

2021 Waka Ama New Zealand Elected Board Member Nominee Information

Fole (Daleki) Finau – Nominated by Tui Tonga Canoe Club

Nominee Profile

Kia ora ko Fole (Daleki) Finau toku ingoa
Ko te uri tenei noo tāwāhi a Tonga
E noho au ki Waitākere
E tipu ake au ki Henderson
Kia ora koutou

I am a passionate paddler and experienced Waka Ama leader, I began paddling in 1999 with Hauraki Sports Club and served as an administrator there from 2005 to 2008.

I have been the Tongan representative on the International Va'a Federation since 2006.

I am a founding member of Tui Tonga Canoe Club and have held the position of President since its establishment in 2009.

I was appointed to the Auckland Region Outrigger Canoe Association (AROCA) board from 2015 to 2019.

Outside of Waka Ama, I have worked extensively within tertiary education, public health and community development. I hold wide academic, central government, local government and Pasifika community relationships and am also grateful to hold governance positions in Auckland and nationally.

I am now looking to serve my Auckland and Pasifika community and ensure that issues of importance to them are at the forefront of Waka Ama NZ's plans moving forward.

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

I am enthusiastic, willing to learn and professional, and I believe I can provide guidance on the needs of the Auckland and Pasifika communities and advocate for their strengthened voices in Waka Ama NZ's strategic decision-making.

My extensive Waka Ama experience as a top competitor (internationally and nationally), local club leader and strategic leader speaks to the fact that I am passionate about all aspects of Waka Ama.

I believe my life, education to date and work experiences have helped me understand that each circumstance is unique and that listening abilities are paramount in ensuring that expectations of the Waka Ama community are met and exceeded.

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 – Extensive Waka Ama and Community leadership

Marketing & Communications – Bachelor of Business graduate (Sales and Marketing double Major), held and led the Marketing portfolio when on the AROCA board.

Financial literacy and analytical ability – Extensive financial literacy training as part of boards e.g. West Auckland Pasifika Forum, Live and Learn Environmental Education NZ.

Good understanding of the principles of Governance and Management - Extensive governance training as part of boards e.g. Pacific Island Food and Nutrition Action Group, Pasifika Health Leadership and Advisory Group (WDHB)

Ethical, Open, Trustworthy, High levels of integrity – Exposure to the multi-cultural environments in New Zealand and abroad has provided me with the proficiency and sensitivity to collaborate with people of diverse backgrounds.

Acknowledge of Tikanga Maori, Te Reo Maori and the Values of Waka Ama NZ – Aligns with my Tongan values and has led to my engaging in learning Te Reo and Tikanga Maori as a sign of respect and solidarity with Tangata Whenua.

Strategic Thinking – Experienced in demonstrating compelling alternatives to the status quo and effectively communicating those results in ways that win hearts and minds, create a groundswell of support and ultimately influence decision-making

Strong local and national community, connection credibility and networks - Participate actively in the Tongan and Pasifika community through membership and leadership in Auckland and national level boards/networks.

Whole of Board Skills Matrix 2015- 2020 and beyond

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

Please identify how you would apply the Values of Waka Ama New Zealand at a governance level:

Manaakitanga - Acknowledge and return respect (Faka'apa'apa) through meaningful talanoa to build connection, trust and inform actions to move forward.

Whanaungatanga - Prioritise and keep relationships alive and well (Tauhi va), the Waka Ama Community are always at the heart of plans moving forward.

Hauora - All of life's aspects are kept in balance (Napangapangamalie), we ensure that safety and wellbeing in every sense is paramount for our Waka Ama community.

Tū Tangata - Humility and openness to learning (Anga fakatokilalo) underpins board to be led and informed by our Waka Ama community.