

## **Raniera (Daniel) Albert – Nominated by Horouta Waka Hoe Club**

### **Nominee Profile :**

Ko Hikurangi, Maungapōhatu me Otukani ngā Maunga  
Ko Waiapu, Ōhinemataroa me Motu ngā Awa  
Ko Horouta me Mataatua ngā waka  
Ko Ngāti Porou, Ngāi Tūhoe me Te Whānau a Apanui ngā iwi  
Ko Daniel Albert tōku ingoa

Since 1997 to present time, Daniel has been a staunch supporter of waka ama. He has been a paddler, a coach a staunch spectator right through to ‘working in the back’ as a kaimahi.

Daniel has been a long term member of Mareikura Waka Ama, Horouta Waka Hoe and Toa Waka Ama Club winning many medals in all three clubs. He continues to be a supporter of all three clubs and is often seen offering his support and service to those clubs. Daniel’s proudest sporting achievement is winning bronze in the 2008 World Va’a Champs in Sacramento, America as part of the New Zealand J16 Mens team.

Daniel and his whānau have a long history in this sport contributing to its development through various roles ranging from administration at club, managing and coaching teams . As waka ama celebrated its 30 years anniversary, Daniel celebrated his 23rd nationals. He has worked hard at all levels for the development of the waka ama in all communities with a huge focus on junior development, earning the respect of the waka ama community.

At a regional level, Daniel can be seen helping out here and there at local regattas either as an event organiser or as a commentator. Now days, you can hear him over the airways at Karapiro calling the races and bringing entertainment to the many spectators.

When Daniel is not busy with waka ama, he is also serving many panels, boards and committees. He is the current chair of The DARE Foundation and Te Whanganui a Tara Māori Squash. He is also a member of the Senior Māori Officials Group (SMOG) in the public sector and a very active member on the Horouta Marae committee in Porirua. Daniel has gained governance experience through his various memberships which he hopes to utilise if elected to the board.

Daniel is excited about the potential opportunity to be elected to the board where he will be part of the team that is focussed on the future of our sport believing that the value of whānau and tamariki focus needs to remain. Should he be elected, Daniel will ensure that there is significant investment in the smaller regions seizing the opportunity for Waka Ama NZ to develop our smaller clubs. There will also be a greater focus on club development paving way for junior paddlers to progress to national development teams.

Above all else, the value of whānau involvement is key to the future of the sport while maintaining our tikanga and reo. Daniel would be proud to represent all of Aotearoa and will champion the views of all.

**Nominee statement: Why you wish to be a Board member of Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa/Waka Ama New Zealand? :**

If it isn't fairly obvious enough with my many years in the sport, I am passionate! Passionate about the direction of our sport, and equally passionate about how waka ama contributes to the wellbeing of our culture (tikanga), the wellbeing to the reo, the wellbeing of whānau and the wellbeing of the paddler.

I have always held a great regard for this sport and how waka ama has helped shape me to the young leader I am today.

I offer a range of skills and experience that would make me a strong candidate to the board. These skills are; advocacy for people and their interest, thinking about the bigger picture, future focussed, leadership, responsibility, maturity and respect, and extensive knowledge of te reo me ōna tikanga. Above all this, I have many years of knowledge and experience of the sport, working hard to ensuring the sport continues to grow throughout the country.

Outside of the sport, I am a senior member of the New Zealand public sector, working in the partnerships space working with iwi and Māori organisations in Oranga Tamariki. Through this mahi, I have gained the experience to operate at a very senior level working with a diverse range of skill, knowledge and experience.

I am keen to be apart of a board of passionate board of directors that is equally passionate about the future of waka ama with a major focus of the wellbeing of our people.

**Please identify below the key skills from the Board Skills Matrix (below) which you believe you will bring to the role, and provide evidence of those skills in the space below:**

- Leadership
- Marketing and Communication
- Outcomes focussed
- Knowledge of tikanga Māori
- Ability to understand and relate to stakeholders
- Ability to work as a team player
- Business acumen
- Good understanding of the principles of Governance and Management
- Ability to establish quality relationships
- Commitment to diversity and inclusion
- Uphold the values of Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa, Waka Ama New Zealand
- Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga
- The Sport of Waka Ama knowledge
- Strong local and national community connection, credibility and networks
- Knowledge and application of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi in governance
- Financial literacy and analytical ability

### Whole of Board Skills Matrix 2015- 2020 and beyond

Leadership	Financial literacy and analytical ability	Outcomes focused	A knowledge of Tikanga Maori
Marketing & Communications	Inter-personal communication skills	Ethical, open, honest, trustworthy, high levels of integrity	Strategic Thinking
Ability to understand and relate to stakeholders	Ability to work as a team player	Business acumen	Knowledge of legal issues relating to business or the not for profit sector
The Sport of Waka Ama knowledge	Strong local and national community connection, credibility and networks	Ability to establish quality relationships	Good understanding of the principles of Governance and Management
Te Reo Māori	Knowledge and application of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi in governance	Commitment to diversity and inclusion	Uphold the values of Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa, Waka Ama New Zealand

In particular, we are looking for board members that hold skills in the areas highlighted in blue.