provided me with a very good understanding of higher education systems and I am committed to providing pathways for Māori in science.

As a fluent te reo Māori speaker, I am passionate about te reo Māori and would love to hear it spoken more widely and regularly by our Ngāti Koata whānau. To me, our greatest asset is our people. I would love to see our whānau thriving and excelling as Māori, confident in our connections to one another and our whenua. In order for our whānau to thrive we need opportunities for our rangatahi, stable housing, and financial security as well a strong cultural identity. Being based in Whakatū means I am able to be engaged and effective with kaupapa in our rohe.

If successful, I would bring fresh eyes, problem solving skills, critical thinking, and my diverse skill set.

It would be an honour and privilege to serve our iwi on the board.

Nō reira e te whānau whānui, tēnā ra koutou katoa.



DAVIS Samara

Nga tai rau iriiri tapiritia o te reo
Manatunga e tu atu nei
Te Tau ihu o te Waka ki Waikawa e
Tai mirimiri Tai Whakaora
Ko te Moana Raukawa e
Te Hoiera! Te Aumiti! Te Aorere!
Au Au Aue Ha! Hi!

My maternal grandparents are Pirihiara and Joseph Paul
My paternal grandparents are Te Awhina (Kathy) and Mark Davis

I have a Bachelor of Arts with an Award of distinction, 2019 NMIT. I have other qualifications such as a Certificate in Toi Maori through TWA, and a Certificate in Te Reo Maori through Te Ataarangi.

I currently sit as an independent executive member of the Arts Council Nelson and are closely connected to the Refinery art space, our local community art gallery.

I was born and raised here in Whakatu, closely connected to Whakatu Marae and our Whenua here in Te Tau Ihu o te Waka.

I am part of the second wave of First generation Kohanga babies in which our Kohanga Reo, Kopuawai, was the 10th Kohanga Reo to be established in Aotearoa. I am currently employed as a casual reliever, and have worked as a casual Kaiawhina in the past.

I am passionate about my identity as Maori and as descendant of Koata, I have a deep love for our Kaumatua, our people, and our Tuurangaewae (our place to stand). I use my artistic mediums to convey and express these topics.

2021 saw my first Solo Exhibition 'Ano me he Whare Puungawerewere', Alas a beautifully carved weaved house, intricate like a spider's web, or behold a house gathering spiderwebs.

This exhibition was centered around the importance of Marae. Not only for its people, but also within a community context, referencing the Waiata composed by Hone Nuku Tarawhiti, for Kia Ngawari titled, 'Te Moemoea o Whakatu'.

Kohanga Reo, Te Tai Ao, Mahi Tuatara, Tiaki Tangata, Mahi Toi and Marae are some of the areas I have been involved in and contributed to, within the Iwi space.

Identity is central in knowing where one comes from, in order to know where one is heading.

If elected as a member of the Board, I would like to be a support and voice for Ahi Kaa, to ensure our Kaumatua are cared for, and that our pathways in cultural succession are accessible for our people.

What does it mean to be Koata? What does it mean to be Maori? What differentiates us as separate from any other trust? And how do we exercise our Mana as whanau, hapu and Iwi?

What is the Whakapapa of Ngati Koata Trust? And how do we whakamana that Whakapapa.



HIPPOLITE Jarom

Tēnā koutou katoa e te iwi o Ngāti Koata, he mihi tēnei ki a koutou, ngā kaupuru o te kōrero o te iwi, otirā, koutou ngā tangata e whai ana i te ara tika mō te iwi nei.

My name is Jarom Hippolite. I am the son of Frank and Karina Hippolite, and the mokopuna of Ben and Tammy Hippolite, and Waka and Sonja Parai. I am married to Calisa and we have three children.

Qualifications, training and experience:

I have a Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts Majoring in Māori Resource Management, Minor in Public Policy from Victoria University of Wellington, and a Diploma in Te Reo (Rumaki) Level 5 from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

From the time that I finished studying at university, I have been working in the environmental and educational sector. I am currently employed by Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira as the Manager for the Ākonga Māori Support Centre at Whitireia.

I have been fortunate to support the Ngāti Koata Trust for several years. I have worked as the Environmental Manager for the Ngāti Koata Trust, and for the past three years I have been assisting the iwi as a trustee.

How will you add value to the Trust Board:

From my experience studying and working through my career I have been able to develop skills in abstract reasoning, critical analysis and making a balanced judgement.

I am now seeking to be elected back on to the Board to use my skills and experience to assist the Trust. As a trustee, my role is to listen to the needs of the iwi, and then to provide strategic direction for the Trust. I feel it is important that we as a Board work as efficiently as possible to provide the support to our Trust so that we can preserve and enhance our taonga (te whenua, te tangata, te reo me ōna tikanga).

I have learned from our more experienced trustees and past trustees that the key attributes that a post-settlement Trust needs are transparency, accountability, and professionalism. I am a supporter of working smarter and collaborating with other iwi, the Government and other organisations to achieve our goals. I also believe that we need to balance the needs of the present with growing our pūtea for future generations.

