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Hui ā-Tau - Highlights from the AGM

He pīki mihi ki a koutou i tae ā-tinana mai ki te hui ā-tau i tērā atu marama, ki a koutou hoki i whai whakapāha mai. A very successful AGM was held at Whakatū Marae at the end of April to hear and discuss the activities and progress of the Ngāti Tama entities over the past twelve months. Updates from the hui ā-tau include:



- All reports received were accepted as presented.
- The Vote to transfer commercial assets to Tama Asset Holding Company was passed (approved by 98% majority of all votes received).
- Honoraria payments for trustees will increase by 50% (approved by 88% majority of those in attendance).
- Congratulations to Butch Little, Leanne Manson and Andrew Stephens who were all re-elected unopposed as Trustees for a further three years.
- Acknowledgement of Ngāti Tama's leadership at the Kaumātua Christmas Lunch
- Appreciation for Ngāti Tama's assistance during the Nelson Fires emergency
- Request that a pouwhenua be erected in the place at Parapara where Te Puoho ki Te Rangi left his taiaha.
- No such thing as too much communication; please keep sharing information with iwi.

Congratulations to the winners of our AGM prize packs

Rore Stafford, Gary Iti and Mark Galvin



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Board Profile - Deputy Chairman, Phil Sparks



Ko Parapara tōku maunga,
Ko Parewhakaoho tōku awa
Ko Tokomaru tōku waka
Ko Ngāti Tama rāua ko Te Atiawa Ki Te Tau Ihu ōku Iwi
Ko Iharaia rāua ko Huhana Meihana ōku tīpuna
Ko Wardholmes tōku whānau
Ko Takaka tōku kāinga tūturu
Ko Te Whanganui ā-Tara tōku kāinga ināiane
Ko Phil Sparks tōku ingoa

Tēnā koutou katoa; As a trustee you become deeply connected to Ngāti Tama and you also get to work with a dedicated team of other passionate people. We are all absolutely committed to ensuring we are in a strong position to provide each of our members with an asset base that gives us an enduring legacy.

I have a business and economics background so I really enjoy using these skills to help solve the many challenges we face. I am aware that some members would like us to grow faster so that there are employment opportunities. Growing our asset base so that all members can prosper in the future is a real focus for me. Of course this doesn't happen overnight but I feel the Trust is travelling in the right direction.

Currently I live in Te Whanganui ā-Tara and teach at Rongotai College where I am Head of Commerce which involves teaching Accounting, Economics and Business Studies. I am also a national marker for the New Zealand Qualifications Authority for Year 13 Economics. Prior to teaching I was a Human Resources Manager in the private sector where I handled a variety of employment issues. I have also been the Licensee for a family owned real estate company and involved in container shipping.

I referee football matches, like outdoor activities and really enjoy travelling when I get the chance. For this profile I was asked, "What advice I would give my teenage self?" My students tell me I think more like them than they do so I guess I'm still a teenager at heart.

Tama Clothing



Hoodies and Tee-Shirts are still available.

Buy now online at <http://ngati-tama.konstruk.com> - Use the promo code **TAMA50** to receive a 50% discount.

What other Tama clothing or merchandise would you like to see? Contact the office to let us know.

Welcome to the team



We are thrilled to tell you that Te Ahu Rei has accepted the position of Cultural Projects Manager, replacing Mane Tahere who took up a new role with Oranga Tamariki in May.

Te Ahu is a whānau member of Ngāti Tama ki Te Tau Ihu, raised in Taranaki. He is a passionate and skilled practitioner of Te Reo and Tikanga with a professional background in education including stints at both Massey and Victoria University.

Te Ahu is now completing his tenure as Iwi Engagement Manager with Te Korowai o Ngā Ruahine Trust and he will begin his journey with Ngāti Tama on July 8, with primary responsibility for leading our cultural revitalisation plans and initiatives.

