Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui Trust

2026 Trustee Election

CANDIDATE PROFILES

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BURGESS Allanah Riria



Tēnā koutou e ōku whanaunga, e ngā uri o Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui.

Ko Allanah Riria Burgess tōku ingoa.

He uri ahau nō Waikawa, he māmā ki āku tamariki tokorua, ā, he wahine e ngākau nui ana ki tō tātou iwi.

Waikawa is my home, where my roots are firmly planted and my passion for our people, whakapapa and future continues to grow.

I currently serve as Kaiwhakahaere of Waikawa Marae and Māori Ward Councillor for Marlborough District Council. These roles have strengthened my experience in governance, leadership and advocacy, while keeping me connected to the everyday realities, challenges and aspirations of our whānau.

My governance journey has taught me the importance of listening, building relationships, asking questions and standing firm when it matters. I believe decisions made around governance tables must remain connected to the people they serve.

My why has always been our people.

I think of our tūpuna and the foundations they laid, our kaumātua who carry our mātauranga, and our tamariki and mokopuna who will inherit what we leave behind.

I want our uri to know who they are and where they belong. I want our marae to flourish, our reo and tikanga to thrive, our taiao protected, and our people empowered to shape their futures.

I don't have all the answers, but I bring experience, a willingness to learn, courage to challenge and a commitment to doing the mahi.

My commitment to Te Ātiawa is not dependent on a position or title. It is part of who I am.

Mōku ake, ehara tēnei i te tūranga noa iho, engari he kawenga, he whakapapa, he aroha.

Tū Māia Te Ātiawa

Ngā mihi aroha ki a koutou katoa.

EDE (nee Love) Venessa



Tēnā koutou katoa

Ko Taranaki te maunga tuatahi

Ko Piripiri te maunga tuarua

Ko Arapaoa te moutere tapu

Ko Tokomaru te waka

Ko Te Ātiawa te iwi

Ko Ngāti Te Whiti te hapū

Ko Waikawa te marae

Nō Waikawa ahau

Ko Island Moutere Love rāua ko Patricia Huriata Love (nee Hough) ōku tupuna,

me nga ōku mātua whāngai

Ko Marlene Turama Love tōku whaea

Ko Venessa Ede (nee Love) tōku ingoa

I am a descendant of Mere Ruru Te Hikanui and John Agar Love, Katarina Hikimapu and William Keenan, and Maata Te Naihi Te Owai and James Worser Heberley.

I am the granddaughter of Patricia Huriata (nee Hough) and Island Moutere Love. My Mum is Marlene Turama Love. I was raised and adopted by my grandparents as their youngest child and grew up in Waikawa. I attended Waikawa Bay School, Queen Charlotte College and Victoria and Massey Universities.

I have a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration Degree, Victoria University and a Graduate Diploma of Business Studies, Massey University.

Over the last 25+ years, I have worked in Nelson/Marlborough as an Accountant, Payroll Manager (Wakatu Incorporation, Port Marlborough, Marlborough District Council) and in Governance Trustee/Directorship roles within Te Ātiawa and other Māori and Community organisations. I am registered Associate Chartered Accountant (18 years), currently a Trustee of the Wellington Tenths Trust (15 years) and a Trustee and Board member on Te Kahui Hauora o Te Tauihu Maori Partnership Board and hold other Directorship and governance roles.

I have previously held the Trust Vice-Chair, former member roles of past Commercial, Audit & Risk, Aquaculture and Group Structure Review Committees', strongly advocating for good governance decision-making, positive and progressive improvement to deliver on the vision to uphold the cultural, spiritual, social and economic development and aspirations of Te Ātiawa.

I remain fully dedicated and committed to the success and wellbeing of our iwi and whanau.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

PLEASE TURN OVER >>

LOVE Tony



Ko Arapaoa te moutere tapu

Ko Piripiri te maunga

Ko Waitohi te awa

Ko Te Ātiawa te iwi

Ko Waikawa te marae

Ko Hamarama Tanerau-Love (Lambie) rāua
ko Vera Hurimoni Tanerau-Love ōku tupuna

Ko Tony Rama Tanerau-Love tōku ingoa

Kia ora whānau,

My name is Tony Rama Tanerau-Love. I am a husband, father and grandfather. Born in Whanganui in 1974, I was raised by my grandmother, Vera Hurimoni Tanerau-Love, of Rātana Pā, Waikawa Pā. I am seeking again your support to serve as a Trustee on the board of Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui.

From the age of 22 I built a labour-contracting business and two hospitality businesses. I later became Factory Manager and then Group Manager for Trellis and Edging NZ Ltd and Williams Trellis NZ Ltd. After nine years I retired from that role. During that period, I also ran a small artisan beekeeping and honey-packing business. Having hives at Waikawa marae and working alongside whānau there strengthened my desire to contribute my experience to our iwi. Over time I learned that what mattered most was making time for my children and whānau.

When I served as Trustee for three years, it gave me a clear understanding of the responsibilities, governance processes, and the importance of integrity, transparency and collaboration for the long-term wellbeing of our whānau and iwi. Last year I chose not to stand again because I felt I had not achieved anything. Looking back, I realise that stepping away achieved even less — when you are not at the table, you cannot help get things done. The experience I gained, together with this clearer understanding, has strengthened my commitment to serve.