I enjoy learning from others and adopting good whakaaro - *Kohia te kai rangatira, ruia te taitea.*

Nāku i roto noa i te aroha, Nā Jarom Hippolite



KUKA Heywood

Tuia i runga

Tuia i raro

Tuia te herenga tāngata

Pō te ao

Ao te pō

Tihei mauriora

Tuia ngā kāwai whakapapa o Ngāti Koata ki Tauranga Moana
Ko Iwingaro Hounsell (Hippolitte) te taura i here ai tēnei uri ki
taku tūrangawaewae ki ngā iwi o

Te Tau Ihu.

My name is Heywood Kuka, my partner Jaime Allen and I
have three tamariki, Te Kanohi Isaiah, Rongomai haea te
rangi Herepirita and Te Tau Wairua Puhiariki

We reside in Tauranga Moana.

My relevant experiences are as follows. I have been Tumuaki
at Te Wharekura o Mauao, a Kura ā-Iwi here in Tauranga
Moana for 5 years, prior to that, a kaiako for 8 years.

I am the Co Chair of Ngā Kura ā-Iwi (Ngā Kura ā-Iwi is an
organisation of 45 kura across Aotearoa committed to Māori
Medium Education, empowered by Iwi) Te Reo Māori me ōna
tikanga and Education, particularly Māori Medium Education
are not only passions of mine but are guiding principles of
how my whānau and I navigate our paths within our nuclear
settings and extended community.

I draw on the experiences I have gained within the 13 years
of education, 5 years of leading a kura and the role as co-
chair of Ngā Kura ā-Iwi to add value to Te Pātaka o Ngāti
Koata Trust. I have held roles of governance for my Tauranga
Moana iwi and hapū, which I am confident will also help me
add context and value to this position.

I am a staunch Te Reo Māori advocate and am committed
to ensuring our people are afforded the opportunity and
support to regain their taonga tuku iho which is Te Reo
Māori.

I am an educator, however my education philosophy
differs from mainstream education pedagogy. I can
take the experiences I have had being at the forefront
of the emergence of Māori Medium Education and the
transformation that has occurred for uri and align what I
have experienced in that particular space into governance.
I believe that this will add value to the boardroom and will
encourage those involved to be bold and to be brave in
planning for our uri and the future of Ngāti Koata.



PALMER Caroline Tuo Webber

Irihapeti te Maunga

Te Aumiti te tai

Whakatū te Marae

Ngāti Koata te Iwi

Ko Bill Webber tōku Matua

Ko Ngawai Hippolite tōku Whaea

Ko Caroline Palmer tōku ingoa

Tēnā koutou,

I'm excited to step forward and ask for your vote so that I
may serve as a kaitiaki for Ngāti Koata and represent your
interests and views as part of the Trust Board. To me, there
is no greater privilege than to represent your iwi and I feel
that it's now my time to give back, after having received
so many opportunities as part of Ngāti Koata during my
lifetime. I am passionate about the future for our iwi and
want to be part of the conversation to ensure that we all
have opportunities to feel connected, to see our children and
grandchildren able to purchase their first home and have
support to reach their full potential through education.

Background:

Growing up in French Pass with my parents Bill and Ngawai
Webber, I've learnt the importance of connection, whilst
having so many whānau that are role models to me and
my children, Ngawai Elizabeth and Viliamu. Although I am
currently residing in Wellington, my connection always
remains to Te Tau Ihu and the waters of Te Aumiti.

The time is right:

The reason I feel that the time is now right for me to be part
of the board is that I have experience not only in working in
Government, but also governance experience at a national
level. I am currently on secondment as General Manager for
Case Management and Probation at Ara Poutama Aotearoa –
Department of Corrections. In this role, I am responsible for
the policy and practice of around 2000 staff.

Experience:

I have worked leading large teams but have also worked in
the project and change management space. Building and
maintaining relationships is a strength that I pride myself
in to ensure that these connections create true change
with strong outcomes. These experiences would support
me to provide not only strong leadership on your behalf,
but to ensure that your views and interests would be well
represented at the board.

Personal qualities/super powers: the ability to work
alongside others to get to an outcome. I have an
understanding of tikanga, whakapapa and actively strive
to live by the values of *Ngāti Koata*. I have governance
experience and have demonstrated the ability to bring
clarity in debate. I have exceptional attention to detail. It is
important to me to operate with integrity and courage, and I
am committed to the vision of Ngāti Koata: *Te hokinga mai o
te manu hākapakapa: Ngāti Koata are flourishing.*

Qualifications, Training and experiences

Most important role: married to Scott Palmer and mum to
Ngawai Elizabeth & Viliamu

2021 – exec MBA (merit): Victoria University of Wellington

2002 – Bachelor of Commerce & Administration,
Management & Commercial Law: Victoria University of
Wellington

2002- Bachelor of Arts: Education: Victoria University of
Wellington

1994-95 – Nelson College for Girls

1991 – 1993 – Church College of New Zealand



PAUL Antoinette

Ko wai au?

