



# TRUST ELECTIONS 2022

## CANDIDATE SKILLS PROFILE



**Ray Wihapi**

**Governance training and experience on Boards.**

Past Chair - Healthcare NZ Maori Advisory Board  
Member - Te Puke High School Board of Trustees

**Understanding of Waitaha tikanga and cultural values(in respect of leadership and governance).**

I was raised with my kuia and koro in Waitaha from birth. Sitting in our whare tupuna and listening to Koro Bole, Koro Buddy, Koro Monty, Koro Sam I was privileged to witness Waitaha tikanga and values in action.

**The Waitaha Treaty Settlement Claim (in relation the Trust role).**

The trusts role is to manage the settlement redress assets of Waitaha. Ultimately for the benefit of the future generations of Waitaha.

**Experience in developing and directing strategy.**

For the past 10 years I have held strategic roles from leading the national maori strategy for Healthcare NZ, Managing contracts and teams in the Health and social services space. Managing contracts as a consultant and more recently as leading strategy and relationships for Poutiri Trust.

**Computer literacy**

I can use the majority of programs and applications to a high standard.

**Financial literacy**

I have a good understanding of budgets, and financial delegations. I've had delegation of annual budgets over \$20 million and directly managed working budgets of \$10 million per annum with responsibility of managing 120 staff.

**Strong sense of ethics, sound judgement, and common sense (in a governance or leadership role).**

I have always ensured when on boards that I represent the voice of the people and whilst in positions of representation I aim to create multiple avenues of communication to enable a range of options that best suit whanau to air their views and opinions.

**Feel free to add any further comments for the voters below.**

He mihi tenei kia koutou te whanau o Waitaha.

I was raised and nurtured by my kuia, Nana Meri and my koroua, Daddy Ra or as I called him, Papa, in our whanau homestead at 267 Manoeka Rd for my entire childhood and in to my late teens before leaving home for university.

My childhood consisted of doing crazy stunts, jumps and wheelies on my BMX, mountain bike on the tennis courts at the marae and then on my motorbikes on the road, annoying Aunty Roma, Aunty Hangaia, Uncle Mackie and Aunty Mulu.

We had a great childhood on the road playing fly (An advanced agility game requiring 10 sticks and the legs of a kangaroo) before school, hens and hounds across the neighbourhood, making bows and arrows with willow branches, fishing line and bracken fern, riding uncle Mackie's horses to the High School Baths, touch at Haraki, maize huts, playing longball on Uncle Wehi's lawn and doing bombs and swimming in our awa.

The memories and connections I have of our road and our people are awesome and it's those memories of our people and that strong connection to the people and the whenua that form the basis of what I want to bring to the board table.

I remember sitting in our whare tupuna as a child listening to our paepae who were a formidable force that oozed mana. Koro Buddy, Koro Monty, Koro Sam, Koro Niko, Koro Tukaha, Koro Mackie, Koro Tame, Papa, Koro Bole who all carried themselves with such charisma and strength.

The memories of Nanny Maggie, Nanny Waiwharangi, Nanny Te Akau (Dynamite), Nanny Gwen, Nanny Sally, Nanny Piko, Aunty Katie, Aunty Hangaia, Aunty Roma, Nanny Googie, Nanny Josie and the smoked filled card rooms.

In those days it was done by the people for the people! It is my hope that we can bring their hopes and dreams to life by again working with the people for the people.