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Board Profile - Associate Trustee, Jozef Bengé



No Mohua ahau
Ko Pariwhakaohe tōku awa
Ko Parapara tōku maunga
Ko Ngāti Tama rāua ko Te Atiawa ki Te Waipounamu ōku iwi
Ko Meihana tōku whānau
Ko Bronwynn Billens rāua ko Geoff Bengé ōku mātua
Ko Judi Merenako Billens tōku kuia
Ko Jozef Retimana Bengé tōku ingoa

The most valuable thing I have gained in my role as an associate trustee at Ngāti Tama has been the opportunity to build closer relationships with my whanaunga on the board. The manaakitanga, the mana, and the mātauranga around the table has welcomed me as whanaunga, filled me with pride to be Ngāti Tama, and has opened the doors to vast knowledge and opportunities.

My studies in political science have given me a grounding in a tiny section of the kaupapa at the board table, but by and large every meeting has been a steep learning curve in another new direction. It has been fascinating to immerse myself in the structures, processes, and institutions that make up the Ngāti Tama group, to learn about business finance, to get some insight into the demands on Ngāti Tama from businesses and councils, and perhaps most exciting for me, to get a glimpse of the potential Ngāti Tama has to shape the future in Te Tau Ihu. It has been quite overwhelming to dive into all at once, but the manaaki from my whanaunga on the board has made it much easier to swallow. I am honoured to sit at the table and learn from such a powerful and knowledgeable group of people.

I'm currently living in Beachville in Nelson. My business card says "coffee specialist", I fix and maintain espresso machines, teach people to operate espresso machines, and pour the odd cup of coffee. I also pick up a bit of work building windows and doors out of recycled timber for my uncle Tony Billens at Norwest Demolition, and this year have dipped my toes into the world of Maori research with Tiakina te Taiao. Coffee guy/French door guy/kairangahau... I'm not really comfortable giving out advice, but I think a value I picked up from my parents might answer your last couple of questions. Mum and Dad did a great job at showing me from an early age how much can be gained from exploiting every opportunity you are presented with.

The associate trustee position at Ngāti Tama has not only been an awesome opportunity for me to learn within the trust, but it has opened doors to new opportunities in places I never saw coming. Most notably it opened the door to Cawthron Institute where I've picked up work for Tiakina te Taiao as a kairangahau. The associate position is a huge opportunity in the broadest sense, and I would encourage anyone considering it to contact myself or the trust to find out more.

Development Opportunities

The Trustees are now calling for applicants for up to two Associate Trustees to sit on the Ngāti Tama ki Te Waipounamu Trust Board for a 12-month period from July 2019. The purpose of these appointments is to create a pathway where registered adult members can develop the knowledge and skills required to be nominated as a Trustee for future elections. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an Associate Trustee, please contact the office for an application form. Applications close Friday 28th June, 2019.



Hamish.Fletcher Lawyers

The Hamish Fletcher Lawyers Internship is still available for Registered members of Ngāti Tama; currently studying law or have a law degree. Internship from Nov 2019 - March 2020. Fully paid position based in Nelson. Final deadline is 15th July 2019. Contact the office to apply. For more info about Hamish Fletcher Lawyers go to www.hflaw.co.nz

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Tūpuna legacy honoured by Port Nelson

Earlier this month Ngāti Tama trust representatives and whānau members supported a blessing of the new Port Nelson tug boat named Huria Matenga II; which will be replacing their current vessel named Huria Matenga. The original vessel was named by the Nelson Harbour Board around 1983 with permission of family members in recognition of the great heroism and bravery shown at Delaware Bay. A formal launch of the vessel is expected to place towards the end of July.






Ka pū te ruha, ka hao te rangatahi



Turoa Paremata Stephens performing for Ngā Pou o Taniwharau at Te Matatini ki Te Ao 2019

To share photos of the rangatahi in your whānau who are achieving great things regionally, nationally and globally, please send them to us at the office.

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Update your iwi registration details or Sign up your whanau who are not registered to enter

Visit www.ngatitama.nz for registration forms or contact the office to update details.

Ends 01/06/19