



Annual General Meeting 2024 – Agenda Item 8 Nominations for Te Pai Ora National Executive

There are three vacancies for positions on the Te Pai Ora SSPA National Executive: one tangata whenua and two tauwiwi.

Tangata whenua nominations

We have received three nominations for one tangata whenua position and therefore an election is required. The election will be held by a vote at the AGM and voting can also be undertaken via email. Only full members of Te Pai Ora SSPA are eligible to vote and there is one vote per member organisation.

- Jackie Burrows, He Waka Tapu (Nominated by He Waka Tapu)
- Gwenda Kendrew, Aviva - Live free from violence (Nominated by Aviva - Live free from violence)
- Cindy Kawana, E Tipu E Rea Whānau Services (Nominated by E Tipu E Rea Whānau Services)

Tauwiwi nominations

We have received four nominations for the two tauwiwi positions. and therefore, an election is required. The election will be held by a vote at the AGM and voting can also be undertaken via email. Only full members of Te Pai Ora SSPA are eligible to vote and there are two votes for separate tauwiwi nominees available per member organisation.

- Neil Denney, The Friendship House Trust (Nominated by The Friendship House Trust)
- Laura Fear, Victory Community Centre (Nominated by Victory Community Centre)
- Carmen Batchelor, A3 Kaitiaki Ltd (Nominated by Presbyterian Support Otago)
- Andrea McLeod, Anglican Trust for Women and Children (Nominated by Key Assets)

The following nominee details were provided by the nominees and are listed in alphabetical order by surname; tauwiwi nominees, then tangata whenua nominees.

Current National Executive members:

- Marihi Langford, Tuhiata Mahi Ora Trust, Kaitaia, Tangata whenua member
- Tuhi Leef, Pillars Ka Pou Whakahou, Auckland. Treasurer, Tangata whenua member
- Judy Matai'a, Visionwest Community Trust, Auckland, Tauwiwi member
- Victoria Newcombe, Presbyterian Support Upper South Island, Christchurch. Co-Chair, Tauwiwi member
- Claire Ramsay, Otago Youth Wellness Trust, Dunedin. Tauwiwi member
- Zoe Witika-Hawke, E Tipu E Rea Whānau Services, Auckland. Co-Chair. Tangata whenua member

Tangata whenua nominations for election for one position

Jackie Burrows, CEO, He Waka Tapu



Tēnā koutou katoa, I have had the privilege of being the Chief Executive at He Waka Tapu for the past 13 years. I'm proud to be a Ngā Puhi/Ngati Hine wahine, with over 26 years of experience across mental health, addiction, and community services. My journey has been shaped by my personal background and my commitment to improving the wellbeing of our whānau. At He Waka Tapu, we have developed services that focus on whānau wellbeing and provide the services that support this. We work from a strengths-based approach to uplift individuals, whānau and kaimahi, with a key focus on Māori and other ethnic communities. Joining the Te Pai Ora SSPA National Executive would allow me to bring my

leadership experience and cultural insight to the table. I believe in the importance of working from a kaupapa Māori approach and want to support our sector in being culturally safe and inclusive. I am keen to contribute to positive change for all our whānau, using my networks and the experiences that have been gained over the years. I'd love the opportunity to be part of this important work and help to shape a better future for all of our communities. Ngā mihi nui, Jackie Burrows

Cindy Kawana, Mana Whakahaere, E Tipu E Rea Whānau Services



No Taranaki te maunga

No Aotea te waka

Ko Ngaruahine me

Rangitane ki Wairarapa oku iwi

Ko Cindy Kawana

Being on the governance board of Te Pai ora is crucial for several reasons. Firstly, it provides an opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction and decision-making processes of the organisation. I am particularly interested in what is happening in the social service sector as I have been involved in a variety of parts for over 20 years. Secondly, serving on the governance board will allow me to participate in advocating for the needs and interests of the community that Te Pai Ora serves. By representing diverse perspectives and voices particularly tangata whenua I can help ensure that the organisation remains responsive to the evolving needs of all its membership.

Gwenda Kendrew, General Manager, Operations, Aviva - Live free from violence



I have had the privilege, and challenge, of working within Social Service agencies for the last 20+ years and yet still feel the passion to change the world, maybe even more so as the years go by. After starting as an Op Shop Manager in the 90's, moving into a Youth Support role in Palmerston North, then experiencing the beautiful island of Tonga supporting children and young people, I began to clearly see and experience the disparities within society, both within ethnic but also socio-economic groupings. As a manager, across social services around the motu, my drive to bring skill, knowledge and to build and resource teams, to enable change within societies, drove my late in life decision to undertake BSW. This experience also well supported by personal journey of finding my whakapapa. Over the years, I have had the immense privilege of sitting at tables alongside our whai ora and carrying their stories into ministerial meetings, or contractual hui, in an attempt to bring the voice of the people to the decision makers. As empty nesters, my husband and I returned to Ōtautahi to enjoy the beginning of life with mokopuna but also to settle into some challenging and yet fulfilling roles. Most recently, I have had the privilege of leading, from an operational perspective, the Family Violence and Sexual Violence Teams within Aviva, over the last 7 years. I deeply appreciate and respect the opportunity of being part of a passionate team and take the opportunity of supporting and resourcing others incredibly seriously.

