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 Ofsoske – 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 Hikihiki te hapu Ko Ngati Wai te lwi

E mihi kau ana ki a koutou nga rangatira e hui nei. Ko lustice 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.



FRANCIS TOKO

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

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

Francis was raised in Otara, 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 lwi 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.











GLENN WILCOX

Glenn is Deputy Chair of the Independent Māori Statutory Board.

He sits on the Conservation Board for Auckland and is one of the two members for the South Kaipara takiwā on Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua.

Glenn is also a qualified Hearings Commissioner. Selected by Ngāti Whātua Mana Whenua representatives, Glenn has been appointed to the Environment and Community Committee and the Regulatory Committee of Auckland Council.

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JAMES WHETU Director and Principal Planner (Assoc.NZPI and MInstD)

Nō te iwi o Waikato me te uri o Ngāti Māhanga ahau, ko James Whetu tōku ingoa, ko au tētahi Māngai Māori mō Te Kaunihera o Kirikirina

My name is James Whetu and I am the Māngai Māori on the Regulatory and Hearings Committee of the Hamilton City Council.

My background is resource management planning (consents and policy) for Councils, consultants and iwi, as well as an accredited hearings commissioner.

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ARAPETA TAHANA (Ngati Pikiao, Ngati Makino, Tapuika – Te Arawa Waka)

Arapeta has a background in business management, Maori development, local

government and community development.

He is currently a second term Councillor on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) representing the Okurei constituency, one of three Maori wards. Arapeta currently Chairs BOPRC's Komiti Maori and is Deputy Chair of Te Maru o Kaituna, the co-governance forum for the Kaituna river. Arapeta also led the design and iwi engagement for the establishment of the Te Arawa Partnership with Rotorua Lakes Council and is a current member of Te Maruata, LGNZ's Maori advisory board. Arapeta is also heavily involved in the governance and management of Maori land and natural resources in the Te Arawa rohe. Arapeta will share his experience and insights of Maori representation in the local government space from both an lwi and Council perspective.



ANDREW JUDD

Andrew is a self employed Dispensing Optician with a practice in New Plymouth and labels himself as

a "recovering racist" or "equity defender" having taken a journey of self awareness and education during his nine years in Local Government, including three of those as Mayor of New Plymouth.

He is now a staunch advocate for Ti Tiriti o Waitangi based representation.

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AORANGI STOKES
Symposium MC

Ko Tuhi Paa raua ko Pouerua nga Maunga Ko Te Rere I Tiria raua ko Waiaruhe nga Awa Ko Otiria raua ko Oromahoe nga Marae Ko Ngati Te Ara, Ngati Kopaki ratou ko Ngarehauata nga Hapu Ko Ngati Hine te Rohe Potae Ko NgaPuhi te iwi. A product of the Kohanga Reo and Kura Kaupapa, I grew up under the tutelage of my Kuia and Koroua, Te Rahipere raua ko Hori Keretene.

Through my short time in the work force, I've gained experience in a wide range of areas which has widened my world view, and allowed me to gain an awareness of what is required in my current role working with Hapū and Iwi within a Relationship Management team at NorthTec. I'm passionate to further our Peoples development and wellbeing.

I believe that Education is but one of the tools that can make that a reality.

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PROGRAMME

09:00 Confirmation of Registrations Opens

09:30 Powhiri for Minister

Opening karakia

Facilitator Aorangi Stokes (North Tec) – Introduction and Housekeeping

10:00 Minister **Nanaia Mahuta** – Opening Address

10:30 SESSION 1: Theme – Encouraging Tai Tokerau Māori to vote –Lessons from the Tai Tokerau Electorate, motivating the youth voter, why it is important to vote in local government elections.

- Melody Gardner Electoral Commission
- Justice Hetaraka Student
- Francis Toko Kaipara District Council Iwi Relations Manager

Audience questions and responses from panel