

# Tihei KAHUNGUNU

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi  
INCORPORATED



The current board of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated.

## 17 nominations received

Candidates vying for 10 available positions on the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated board

### Ruth Wong

**I**t's all go with the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) elections.

Seventeen nomination forms were received from brave candidates prepared to put their best foot forward for one of the 10 positions on the iwi board. Te Whanganui A Orotu, Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua, Wairarapa and the two Taurahere positions received one nomination each, meaning those candidates will go through to the iwi board unopposed, without an election and without an alternate at the board.

Two or more nominations were received for the remaining five positions on the board which means an election will take place for the following positions –

chairman, kaumātua, Wairoa, Heretaunga and Tamatea positions. The chairperson candidates are current chairman Bayden Barber and current deputy chairman and Heretaunga Taiwhenua representative Thompson Hokianga.

These two gentlemen will be given the opportunity to share with the iwi their reasons for standing in a special chairperson Zoom interview being held on Monday, March 31 at 6pm. Tune in. Find out more information on the iwi website <https://www.kahungunu.iwi.nz/nkiiboardelection2025>.

Hokianga has also put himself forward for the Heretaunga Taiwhenua position on the iwi board and will be going up against Crystal Edwards. This is not the first time that a candidate has

stood for two positions on the board. If the candidate wins highest votes for both positions, they will choose which position they will take and withdraw from the other.

Candidates Cordry Huata of Mangaroa Marae and Orine Gillies of Waimarama Marae have put themselves forward for the kaumātua position, both supported by their whānau. Only registered tangata whenua members 60 years and over can vote for the kaumātua position. The one with the most votes will become the board member and the other will be the alternate.

No matter how this election goes, Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga will continue to have a strong presence on the iwi board with three governing board members and a potential one or two alternates.

Wairoa has three brand new wāhine standing for their rohe position on the board. Esta Wainohu-Marcum, Katarena Edwards and Kurawari Panere are all new to the iwi board but not new to iwi kaupapa. They've all attended iwi kaupapa hui throughout the years and they are standing proudly to represent their whānau, hapū and iwi.

Tamatea Taiwhenua candidates are Jenny Nelson-Smith, Anthony Tipene-Matua and Tracey Snee-Ngarotata. It's exciting to see these names join the iwi kaupapa at this governance level.

In this edition of Tihei Kahungunu are the candidate profiles and pictures of all nominations that were received including those who will go through unopposed.

This gives everyone the

chance to get to know our iwi board.

Profile words were limited to 150 words, so enjoy a glimpse into the life of our iwi board and future leaders.

● Voting papers will be delivered today. It's important that the iwi has your current address for you to receive your voting pack. Once you receive it, you can vote online or by returning the mail in the post.

This election closes on April 24. If you're keen to watch how it all goes, we're holding an online Special General Meeting to record the announcement. Keep an eye on our iwi website page [kahungunu.iwi.nz/nkiiboardelection2025](https://kahungunu.iwi.nz/nkiiboardelection2025)

The Independent Returning Officer for the NKII Board Election is Dale Ossoske of Election Services 0800 922 822.

*"Tātou te Iwi o Ngāti Kahungunu,  
kia awhina tia tātou katoa o te  
Iwi o Ngāti Kahungunu"*

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# Candidates seek roles on board

Ngāti Kahungunu elections look for people to work for benefit of iwi

## ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON



### Bayden BARBER

Since 2022 Ngāti Kahungunu has stabilised our financial position, built our capabilities and we're looking forward to providing far more benefits to our whānau. This has been achieved through the hard work of many in the iwi. I'm standing again for iwi chair so I can continue to work with our great people to elevate our success.

For Ngāti Kahungunu to realise our full potential, we need to continue with reforms

started in 2022. We had our first surplus in years of \$9 million in 2024, which gives us options for investing in our people. If you re-elect me, I will continue to serve you with a focus on providing financial stability, enabling us to expand our programmes to whānau, such as housing, education, jobs and training, health and wellbeing, Te Taiao and te reo Māori. Let's continue to build a thriving, prosperous future together for Ngāti Kahungunu.



### Thompson Ratima HOKIANGA

Kua huri te māpouriki! Kua tae te haeata!

As the dusk turns, the dawn arrives.