Taiwi Nominees - for election for two positions

Carmen Batchelor, Social Sector Partner Lead, A3 Kaitiaki Ltd



Born and raised in Invercargill and living in Dunedin Ōtepoti Carmen is a proud New Zealand born Samoan who loves bridging between cultures and is dedicated to servant leadership and being accessible to support communities to live their best lives. Carmen is currently the Social Sector Partner Lead for Whāngaia Ngā Pā Harakeke kī te Tonga (lower Southern Te Wai Pounamu region) employed by A3 Kaitiaki Ltd on behalf of the Whāngaia multi-agency collective. Carmen has professional qualifications in social work and psychology and has been involved in the social sector for 30 years working across the generations. She has a wide range of experience across community, social sector, voluntary, policy, education and the government sector. Carmen has held a diversity of roles throughout her career from starting in front-line social work, team leader, adult education/training and development, facilitator/tutor, supervision, coaching, manager, specialist practice advisory roles and senior leadership positions. Carmen has held a range of community governance positions including a variety of community panels and specialist advisory groups. Carmen is passionate about tamariki, rangatahi and whānau and community centred ways of being and ensuring that everyone has a place and space in their village. Carmen is relentlessly committed to system level advocacy that places tamariki and whānau at the heart of all we do. Alongside this she is dedicated to championing social sector leadership and well-being, collectively working with the sector to achieve sustainability, social justice and equity.

Neil Denney, Chief Executive, The Friendship House Trust



Neil has a wide skill base, knowledge, networks and experience in a range of not for profit, DHB, mental health, disability, welfare, youth and community service sectors. This has spread over 30 years. It includes experience in and with Government, NGO and the mental health and disability sectors at a senior management and strategic levels. He is a strategic thinker. He is passionate, experienced, and skilled and is socially responsible. He has strong interests in IT and social media and its application to produce positive results for individuals, families and communities. He is currently the Chief Executive of Friendship House He Whare Tangata; a provider of domestic violence and social services including social work and counselling services. He previously managed the Richmond

New Zealand (now Emerge Aotearoa) Northern Region. It included the management of 10 residential homes and 10 mobile community services, including disability services. Richmond NZ is a leading provider of disability and mental health services in NZ. Services include youth, disability, accident rehabilitation, residential and community-based services. It involved dealing with government departments and included MOH and MVCOT (MSD) audits. He also worked as Regional Manager Lakes District for Challenge Trust during a turbulent time in that organisation's history that led to organisational change. From 2011 to 2015 Neil managed the Crisis Care service for Auckland City Mission working with families in crisis and desperate need. This gave him a wide range of skills and understanding of issues relating to families, care and protection and poverty. He was part of the acclaimed Family 100 research project.

Laura Fear, Manager, Victory Community Centre



Ko wai au? Nō Ingarangi, Aerana me Kōtirana ōku tupuna, I heke ōku tūpuna ki Aotearoa ko whenua tenei I whānau ai ahau, He waimarie ki te kiia tenei whenua ko tōku kāinga. Ko Maunga Kakaramea te maunga. Ko Ohakuri te awa. Ko Halcione tōku waka. Ko Ngāti Pākehā tōku iwi. Ko Laura Fear tōku ingoa. Nō reira tēnā koutou katoa. Kia ora, I'm Laura. I have the privilege to be the Manager of the Victory Community Centre, a thriving Community hub and social and health service provider in Whakatū Nelson's Multicultural suburb of Toi Toi. I'm originally from Rotorua and have been involved in not-for-profit leadership and governance for over 11 years. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Finance and a Post Graduate Diploma in Development Studies. My early career was in Banking and

Technology, and I bring with me diverse skills and experiences, including experience in strategic and business planning, financial management skills and project management skills. I'm a passionate advocate for Te Tiriti o Waitangi and equitable and inclusive systems, and I love to see thriving, creative and resilient communities working together!

Andrea McLeod, Chief Executive Officer, Anglican Trust for Women and Children



Andrea is of Tongan heritage and mother of two bright young adults and lives in Tāmaki Makaurau. She has extensive leadership experience and is currently the CEO of Anglican Trust for Women and Children. Prior to this she was the General Manager Social Services at Presbyterian Support Northern leading the integration of their suite of services; Family Works, Shine and Lifeline. With a background as a Registered Nurse she has worked in the public and NGO sectors. She has a post graduate degree in management and is alumni of Leadership New Zealand. Andrea's governance experience includes over eight years as Chair of the Home and Community Health Association, the peak body for the sector and during this time she held a key leadership role representing the sector through the Support Worker Pay Equity negotiations leading to the groundbreaking Settlement. She is currently Co-Chair of Manawa Titī Tamaki, the Family Violence Governance Group for the Central Auckland area, a partnership between iwi, government agencies and NGO's. Andrea was a director of Careerforce and following Careerforce's transition to Te Pūkenga stayed on as the interim Chair of CSSITO to lead the set up of a new board and establish a grant making body that will provide access to grants for workforce development initiatives for members of peak bodies including SSPA's. Andrea has found her place working in values-based organisations, fostering partnerships and collaboration to bring about meaningful change and is committed to the mahi of Te Pai Ora SSPA.