

### Te Aorangi **DILLON**

**Ngāruahinerangi, Waikato, Ngāti Rangitahi, Ngāti Whitikaupeka.**

I was born and raised in Whakaahurangi (Stratford) by my parents David and Irene Mako. I am the youngest of six children. I was educated in Taranaki and moved onto tertiary education at Waikato University studying a B.A (Reo Maori) which I cross credited to Te Wānanga o Raukawa and completed a PTW (B.A Toiora Whānau - Whānau Wellness). During this time, I also completed Pokaitahi Kapunipuni Reo and Te Tohu Mōhiotanga.

I have enjoyed working in various sectors over the years, including Export Shipping and Certification, Kohanga Reo, Runanga and since the completion of my PTW, working and supporting whānau, throughout the rohe, for Tu Tama Wāhine o Taranaki Inc.

For the past 12 years, my community involvement has been directed at our tamariki's interests and primarily, our various hapū and iwi events. Our whānau are heavily involved in Te Kura o Ngāruahinerangi (TKoN) with a vision to contribute to producing proud hapū and iwi descendants.

I have enjoyed my time as the Conveynor and Treasurer of the Eltham Junior Rugby Club committee which has encourage me to branch out. I am one of many, integral whānau members of the TKoN Whānau Whakahaere Ohu and a member of TKoN Board of Trustees. I am the current secretary for Ngāti Hāua Hapū and Chairperson of Whakaahurangi Marae and was appointed a member of the Taranaki Lotteries Committee in 2019 and the South Taranaki COGS committee in 2020. I am also a committed member of the Taranaki Māori Womens Network.

Like our tupuna, I have a high energy work ethic. I value transparency and communication. I would consider it a privilege to serve my people further as a trustee of Te Korowai o Ngāruahinerangi.

"E kore au e mate, ka ora taku toa"



### John **KAHUPUKORO**

Ko Taranaki te Maunga  
Ko Aotea te Waka  
Ko Ngaruahine Rangi te Iwi  
Ko Waingongoro te Awa  
Ko Ngatihaua te Hapu  
Ko Tawhitinui te Marae  
Ko Hone Kahupukoro toku ingoa  
Ko Hone Kahupukoro raua ko Pare Rangipunga oku Matua  
No reira

Tena koutou te whanau o Ngatihaua

I was approached by several members of our whanau in Ngatihaua to consider making myself available to stand as one of our nominees for Te Korowai O Ngaruahine. Initially my thoughts were, do I have the necessary qualifications to represent our Hapu?, Am I adequate enough to do so? More importantly can I make a real difference for the betterment of Ngatihaua and Ngaruahine Iwi?

After pondering these concerns, and reassurance from whanau I believe I have the necessary attributes and qualities required of your representative.

I stem from humble beings coming from a large supportive whanau. We were all raised in the "Pa" life with our whanaunga. I progressed naturally through marae and hapu development with a clear view of retaining and nurturing whanaungatanga connections. I am currently a Trustee/Deputy Chair on Tawhitinui Marae Committee.

Since my retirement in March 2019 I have had the luxury of time and energy to be more proactive in our marae and hapu development.

I believe Ngatihaua is unique having 2 functioning marae, Tawhitinui and Okare Ki Uta. Our Ngatihaua Hapu Committee is a composition of business savvy professionals giving us an opportunity to come together and discuss issues that affect us all within our rohe. We have proven on many occasions that we have a strong cohesive hapu.

For many years I have been involved in promoting Maori health and wellbeing by participating in IRON Maori. In collaboration with others we established Ki Whanau Gym, a safe environment for maori to gather an exercise to (*abridged*)