Thompson's business, governance, and lived experience have significantly contributed to marae and hapū, with his leadership recognised at regional and national levels. He has made

a real difference in advancing kaupapa for tribal members and is respected for his thoughtful contributions to iwi issues and ability to lead through complex challenges.

Beyond his political nous, Thompson's leadership in education, housing, environmental protection, whānau ora, and justice has earned him respect as an advisor and expert in delivering real outcomes for the community.

As an iwi leader, Thompson's priorities will focus on results for the people. He believes the chairperson's role is to ensure the iwi incorporation is fit to meet members' aspirations.

He aims to provide stability, plan for the long term, invest with confidence, and be a solid, steady leader for Ngāti Kahungunu's future.

## ELECTION OF NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU WAIROA TAIWHENUA



### Kurawari Patricia Cheryl PANERE

Tena Koutou,  
Ko Ngati Kahungunu, ko Ngati Maniapoto raua ko Ngati Ruanui nga Iwi.

Ka nui te mihi kia koutou e te whānau whānui ō Ngati Kahungunu.

Ko te mea nui ko te reo ō te Wairoa ki runga te Poari Mātua ō Ngati Kahungunu.

Kia māu ki nga tāonga tuku iho o nga mātua tipuna. Kia kaha tātou.

We represent our whānau, our hapū and marae.

Qualifications: BA in

Counselling, Dip Māori Management and Business; Dip Rongoa Māori.

I have my own business and a contract with the Ministry of Education.

I have served on several local, regional and national boards. The important learning for me was from our kaumātua and tipuna who guided me.

My intentions are to listen to the aspirations of our Wairoa whānau and marae and ensure they are included in future directions for Ngati Kahungunu that benefit all our mokopuna. Tū tangata tonu tātou.



### Katarena EDWARDS

Ko Taraia toku maunga

Ko Wairoa

Hopupuhongenge matangirau te awa

Ko Takitimu te waka

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*The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is a local Church which has been operating since 1980. Situated on Flaxmere Avenue it draws people from around the Hastings and Napier area. This Pentecostal Church was birthed out of the Charismatic renewal of the late 1970's.*

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classes run on a fortnightly basis during the Main Sunday service.

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involved with different programs in the community to help bring this to pass. The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is also a strong advocate for the Jewish People's right to exist as an independent and sovereign state on their historical ancient land in Israel.

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## TĪHEI KAHUNGUNU

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Ko Ngati Kahungunu te Iwi  
Ko te Puna wai o Tangaroa  
te moana  
Ko Ruataniwha te marae  
Ko Ngati Pehi te hapu  
Ko Katarena Edwards toku  
ingoa

I am currently sitting on  
Wairoa Taiwhenua board as a  
representative for four marae.

**Employment:**

I have worked for Sport  
Hawke's Bay working in-  
conjunction with doctors,  
nurses, physio, ACC and  
weekend receptionist for  
Wairoa Community centre,  
360 degrees Security Guard  
security guard for homes and  
shop owners.

Teacher aide and teacher  
reliever for Wairoa College

I have 14 years experience  
with the Ministry of Education  
as a board member for Wairoa  
primary and college schools.

**Voluntary work:**

Chairperson (Ruataniwha  
Marae)

Chairperson (Orangitirohia  
Trust)

Taiao representative (Te  
Wairoa Tapokorau whanui  
Trust)

Wairoa flood protection  
stakeholders committee

I have a passion with  
anything that is exceptional to  
marae hapū and iwi.

**Esta WAINOHU**

Raised in the heart of  
Nuhaka, I have witnessed  
firsthand strength and  
resilience of our communities.

I have dedicated my life to  
serving our people, and that  
commitment continues today.

I live amongst you, I work  
amongst you and understand  
the daily challenges we face.

**My vision:**

To ensure a strong and  
unwavering voice at the table.  
Meaningful change comes  
from genuine representation.

**My commitment:**

Amplify Community  
Voices. Advocating for the  
needs and aspirations of Te  
Wairoa ensuring our voices  
are heard and respected.

Address local challenges:  
Work collaboratively to  
develop and implement  
sustainable solutions that  
contribute to a brighter future.

Build a stronger future:  
Committed to working  
alongside our communities to  
shape a future where our  
people thrive. Foster  
economic opportunities,  
supporting rangatahi, and  
preserving our cultural  
heritage.

Live and work amongst my  
people. Remain present and  
connected to the communities  
I serve.

He Reo Kaha mō Te Wairoa.

