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Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama is holding an annual general meeting (AGM) on 6 December 2025, commencing at 10am and will be held at Pukearuhe Marae, 6 Waikaramarama Road, Pukearuhe.

All members are invited to attend.

### AGENDA

1. Meeting Registration
2. Karakia & Mihimihi
3. Trustee Election & Special Resolution Voting – Voting opens
4. Apologies
5. Minutes of previous AGM (November 2024)
6. Chair's & Trustee's report
7. Pou Ārahi Report
8. Audited Annual Financial Statements (for the year ended 30 September 2024)
9. Appointment of Auditors
10. General Business / Kōrero-a-Iwi
11. Trustee Election & Special Resolution Voting - Voting closes
12. Meeting closed / Karakia whakamutunga

Annual reports will be sent to all members from 8 November 2025 and will be available at the AGM.

### Voting Arrangements for 2025 Trustee Election and Special Resolutions

The voting period for the 2025 Trustee election and 2 Special Resolutions is now open. Voter packs with information on the candidates and an information sheet outlining why the resolutions have been proposed, will be emailed or posted to all adult members from 3 November 2025. Copies of Proposed Deed of Variation of Declaration of Trust and any other relevant information will be available to view on the Trust website <http://www.ngatitamaotaranaki.iwi.nz/>

Members can cast their votes by post, online at <http://www.ngatitamaotaranaki.iwi.nz/>, in person at the AGM (via ballot box), or by appointing a proxy. Adults wishing to register with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama Trust can do so via the Trust website.

If you have any questions on the voting process, please contact the Election Helpline 0800 666 946. For any other inquiries, please contact [office@ngatitama.iwi.nz](mailto:office@ngatitama.iwi.nz).

Twelve candidates standing for SEVEN (7) Trustee positions

**BAKER Rodney Leon**

Kia ora koutou,

Rodney Baker, uri of Te Kapinga and Te Araroa Iraia McClutchie, serves as the Ngāti Tama representative on the Te Ara o Te Ata Project Alliance Board. His career reflects a strong commitment to leadership, governance, and advancing Māori community aspirations.



Rodney's professional foundation lies in forestry and sawmilling, where he worked as an operational and procurement manager, gaining experience in resource management, supply chains, and the economic drivers that sustain regional industries.

He has extensive governance experience across Māori, rural, and community organisations. He is the current Chair of Urenui and Mōkau Rural Healthcare and a Kaitiaki of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga, where he formerly served as Chair. Rodney has also chaired Maruehi Fisheries and the Ngāti Mutunga Investment Trust, and contributed to the Taranaki Māori Trust and other iwi entities. Through these roles, he has supported kaupapa in iwi development, health equity, fisheries management, investment, and sustainable resource use.

Rodney's service to Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama is inspired by whakapapa — following in the footsteps of his tūpuna to embed iwi aspirations into decision-making for the benefit of uri and the wider community.

Born the eighth of nine children of Leon Clifford and Thelma Baker, Rodney was raised on his whānau farm at Mimitangiata Awa. A life of whitebaiting, hunting, tramping, and gathering kai moana grounded him in whakapapa, manaakitanga, and kaitiakitanga. He remains passionate about community, history, and ensuring future generations stay connected to their whenua and identity.

**KERSHAW Vicki**

Ko Taranaki te Maunga  
Ko Mōhakatino te Awa  
Ko Tokomaru te waka kei pūaha e tau anā  
Ko Ngāti Tama te Iwi  
Ko Pukearuhe te Marae  
Ko Tama Ariki te Whare Tūpuna  
Ko Te Kapinga Hirini McClutchie rāua ko Te Araroa Iraia ōku Tūpuna  
Ko Vicki Kershaw tāku ingoa



Kia ora koutou. I was fortunate to grow up at Pukearuhe with a large extended whānau. We grew up in the rohe of our tupuna learning to gather kai moana, free to roam and play on the beaches, swim, and fish at Wai-iti and Parininihi and explore the surrounding bushland. I believe it is important for our mokopuna to have access to their tūrangawaewae, know their history, their whakapapa, and the stories of their tupuna.

My career has provided both operational leadership and governance experience. Starting as a Dental Therapist then moving into project management, programme management, then as a CEO of an aged care service primarily for first nations people in rural remote Western Australia. I was a Ministerial appointment to the Dental Council of New Zealand (DCNZ) and represented Ngāti Mutunga Iwi on Te Whare Pūnanga Kōrero for eight years.

I was seconded onto Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama in 2024. My aim, if elected as a trustee is to provide uri with the confidence that Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama is moving into a financially sustainable future that has transparent and robust processes enabling the delivery on the uri endorsed Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama Strategic Plan.

**LEATHERBY-TUUTA Debra**

As a proud uri of Ngāti Tama and Ngāti Mutunga, born and raised in Waitara, I bring an understanding of our iwi's needs and aspirations. My whakapapa connects me to our rich history, with my great-grandfather Potete Hotu White and great-grandmother Matehuria Horomona, the eldest mokopuna of Maggie (Heneriata) White and Charlie Leatherby, and the eldest child of Scotty (Charles) Leatherby and Maisie Crow being key figures in my whakapapa.