Ko Maungatapu te Maunga

Ko Maitahi te Awa

Ko Aorere te Tai

Ko Raukawakawa te Moana

Ko Tainui te Waka

Ko Ngāti Koata Ngāti Toa ratou Ko Ngāti Rangiwewehi nga Iwi

Ko Whakatū te Marae

Ko Kakati te Whare Tupuna

Ko Antoinette Paul ahau

My Grandparents are Rangiruhia and Rangikapua Elkington, my parents are Pirihiara and Joseph Paul. I have a Bachelor of Midwifery, Diploma in Comprehensive Nursing and Diploma in Business Management (Maori Health). I currently sit on the Board Of Te Piki Oranga as Ngati Koata's Iwi Director giving us a voice and a unique insight in the primary health sector in Te Tau Ihu o te Waka A Māui

I have grown up in Whakatu (Nelson) all my life and was surrounded, raised and taught by those that had the vision of establishing Ngati Koata Trust and what their moemoea was for their future uri.

I currently work at Kopuawai Te Kohanga Reo as a kaiako situated on Whakatu Marae.

What is it that I bring to the Board? I would like to think that I bring co-hesiveness back between the Board and the Iwi. When things get tough a sense of humor is a must. Different doesn't mean wrong. If your going to do something, DO IT! Its called Integrity. When making difficult decisions accountability to the Iwi is important. Maintaining, re-connecting and forging new relationships to ensure Ngāti Koata's voice on cultural historical and financial matters is heard. To ensure our future reflects our past and present. If elected onto the Board I will endeavour to behave in a manner that reflects who we are as Ngati Koata and to never lose sight of who I'm representing and my why I'm doing this which is MA TE IWI MO TE IWI. (For the Iwi by the Iwi)



WILSON Joanie Te Aroha

E ngā mana e ngā reo e ngā karangatanga o te motū nei tēnā koutou katoa

As a proud Koata wahine, descendant from Te Waaka Kotua line, mother of two and wife, residing in Whakatū I am proud to have this potential opportunity once again to serve my Koata whānau as ahikaa. My Mum of whom has been the role model to me and my siblings demonstrating aroha ki ngā mokopuna has instilled in me the belief of doing the right thing when you know what the right thing to do is. She reminds us to do this with the upmost integrity, honesty without personal agenda, for the taonga we have been privileged to care for and grow, for today, tomorrow and future generations.

I am no stranger to the Koata board having served my six years as a board member and Iwi Chair. I believe there is much still to be done and this requires strong leadership, respect, and trust, which I will continue to bring. My strong ability to make good judgments and my sound understanding of board responsibilities I do with clarity. As ahikaa I have built strong enduring relationships over the 30 years in building a successful career in the education and health sector. Over the last six years I have been in the political interface both at the local government and national level, advocating for Māori and have led several policy changes within the education system for Māori.

I am well respected across the motu with stakeholders, across government agencies, Iwi and whānau. I have served on a number of boards, one where I had the mandate from the eight Iwi of Te Taihū in the tertiary space as a director on the board of the local tertiary institute. I was involved in key establishments in the region for Ngāti Koata, Māori and the hāpori, such as Kia Kotahi Te Hoe. I have continued to maintain this relationship. My ability to take people with me and influence change is a strength of mine.

My tohu Poutahu Whakaakoranga Post Grad in Māori education, has grounded me as a Koata woman. My managerial and leadership roles in strategic design and execution has served me well. I believe this is paramount for the Ngāti Koata board, the ability to make sound decisions and upholding the tikanga of Ngāti Koata is key. I know too well responding to various needs particularly in challenging circumstances can be confronting at times, I am not afraid to lean in and address this, transparency and trust is what our people deserve.

I embrace learning, one role I hold is the position of Associate Director for Wakatū Inc on the three-year Amokura programme. I will strengthen my leadership in governance, I will be on the whenua board and lead a particular project.

Finally, Koata was a woman who was bold, brave and courageous. In terms of value add I will bring this to the table once again and much more.



PUKLOWSKI Dauniika

Tēnā koutou katoa

Ko Dauniika toku ingoa

I am an experienced governance professional, having worked in corporate governance in both financial/insurance and health sectors.

I have a certificate in Company Direction from the Institute of Directors (IOD) and I am a member of the IOD.

I am also a Board member on the Takapuna School Board.

I will add value to the Ngāti Koata Trust by bringing my knowledge and experience of business and good governance to the table, and by working collectively with other Trust members to provide stewardship of the Trust to live the Trust values and ensure consistently good outcomes for all Ngāti Koata members and the wider Ngāti Koata community.

I respect that the Trustee role is one of responsibility to those tipuna who came before and those mokopuna who will come after.

My great-great Grandmother was a tamaiti whāngai and was formally adopted by a Ngāti Koata iwi member in 1908. I want to honour those ancestors who so generously raised my great-great grandmother, later formally adopting her, and ultimately giving me and my children our Ngāti Koata whānau connections.

I am a Pākehā and am on a learning journey. By serving on the Ngāti Koata Trust I hope to learn a lot more about the iwi and its history, especially as it relates to tiriti o Waitangi, and become more involved in the Ngāti Koata community.

