



Mara Andrews: Ngāti Kahungunu (Tangoio), Ngati Raukawa (Ngatokowaru), Whakatōhea (Opape)

Kia ora koutou: I am a descendant of Te Waihaki Watene Anaru (Nanny Bosun), grand-daughter of the late Teiwiwhati (Dick) Andrews Snr and daughter of the late Dick Andrews and June Andrews. I have two beautiful grown daughters and one mokopuna who I spoil rotten. My interests / hobbies are whakapapa research; working at our Urupā (yes proud to have helped put that new fence at the old Tangoio Urupa!) and collecting indigenous artefacts.

I attended Napier Girls High School and Hukarere Māori Girls College and later studied at Massey University to earn management qualifications, followed by completion of an MBA (Masters in Business Administration) from Henley, UK. I am back at Massey completing a PhD - my research Thesis is about the success of Tribal Self-Governance (Tino Rangatiratanga) of USA Native American and Alaska Native Tribes. Many Tribes have taken over a significant amount of Government resources, programmes and services to govern and deliver to their people (without Government interference) and have been doing so for over 30 years, so there is much to learn from their experiences.

I have always had an interest in Iwi / Māori development – it started at home of course and the many trips to the Marae as we grew up. After I left school, I spent 13 years working for the Māori Land Court, the Māori Trustee in estate and land development, the Department of Māori Affairs (Housing, Accounts and Community Services) and later Te Puni Kokiri. I left Te Puni Kokiri to move into the health arena in 1991 and worked in Māori Health where I remained in senior executive roles overseeing an annual budget of over \$85million by the time I left.

In 2000 I left to form a Māori consultancy: Kāhui Tautoko Consulting Ltd (KTCL) which has continued in business for the past 21 years. We also opened a subsidiary office in Vancouver Canada in 2008 where I lived for 11 years working with indigenous First Nations communities. That office is still operating and is very busy, despite Covid! In 2017 we opened another subsidiary in Honolulu Hawai'i to work with our Native Hawaiian cousins and completed several contracts there, before borders closed in February 2020 due to Covid. We now support our Polynesian friends remotely.

I have been back home ever since reconnecting with a number of our former and current clients and keeping busy supporting Iwi / hapū / PSGE / Māori provider organisations in strategy, service planning, embedding Te Tiriti practice; UNDRIP; workforce development, evaluation and research.

I am interested in joining as a Trustee to share the knowledge that so many have shared with me over the decades - for the benefit of our people; to play a role in protecting our whenua including our Marae, Urupa, maunga and awa; and to create a foundation for our mokopuna and the many generations to come.