My experience working alongside whānau as a Kaiawhina and Whānau Ora Navigator with Tui Ora has equipped me with the skills to support our people in achieving their goals. My qualifications in Hauora Māori further demonstrate my commitment to our iwi's wellbeing.

Currently, as a Kaitakawaenga with the Ministry of Education's Learning Support team, I work closely with whānau Māori to ensure their voices are heard and their tamariki are able to achieve positive outcomes. My focus is on supporting tamariki, rangatahi, and whānau to achieve their aspirations.

It is an honour and privilege to be putting myself forward as a candidate for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama. As a candidate, I am committed to listen to our uri, amplify whānau voices, and work with dedication and passion to achieve tangible outcomes in education, housing, and the wellbeing of our iwi. My vision is to empower our tamariki and rangatahi to succeed, and to support our whānau in reaching their full potential. My passion for iwi kaupapa and attending many iwi-driven initiatives make me a strong candidate to contribute... *[abridged to 250 word limit]*

**MATUKU Andy**

Ka houpu te kanohi ka kori ngā Morehu.

It is a privilege to serve our whānau and iwi for the last three years and I would welcome the opportunity to continue to contribute to our collective iwi success as a board member of Ngāti Tama.



Through my background in management and governance, I've seen the importance of listening to all voices and celebrating our culture. As a trustee, my focus would be on making sure everyone is included, decisions are open and honest, and our tikanga Māori is woven into all we do.

I want to help our community thrive, support our rangatahi, and ensure our shared resources are looked after for future generations.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa

Andy Matuku

## MATUKU Harris Karena

Ko Rangikata tōku tauheke.  
Ko Ngaparani tōku tupuna kuia.  
Ko Kenny Matuku tōku Pāpā.  
Ko Harris Matuku tōku ingoa.

My vision for Ngāti Tama is to ensure that our mokopuna feel proud to be uri of Tamaariki and know who they are and connect back to our marae. I would love to see more wānanga to grow our cultural knowledge and strengthen our tikanga

I have been involved with the cultural elements of our pā I'm well-versed in marae tikanga and have experience with marae, mainly in the back, in the kitchen, at the hāngi pit. As one of the Ngāti Tama Tangata Tiaki, it has been an honour for me to serve as one of the cultural monitors on the Mount Messenger project.

I am standing for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama because I am proud of my iwi, my tūpuna, and our whānau. Whilst not a corporate person, I'm trustworthy, honest with skills that serve our people. I believe the board should have a good mix of whānau who are on the ground every day - living and breathing Ngāti Tama-tanga and whānau who help advance our iwi aspirations as a whole.

It would be an honour to serve our people, in the way our old people taught us. With love in our hearts, unity at the forefront and with kindness towards each other. I am passionate about our iwi and ensuring that we can uphold the mana of our old people.

Ngā mihi aroha, nā Harris.



## O'CARROLL Conrad Tahana

E mihi ana ki a koutou  
Mai Mokau ki Titoki te rohe  
Ko Parininihi te Matua kanohi o Ngati Tama whanui

Whanau have encouraged me to stand again for board; therefore, I've put my name forward again. If Ngati Tama Uri support me to continue representing our interests I am willing to continue doing my utmost to ensure that the positive momentum we have created continues for our benefit and the benefit of the future generations.

We have made some important achievements during this term with the operations team in place and developing well. This has freed up the Runanga to focus on strategies that will give the best outcomes for our people, our land and a sustainable economic base. We have employed skilled people to guide us through this, and board members worked tirelessly to put these strategies into action.

Tiaki te Mauri o Parininihi trust continue's to leads the way with environmental and ecological restoration projects and is recognised regionally and nationally. Working with the operations team we will continue to create opportunities for uri to reconnect with the whenua.

Some of the partnerships we have entered have had it challenges, however the outcomes from these partnerships have resulted with opportunities of employment and resources available to carry out some positive activities and projects that will go on for many years. I believe the Runanga understands the challenges and what's needed so our partners understand that we hold the mana over our rohe.

Tena Tatou



## McCLUTCHIE Richard

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua

Ko Richard McClutchie au, son of Davis McClutchie and grandson to Tiaki Kapinga McClutchie

Once again, I am seeking your support and the opportunity to continue to represent my whānau and uri and share my knowledge and experience with our iwi.

The key areas that I want focus on remain the same;

- Creating an open and welcoming environment for all our whānau
- Leading with integrity, honesty and transparency
- Education and Leadership (skill development, educational achievement and fostering leaders within whanau)
- Job creation and Enterprise (explore oppurtunities to create sustainable wealth and finacial security)

I'm born and bred at Pukearuhe where mine and my extended family still reside.

My aspiarion is to create an environment for our people that fosters colaboration, inclusion and transparency and to build on the work done thus far.



## OWEN Anna

Ko Taranaki te Maunga  
Ko Tokomaru te waka,  
Ko Tamaariki te tūpuna  
Ko Mohakatino te awa  
Ko Pukearuhe te marae  
No Ngāti Tama te iwi.  
Ko Anna Owen tōku ingoa.

