

## **GAYLENE PATRICIA MASON**

Ko Mangamuka te whenua  
Ko Maungataniwha te maunga  
Ko Ngatokimatawhaorua te waka  
Ko Nga Puhi te iwi  
Ko Nga Puhi te marae  
Ko Hikitu te hapu  
Ko Nuku Tawhiti te tangata

Ko Tamaki Nui a Rua te whenua  
Ko Ruahine te maunga  
Ko Takitimu te waka  
Ko Ngati Kahungunu te iwi  
Ko Whiti Te Ra te marae  
Ko Nga Uri o Ihaka Rautahi te hapu  
Ko Tamatea-ariki-nui te tangata

Ko Waata Meketanara Harihona taku Papa raua ko Maisie taku Mama

No reira he Uri ahau o Rangitane hoki.

I am the eldest in our family of nine. I have 4 brothers and 4 sisters.

My first job when leaving school was as a shedhand for a local shearing contractor. During this time I met and married a local man and together we have five children - 3 boys and 2 girls and presently five beautiful grandchildren.

I have interests in helping build a bright future for Rangatahi. For this purpose part of my work experience has been in a voluntary role as supervisor for a "Drop in Centre" for youth. I have done secretarial work for local Kohanga Reo and I am currently working as a Café Assistant in a local Café in Dannevirke.

I have always been involved with marae affairs whether it be on the committee helping with organizing events or in the kitchen dish washing. I believe that every role in the marae is important. I am currently one of the two delegates for Whiti Te Ra Marae on the Tamaki Nui A Rua Taiwhenua Board. I have held this position since 2001.

I have a desire to put myself forward to stand as Chairperson for Tamaki Nui A Rua Taiwhenua.