Poipoia te kākano, kia puawai.

Tony Rama Tanerau-Love

PAKI PAKI Kahu



Ko Piripiri, Tū Ao Wharepapa me Taranaki
hoki ōku maunga

Ko Tokomaru te waka

Ko Waikawa me Te Āwhina ngā marae

Ko Puketapu te hapu

Ko Te Ātiawa tōku iwi

Ko Kahu Moeahu Paki Paki tōku ingoa

Raised in Te Tauihu, having lived in Wairau and later Whakatū I have deep and diverse connection to the region and our people.

Currently the standing member for the Māori Ward for the Nelson City Council I also represent our community and Te Ao Māori as a kaiwhakairo/carver operating a full-time business providing design consultancy and project management services.

I have a Graduate Degree in Political Science and Governance in addition to being a qualified Builder with post graduate tohu in Project and Construction Management. With over 20 years in construction industry as a contractor, development manager and business owner, I have experience with delivering large scale commercial projects, subdivisions as well as managing property portfolio developments.

To balance my more recent business direction, in my 20s I worked for Ngāti Koata running social rangatahi programs and working in whānau support. This included taiaha wānanga, health programs, iwi diving and making cups of tea for the aunties. I have 3 sons and a marriage with Soraya (Ngāti Awa, Te Whānau Apanui) spanning 25 years.

I feel the time is right to contribute to our iwi in a governance capacity while bringing an elevated level of business acumen and experience to help drive the prosperity of our whānau whānui o Te Ātiawa.

Mō te anamata tēnei mahi, mō ō tātou mātua, mō ā tātou uri, mō tō tātou whenua hoki.

POWICK Rita



Ko Arapaoa te moutere tapu

Ko Piripiri te maunga tū tonu

Ko Te Weranga o Waitohi te awa

Ko Tokomaru te waka tūpuna

Ko Te Ātiawa te iwi e titia nei

Ko Waikawa te marae, te kāinga whakatupu

Ko Puketapu, Ngāti Rāhiri rātou ko Ngāti Te Whiti ngā hapū

Tēnā rā tātou

E aku iti, e aku rahi o Te Ātiawa o Te Waka a Māui, tēnā tatou.

Raised by my grandparents; Pika and James Matangi, and my mum, Rita; I'm proud to have grown up amongst strong, loving Waikawa Pā whānau. My upbringing shapes my belief in the importance of whānau strength and cultural identity.

My husband Tom and I live in Waitohi/Picton. We have three awesome children – our son Rangi and partner Becs in Auckland, son Brad in Christchurch and daughter Kiri, son-in law Scott and our two treasured mokopuna Te Ahupō and Aramainana in Taranaki.

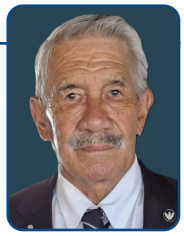
I've worked within, and held governance positions on, national, regional, iwi, marae and Māori organisations. My Māori medium teaching career helped fire my personal passion for te reo Māori and our indigeneity. I support greater inclusion of iwi voice in iwi developments. I encourage sound, forward-thinking initiatives to achieve our aspirations for current and future generations. I relish our increased affirmation of our place and influence on our landscape. I believe in iwi trustees leading by example.

My priorities:

- Fostering links amongst ourselves as iwi, across Te Tauihu, with our Te Ātiawa kin in Wellington/Waikanae/Taranaki – to strengthen whakapapa ties, reo and tikanga practice, history and heritage protection that strengthen our Te Ātiawatanga.
- Developing initiatives and partnering with others - for improved health, housing, environment, education, training, employment and commercial outcomes that benefit and strengthen us as iwi.

I have been an iwi trustee for the past six years and humbly seek re-election this further term.

RIWAKA Ronald



Ko Piripiri te maunga

Ko Waitohi te awa

Ko Tokomaru te waka

Ko Waikawa te marae

Ko Puketapu te hapū

Ko Te Ātiawa te iwi

Ko Ron Riwaka tōku ingoa.

I am seeking re-election as a Trustee because I remain committed to the mana, wellbeing and future of Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui. Growing up at Waikawa Pā gave me a strong connection to our rohe, our people and the Marlborough Sounds. I believe a Trustee must be the eyes, ears and voice of the people, acting with integrity and accountability.

I stand for transparent, fair governance, with decisions based on facts, sound policy and proper process. I am prepared to ask difficult questions and ensure the Trust delivers equitably for all Te Ātiawa whānau.

During my service, I have supported policy initiatives for koha relating to tangihanga and unveilings, increased member involvement in kaimoana matters, served as the Trust's mandated Kaitiaki representative with MIP Fisheries, and contributed to various negotiations including the South Island Customary Fishing Regulations.

My experience includes corporate and operational management, negotiation, human resources, planning, budgeting, logistics, health promotion and public service. My priorities are supporting kaumātua, improving health and wellbeing, creating education and employment opportunities, protecting our taonga and customary rights, sustaining our kaimoana, and maintaining the Trust's financial strength.

I will continue working for a strong, united and sustainable future for Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui.

Kāhore taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini.

Success is not the work of one, but the work of many.

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