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ELKINGTON George

I am named after my father's Uncle, Uncle George Walker a stately Rangatira of Ngati Kuia. I treasure my whakapapa to nga iwi o Te Tau Ihu, Te Waipounamu, Aotearoa hoki.

I have been a businessman for 42 years, associated with the following industries; education, construction, commercial fishing, charter fishing, insurance and financial planning.

I am a qualified Quantity Surveyor, a Registered Financial Adviser, an Authorised Financial Adviser, a Chartered Financial Consultant and a Certified Financial Planner.

My fishing qualifications include "Mate of a Deep Sea Fishing Boat and 2nd Class Diesel Trawler Engineer". My qualifications allow me to skipper a fishing vessel up to 200 miles offshore and to be Mate of a fishing vessel anywhere in the world.

I served 6 years on the Board of the then called "Institute of Financial Advisers" including a term as President. I am a "Fellow" of the Institute of Financial Advisers. The designation "Fellow" is awarded for outstanding service to the industry.

I am a Senior Trustee of the NZ Trustees Association and a member of the Wellington Property Investors Association; in both cases I have held membership for over 30 years.

I describe myself as retired and operating our charter fishing vessels out of Wellington and Porirua.

From my extensive business career, I can simplify bureaucracy, eliminate the non-essential, focus on what matters and get things done.

I currently serve as a trustee on the Ngati Koata Trust and I am now seeking a second and perhaps, my last term as a trustee for Ngati Koata. I support our younger generation stepping up.

My goals as a current trustee have been to restore our audited accounts to the status of "Unqualified Opinion", to protect and enhance our environment, to simplify our procedures to align better with the Act and the trust deed and to increase beneficiary support.

All of the above still need direction, but one regrettably stands out as needing more than the others and that is "increased beneficiary support". If elected for another term, my focus will be in that area.

I seek that the Trust invests more in our greatest asset, our people, both individually and collectively.

Nga mihi



- I have a good understanding of the role of governance and the issues that Iwi Trusts and Boards deal with. I have been part of an external group conducting a review of one runanga.
- I have a Bachelor in Adult Education Degree, a Post-graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation and a Master of Professional Practice Degree.
- spent many years working as a Kaiako (Pukenga) for Te Korowai Aroha o Aotearoa (Indigenous Training and Education). This work enabled me to develop a critical analysis around the systems, structures and processes that must be navigated to enable whanau, hapu and iwi to be self-determining.
- I am currently employed as Dean Te Wananga Maori and Director Te Kupenga at Whitireia Polytechnic.

No reira tena koutou katoa, ahakoa te aha he whanau tatou, tera te mea nui.

HEMI Pene Wahanui

I am the great grandson of Wetekia Hoera Te Ruruku, grandson of Louise Takuna Warren and son of Rawiri Hemi. I am the youngest of five brothers and two sisters, husband to Irene Teneti, father of four and koro to one.

It is with the support of my whole whanau that I consent to my nomination as a candidate for the

Ngati Koata and Te Pataka a Ngati Koata trust.

I have been raised in Waikato all my life but it is time that my own family contribute to the iwi by actively promoting Ngati Koata initiatives and encouraging engagement of the whanau in our region.

My brothers and sisters and I agree that we have been remiss in allowing time and distance to keep us from being more involved, but we are here now, offering to support in any way we can.

I have been an event manager for over 30 years and have an international certification as a festival and event executive. I have managed community, national and international events including the

2006 World Waka Ama Sprint Champs and, in 2014, the Waikato Land War Commemorations.

I have worked in my own business, within local council and for a corporation. My experience has enabled me to advise community, regional, and national organisations, including overseeing administration training for Tuhoe.

I am currently the Health Safety Adviser for Tainui Group Holdings and manage the health and safety for the company including, forestry, farming, commercial and residential construction, events, fishing, carving, environmental projects and property.

In my management roles, I have become very familiar with running, chairing and organising meetings. I have prepared health and safety manuals, business continuity plans, policies, procedures and training guides for staff. With this experience I am confident I will be able to provide a broad knowledge and valuable insights to areas the trust is concerned with.



GRACE Jeanette

E te whanau tena koutou katoa.

I am the daughter of Terewai Grace Grace (nee Elkington) who was born and raised on Rangitoto ki te Tonga. If elected I will contribute my energy, expertise and skills to upholding the principles and purposes outlined in the Trust Deed and the tikanga that has been passed from generation to generation amongst our people.

- I have been a past member of the Ngati Koata Trust, Te Putahitanga o Te Waipounamu, and Te Mana Whakahaere o Te Wananga o Raukawa. I am currently a member of le Wananga o Raukawa Foundation and intern chair of the Toa Rangatira Education Achievement Team.



