

Te Arawa Lakes Trust

Candidate Statements

Ngā Kōrero Whaitake a Te Kaitono

Te Ure o Uenukukōpako Rohe



Roana BENNETT

Tēnā tātau katoa,
I am seeking re-election as a trustee representing Te Ure o Uenukukōpako and Maketū. With over 35 years of experience in governance and senior management across commercial and not-for-profit sectors, I bring expertise and leadership to this role. My approach is kaupapa-driven, and I am deeply committed to achieving meaningful outcomes for iwi and whānau.

Safeguarding our environment for future generations is a priority as are the climate change initiatives I lead.

As a seasoned trustee, I have seen TALT through periods of growth and prosperity, as well as through challenging times. I do not shy away from hard work and will roll up my sleeves to do whatever is required to achieve the best results for our people.

With your continued support, I will ensure that the aspirations of hapū and whānau remain at the heart of decision-making at TALT.

Ngā mihi nui,

Roana Bennett. BMS



Kingi BIDDLE

Kia ora tātau katoa
Ko hau tēnei e mihi atu ana
My focus will be on the hauora of our Lakes. Growing up along the shores of Rotorua Moana, myself and our many whānau were always interacting with our Lake. To have a good swim and to get a good kai. It lifted the wairua, and strengthened our identity as tamariki o te moana. Because the water quality being so low, we don't do that anymore. There are many generations who do not have that relationship with our roto moana. It is like an umbilical cord to our wai has been broken.

I see being a Trustee on TALT as my way of ensuring te hauora pai o te wai. As our rotomoana have cared for us, we must look after our lakes. I sincerely ask for your vote.

Ngā tauwhiro tangā ki runga i a koutou katoa

Kingi.



Nicola (Nicki) DOUGLAS

Nicki brings extensive experience in governance, policy, planning and operations in the conservation and iwi sector around Freshwater management, pest control, biosecurity and restoration of wetlands, Lakes and rivers. Recently Nicki worked for Te Arawa Lakes Trust as the Environment Manager, which followed

more than 16 years in the conservation and environment sectors. Nicki has held leadership roles at DOC, DIA before arriving at Poipoia in October 2023. Nicki holds governance positions as a trustee on Te Tahuu o Ngāti Rangiwewehi and representing Ngāti Rangiwewehi interests on Te Maru o Katuna and as the Convenor of the Te Urunga o Kea – Te Arawa Climate Change working group (2017-2021). Nicki also is a Trustee on the Waitetoko land block on the East Coast and supporting her Marae at Okauia on a wai restoration and protection project – Te Karanga a te Putangi. Nicki is currently a Board member on WWF-NZ.



Te Ururoa FLAVELL

Tēnā tātau katoa. He uri ahau nā Tawakeheimoa rāua ko Te Aongahoro, nā Rangiwewehi, nā Ngāranui.

It has been my privilege to serve three years, and I seek a further term. We have developed a solid strategic plan for the next few years, thus the desire to continue in exploring our potential

as a Board.

At the last election, I advised that my goal was to seek ways to bring our iwi together and honour the legacy of the original Trust Board 100 years ago. We have started, but there is still work to do.

Other issues that have been on the agenda for some years now have been the representation model and mana whenua over the Lakes. We must deal with both of these items this term.

Our Lakes must remain the focus of our attention. I commit to bringing these matters to an end before the next election.



Wallace HAUMAHA

My vision for Te Arawa is to fast track the clean up of our Lakes and Taiao and to lead social innovation that enables our whanau and hapū, to unleash the full potential of its members

I am currently Chairman of Waiteti Marae (35 years), and Chairman Ngāti Ngāranui Hapū Trust (18 years) and sit on Te Pumautanga o Te

Arawa Board. I was inaugural Chair of Te Arawa Group Holdings and have served on Nga Kaihautu o Te Arawa Executive Council.

I recently retired as Deputy Commissioner of the NZ Police and am keen to use the skills and networks that served me well at a national level to lift our tribe into the best cultural and economic shape possible.

My super power is leading by listening, by consultation and by empowerment of communities.

Honours

Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit

Queens Service Medal



Renee KIRIONA

Kia ora te whānau o Uenukukōpako
I'm a communicator passionate about leaving a legacy of clean waters, air and land for our kids. I was raised on the eastern shores of Te Rotorua nui a Kahumatamomoe, worked as a journalist, press secretary and communications expert. I'm a fighter for taonga and tangata.

I agree with the whakaaro of many whānau that TALT needs to listen more to our people, be braver in its fight to protect our lakes and not be scared of sharing power and responsibility with hapū. I'll be a voice, too hard to shut up, for these things if elected.

From Te Rotorua nui a Kahumatamomoe to Rotokākahi, our wai taonga are facing threats from urban growth and shallow decision makers that'll create undoable dire consequences for our taonga and our kids. A new kind of leadership will be needed to stop this.

Mauri ora,

Renee Kiriona.



Douglas MACREDIE

Tena tātau Te Arawa no ngā Roto
Nō Tunohopū ki Mātaikōtare te toto. Nō te whānau Rogers

To clean the lakes properly takes knowledge, boldness and leadership of solutions rather than being recipient of councils, scientists and decades of failing to make the changes needed

to heal the ecosystems. I not only have the knowledge to do this, but I have proven experience and strength directing councils and agencies rather than turning up cap in hand.

I am clever at sourcing funding and experienced in taiao from ground level through to policy and leveraging change. I have the tactical mind that gets results across the full range of business, social and cultural activities of TALT.

I'm an innovative thinker, always providing the lightbulb moment for the committee or group. Nothing else counts except action, restored lakes, accessible for all especially the tamariki.

Tēnā anō tātau i roto te kotahitahinga-haere,

Mauri-ora.



Geoff ROLLESTON

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I am honoured to seek re-election as a representative for Uenukukōpako on TALT, where I have served as Chairman since June 2022. Serving our people is a privilege, and I remain deeply committed to continuing this important work on behalf of Te Arawa.

My ambition and aspirations have always centred around supporting our marae, cultural, social, and wellbeing activities. I understand Māori and corporate governance, and have a deep awareness of whānau, hapū, and iwi priorities.

I wish to serve another term to help guide discussions around a representation model that better reflects the evolving needs of Te Arawa. I remain committed to protecting our lakes and tāonga tuku iho, while advancing the Trust's strategic goals that foster a vibrant future for our iwi.

Together, we can ensure our rangatahi and mokopuna have the opportunities they deserve to thrive.

"Whiria te kaha"



Jason SAYERS

As a proud resident of Rotorua, I am committed to serving the interests of our community with integrity and dedication. If elected as a Trustee for Te Arawa Lakes Trust, I am determined to strengthening our community and preserving our cultural heritage.

I will work to ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of all Te Arawa iwi members, strengthening our connection to the land and supporting future generations. With a deep respect for our ancestral heritage and values, I am dedicated to being a strong advocate for our people and our environment. I believe in maintaining strong governance to uphold the values and aspirations of our iwi, ensuring a brighter future for generations to come.