

## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



### **Hohepa MCLEAN**

*My principal place of residence is in the Tāneatua Community Board area.*

I was born in Whakatane and raised in Waimana. After 40 years away, with four children and three mokopuna, I moved back to the Tuhoē rohe in 2007. I chair Rāroa Marae Trust, hold leadership positions with Waimana Tribal and am on the Waimana School Board. I have whakapapa links through Ruātoki, Tāneatua and Waimana. It's the work I do in our communities which has led many people to ask me to stand for election.

If elected I'll be answerable to you. I'll bring a Tāneatua, Ruātoki, Waimana voice and perspective to the Council table, combined with a Māori world view.

I currently work amongst tamariki and rangatahi as a Lay Advocate at Rangatahi Kooti and Whakatane Youth Court, provide Ministry of Social Development approved OSCAR services, and coach Waimana Senior Mens Rugby.

Kia kotahi te ture mo nga reo e rua - One law for two people. Rua Kenana.



### **Korotau MEIHANA-TAIT**

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I used to contract to EBOP District Council, Department of Conservation, Tasman Forest, Fletcher. Interested in the community and all that goes on for the benefit of the community. Animal control is a must to provide information, so the community will forge forward and work together with other wards. We must understand how important this is for our district. The Tāneatua-Waimana Ward have interesting groups: Tāneatua Lions, Te Urewera Education Lions. I think working with the Waimana Kāku, the Komiti o Runga Ruatoki is a must. To be able to keep in touch with Te Uru Taumata and the board of Te Urewera would help us communicate with communities within our ward. Our ward also has the Dairy industry, a shopping complex, Police, shell service station. I think this will help us achieve our Tuhoē Hauora. I will try my best to help and support our community in our ward.