



## **Tatau Pounamu ki te Tai O Poutini**

### **Māori Relationship Board**

In 2005, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio agreed that together they would comprise "Poutini Ngai Tahu" and be represented in their relationship with the West Coast District Health Board by Tatau Pounamu Manawhenua Advisory Group (formerly Tatau Pounamu Māori Health Committee) for the purpose of a relationship with the West Coast District Health Board.

Tatau Pounamu comprises of representatives Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Waewae, Te Rūnanga O Makaawhio, Nga Maata Waka (iwi from other districts) in Māwhera (Grey) and Kawatiri (Buller).

The West Coast District Health Board and Poutini Ngai Tahu have a collaborative relationship that acknowledges Te Tiriti O Waitangi as a founding document of Aotearoa (New Zealand) and lays an important foundation for the relationship between the Crown and Māori.

Both parties recorded their agreed understanding of how this Treaty based relationship, focused on health will improve Māori health outcomes.

A Terms of Reference for Tatau Pounamu was developed, agreed, and signed by former chief executive officer (CEO) Kevin Hague, and Richard Wallace, Tatau Pounamu chair on 29 June 2006.

On the 27 September 2007, discussions between the West Coast DHB and Tatau Pounamu resulted in the completion and signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the West Coast DHB and Poutini Ngai Tahu. This was signed by Professor Gregor Coster, former chair of West Coast District Health Board, Ned Tauwhare, former chair of Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Waewae, and Paul Madgewick, former chair of Te Rūnanga O Makaawhio.

The Memorandum of Understanding sets the guidelines and principles for an ongoing collaborative relationship that is consistent with the philosophy of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000. The Memorandum of Understanding also takes into account the importance of mutual respect with regard to cultural values and principles.

In 2009, a review of [Tatau Pounamu Terms of Reference](#), and the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) with the West Coast District Health Board was undertaken by Tatau Pounamu. The reviewed documents were presented to their respective Rūnanga and endorsed.



## **Tatau Pounamu ki te Tai O Poutini**

**"A Healthy Community is a Wealthy Community"**  
Pride In Our Place"

### **Richard Rangi Wallace QSM**

Tatau Pounamu Chair

Te Rūnanga O Makaawhio

**Hapū** Ngāti Mahaki ki Makaawhio  
Ngāti Irakehu  
Ngāti Huirapa  
**Iwi** Waitaha  
Ngai Tahu

### **National Experience**

- 12 years RNZAF
- Department of Māori Affairs
- Community advisory to Internal Affairs dept
- National advisory Committee COG's and COG's LDC
- Health Promotion Forum of New Zealand
- N.Z. Nurses Organisation
- MECA (Māori, & Iwi Employment Collective Agreement) NZNO
- Te Waipounamu Māori woman's welfare League (honorary member)
- Like minds Like mine National committee

### **Local: Experience**

- Māori Anglican Church Archdeacon o Te Tai Poutini
- West Coast PHO
- Hospital Advisory Committee WCDHB
- Te Rauawa (Māori mental Health )
- Tatau Pounamu (Māori advisory to WCDHB)
- West Coast Marine Protection Forum
- Executive of the Rūnanga o Makaawhio
- Restorative Justice board
- Hokitika RSA committee



My Great, great Grandfather Kinihe Te Kaoho was a signatory to the Deed of purchase for the sale of the Arahura lands, when the sale was forced on the West Coast Māori by Mackay when on their refusal to sell Mackay threatened to go to the North Island and purchase it from Ngāti Toa (Te Rauparaha) the Government was willing to pay 400 pounds but Mackay only paid 300 Pound, so he returned to the governor with 100 pound in his pocket.

### **In conclusion**

I am a proud family man; I have a wife and 5 grown-up children, all well educated and in good employment. I have 10 grand children whom I have had a hand in bringing up. I believe that wider family involvement in bringing up children and grandchildren is important for their growth, development, and wellbeing.





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### **Ihaia Ben Hutana**

Tatau Pounamu Deputy Chair  
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Waewae

Ko Aoraki te maunga  
Ko Arahura te awa  
Ko Takitimu te waka  
Ko Poutini te taniwha  
Ko Pounamu te taonga  
Ko Ngāti Waewae te hapu  
Ko Poutini Ngai Tahu te iwi  
Ko Ben Hutana taku ingoa  
Ko Ross ahau  
Tena koutou, Tena koutou, Tena koutou katoa

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coming  
soon**

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I have served on the Board of Trustees at the Hokitika Primary and Westland High Schools, and have involvement in many community activities and committees.

