



Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa

Kaitiaki | Trustee Board nomination form

The successful nominee will need to complete a form for 'fit and proper person' and 'conflicts of interest' statutory declarations, which are required from governing members of a private training establishment (PTE) under the Education Act 1989 ("the Act")

Policy (Pre-requisites-Remits from NZPF Conference 1993):

- All Playcentre Aotearoa Officers and nominees (elected and/or appointed) to have completed Treaty of Waitangi workshops and participate in ongoing training in Treaty and Bi-Cultural related issues.
- Representatives reflect their commitment to Playcentre by choosing Playcentre as the main early childhood education for their children

Name:	Ko Pukekiwiriki te maunga e ru nei taku ngākau Ko Maraetai te moana e mahea nei aku māharahara Ko te Whare Wānanga o Owairoa, Te Whare o Matariki te Marae, tōku tūrangawaewae E. Mihi ana ki ngā tohu o nehe, o Tāmaki-makau-rau e noho nei au Kei Pokeno ahau e noho ana inaianei Ko Robert rāua ko Anita taku matua tupuna Ko Maree toku mama Kō Jhett, Robert, Honor toku tamariki Ko Ranee Davies toku ingoa No reira, tēnā koutou katoa
Playcentre:	Takanini
Rōpū Māori:	Ngā Kakano Puriri Whakamaru
Region:	Auckland



EDUCATION AND SKILLS THAT WOULD ADD VALUE TO THE TRUSTEE BOARD

What have you bi-culturally contributed to your Playcentre | Rōpū Māori?

Centre Contribution:

I started my bi-cultural journey when I rejoined Playcentre with my youngest daughter Honor. I felt Playcentre could offer me the connection to Te Ao Māori that had always been missing from mine and my daughter's lives. During my time in centre I engaged fully in the Playcentre education programme so I could learn everything I could about Te Reo and Tikanga Māori. It was through the education programme that I developed the confidence and the skill to be able to share my knowledge with others in my centre. I became a kaitiaki in my centre for sharing and promoting Te Reo Māori through waiata and basic reo. I role modelled the principles and values of Te Whare Tikanga Māori by engaging with every whanau that walked through our centre door.

Rōpū Māori Contribution:

I joined Te Whare Tikanga Māori in 2015 through attendance as a rep for the very dormant Counties Rōpū. I came to national meetings quiet, shy and not knowing what to expect. After my first Hui ā-Tau, I felt I had found my home. I learnt so much about the bi-cultural journey for Playcentre through the whare and discovered there were rōpū throughout the country having the same challenges as us. This connection inspired me to get the Counties Rōpū restarted. We joined forces with Te Kimiora o Tamaki to help support whānau Māori in our area of Auckland. Since joining Te Whare Tikanga Māori I have worked hard to welcome new members, so they don't feel uncomfortable and shy when it's their first time, also building up relationships with all the members as they feel like my whanau.

I helped to establish the new regional Rōpū 'Ngā Kakano Puriri Whakamaru' during the amalgamation process. With this new Rōpū we worked to engage whanau by holding different events to build relationships. We did a Noho Marae and we have offered family friendly events at a Marae to all our regional centres.

What will you contribute to Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa?

My contribution to the organization comes from all the different experiences I have had during my years at Playcentre. I wish to give back to Playcentre and will happily contribute my time and energy to an organisation that has given me so much. My passion for the growth of Playcentre for future whanau and communities is my driving force. I have a strong understanding of the philosophy of Playcentre which helps me understand where my time and energy may be needed most by the organisation. I have a clear awareness of centre and regional day to day challenges and from my own time at centre, I understand admin and licensing factors that centres face. This is another factor that is at the fore front of my mind when making decisions for our organisation. I have a deep passion for seeing our organisation thrive for many years to come. I have a high capability to adjust and adjust to rapidly changing situations. I show empathy and care for colleagues, team members, and all those I have relationships with, within the organization.

I have experience of being a trustee post amalgamation. I understand the concept of the Tuakana/Teina relationship on the Trustee Board and how important this concept is for growing a strong and competent Trustee Board.

