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HIPPOLITE Roma

Tena koutou katoa

Ko Roma Ruruku Hippolite toku ingoa.

Ko John Teone Hippolite raua ko June Noreen Gray (Kai Tahu) oku matua

Ko Benjamin Pene Hippolite (Ngāti Kuia) raua ko Maria Poto Tuo Elkington oku matua tupuna.

He uri ahau o Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Toarangatira, Kai Tahu hoki.

I am seeking election to Te Pataka o Ngāti Koata and hope you will support me.

I have previously been involved with our iwi and iwi Trust as a board member, then as the first General Manager/CEO and finally as one of the Treaty Negotiator's. I again offer my services and bring to the table the following governance experience, Koata systemic experience, and inter-iwi experience.

- **Governance Experience:**

1. Board member, including deputy chair and chair, Ngāti Koata Trust (11 years).
2. Chair, Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga Ltd (treaty negotiation company, 4 years).
3. Board member and chair, Te Rau Matatini (the national Māori workforce development company, 9 years).
4. Board member, (including chair of Audit and Risk) NMDHB (8 years).
5. Board member Nelson Tasman PHO (2 years).
6. Board member and chair, Nelson Broadcasting Trust / Fresh FM (4 years).
7. Board member, Nayland College (3 years).
8. Board member and Chair of Mana College (4.5 years).
During most of this time I was a member of the New Zealand Institute of Directors.

- **Koata Systemic Experience:** While being closely involved with our iwi for nearly 20 years on the board and then as treaty negotiator I learn much of our rich Ngāti Koata history, our key values, and the way things are done in our formal structures. I bring a link to the recent past and an understanding of why many of the internal organisational structures and policies were set up, while being very open to new ideas, if they are an improvement.

- **Inter-iwi Experience:** Over those 20 years and particularly while as a negotiator I learn a lot about the inter-iwi relationships between the 8 iwi of Te Tau Ihu, both the hugely positive, and the sometimes not-so-positive.

My formal qualifications and relevant awards include Bachelor of Management Studies (Accounting & Finance), Post Graduate Diploma Business Studies (Personal Financial Planning), and many sector-related courses. In January 2015 I was invested as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (for services to Māori and Health), and I have also been awarded the Efficiency Decoration (for service in the NZTF Army). I was also briefly qualified as an Environmental commissioner.

Robyn and I are currently employed as a Health and Safety Office and Project Engineer building the Auckland NZ Temple and hope to be transferred to Porirua next year to build the Wellington NZ Temple.

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou tena tatou katoa.



KOHU Jodi

Tēnā Koutou e ngā uri o Ngāti Koata, tēnei ka tuku mihi ki a koutou i tēnei wā kia ako ai koutou ko wai au.

Ka tū ahau ki te tihi o Wetekia, kia rongo hia e te hau o tawhirimātea.

Titiro iho au ki ngā wai o te Wairere e māringi atu ki Te Aumiti, huri kē, huri kē.

Ka hoe toku iwi ā Ngāti Koata i a tātou waka a Tainui e ū ana ki Parikārangaranga, Te Ipukarea o Rangikapua raua ko Rangiruhia

Arā, kei kōnei au a Jodi Kohu, Tēnā Koutou Katoa.

I am a mother to five tamariki, Teariki, Jayms, Nolwazi, Zion and Titaa but will often add their father Zan-Luther into the count making it six. I have been raised in Nelson, in my teen years attended Church College of NZ and then made my way into the big wide world. In those years I experienced a lot of highs and lows and learnt to open my mind to the various opinions and insights offered to me by those whom I may not have heard well otherwise.

I have spent the last five and a half years studying, spending three years at Te Wānanga o Aotūroa where I received my Whakaakoranga Kōhungahunga tohu and am currently in my final semester of my Masters in Education. Throughout this period I had two tamariki, actively participated in and chaired He Kupu Reanga and coordinated and facilitated Rangatahi and Reo wānanga across the rohe for various organisations. This has been an important step in my growth as it has enabled me to practice my culture, grow a family, learn and teach new things and face the challenges head on. something I know comes from within my whakapapa as a Ngāti Koata woman.

Most of my mahi growing up has been in Kōhanga reo. I have taught in Wellington, Hamilton and here in Whakatū. This role is by far one of the most honourable roles I could have ever held and has given me a solid base in Te Reo Māori, Tikanga and an understanding and ability to connect to some of the most inquiring minds. This is the reason I choose to stand for the Ngāti Koata Board.

Myself and my Tamariki are all Manu Pīrere of Kopuawai te Kōhanga reo. We have years of connection to our marae and the building up of our Reo within our Iwi beginning with the youngest ones of all. As an Iwi I want us to be able to look at what the future holds for these tamariki and do the best for them. As an Iwi I believe we need to start making more Mokopuna choices and that's what I intend to do if given the privilege of being elected to the Iwi Board.

Mauri Ora Whānau



PAUL Regan Ngawari



Tēnā koutou!

I am one of many mokopuna to Pirihira & Joe Paul, I am honored to stand as a candidate for the Ngāti Koata trust board, and to share my excitement about how I can be a voice for you as an iwi member.

My journey with Ngāti Koata began as a young child when both my parents, Clara-ann & Kevin Paul worked for Ngāti Koata Trust. I spent plenty of time wandering the hallways and offices and as a child watching and talking with the kaimahi. That was where the spark began for the excitement and passion that I now have in offering my skills and abilities, that includes knowing how to use the dish sanitizer, a tea towel and a mop on the marae!

Value added

As a candidate, my vision is to bridge, generational gap's, and ensure that the aspirations and voices of young members are heard and respected. I understand the importance of involvement in decision-making processes, and empowerment of taking ownership of our cultural heritage.

My experience in people management has equipped me with the tools needed to contribute effectively. I am committed to transparent and accountable governance that prioritizes the well-being and future of Ngāti Koata iwi.

I believe in the strength of unity and inclusivity, and I am dedicated to encouraging an environment where every member, young and old, feels valued and represented. I am ready to collaboratively work with the board to achieve these goals.

My candidacy represents a commitment to the past, present and future of Ngāti Koata. I promise to bring fresh perspectives and open communication. Together we can build a stronger and more vibrant Ngāti Koata for generations to come.

Training & Experience

- Leadership development / Icing
- Kaiako, leadership development / Alicia McKay NZ
- Human resource management / NZIML

ROBINSON Richard Tainui



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 Kākati te whare tupuna

I am honoured and humbled to put forth my candidacy for the position of Trustee on the Ngati Koata Trust. As a proud descendant of Ngati Koata, my roots run deep in the foothills of Maungatapu, the waters of Maitahi, and the shores of Aorere.

Raised in Whakatū by my parents Maria (nee Hippolite) and Noel Robinson, my journey has been steeped in the traditions and wisdom passed down by my cherished grandmother, Maria Tuo Hippolite (nee Elkington), and a multitude of revered Aunties and Uncles. They have instilled in me the essence of what it means to embody the spirit of Koata.

In my professional and community endeavours, I have honed extensive leadership and management skills, marked by a collaborative and consultative approach. This has been particularly crucial in handling emotionally charged topics, where my empathetic nature has proven invaluable.

While my current role in FinTech speaks to my professional acumen, I am equally vested in financial education. As a co-owner of Moneysense Financial Education Services, I am dedicated to empowering individuals, particularly within the Māori community, with essential financial knowledge.

My aspiration is to foster a united front within our iwi, working harmoniously to ensure its continued prosperity. I believe that our collective efforts will not only honour our ancestors but also pave the way for a vibrant future.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to contribute to the well-being and progress of Ngati Koata.