

KAHU PENE

Ko Ruahine te Maunga
Ko Manawatu te Awa
Ko Takitimu te Waka
Ko Ngati Kahungunu te Iwi
Ko Mutuahi me Pakapaka nga Hapu
Ko Kaitoki te Marae
Ko Tamaki-nui-a Rua te Rohe
Ko Kay Kahumaori Pene toku Ingoa

I was born 1943 in Dannevirke. My parents are the late Woppi Rapana Hape and Parahi Patricia Matakatea. I am the second eldest of a family of 12. I was educated at Dannevirke South School Primary 1948 – 1955, and St. Joseph's Maori Girls College 1956 – 1958. On leaving school I was employed by my father (Shearing Contractor), as a shed hand, cook, wage clerk ... doing general administration jobs for my father. After my fathers death in 1969 I helped my mother look after our family, and after my mothers death I had the responsibility of administering my parents estate.

My husband, Claude Karauria Pene and I are proud parents of 5 children and 18 mokopuna.

I believe that I have developed good working skills throughout my life. Working with my father prepared me for a future of varied work such as; cook at the Dannevirke Hospital 1972-1979, Maori Councilor at Dannevirke High School 1981-1983, Community Social work – working with Families at Risk 1985-1993, Joint Partnerships with my husband – Cosy Tearooms (Dairy) 1979-1981, Family Farm (Sheep Farming) 1974-1988, and work at the Eatox Butchery (Meat Retail) 1988-1995.

My contribution in the community includes my involvement with Ngati Kahungunu Runanganui, Maori Womens Welfare League, Maatua Whangai, Ruahine Maori Committee, Dannevirke Women's Health Centre, Taniwaka Te Kohanga Reo, Drug and Alcohol Maori Committee and the Rangitane Sports and Recreation Society – specifically in the area of planning and organizing. I have always participated in Tamaki Nui A Rua Taiwhenua and Kaitoki Marae affairs.

I am interested in Whanau Development, Health and Education. I believe that if we educate whanau, we are helping towards building a good, strong community for our tamariki.

I put myself forward as a good candidate for the Chairperson of the Tamaki Nui
A Rua Taiwhenua.