



Katherine Kataraina Tonihi

Ko Tuturu te Maunga
Ko Puarenga te Awa
Ko Wahiao te Iwi
Ko Tukiterangi te Hapu
Ko te Pakira te Marae

Kia ora te Whanau o Tukiterangi

I was Born on the Tumu North whenua raised in Whakarewrewa and Parekarangi. I have walked the track from Parekarangi to the Village, as a child growing up this was a normal routine for my brother and cousins we did the hikoi daily for several years. We learnt every nook and every cranny as we journeyed this pathway. Over the last 20 years my whanau and I have worked hard to awhi the kaupapa o Wahiao as mana whenua ki Whakarewarewa.

Since 1982 my Father Gus Tonihi placed me in charge of all the Tonihi blocks. We have struggled hard and learnt through trial and tribulation what is needed to make things happen for our whanau and we are only now starting to grasp the enormity of this journey. We have also learnt to clean up our own backyard first and take care of our whanau in a healthy way. This is an ongoing lifetime journey, which I will not shy away from.

Everything starts at home with the Whanau – my korero is “start at home, get the whanau on track with our well-being and hauora happening, put ourselves to work, and make sure our whanau awhi the hapu in whatever way we can.”

I might not have the credentials on paper but I do have the life experience, passion, whanau and haukainga knowledge to give the utmost towards Wahiao Tuhourangi o Whakarewarewa Trust.

As I do not wish to see our Trust become a commercial entity worrying about growing the business and forgetting about the people, the whanau, the hapu. I would like to make sure that it is an entity that is based on growing the Whanau along with the Whenua first and foremost.

- Ngati Wahiao Charitable Trust -2016 – Trustee & Chairperson
- Parekarangi A12B3 Ahu Whenua Trust – Trustee Chairperson
- 30 yrs WINZ advocate and CYFS & Oranga Tamariki advocate/ Whanau Court representative / Native assessor, incorporating Law/ Lore, Kaupapa Maori Trained Whanau Counsellor, Whanau and Domestic Violence Counsellor Facilitator - Spokesperson, Intervention pffocer for Children at Risk .
- An advocate for the Health and Well-Being of Maori, Whakapapa, Whanau and Whenua.

My Skills : Whanau Support worker, Community Developer, Communicator, Researcher, Advocate. I bring to the Trust a wide range of skills, open networks, from personal land claims to wider hapu land claims, and offer a haukainga perspective to everything I participate in. I feel like this next step in my journey is for me to share my knowledge and Whakarewarewa ahi kaa experience.