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### **Marie Mahuika-Forsyth**

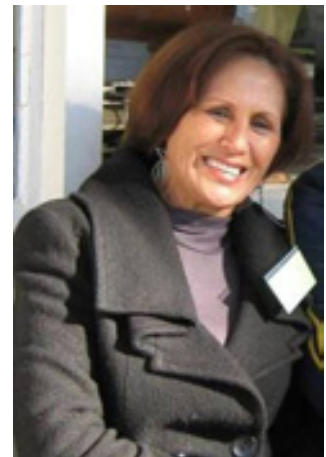
Te Rūnanga O Makaawhio

Tena koutou katoa  
Ko Ngai Tahu te Iwi  
Ko Kati Mahaki te Hapu  
Ko Marie Antoinette Mahuika-Forsyth taku Ingoa

I am one of sixteen children and was born and raised on Te Tai o Poutini. I have five adult children, and twelve grandchildren.

I am an active member of my hapu in a number of areas, and I Have worked with Māori; as Kaiwhakarite with Te Puni Kokiri, Kaiwhakarite with Matua Whangai, as well as Director of a Ngai Tahu Holding Company.

I am currently employed as a HEHA Coordinator & Health Promoter for Māori Kaumatua for the Canterbury District Health Board.





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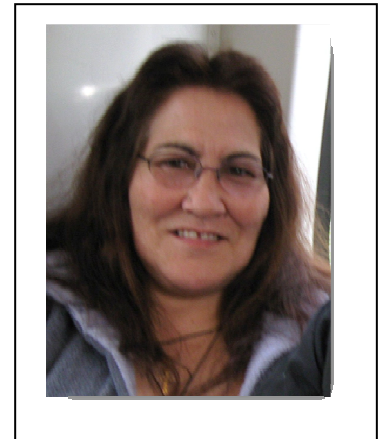
**Life is what you make of it!**

### **Sharon Arohanui Marsh**

Ngā Maata Waka o Kawatiri Representative

Tena Koutou Katoa  
Ko Aotea te Waka  
Ko Tongoriro te Maunga  
Ko Whanganui te Awa  
Ko Te Atihaunui a Paparangi te Iwi  
Ko Taranaki te Maunga  
Ko Waitara te Awa  
Ko Ngati Maru te Iwi  
Toku waahi ko Mawhera  
Ko te Whare Kainga Hector Kawatiri  
Ko Sharon Arohanui Marsh taku ingoa  
Nor reira Tena Koutou Tena Koutou Tena Koutou Katoa

My name is Sharon Arohanui Marsh (nee Teika). I am 55 years old and was born in Greymouth Hospital. I have been married for 34 years, the past 20 years my husband and I have been living in Hector, Westport. We have 3 tamariki and 6 mokopuna. I am very fortunate to have my parents, my son, a daughter, and 3 of my mokopuna all living close to me in Granity, Westport.



My portfolio is as follows:

- Secretary and Member of the Kawatiri Maori Women's Welfare League
- Kaiawhina since 2006 at Rata Te Awhina Trust in the Westport Office  
Providing home base support, advocacy, education and information for Mothers and their Tamariki Promoting and encouraging continuance of breastfeeding  
Ensuring Tamariki Ora Well Child Checks and Immunization Schedules are on track
- Social Service training Te Kaiawhina Ahumahi
- Board Member of the Granity Board of Trustees
- NZFFBS volunteer Budget Advisor
- Committee Member of the Buller Budget Advisory Service
- 2001 Volunteer Ambulance Officer St John Ambulance Service (Due to having knee and back health issues I am now unable to continue this service)
- Postie Plus Westport Warehouse for 10 years, an employee, a co-worker confidante, Supervisor, Union delegate and often used as a Mediator between Staff and Management
- I am a person who enjoys working with and being around other people. I like to feel that I have good attributes for helping those in need and I hope they will benefit from what I able to offer them
- I spent my younger years playing sports, swimming, softball, netball, rugby, touch rugby and volley-ball have been a Coach a Manager and on many occasion a Chaperone when traveling to other districts
- I am now on the sideline promoting Push Play! Watching and supporting Whanau with Fair Play!
- "Kids in Sports stay out of Courts" I am a reformed Smoker of sober habits promoting Auahi Kore
- My goals & aspirations to improving health outcomes for Maori are
- Maori working with Maori to Tautoko Kanohi Te Kanohi Maori Whanau experiencing health issues
- Tikanga and Kawa ensuring Cultural practices are in place using the basic values and principles to ensure quality interventions are made available for healthy outcomes for Maori Whanau
- Tamariki Ora Well Child Checks and Immunization Schedules are on track for Tamariki Well being



## **Tatau Pounamu ki te Tai O Poutini**

**Francois Tumahai**

Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Waewae Representative

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