



Maori Representative Nominee (BIO)

Olive Guy

Whangaroa is home, with whakapapa stretching from west to east through Te Tahaawai, Ngātiruamahue, and Ngāitūpango. My husband and I have raised our whānau on agriculture, as generational beef farmers in Kaeo and wool harvesting contractors across Northland. Those experiences have grounded me in hard work, resilience, and the value of strong communities.

I bring over 25 years of professional experience in financial management, business leadership, and reporting. As a business owner, someone working within a kaupapa Māori organisation, and an existing WHST trustee, I offer practical leadership, strong administration skills, governance experience, and responsible stewardship of resources.

I believe I can continue to make an active and positive contribution. I welcome the opportunity to keep serving the Whangaroa Health Services Trust with experience, integrity, and a genuine commitment to the wellbeing of Whangaroa whānau.

Candidate Questions

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Consistent access to quality primary care is critical for our whānau. What matters most is improving access while strengthening and growing services locally, so they are reliable and meet real needs.

Health services must work closely together across primary, community, and wider care to ensure support is timely, reliable, and sustainable, with a strong focus on supporting whānau earlier and maintaining wellbeing.

Whānau should have confidence they can access the right care at the right time, close to home.



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Emma Hepi

"It takes a Village to raise a Child"...proverb unknown
It takes a Community to Support a Village...

I am a committed community supporter. It gives me a sense of purpose and indeed fulfilment- to share my skills, to help to make a difference, to contribute meaningfully.

I support the Whangaroa Health Service Trust for their kaupapa- past and present. Vision... Better health for every person living in Whangaroa. Purpose...To support community and whānau with health needs to live fulfilling lives. Values...Tino rangatiratanga...People first, respect and care for families.

My working background is with ADHB, 36 years as Clerk Administrator, Emergency Department Auckland City Hospital. Trained as Health and Safety Clerical Representative, for The Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 and from 1993 to the new Health and Safety at Work Act 2015- I possess commitment, competence, communication and control are basically skills I have found apply to all organisations. I am a founding member of Te Herenga Waka Marae Orewa, which is based in Silverdale. I became a Justice of the Peace for Aotearoa, New Zealand in 2001. I have served 10 years on TeTii (Waitangi)B3 Trustee Board-2015 to 2026. I have served 5 years on Nga Uri o Maikuku Raua ko Huatakaroa Charitable Trust Board- 2020 to 2026.

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Why are you standing for the Māori representative role on WHST?

1. Maori represent 1,791 of the ethnic population, of 3,540 people in Whangaroa.
2. Te Reo Maori speakers in Whangaroa are 15.1% compared to 4.3% Nationally. (come on down to Te Whare Ruruhau - Matauri Bay, get your te reo Maori on here)
3. Maori Health ProMotion includes strengthening identity and culture

So there you are Whaanau, representing Maori Health is exciting and effectively respects Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles, ensuring Maori control over processes to foster equitable outcomes.