## ELECTION OF TE TAIWHENUA O TAMATEA

**Jenny Alice Agnes  
Janina NELSON-  
SMITH**

He mokopuna o Toro-  
i-waho me Ngāi Te  
Whatuiāpiti.

Nō Waipukurau ahau te  
ngākau o Kahungunu.

I work for and contribute to  
marae, Te Taiwhenua o  
Tamatea and Ngāti  
Kahungunu Iwi Inc (NKII),  
worked with Te Runanga o  
Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngā marae  
o Kahungunu as a community  
employment group project  
manager – a public sector  
team created and led by  
Parekura Horomia and as a  
NKII staff member leading the  
Te Ara Toiora strategy.

Most importantly I did my  
critical learning, thinking and

understanding from the  
Aunties Ata Allen, Ahi Heperi,  
Ahi Robertson, Nan Makere  
Nepe Apatu and my mum  
Kararaina (Caroline) Smith.

What I learnt from them  
was (1) Always look for all  
opportunities to create space  
and hold the space for our  
kaupapa, (2) Look for  
opportunities to create and  
grow our kaupapa, (3) The  
kaupapa must belong and be  
walked by our whānau, hapū.

**Anthony TIPENE-  
MATUA**

I am honoured to put my  
name forward as the Te  
Taiwhenua o Tamatea  
representative 2025-2027.

With over 35 years of  
experience speaking on our  
marae in Pōrangahau, I have  
remained deeply committed  
to the aspirations and  
wellbeing of our people. My  
professional background  
spans education, heritage, and  
environmental governance. I  
have worked as a teacher  
across Te Kōhanga Reo, Te  
Kura Kaupapa Māori, and local  
colleges, including Te Aute  
and Central Hawke's Bay  
College.

My commitment to our  
hapū and iwi is unwavering. I  
have had the privilege of being  
part of significant kaupapa,  
including building of our waka,  
repatriation of Kahungunu  
carvings and Kōiwi Tangata. In  
these challenging times, strong  
leadership is essential – whāia  
te pae tāwhiti kia tata, engari  
whāia te pae tata, whakamaia  
kia tina.

I look forward to the  
opportunity to represent and  
advocate for Tamatea,  
Kahungunu with integrity,  
vision, and a steadfast  
commitment.

**Tracey SNEE-  
NGAROTATA**

Te hau pawhare kawē au ki  
Ngā Kai Hīnaki a Whata, ka uta  
ki te taumata whangaitanga i  
ngā whetū a ngā kōhatu. Ko te  
oha o te ngākau o Tamatea e  
mihi nei

I humbly stand for the  
Tamatea position on the Ngāti  
Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated  
Board. Fortunate in being  
guided and mentored by Ngāti  
Kahungunu leaders dedicated  
to purpose, innovation, and

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self-determination, I now seek your support and vote to continue the amazing work they have done.

I bring 30 years of experience from both public and private sectors, where I've developed a strong set of inquiry skills by looking into opportunities in education, housing, environmental protection, social services, and justice. I'm passionate about supporting the growth of a sustainable Māori economy whilst enhancing our environment and the wellbeing of whānau.

Haramai te toki Te Kikiri o te Rangi E tau e...

## ELECTION OF TE TAIWHENUA O HERETAUNGA



**Thompson Ratima  
HOKIANGA**

Thompson is a proven leader and dedicated

advocate for Heretaunga.

He is the current representative of Heretaunga on the iwi board and has proudly held this role for three years. He serves his marae and Māori communities in various roles. Through his passion for mahinga-kai and paepae duties he always promotes the Heretaunga needs and aspirations.

Thompson's academic portfolio is supported by 20 years' experience in public and private sectors. He is an expert in mediation and inquiry skills, engaging on issues and opportunities across education, housing, environmental protection, health, social services and justice. His strong strategic alliances with local and central government ensures hapū vitality is at the forefront of his mahi. As the current deputy chair of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated, his vision is always for the people.

Thompson is well respected, astute and actively leads for whānau interests. He is strategic, grounded and unapologetically pono to the people.



**Crystal EDWARDS**

Ko Ruahāpia te marae. Ko Karaitiana Takamoana te whare tipuna. Ko Winipere te wharekai. Ko Panapa Tuari te tangata.

The support from whānau is always been at the forefront of my decisions since I was asked to succeed the Ruahāpia Marae seat for Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga (2015).