In my current role with Waikato Tainui I work with management in developing the combined vision for the iwi. By operating within the values of tikanga and whakapapa I am able to achieve extraordinary outcomes. If elected to the trustee position, I believe this knowledge will assist me in ensuring the protection of Ngāti Koata assets and investments, while maintaining a cultural and economic balance.

My Hemi whanau have lived the values of mahi tahi, manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga and pono me te tika. While distance and time have kept us from contributing significantly to our iwi, we have not forgotten our heritage, who we represent, and the way our decisions reflect on our tupuna and tamariki. Going forward, I hope to protect the interests of Ngāti Koata and contribute to our collective wellbeing and prosperity.

HIPPOLITE Frank Jarom

Tēnā koutou katoa e te iwi o Ngāti Koata, nei rā te mihi mahana atu ki a koutou katoa. My name is Jarom Hippolite. I am the son of Frank and Karina Hippolite, and the mokopuna of Ben and Tammy Hippolite. I am married to Calisa and we have two children.

Qualifications, training and experience:

Anei te kūmara e kōrero ana mō tōna reka mo tēnei kaupapa anake. I have a Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts Majoring in Māori Resource Management, Minor in Public Policy from Victoria University of Wellington.

For the past three years I have been working in the Environmental space. Two of those years, I was employed as the Environmental Manager for the Ngāti Koata Trust. I was fortunate to be able to work for my iwi and also to learn skills which helped to develop my abilities. I am now currently working as an advisor at the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

Through my training and experience, I have been able to develop skills in abstract reasoning, critical analysis and making a balanced judgement.

How will you add value to the Trust board:

I will bring a fresh set of eyes to the board, which can help provide a different perspective. One way in which my perspective can benefit the Trust and the iwi, is to encourage collaboration. Like many of us, I whakapapa to most of the iwi in Te Tau Ihu, and I see it as an opportunity to use those connections to build the economic and social wellbeing of our iwi members.

I can provide support to the Board on environmental issues facing the iwi.

I have also previously worked as an employee of the Ngāti Koata Trust. Therefore, I know how hard the staff in the office work, and can provide a perspective of how decisions will be implemented at the ground level.

Nāku noa



WILSON Challen



E ōku Rangatira, e ngā uri o Koata, karanga mai, karanga mai. Karanga mai ki tēnei uri o Tekateka. Ka heke ka heke, tēnei uri o te whānau Wirihana. Tōku koroua e noho rā i te whenua o ōku tupuna, ko James (Jim) Wilson tēnā. Taku tūrangawaewae, te kainga o tōku ngakau.

The Ngāti Koata Trust provides the fertile soil for our people to succeed. I recognise our capabilities to grow our leadership abilities, and to strengthen the whānau who wrap around us i ngā wā katoa.

In my life I honour a values-driven pathway to leadership and reaching true potential. Honouring the potential bestowed on me through whakapapa I have attained such things as a Bachelor of Arts (HONS) in theatre and film and postgraduate qualifications in business management specialising in strategic communications, public relations and crisis management, and media relations. I believe in life-long learning and am currently undergoing studies in small business and project management. I have also undergone training in a range of foci, including leadership, community empowerment, facilitation, community engagement and mentorship. Some of the ways in which I have used the skills that I have been able to develop include 15 years of experience in a range of governance roles for organisations spanning iwi, international not-for-profit, arts, and women's organisations, as well as, eight years in senior strategic and operational roles in central and local government. It is my hope to be able to lend my capabilities to the Trust as a trustee.

My commitment to te ao Māori through our wairuatanga is central to how I move through the world. I am passionate about striving to live our core values daily. As someone who currently lives away from our turangawaewae, I build practices into my life that are deliberate and intentional; making me steadfast in my beliefs and dedication to our people. Creativity, innovation, compassion, change agency and being a purpose driven individual guides my journey. Through this I have been recognised for my work as a poet, playwright and author, and use storytelling in many ways, including to connect seemingly disparate communities and individuals in order to build and foster alliances, and to collaborate around issues and projects. While creativity and innovation are hugely important to me, I use my business acumen to bring big, exciting ideas into realisation and to build strategy and pragmatism into how we work toward our goals. I am proud to acknowledge the learning I have gained on the ground through the directorship of our family run successful boutique integrated communications consultancy and as a business owner in Jim's Mowing, which turned over \$500 million in the last financial year.

My training, experience, spirituality, and core values combine in ways that allow me to nurture expansive goals, to develop structure, and to employ change agency in ways that demonstrate integrity. I am eager to use my abilities to bring value to our people through this trusteeship and would be honoured to serve our people.

Tihe Mauri ora!