

11:30

SESSION 2: Theme – Encouraging Tai Tokerau Māori to stand in local body elections – Technicalities of standing, running successful campaigns, pros and cons, learnings, strategy.

- **Dale Ofsoke** – Election Services
- **Season-Mary Downs** – Tukau Law and Consultancy
- **Mita Harris** – Heritage NZ Pouhere Taonga
- **Mike Kake** – Te Tai Tokerau Māori & Council Working Party

Audience questions and responses from panel

12:30

Lunch break

13:30

SESSION 3: Theme – Exploring models of representation for Māori in local government – Shared experiences and successes from other regions, pathways for systemic change.

- **Glenn Wilcox** – Independent Māori Statutory Board
- **James Whetu** – Hamilton City Council Maangai Maaori
- **Arapeta Tahana** – Bay Of Plenty Regional Council
- **Andrew Judd** – Ex Mayor New Plymouth and self described “recovering racist”

Audience questions and responses from panel

15:00

Symposium Wrap up

15:15

Karakia whakamutunga

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HON NANAIA MAHUTA

Waikato-Tainui, Ngāti Maniapoto and Ngāti Hine

Hon Nanaia Mahuta is a constituent MP with 20 plus years' experience

who has come from 'flax-root' politics and remains connected to the aspirations of people from all walks of life.

She is especially supportive of policies and initiatives that build the capacity of communities, create greater investment in education, employment and training opportunities for young people, along with the continuation of the Treaty Settlement process. Nanaia is the Minister for Māori Development and Local Government, and Associate Minister for the Environment.

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MELODY GARDNER

Registrar of Electors

Kia ora, ko Melody Gardner taku ingoa, he uri ahau o Ngāti Kahu, ko Te Ururoa tōku tupuna.

I have been the Registrar of Electors for the Whangarei, Northland and Te Tai Tokerau electorates for the past three years and in that time have worked on enrolment and community engagement campaigns for the 2016 Local Body Elections, 2017 General Election and 2018 Māori Electoral Option.

I am committed to doing all I can to see more people enrolled and voting in elections in Tai Tokerau. Ngā mihi.

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DALE OFSOSKE

In his capacity as Managing Director and Electoral Officer, Dale has successfully managed elections over the past 30+ years.

He was a founding member of the Electoral Working Party and has made significant contributions to the development of electoral legislation and regulations, including the Local Electoral Act 2001.

He has also worked to develop robust, reliable and transparent electoral processes (including use of technologies such as the electronic vote capture and optical vote scanning) for local government elections.

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SEASON-MARY DOWNS

Te Kapotai / Ngati Hine / Ngapuhi

Season-Mary was born and raised in Moerewa and is a Director of Tukau Law and Kaiwhakahaere of the Tukau Community Fund and Tukau Legacy Clothing charity.

Season-Mary is dedicated to working with whanau, hapu and iwi to achieve their aspirations for te tino rangatiratanga. Season-Mary is currently enrolled in the PhD programme at the University of Waikato, the thesis topic being “Nga taumata o te moana: A return to rangatiratanga over the takutai moana”.

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JUSTICE HETARAKA

*Ko Hururiki te maunga
Ko Mokau te awa
Ko Mahuhu-ki-te-rangi te waka
Ko Mokau te marae
Ko Te Uri o Hikihihi te hapu
Ko Ngati Wai te Iwi*

*E mihi kau ana ki a koutou nga rangatira e hui nei.
Ko Justice Hetaraka tenei.*

I'm a proud product of Te Tai Tokerau - Although I'm only 20 years earthside, I'm blessed to be raised and shaped by this village.

I'm currently in my third year studying a Law and Arts conjoint at The University of Auckland. A few of my passions lie with Rangatahi development, Rangatiratanga and education.

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FRANCIS TOKO

*Ko Tutamoe rāua ko Hikurangi
ngā maunga Ko Opanake rāua
ko Waiapu ngā awa
Ko Māhuhu-Ki-Te-Rangi rāua ko
Horouta ngā waka
Ko Ngāti Kaha rāua ko*

*Ruataupare ki Tuparaoa ngā hapū
Ko Ngāti Whātua rāua ko Ngāti Porou nga iwi*

Francis was raised in Otago, South Auckland and has a background working with rangatahi as a youth worker based in South Auckland, as a Career Development Consultant with Careers NZ as well as in Kapahaka. Francis has travelled overseas working in theatre which influenced his passion for working with his people.

Francis is new to working in local government and his current role is the Iwi Relations Manager for Kaipara District Council.

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MITA HARRIS

Born in Kaikohe, raised in Hokianga and now living between the Bay of Islands and Hokianga.

Mita is currently employed as Heritage New Zealand's Director Tautiaki Wahi Taonga.

He has previously worked in the Far North's core industries - forestry, agriculture, tourism, conservation and heritage and until recently was the Chair of Northland's Conservation Board as well as serving on a number of marae and youth community organisations. Mita put his hat in the ring for the Far North mayoralty in 2013.

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MICHAEL KAKE
*Director and Principal Planner
(Assoc.NZPI and MInstD)*

*Ngatihau me Ngatihine me
Te Parawhau o nga Hapu
Ngapuhi te Iwi.*

Ko Michael (Mike) Mauhaere Kake toku ingoa. I have stood unsuccessfully as a candidate in local body elections for both Whangarei District and Northland Regional Councils. However on each occasion I have managed to accrue enough votes to get my registration fee back.

In December 2013 I retired as General Manager of Ngati Hine FM radio after 20 plus years of service.

Since then I have worked as a Community Engagement Advisor with the Electoral Commission and assisted in developing a new approach to engaging Youth and their peer's kanohi to kanohi with the registration process and encouraging them to vote.