Since then, I have strengthened my knowledge around governance, understanding the roles and responsibilities of being a Māori trustee/director. This mātauranga that sparked my (unforeseen) interests in governance I owe to Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga.

My current role as the senior cultural adviser at Health Hawke's Bay has strengthened my Mātauranga Māori around cultural responsiveness and relationships.

Ultimately, with all these skills, talents and lived experiences I hope to bring a Heretaunga perspective, to provide assertive and constructive feedback, and a harakeke roots attitude.

Kia tapatahi ai te kōkiri. Mō te painga o Ngāti Kahungunu te take!

Nāhaku noa nā,  
Crystal Edwards

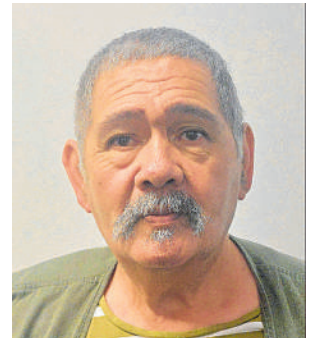
## ELECTION OF KAUMĀTUA



**Orine GILLIES**

Turakirae ki runga, Paritū ki raro, Waimārama ki waenganui.

I tiupu ake au i roto o Waimārama i raro i te maru o aku Pāpā. Ko taku wawata kia puāwai a Kahungunu i roto i te reo me ngā tikanga. Arohanui au ki te whakatinana i ngā tikanga o tēnei rohe, o tēnei iwi.



**Cordry Tawa HUATA**

E whakapono ana ahau: Ki te kawē i nga Kawa me nga tikanga Māori

Ki nga tino uaratanga o nga Kura kaupapa Māori o nga Kohanga Reo

Ko te amorangi ki mua, ko te hapai o ki muri

E rere e te huata hopukia, e rere e te manuka tomokia

Hopukia, piki ake kake ake ki te tihi o Manono, tomokia! Pukenga Taratahi:

E 36 nga tau he taratahi Te Kura Reo e Rua o

Pakipaki

Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Ngati Kahungunu ki Heretaunga

Heretaunga Taiwhenua He Toa Takitini

(Heretaunga-Tamatea)

Heretaunga Tamatea

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Te Kooti Rangatahi

(Kaumatua panelist)

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Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi  
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### OUR OBJECTIVES

Ngāti Kahungunu - Culturally Strong  
Ngāti Kahungunu - Healthy and Vibrant Whānau  
Ngāti Kahungunu - Economically Strong  
Ngāti Kahungunu - Informed and Participating Citizens in the World  
Ngāti Kahungunu - Independent and Self Determined  
Ngāti Kahungunu - Healthy, Thriving and Sustainable Environment  
Ngāti Kahungunu - Making our Mark

### OUR VISION

“Kahungunu - ki te whaiao, ki te ao mārama”  
Achieving excellence in all areas of our lives

### OUR MISSION

Kia maumahara ki te mana āhua ake o Ngāti Kahungunu  
Uphold the absolute uniqueness of the living breath of Kahungunu  
“To enhance the mana and well-being of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi”



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Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa  
Kaunihera Kaumatua  
Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa  
Whakapapa Kaunihera  
Mangaroa Marae Komiti  
Hinetera Marae Komiti  
Ramoto Marae Komiti  
Tauparanui ki Heretaunga  
Te Kohanga Reo  
Mema Motuhake o nga  
KKM o Aotearoa

## UNOPPOSED



## Te Aihurangi Te Kauru TANGIORA

Nomination for  
Member (Taurahere  
Runanga – Northern  
District)

Ko Taupiri ratou ko  
Moumoukai ko Whakapūnake  
ko Mauao ōku maunga Ko  
Whāngawehi ratou ko Nuhaka  
ko Te Wairoa ko Tauranga  
Moana ōku awa Ko  
Kurahaupo ratou ko Takitimu  
ko Matātua ōku waka Ko  
Rongomaiwahine ratou ko  
Rakaipāka ko Ngāti  
Kahungunu ko Ngāi Te Rangi  
ōku iwi Ko Te Aihurangi Te  
Kauru Tangiora ahau. Born in

Wairoa and raised in Te  
Reinga, Mahia, Kumeroa and  
Woodville. Attended Church  
college of New Zealand,  
afterwards Palmerston  
Teachers' College and Massey  
University. My working life  
included 47+ years in  
education (primary and  
tertiary levels). A father of  
three from my first marriage:  
11 mokopuna and three  
mokopuna tuarua. I have  
remarried – retired in  
Hamilton – no children.