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Ngāti Tama.

I love being at Pukearuhe because it's where we're from. Our kuia is Kōkiri, and her parents and siblings lie in Pukehou urupa.

Being at Ngarautika when it was given back to us was amazing, and something our tamariki will never forget. I want them to know this is where they are from - their tūrangawaewae - and to think about how they can contribute in some way when they're older. And that they pass that feeling on to their tamariki mokopuna.

I'm passionate about Māori health and education, as I'm a paramedic and have worked in the health sector for over 15 years. I'm on the Board of Te Kaunihera Manapou Paramedic Council, and in these past five years I've developed an understanding of governance (including the principles of Māori governance) and finance, and think this could be my contribution to the incoming Board. Thanks also to the current Board for your contribution to our iwi.

In my work, I see too many whānau Māori struggle to get by, and this is just not good enough. Te Tiriti must be honoured. Future generations of tangata whenua and tangata tiriti must be able to live their best lives in an Aotearoa that values our reo, our tikanga and te Ao Māori.



## ROBSON Tiana

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## SHARMAN Amanda Wallace

Kia ora koutou, ko Amanda Sharman ahau, e tū ana mō tōku tuarua wā ki Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama. E ārahi ana au i aku mahi i runga i te mana o ō tātou tūpuna, me te pūkenga o te iwi mō te painga o te katoa.

I am standing for my second term on Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama to continue supporting the growth, connection, and wellbeing of our iwi. Guided by our tūpuna, my focus is on ensuring that Ngāti Tama whānau are heard, connected, and empowered to thrive.

Over the past three years, I have worked alongside whanaunga to strengthen registration, build relationships, and support initiatives that benefit our collective. I am committed to connecting whānau to hapū and iwi, and to ensuring that our voices – especially those often overlooked – shape the decisions and direction of our Rūnanga.

Through the recent establishment of Te Puna Taunaki Ltd, a cultural supervision and consultancy initiative, opportunities are being created for our uri to gain skills, leadership experience, and pathways into employment and development within kaupapa Māori frameworks. This is a vehicle for Ngāti Tama to grow our own capability and ensure our people are leading, learning, and contributing to the strength of our iwi.

If elected, I will continue to champion whānau-led initiatives, strengthen hapū and iwi connections, and support kaupapa guided by tikanga and the wisdom of our tūpuna. My goal is that every whānau and uri feels connected, valued, and able to contribute to the collective... [abridged to 250 word limit]



## WANO Hayden

Ko Rameka te Amai taku Tupuna  
Heke mai ki a ahau  
Ko Hayden Wano taku ingoa  
Tihei mauriora

I am at a stage in my life that I have the capacity to dedicate time towards iwi commitments.

I have extensive governance experience in the public, private, philanthropic and not-for-profits sectors.

My passion has been in the hauora space – 25 years as the former CEO of Tui Ora. As an 'iwi owned' entity this required us to build strong local networks particularly across, hapu and whānau to ensure the success of our mahi.

I am currently Chairman of Te Runanga o Ngāti Tama and a Trustee on Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust.

Ngāti Tama is well placed to build a culturally, socially and economically strong and diverse organisation. Tama Manawaroa Tama Manawanui

The benefits of our efforts must flow into strengthening our cultural capacity and, in doing so, improving our social, health, environmental and economic security for uri.

It is important that we create a strong vision of what the future could look like - that we demonstrate courageous leadership and make the bold decisions to move forward.

If our approach is successful, our whanau will know that they have been rightfully engaged in the process.

If I am successful, I will commit to applying my skills in service of our people.

Noho ora mai



## WHITE Frances

**Ko Taranaki te Maunga, ko Pukearuhe te ukaipo.** He uri ahau o Ngāti Tama me Ngāti Toa Rangatira.

**He mihi mahana ki a tātou ngā uri o Tama Ariki.**

I'm standing for re-election because I'm passionate about Ngāti Tama, and I'm a hard worker. Full disclosure - I work best with others who turn up prepared to do the mahi. You've trusted us to work on your behalf and anything less is unacceptable.

Trustees must be able to fight and advocate for our rights e.g. our coastline with Maniapoto, and our opposition to this government's sustained attack on Te Tiriti. Our tūpuna protested with dignity, led by Te Whiti and Tōhu, and I have huge respect for them. Did you know at least 9 Ngāti Tama signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi?

I'm proud Ngāti Tama is well represented on the Mt Messenger project, and that we can build business opportunities for the iwi. We are fortunate to have inherited amazing agreements with NZTA from the previous Board.

We're also blessed with the support of our kaumatua and other whānau, who think, walk and talk whanaungatanga.

Our current Chair and Deputy have brought fresh thinking and business acumen to the Board. We're in the process of joining *Ka Uruora – Financial Education, Whānau Saver, & Housing*, <https://kauruora.nz/>, for our tamariki mokopuna to become financially literate and housed.

I'm still lecturing part-time and I can commit time to Board work, because it's important.

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