What will you contribute to the Trustee Board?

At Trustee Board level:

- Partnership with TWTM and TT
- Making sure the core values of our organisation are at the fore front when making decisions.
- Bring the voice of our Whānau Māori to the Trustee table.
- Knowledge of Playcentre philosophy,
- Knowledge of Te Tiriti o Waitangi,
- Experience of the trustee board role.
- Commitment to the organisation,
- Time availability,
- Great communication,
- Ability to problem solve and work with a solution focused attitude,
- Work independently and in a group,
- Administrative skills,
- Time management,
- Willingness to learn,
- Empathy,
- Understanding of centre operations,
- Understanding of compliance for Playcentre,
- Ability to network.
- Understand Governance and Management/operations within Playcentre Aotearoa,
- Voices of our membership is also one of the key factors I bring to the table.
- I also bring some fun to the table; the trustee board do a lot of important work so we always need some fun and laughter.
- I have heard the voices of our membership and I will make sure the trustee board are more transparent, making sure we share as much information as possible.
- For Te Whare Tikanga Māori whare, I will be making sure our whare processes are written so current and future members know our processes.

Provide a brief non-Playcentre work, volunteer, education and life history prior to and/or during Playcentre

Before parenthood took over my world, I completed the certificate in Mental health support work and worked in the field for 5 years which I thoroughly enjoyed. This stopped because of a family trauma which took me awhile to recover from.

I became a solo mother to twins (Robbie and Jhett), and that is how I found Playcentre, not only was it so I could keep my sanity having my babies playing with other children and learning outside of the home, but also for me to meet other parents who were on the same parent journey.

I have volunteered at playcentre, the kindy my twins went to (I was the parent rep who organized family functions and fundraising).

When my twins started school I spent many hours volunteering, helping the teachers and the school (I couldn't separate myself from my twins).

When rejoining playcentre with Honor, I was experienced because of my earlier times so quickly had to take on office holder positions to make sure all of the compliance jobs were being done.

In my 4 years of Playcentre I took on every position that Playcentre has in a centre:

- President
- Treasurer
- Health and Safety
- Property
- Bi-cultural officer

- Secretary
- Equipment
- Education
- PR

I made sure the centre passed ERO visits, built relationships with other groups in the community as well as the other playcentres in the area.

I completed C3 in the education programme and attended all of the c4 workshops.

I went onto the Education Team for the Association, attended National meetings for the Association

I now have my Level 4 in Early Childhood Education.

When Honor finished Playcentre I became a Centre Admin for 10 centres, when the restructure happened, I couldn't continue the role so I started the licencing role for a rural centre because I did not want the centre to close due to it being the only ECE in the area.

I have been volunteering time to help with the school kapa haka group.

Parenthood has been my whole life for the last 14 years as a solo mother, having an awesome relationship with my sisters, mother, and grandmother which I am still able to have with me at this time has played a major factor in being able to do as well as I have. The wealth of knowledge that spans 3 generations and the many opportunities that have arisen since becoming a mother has made me the person I am today.

Watching my children grow into confident young people and hearing other adults make positive comments on them has made all the struggles worthwhile to me.

Time Commitment – please comment on your ability to meet the time commitment for the Trustee Board Member role:

I became a Trustee in 2019 and have been fortunate to have a great support system that allows me to give so much time to Playcentre. The past year has taken a huge amount of the Trustee's time with some months doing a 40 – 50 hour a week with all Trustee's being present. Whānau have allowed me to leave home for kānohi ki te kānohi meetings knowing my family is safe and well looked after so I am able to be present and contribute towards great outcomes for the organisation.

I am more than confident that I am up for the challenge to continue as a Trustee or as co-president as the co-president for the organisation needs to be someone who has Playcentre Trustee Board experience post amalgamation and more hours to give.

My profile from the 2021 Succession Plan can be found [here](#)

REFERENCES

Name of referee	
Telephone	
Email	

If you have questions you wish to be directed to the nominee, please send them to the *Whare | House Administrator* to be forwarded on.