Served for 10 years as chair  
of Ngāti Kahungunu ki  
Kirikirirōa Ngā Parirau o Te Ika  
roopu. Our primary focus had  
been on te reo Māori me ōna  
tikanga, caring for kaumātua,  
education and  
whānaungatanga.



## Hōri RETI

Nomination for  
Member (Te Taiwhenua  
o Te Whanganui-  
a-Orotu)  
Ko Maungaharuru te Maunga  
Ko Tūtira te wai ū Ko Te  
Ngarue te awa Ko Tangitū te  
moana Ko Ngāti  
Marangātūhetaua, Ngāi Tatara,  
Ngāti Kurumokihī me Ngāi  
Taurā ngā hapū Ko Tangoio

te marae Ko Hōri Reti tōku  
ingoa. Kia Ora rā e te iwi, I have  
maintained a deep  
commitment over the past 15  
years to the wellbeing and  
progress of our people. I will  
continue this commitment  
and ensure that the direction  
of our iwi is guided by the  
voices and needs of our  
whānau. I will maintain the  
importance of building our  
resilience, physically and  
spiritually through our own  
cultural lens. We must  
continue to prepare ourselves  
not only for environmental  
disasters but also to the vast  
changing political, social and  
economic environments that  
are impacting negatively on  
our people and our  
communities. Ngā mihi, Hōri  
Reti



## Melissa IHAKA

Nomination for  
Member (Kahungunu ki  
Wairarapa)

Ko Rangitūmau te maunga  
Ko Ruamahanga te awa Ko  
Takitimu te waka Ko Ngāti  
Kahungunu te Iwi Ko Melissa  
Ihaka tōku ingoa. Tēnā koutou,  
I was born, raised in the  
Wairarapa. I have been a board

member of NKII for six years,  
the mahi has been challenging  
but remains from my heart.  
During this time, I have been  
privileged to play a pivotal role  
in our community and  
organise different community  
events for our people here in  
Wairarapa.

Standing for this position  
allows me to continue to bring  
a different perspective, in  
growing our future for the  
betterment of our people. In  
dealing with some of the issues  
our whānau will face, I wish to  
be the voice for all our whānau  
at all stages and ages of life.  
The skills I will bring range  
from financial, business and  
collaboration, which are  
necessary for this role.

Ngā mihi Melissa Ihaka



## Hayden HAPE

Ko Ruahine te Maunga  
Ko Manawatu te Awa  
Ko Takitimu te Waka  
Ko Kaitoke te Marae  
Ko Ngāti Rangiwahakaewa  
me Ngāti Pakapaka ngā Hapū  
Ko Ngāti Kahungunu te Iwi  
Ko Hayden Hape toku ingoa  
Kia ora my name is Hayden  
Hape, and I have been  
privileged to work for our

whānau, hapū and iwi on the  
Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-  
nui-a-Rua Taiwhenua for sev-  
eral years, working under the  
guidance of our kaumātua and  
whānau.

There has been significant  
growth within in our  
Taiwhenua over the past  
several years, enabling us to  
deliver vital services such as  
education, health, social  
services, rangatahi mentoring,  
and cultural initiatives  
delivered on tipuna whenua to  
our whānau. This growth has  
also empowered us to provide  
opportunities for our own  
whānau to attain work within  
and outside of the Taiwhenua.

Whānau support and  
involvement has been the  
cornerstone of our growth and  
success in Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua. I  
am seeking your support for  
re-election for the upcoming  
term. With your backing, we  
can continue the positive  
journey we've started,  
ensuring our whānau receives  
the support and opportunities  
they deserve. If I am  
successful, I will work hard to  
achieve our vision of having 'a  
strong whānau, hapū and iwi,  
culturally, economically and  
socially'. I also look forward to  
working with all trustees on  
the NKII board to help grow  
our people. Tihei Kahungunu!

Hapaitia te ara tika pumau  
ai te rangatiratanga mo nga uri  
whakatipu

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independence and growth for  
the future generations.

