



Trustee Profile: Shane Taurima



Tēnā rā koutou kei ngā whānau, kei ngā hapū o Maungaharuru-Tangitū. Huia mai ō tātau mate, hei mihi, hei tangi, hei poroporoaki mā tātau. Ko rātau ki a rātau ki te pō. Haere atu rā. Ko tātau ki a tātau i te ao tūroa nei, tēnā anō rā tātau katoa. Tīhei Tangoio, Tīhei mauriora!

Thank you for the opportunity to stand again as a Trustee, dedicated to supporting the dreams and aspirations of our whānau and hapū of Maungaharuru-Tangitū.

For six years, I had the privilege of serving as a Trustee, with five of those years spent as the Chair of the Trust. However, three years ago, I made the decision to shift my focus to my role as Chief Executive for Whakaata Māori (formerly known as Māori Television). Now, having successfully completed projects that demanded my attention and energy, I am excited about the opportunity to return to Maungaharuru-Tangitū with your support.

During my time at Whakaata Māori, I have learned to handle tough challenges and achieve our goals. One achievement that fills me with pride is the establishment of Hawaikirangi - a purpose-built training and production facility. This facility serves as a hub for creating captivating Māori content while also providing valuable training opportunities for aspiring media professionals.

In my previous roles as a Senior Ministerial Advisor and Chief Operating Officer at the Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency, I learned how government works to support whānau in areas like health, social services, education, and overall well-being. I gained insights into Whānau Ora, which aims to help whānau achieve their goals and create better futures. This experience taught me how to navigate government systems to ensure our whānau receive the support they need.

Our main goal is to rebuild our marae, making it a special place where our whānau and hapū from Tangoio can feel proud of who we are. I believe in strength and prosperity, and I view the restoration of our marae as a vital step in rekindling our connection to our language, culture, and identity. I recognise the extensive efforts underway and still required to rebuild our marae. This mammoth project involves collaboration with both local and central government, alongside the active involvement of our community and our own whānau and hapū. It's a multifaceted endeavour, demanding careful planning and timely execution.

In closing, my goal is simple: to make real progress happen. I strongly believe in leadership that includes everyone, where every voice counts. By supporting me as your Trustee, you're choosing someone who will always fight for our whānau and hapū, both locally and nationally. Every decision I make will be about helping our community thrive and grow. With my experience, dedication, and a leadership style that brings people together, I am committed to supporting our whānau in every possible way. Just like our tīpuna, I know we can overcome any challenges together. With your help, we can make positive changes and leave a legacy that our tamariki, mokopuna, and future generations will be proud of.