



## Annual General Meeting 2023 – Agenda Item 9 Nominations for Te Pai Ora National Executive

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

### Tangata whenua nominations

We have received two nominations for the two tangata whenua positions and an election is not required.

The AGM will be asked to confirm these nominations:

- **Zoe WITIKA-HAWKE**, E Tipu E Rea Whānau Services, Auckland  
*Nominated by Otago Youth Wellness Trust*
- **Marihi LANGFORD**, Tuhiata Mahi Ora Trust, Northland  
*Nominated by Tuhiata Mahi Ora Trust*

### Tauwiwi nominations

We have received two nominations for the two tauwiwi positions and an election is not required.

The AGM will be asked to confirm these nominations:

- **Judy MATAI'A**, Visionwest Community Trust, Auckland  
*Nominated by Visionwest Community Trust*
- **Victoria NEWCOMBE**, Presbyterian Support Upper South Island, Christchurch  
*Nominated by Presbyterian Support Upper South Island*

The following nominee details at pages 2-3 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.*

## Tauiwi Nominees - for confirmation at AGM

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**Judy Matai'a** Head of Housing and Pasefika Development, Visionwest Community Trust



My interest in the Te Pai Ora Executive is to continue to promote the pivotal role that NGOs play in supporting communities. To grow Te Pai Ora's influence through research, through strategic lobbying and through growing workforce capability. To encourage and grow innovative social work practice – to test, to review and to celebrate community-grown social practice.

Judy is the Head of Housing and Pasefika Development at Visionwest Community Trust, based in Auckland.

Judy has a strong commitment to social change and community development, through a **Collective Impact** approach. An approach that values and embraces new learning, new ways of design thinking that esteems empathy and transparency.

Judy holds masters degrees in Social Work and an MBA (Hons) both from Massey University; and an undergraduate degree from the University of Auckland. In 2018, Judy also graduated from the Global Women's Breakthrough Leadership Programme.

In addition to her advisory roles across Oranga Tamariki and the Ministry of Social Development, plus the various national Board positions she holds, Judy is involved in Governance training for Pasefika leaders with *LEAD Centre for Not for Profit Governance and Leadership*. Recently she was involved in the review of Paesifika Governance participation across the Auckland Rugby Union. This review of governance participation led to the NZ Rugby Union developing a specific Pasefika national leadership role to value and grow Pasefika engagement.

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**Victoria Newcombe** General Manager Social Services, Presbyterian Support Upper South Island



Victoria is the General Manager Social Services for Presbyterian Support Upper South Island. Her responsibilities include supporting their service delivery as well as responding to new opportunities for innovation and partnerships. She also represents the Upper South Island region and is the Chairperson of the national Family Works Managers Group. Victoria has been a social worker for over 20 years and subsequently trained to become a Child and Family Psychologist. The majority of her mahi is leadership but she has a particular interest in service implementation and practice and in particular collaboration.

Victoria is currently the Chairperson of the Right Service Right Time Te Whiri Ora Advisory Group which is a collaboration of several agencies in Canterbury who are members of SSPA. Right Service Right Time provides an entry point for co-ordinated responses from agencies supporting tamariki and whānau.

Victoria is a current co-chair of the Te Pai Ora SSPA National Executive and values the opportunity to serve and represent the sector over such a dynamic time, with the progression of pay equity claims and changes across the political, contracting and funding landscape. Victoria also sees the importance of contributing a South Island perspective to that National Executive and endeavours to make connections through relevant networks and across the region covered by her substantive role which includes Nelson, Marlborough and the West Coast as well as Canterbury.

## Tangata Whenua Nominees - for confirmation at AGM

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### **Marihi Langford (Mgmt, MInstD)** Chief Executive, Tuhiata Mahi Ora Trust



Marihi Langford  
Ngāti Kuri te Iwi

Marihi is the CEO of Tuhiata Mahi Ora Trust, based in the beautiful far north in Kaitiāia and the rōhe of Te Hiku o Te Ika. She has worked across Māori health and social services for over twenty five years and is dedicated to effective outcomes for whānau.

Marihi has held senior roles with the District Health Board and national roles in the NGO sector in the areas of social and health services. She has a masters degree in management from the University of Auckland with a number of years experience in governance roles and is a member of the Institute of Directors.

Marihi has committed to supporting Social Service Providers Te Pai Ora o Aotearoa since 2018 where there has been some significant gains for the social services sector across the motu. She would like to continue to represent SSPA for a further term and brings a wealth of skills and experience that will assist as we manoeuvre through our new environment.

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### **Zoe Witika-Hawke** Chief Executive Officer, E Tipu E Rea Whānau Services



Ko Moehau, ko Te Aroha, ōku maunga.  
Ko Tirohia, ko Kerepehi, ko Makomako ōku marae  
Ko Tikapa te moana  
ko Waihou te awa  
Ko Tanui, ko Toharā ōku waka.  
Ko Zoe Hawke tōku ingoa  
Ko Witikia, ko Paora ōku Whānau.  
Nō Hauraki ahau.  
Ko Jason Tokawhakea Hawke tōku hoa tane  
Ko Kaitiaki, raua ko Ngātai ōku tama.

Zoe is currently the Chief Executive of E Tipu E Rea Whānau Services, a Kaupapa Māori social service in Tamaki Makaurau that supports mātua taiohi, young hapū māmā and their tamariki.

Zoe has worked in the hauora sector for over 20 years. With qualifications in social work, public health, and community development, she has worked in leadership positions in Māori public health, locally and nationally.

Zoe has lead community engagement teams, and policy and advocacy teams in the area of mental health, tobacco control, problem gambling harm prevention, alcohol harm prevention, well-child tamariki ora, nutrition and physical activity, and SUDI prevention.

Zoe has experience in governance, having held many board positions throughout her career, including the Chair for the Health Promotion Forum, and its Māori Board. Zoe currently holds several committee positions within her iwi.

Zoe also holds lived experience of the impacts of state care on whānau intergenerationally. This also influences her thinking and approach to providing whānau tautoko and changing systems that create inequities for Māori.

Zoe believes her experience in governance and leadership experience in policy and advocacy, and kaupapa Māori public health and social services, will add value to the current National Executives work supporting the strategic direction and financial position of SSPA.