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Rodney BAKER

The eighth of nine children of Leon Clifford and Thelma Baker, brought up on the banks of the Mimitangiatua awa (on our whanau farm) where whitebait, flounder, eel and Kaimoana were always on the menu and spare time was spent hunting and tramping in the hills and bush.



I am from a multi-generational whanau, who have lived in the rohe and are very passionate about whakapapa, community, preservation of history and Kaitiakitanga for future generations to come. My education was at Mimi Primary School and then Waitara High School.

The challenge of motivating and encouraging young people to strive to better themselves and to teach them that anything is possible is my passion. It makes me feel very proud to see people whom I have supported previously passing on the same motivation to others.

I reside with my supportive wife Karen in Urenui. We have two children, Glen and Ashley, and two mokopuna.

By voting for me you will get a committed trustee, who is approachable, active, lives local and dedicated to finishing off mahi already begun and yet to be started.

Melissa HENARE

Ko Mutunga te tangata

Ko Ngati Mutunga te iwi

Ko William (Bill) Tuuta raua ko Elisha Tuuta (nee Maxwell) oku tupuna

No reira, tēnā koutou katoa

I am very excited to have this opportunity to represent Ngāti Mutunga at governance level. My professional strengths lay within education.

- Curriculum design (iwi development, iwi curriculum, te reo Maori, me ora tikanga, kapa haka
- Management, planning, implementation and evaluation

My passion is in Maori education, developing our culture, language and customs.

I envisage Ngati Mutunga developing our own Mutunga curriculum to be implemented into schools where our 'Mutunga' children are enrolled.

We as an iwi have a responsibility to ensure that our children have an opportunity to learn about their Ngati Mutungatanga.

I have been employed at Manukorihi Intermediate School since 2013, working alongside educationalists and our rangatahi developing Maori education in Whaitara.

William SIMPSON

I am an individual totally focused on transforming services and delivering advice to a high standard. I have the expertise in democratic, electoral and governance services, policy analysis, planning and strategic thinking and delivery through the following roles:



- I am teacher trained.
- I have a legal background I am extremely familiar with the legislation statutes and case law around most law.
- I was part of a team that was charged with the change management processes within three Government Agencies, namely Archives New Zealand, National Library and Internal Affairs Department.
- I have been instrumental in building and engaging Iwi and Hapu both at representative and partnership levels for Government agencies.
- I am currently part of The Treaty of Waitangi settlement processes with an Iwi and engage with the Office of Treaty Settlements and Minister of Treaty Settlements.
- I have lobbied Government Ministers on several occasions both personally and professionally.
- I have engaged the community on behalf of the Crown on a number of occasions for various purposes; largely to build long term sustainable relationships.
- I am a peoples person.

Kia u ki to marae, ma to marae ka kiia koe!!