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Te Taiwhenua o  
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### RUAWAI-HAMILTON, Brian

Nomination for Member (Taurahere Runanga – Southern District)

"He ao te rangi ka uhia, ma te huruhuru te manu ka rere, ka tau" Mai Mokonuiarangi ki Te Huiarau, ki Panekiri hoki, Mai Panekiri ki Tukurangi, ki Pakiaka ki Titirangi, ānei, ngā tihi o te rohe o Ngai Tamaterangi. Ko Waikaremoana te moana, ko Waiau te awa e whāngaihia raua te whenua, ngā tangata hoki. Ko Rangiahua, ko Te Kuha, ko Arimawha ngā marae, Ko Tamaterangi te tangata, tihei mauri tu, tihei mauri ora.

I hold fast to the above whakatauki. I'm hardworking and honest, with a focus on the development of whānau, hapū and iwi.

Since 1975 I've since worked with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, two industry training organisations, Te Wananga o Aotearoa, Teachers & Education Council and Pouhere Taonga. I've been on the iwi board for two terms and seek one more term before I retire.

# Business proud to serve iwi

## Helping whānau navigate the funeral, grief process

**Te Moana Barlow**

**T**im Hutchins Funerals is a locally owned and operated funeral home located in Heretaunga (Hastings) that is proud to serve the community.

Since late 2024, Tim Hutchins Funerals has been in a partnership with Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) as one of the iwi's recommended and endorsed funeral service providers.

Our team is proud to have whakapapa connections to Ngāti Kahungunu and considers it an honour to serve not only our iwi but all those who call our beautiful rohe home, too.

Karakia and waiata are a part of our daily practice, traditional knowledge and tikanga culminating with 21st century technology and advancements ensures our tūpāpaku are cared for in the best way possible, cloaking them and their whānau in aroha and manaakitanga.

Our team understands the importance of tikanga and kawa around tūpāpaku and ensures respect and dignity are always shown to the loved ones in our care and their whānau.

No whānau are the same and no marae are the same.

We work with you and your whānau to ensure your loved



Tim Hutchins has been in the funeral industry for eight years.

one gets the send off they want and deserve.

Tim Hutchins Funerals is honoured by this partnership with the iwi and wants to create awareness within whānau, hapū and marae with an initiative called "Kahungunu Kia Mōhio" – Kahungunu be informed.

The aim of the initiative is to meet with hapū and marae to help remove the stigma around death by discussing death and funerals and to better inform whānau around planning funerals and making arrangements/pre-paying whilst we are younger and healthy to

ensure when the time does come, whānau are prepared and not burdened with stress & debt.

For hapū/marae: if you and your marae/hapū would like us to come to your marae hui, answer any questions regarding funeral services, provide brochures and information around our offerings to whānau/packages etc please give us a call on 06 8706228 or email us at [info@timhutchinsfunerals.co.nz](mailto:info@timhutchinsfunerals.co.nz).

Mā te pātai ka mārama, mā te wānanga tahi, mā te kōrero tahi ka mōhio.  
Kahungunu kia mōhio!

For individuals/whānau: if you are wanting to have a chat with us, our funeral home is located at 204 St Aubyn Street West Hastings and our reception is open Monday-Friday 8am – 4pm. Come in and have a cuppa & kōrero today.

"Mā te pātai ka mārama, mā te wānanga tahi, mā te kōrero tahi ka mōhio. Kahungunu kia mōhio!"

From asking questions comes understanding, from speaking and learning together comes knowledge! Kahungunu, be informed!"

# Looking out for each other.



I was so pleased to see this course being offered as a women's only option. Having recently returned to riding it made it a bit less daunting to be learning with a group of like-minded women. It's great to see ACC and RoadSafe HB catering to this growing demographic and I am looking forward to completing the Silver and Gold courses soon.

– Kerry

Feeling more confident and riding safer after attending the Ride Forever Bronze training day. Highly recommend to all riders in their early stages of riding!

– Alli

## Through the Ride Forever programme

ACC and RoadSafe Hawke's Bay support women motorcyclists to upskill through the Ride Forever courses. Congratulations to the riders who completed the ladies Ride Forever promotion and thank you to Motoland for hosting this great workshop. Working in partnership to increase safety for all road users on our region's roads.

Want to know more about Ride Forever or sign up for the next course  
[rideforever.co.nz](http://rideforever.co.nz)

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# Marae Wero a celebration of being Māori

Short event a first step towards health, wellbeing

Selena Hakiwai

**R**egistrations are open for our very own Ngāti Kahungunu IronMāori Marae Wero on Sunday, May 25, at Mitre 10 Hawke's Bay Sports Park.

