RUIHI DAVIS

Ngāti Marukukere | Nominee for Tapuika Iwi Trust

I bring a combination of governance experience, public service, kaupapa Māori practice, education and community engagement. Throughout my career, I have worked alongside whānau, tamariki, rangatahi and community organisations, supporting people to achieve positive outcomes through strong relationships, practical support and accountable processes.

As a uri of Tapuika, I recognise the importance of representation, collective responsibility and making decisions that consider the aspirations of our whānau, our tamariki and future generations.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE I OFFER

Governance, Leadership and Accountability

- Governance experience as Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary of Pakowhai Te Kōhanga Reo.
- Experience contributing to policy development, strategic planning, compliance and continuous improvement.
- Understanding of the importance of sound processes, transparency, accountability and responsible decision-making.

Whānau and Community Advocacy

- Eleven years of experience with the Ministry of Social Development, supporting individuals and whānau to access education, employment and community services.
- Experience working across government agencies, education providers, iwi organisations and community services.
- Strong communication, relationship management and problem-solving skills, including working through complex situations with professionalism and discretion.

Kaupapa Māori, Mātauranga and Education

- Experience supporting kaupapa Māori education, te reo Māori, tikanga Māori and cultural development.
- Involvement in coordinating Rongoā Māori wānanga, educational programmes and community learning opportunities.
- Active involvement in kapa haka and Waihirere Māori Club, supporting the continuation of cultural knowledge and the development of future generations.

Organisation, Planning and Systems

- Experience coordinating programmes, managing records, developing policies and procedures, and supporting effective day-to-day operations.
- Skilled in administration, information management, confidentiality and helping teams adapt to new systems and processes.

MY CONTRIBUTION TO TAPUIKA

I would bring a practical, whānau-centred approach to the Tapuika Iwi Trust, combining governance experience with an understanding of how decisions, policies and services affect people on the ground.

I value open communication, collective responsibility, sound decision-making and working collaboratively towards shared aspirations. I would aim to contribute constructively, uphold the responsibilities of the Trust and support outcomes that strengthen Tapuika, our hapū, our whānau and the generations to come.

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