

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Tena Koutou katoa I roto I nga tini ahuatanga o te wa

It is my pleasure to present this Pānui on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Māori Kiwifruit Growers Forum Incorporated (MKGFI).

Firstly I'd like to acknowledge the fantastic work undertaken by Huhana Rolleston and the Working group members who have laid a strong foundation for us to start from. I'd also like to recognise the efforts of all of you who attended the hui in Maungatapu, the subsequent hui a rohe, and culminating in the election of the representatives at last hui in Te Kaha.

As a group we have much work to do, inline with the broad objectives of the forum;

- To exercise leadership across the industry and advocate on your behalf
- To improve information dissemination to Māori growers
- Ultimately to assist and help improve net returns for Māori kiwifruit growers.

I'm excited by the wealth of experience around the board table and look forward to capitalising on the skills, experience and knowledge that your representatives bring.

As a board we're mindful that we need to start well and set a strong foundation for the MKGFI while being realistic that we won't be able to achieve everything in the first year. To that end, we've set our first Strategic Planning hui date in January where amongst the agenda items we will be assessing what initial goals we can set for year 1, followed by mid term goals and finally long term objectives. In due course we'll look to share those ideas with you to seek feedback, input and ultimately support.

My first task as Chairman is to introduce your representatives on the executive committee and their profiles are included in this Pānui. Beyond that, I hope that you all have an enjoyable break with friends and whanau over the festive season and look forward to working together on your behalf and getting around to meet with as many of you as I can in 2017.

Kia matakui kua te Kirihimete, kia manahau te Tau hou,  
kia tau te rangimarie I nga wa katoa.

## Tiaki



**Tiaki Hunia**  
Rangitaiki

Tiaki is the deputy Māori Trustee. His career has included roles as a solicitor, asset manager and director of trusts, companies and iwi authorities. He is of Ngāti Awa, Te Aupouri and Ngāti Pikiao descent.

Tiaki is passionate about Māori development and has worked across a range of sectors, including health, iwi development, fishing, forestry, agribusiness and investment.

He is currently the chairman of Māori Investments Ltd and Tarawera Lands Company Ltd, chairman of Putauaki Trust and a director of Ngāti Awa Group Holdings Ltd. Tiaki is a member of the Institute of Directors.



**Neil Te Kani**  
NZKGI Iwi Rep

I have a strong commercial background and able to deliver financial gains to entities I am associated with. I maintain industry links to key organisations and people. Those links have given me width and breath to understand a very complex

industry that we have a large investment stake in. I believe in strong decision making and leadership. It is that skill in particular that has enabled Maori to now feature as a dominant player in the kiwifruit industry

Trusteeships/Directorships

- Te Awanui Huka Pak
- Tukairangi Investments Limited
- Ngai Tukairangi Trust
- Te Orea Trust
- Mangatawa Papamoia Blocks Inc
- Ranginui 12
- Ngai Tukairangi Hapu
- NZKGI Iwi Representative
- Tauranga Moana Museum Trust



**George Skudder**  
Te Puke

Ko Rangiuru te maunga  
Ko Kaituna te awa  
Ko Tapuika te iwi  
Ko Tapuika te tangata  
Tehei mauriora

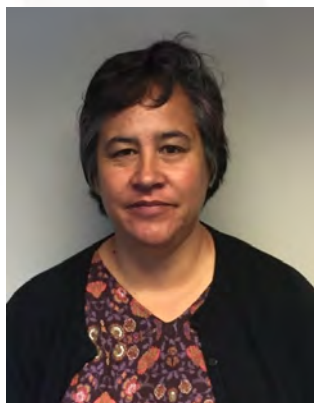
I have always had an intense interest in kiwifruit orcharding and have been in the Kiwifruit Industry for over 40 years as a grower. Having been born and growing up in Te Puke I have developed a

sound knowledge of the area, and a strong understanding of the need to nurture our whenua and strive to get the ideal growing conditions for maximum outcomes.

I am a trustee with Paengaroa North K Orchard, Rupuha Orchard and currently serve as a member on the Seeka Growers' Council.

My other passion is farming and I currently share a trusteeship for land blocks within Te Takapu o Tapuika, Karangi A2 including whanau land, and am a trustee respectively for land blocks in the Kaimai and Waihi.

I look forward to sharing my experiences with fellow Executive members of the Māori Growers Forum.



**Marita Ranclaud**  
Tauranga Moana

Marita has a background in health and is currently a contracts manager for a District Health Board.

Associated with several kiwifruit orchards in Tauranga Moana, Marita brings a small growers perspective to the forum table.