The inaugural event hosted by IronMāori and Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated will include a 500m pool swim, 20km cycle and 5km run.

The event is a unique opportunity for Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi to come together to represent their marae, promote health and wellbeing, encourage participation and celebrate being Māori.

IronMāori director and Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga CEO Waylyn Tahuri-Whaipakanga, explains: "This event is designed to be a stepping stone, opening up a pathway to training for whānau who are ready to get out and give it a go. The quarter and half events held in November may seem daunting for some people, so we encourage everyone to dust off their shoes, start swimming a few laps, or get on their bike to give it a go."

Open to ages 14 and over, people can choose to finish the whole triathlon alone or pull



Ngāti Kahungunu's inaugural IronMāori Marae Wero will take place in May.

together a team of three with one person completing a leg each (swim, run or walk).

Mataawaka are invited to represent Te Aranga Marae or Pukemokimoki Marae, with the same option extended to Tangata Tiriti.

Iwi chairman Bayden Barber looks forward to Ngā

Marae o Kahungunu taking part in the wero.

"The mauri tū, mauri ora kaupapa with the triathlon is a great one for our people to get behind, and those who are unable to take part in the event, can take part in the banner or flag making for their marae. Watching all our marae

walk past in the opening march will be a real buzz."

Race director Donna Whitiwhiti, who has been involved with IronMāori for many years, is excited to lead the Kahungunu event. She invites everyone to join in and represent their marae, whether by participating or

supporting their hapū.

"This short event is accessible for all."

Register now at Ironmāori.co.nz. The event starts at 10am, Sunday, May 25. Distances are 500m swim, 20km cycle, 5km run. Cost \$80 (+booking fee) for individual or \$180 (+booking fee) for a team of three.

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## Expressions of Interest

### Health Hawke's Bay | Te Oranga o Te Matau a Māui Board of Directors

Have you got a passion for primary health care and a proven track record in governance? Health Hawke's Bay | Te Oranga o Te Matau a Māui is the single Primary Health Organisation (PHO) in Hawke's Bay.

The Company is a key partner to general practice, primary and community care providers, and Te Whatu Ora | Health New Zealand. Our Ka Hikitia strategy puts Māori first with the goal of improving whānau health and wellness across the rohe, equity of health outcomes for our Māori, Pacific and vulnerable whānau.

Health Hawke's Bay Ltd is 100% owned by Te Matau a Māui Health Trust and due to a Director vacancy, Trustees are seeking to appoint a skills-based Director to the Board who will guide the ongoing strategic development and performance of the Company, primarily in the areas of primary health care delivery and provider support. Expressions of interest are now being sought from suitably qualified individuals for this position.

This individual will need to possess strong governance skills, demonstrate sound business and financial insight, have a track record of innovation and have the ability to influence across both public and private sector environments. We are also looking for relevant professional, with skills in change management, communication and relationship building skills and experience.

It is essential that you have an excellent understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its application within the health environment. Knowledge of and experience in the New Zealand health or social care sectors will be an advantage.

#### Expressions of interest should be forwarded to:

Nicole Cunningham  
Te Matau a Māui Health Trust Secretary  
[Nicole.cunningham@healthhb.co.nz](mailto:Nicole.cunningham@healthhb.co.nz)

Expressions of interest need to be received before 5pm on Friday 4 April 2025 and should include a CV with covering letter. For further information please contact Nicole Cunningham at the above email.

The time commitment is approximately 10 hours per month consisting of monthly Board meetings and additional committee meetings as determined by the Board.

Appointment to the Board will be made during May 2025 with the first meeting for new Directors on 28 May 2025.



**HEALTH HAWKE'S BAY**  
Te Oranga o Te Matau-a-Māui

[healthhb.co.nz](http://healthhb.co.nz)





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# THE NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU IWI INCORPORATED BOARD ELECTION 2025

## CHAIRPERSON

Zoom Interview

Mon 31 March, 6pm



Facilitated by  
**Heather Skipworth**



Bayden  
Barber



Thompson  
Hokianga

For more information, zoom link, to post an interview question, please visit  
[kahungunu.iwi.nz/nkiiboardelection2025](https://kahungunu.iwi.nz/nkiiboardelection2025)

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