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ROBINSON Richard

Ko Maungatapu te maunga

Ko Maitahi te awa

Ko Aorere te tai

Ko Tainui te waka

Ko Ngati Koata tōku iwi

Ko Whakatū te marae

Ko Kākatī te whare tupuna

I am excited and humbled as a Ngati Koata descendant to submit my name forward for consideration as a Trustee on Ngati Koata Trust.

I was born and bred in Whakatū to Maria (nee Hippolite) and Noel Robinson, and currently reside in Kirikiriroa with my wife and our 4 tamariki.

Growing up in Nelson, I was privileged to be connected to our whenua, not only in Nelson but also to Te Aumiti and beyond. My earliest memories of growing up in Nelson was watching and learning from my grandmother Maria Tuo Hippolite (nee Elkington) and my many Aunties and Uncles who all paved the way for me to understand what it truly means to be Koata.

What is important to me is that we work collectively and support each other so that our iwi is prosperous and thriving. I believe a collaborative effort will empower and enhance the mana of our iwi, in a way that our tūpuna would be proud.

My skillset is: Extensive Management and leadership experience in both a professionally and community capacity with a collaborative and consultative approach. I am solution based and bring emotional intelligence that can be immeasurable when dealing with sensitive and often highly charged emotional topics/issues.

My current occupation is in FinTech but I am also a part owner in Moneysense Financial Education Services delivering workshops on financial capability with a focus on Māori.

**WILSON Joanie**

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.

