

CANDIDATE PROFILES

Three candidates standing for one Pūaha te Rangi Trustee position

All registered adult members of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō are eligible to vote in this election, regardless of hapū.



BATT Kylie

Kia ora koutou e te whānau
Ko Paparoa te pae maunga
Ko Kawatiri te awa
Ko Rotoiti me Rotoroa Ngā roto
Ko Kurahaupō te waka
Ko Pūaha te Rangi te hapū
Ko Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō te iwi
Ko Mahuika te tūpuna
Ko Kylie Batt taku ingoa

I have asked myself what could I offer if I were to be elected.

It is my belief that I have an ability to deliver a wide range of skills that complement the values of our iwi. I am thoughtful, inclusive and motivated, and feel that these core values will add strength to a trustee role. I have spent most of my working life in the adventure tourism and environmental sector. I have worked within our rohe as a iwi representative with the Department of Conservation as a kaitiaki for Rotomairewhenua and the surrounding Nelson Lakes area. I am currently serving on the Iwi Environmental Management Plan Committee. The environment is something that I am particularly passionate about and I am heartened to see our iwi having a clear voice in this field.

I will be committed to developing, implementing and maintaining structures that enhance the quality of life for our iwi, whether that be through education, culture revitalisation, business, health or anything else that ensures the mana and prosperity of us all. My drive is ensuring we look after iwi assets and our whenua for generations to come. Ngā mihi manahau, nāku iti nei, Nā Kylie Batt



MAHUIKA Irihāpeti

Irihāpeti Mahuika (Kāi Tahu, Kāti Māhaki ki Te Tai Poutini, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō) is a proven leader with deep experience in governance, strategy, and kaupapa Māori development. As Chief Executive Officer, she has led complex organisations through transformation, always centring whānau, equity, and indigenous values.

Over the past five years, Irihāpeti has worked tirelessly to implement the Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Education Strategy, advancing outcomes in cultural identity, te reo Māori, and educational equity for whānau. Her leadership and governance has also been pivotal in developing and delivering initiatives such as Tūhono Taonga, Tūhono Tangata, which is a Kaupapa which works to connect whānau to mātauranga Māori through the art of carving.

She is the co-chair Collaborative Aotearoa Charitable Trust board and also serves on the Executive Board of General Practice New Zealand, contributing to national health strategy and policy. Her recent nomination to represent Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō on Te Kāhui Hauora, the Iwi Māori Partnership Board for Te Taihū, reflects her standing as a trusted advocate for iwi aspirations in hauora and system design.

Irihāpeti brings a strong track record of integrity, strategic thinking, and commitment to kotahitanga. Her nomination is grounded in a desire to serve her iwi with vision, accountability, and a deep belief in the transformative power of whakapapa-led governance.



McKAY Tracey Horiana

I am seeking election as a Pūaha Te Rangi trustee to provide strong, future-focused governance that advances the aspirations of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō. My commitment to our iwi is grounded in my whakapapa to Ngarori Hakaraia Kingi, Emeri Kingi, Hoani Mahuika and Mata Nohinohi. Guided by values and responsibilities handed down by my tūpuna.

For four years, I have served on the Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Education Sub-Komiti, where my role involves assessing education and scholarship applications. This mahi has strengthened my understanding of iwi priorities, reinforced the importance of fair and transparent processes, and deepened my collective, culturally grounded decisions.

I hold a Bachelor of Business (Marketing) from Massey University and am currently completing a Bachelor of Arts (Māori Knowledge), further strengthening my ability to contribute to iwi development through both commercial expertise and kaupapa Māori understanding. I am a graduate of the NZ Institute of Directors, bringing proven governance capability through board roles with Muaūpoko Tribal Authority and Muaūpoko Trading Company.

My corporate background includes over 20 years in senior marketing leadership roles including Coca-Cola Europacific Partners, Goodman Fielder, Chelsea Sugar, Les Mills, DB Breweries, Tourism Australia, and Tranz Rail. As owner-operator of McKay Marketing, a consultancy focused on connecting iwi across te ao Māori, I bring commercial discipline in budgeting, communications, digital systems, stakeholder engagement, and management.

As a Pūaha Te Rangi trustee, I will provide steady, transparent, and values-based leadership that protects iwi interests and supports long-term outcomes for our people.