**Haki McRoberts**  
Te Whanau a Apānui

Ko Haki McRoberts toku ingoa  
Ko Maungaroa te Maunga  
Ko Maungaroa te Marae  
Ko Kereu te Awa  
Ko Kaiaio te Whare Tipuna  
Ko Kaiaio te Hapu  
Ko Te Whanau a Apanui te Iwi

Taha o toku Mama  
Ko Ngati Makino  
Whakatauki

"He purapura nga kai, He taniwha nga tangata"



**Alan Haronga**  
Te Tai Rawhiti

Te Aitanga a Mahaki, Rongowhakaata, Tamanuhiri, Kahungunu ki Wairoa and katohea through the ancestral land interests till retain and participate in. Chair of two Gisborne based Maori businesses, namely Wi Pere Trust and Katu Blocks Incorporation, and for both I have been on the board for over thirty years. I am a chartered accountant for twenty years and am moving on to become a professional director, with wide experience across a number of areas both public and private, Maori and Non-Maori. My passion and focus is to “build and grow” business for the benefit of current and future generations. Wi Pere Trust in particular grows kiwifruit and we are looking forward to working with ours and other regions and Maori businesses to “build and grow” this opportunity to the maximum extent possible.



**Kiritapu Allan**  
Tauranga Moana

Ngati Ranginui, Ngai Te Rangi, Ngati Tuwharetoa Kiritapu is a commercial lawyer and business consultant operating from the Bay of Plenty. She grew up around kiwifruit orchards in Paengaroa and worked with her grandparents on their kiwifruit orchard in Te Puna. Kiritapu manages a primary sector portfolio including horticultural developments for Te Tumu Paeroa, and provides advice on commercial structures for primary sector developments. Kiritapu is a director on Te Kaha Landowners Holdings, and manages land blocks with orchards in Tauranga, Te Teko and Te Kaha.



**Pita Tipene**  
Te Taitokerau

Ko Ngati Hine te Iwi  
Ko Ngati Te Tarawa te Hapu  
Ko Motatau te maunga – tu te ao, tu te po  
Ko Taumarere te awa, puta atu ki te  
puwaha o Te Moana Pikopiko-i-whiti.

Pita and his wife Sara have 3 children and 5 grandchildren and live in Kawakawa, Bay of Islands, Taitokerau. He was born and raised as part of a family of 11 children in Motatau, (Bay of Islands) attended St Stephens School and then graduated from Waikato University in 1985.

Pita is the chair of the Ngati Hine Forestry Trust, amongst other key roles that he plays within Ngati Hine and Taitokerau. The Trust has corpus lands of approximately 5,600 hectares, located within the inland Bay of Islands. It also has over 4,200 registered owners with its Head Office in Whangarei and another satellite office in Moerewa. The Trust owns [four Kiwi Fruit orchards](#) in the Kerikeri area comprising a total of 35.75 hectares of land with 24.17 canopy hectares of Kiwi Fruit including Green (17.31 ha) and Gold (6.86 ha)



**Homman Tapsell**  
Te Puke

Te Arawa/Tainui descent, born & raised in Maketu  
On completion of Secondary school I served 8 years as a Electronics Tech and Diver in the NZ Navy. Lived in Hong Kong & Singapore for 6 years, employed as a regional Manager in Electronics for Singapore, Malaysia & the Phillipines. Returned to NZ and managed Hotels for ‘Dominion Breweries’ for a further 14 years throughout NZ.

Entered into the Kiwifruit Industry in the 90’s managing orchards for Seeka Ltd up to an area of 50 canopy hectares. My company now contract manage orchards for Seeka Ltd and our Whanau Trust orchard, Otama Marere, located in Paengaroa which has a developed canopy area of 20.6 hectares growing both Haywood & G3 Sungold Kiwifruit  
Qualifications: Diploma in Horticulture (Lincoln University), Business Management Course Massey University, Hotel & Business Management courses Dominion Breweries Ltd



## YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE cont.

### James Wheeler

Te Tau Ihu

James is a Director and Deputy Chairman of Wakatu Incorporation. He is a past Chairman and CEO of Tohu Wines Ltd, and is also a past Director of Port Nicholson Fisheries. He is also a Director of his family computer business Globalware Ltd.



His Whakapapa is Te Atiawa and Te Arawa. He was for many years a Territorial Force soldier in the New Zealand Army. He is married with two children and five grandchildren.

In 1995 he completed post graduate studies in Human Resource Management at Victoria University, has previous business qualifications and is a qualified Industrial Engineer. He became a Justice of the Peace in 1989.

James' passion is selling and forming and keeping the relationships that march hand in hand with good governance, business practice and making money.

### Amy Porter

Zespri

Amy (Ngati Tuwharetoa) has been working for Zespri since July 2016 as the Project Manager for the Māori Grower Forum. Amy's role includes advising the Zespri Executive and Board on engaging with Maori in the kiwifruit industry.



Prior to Zespri Amy held the position of Executive Officer at Te Awanui Huka Pak, working alongside the Chair and Te Awanui Shareholders. Both of these positions have provided Amy with a strong overview and understanding of the kiwifruit industry, from both a New Zealand supply and an offshore market perspective. Amy has a key focus on improving outcomes for Maori in the industry, and strongly advocates for increasing the skills and capabilities of Maori in the industry

Prior to working in the kiwifruit industry, Amy comes from a strong business background, owning and operating top performing bars & restaurants in Tauranga Moana since 2004. This background has seen Amy develop a very strong network and developed a broad range of skills ranging from budgeting, financial management, human resources, customer service, event management as well as successfully operating a number of businesses during the global financial crisis.

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