

Whakatāne District Council
Rangitāiki Ward
Electing 3 Councillors



Wini HAHIPENE-GEDES

My principal place of residence is in the Rangitāiki Ward area.

Born and raised in Te Teko along the banks of the Rangitāiki River with ten brothers and three sisters, taught us whanau values that extended to our marae and community. Both parents served as Edgecumbe College Board Member, Primary School, Early Childhood teaching, the Māori Women's Welfare League and JP, respectively. A major part of our community life included marae activities, sports, business and education, future opportunities shaped social, physical, cultural and economic involvement.

Married Simon and raised our four children to understand cultural diversity that best nurtures what both worlds have to offer. Youth in employment occupies most of our waking hours with an industry-based cadetship in forestry training who work and train towards a national certificate.

With the support of my immediate and extended whanau, I stand for council as a 'voice' to uphold future aspirations for our community.

Wini M Hahipene-Geddes CSM, BA, PGDip Bus, PGDip, ProfSupv.