

NGĀTI TAMATERĀ

TREATY NEGOTIATOR PROFILE

Liane Ngamane became an interim negotiator for Ngati Tamatera in May 2010 and was recognised as a mandated negotiator in June 2011.

She is 45 years old and is a mother to Ruby aged 11 and Takutaimoana aged 7. She belongs to the Ngati Pare hapu of Ngati Tamatera and Te Pai O Hauraki marae.

Born and bred in Hauraki, Liane was schooled at Thames South School and Thames High School and graduated with first class honours in Planning at the Auckland University in 2001. Her working life has included a stint at the Maori Land Court working in the area of Hauraki tribal development. She held the positions of treaty claims researcher, Environmental Manager and Group Manager, Policy and Planning with the Hauraki Maori Trust Board.

At an Iwi specific level she has participated in strategic working groups for both Ngati Tamatera and Ngati Maru over the last 20 years. She has participated in many of the important moments in Ngati Tamatera and Hauraki Iwi history such as the Hauraki protest against the foreshore and seabed legislation and the occupation of Whenuakite. She has been part of and followed the Hauraki Treaty Claims inquiry from 1998 and 2002 and the years following before the commencement of treaty negotiations in 2009.

She is a trustee on lands owned by Ngati Tamatera including Taukotarei and is a representative of Ngati Tamatera on the Ruamaahua Islands Trust and its Vice Chair. She was instrumental in realising a 3 year project to determine sustainable harvest baselines for the grey faced petrel on the islands in partnership with Manaaki Whenua (Landcare Research). Liane is also accredited to sit on Council hearing committees that are considering Resource Management Act matters.

She was appointed as a member of the Waikato Conservation Board in 1994 for two terms and the Auckland Conservation Board for a term and is a current iwi representative on the Hauraki Gulf Forum. She has participated internationally in indigenous matters such as the RAMSAR convention on Wetlands in 1995 as a community representative within the government delegation and in 2007 participated in the Commonwealths first indigenous women's workshop held in London.

She gets involved in local community matters and was Secretary for the Hauraki branch of the 28th Maori Battalion ki Hauraki, trustee of the local Hauraki Women's Refuge and stood as a candidate for the Thames Coromandel District Council in the 2007 local body elections.

With over 20 years experience in Ngati Tamatera and Hauraki tribal development and mentored by Ngati Tamatera kaumatua such as her father Te Hiri Ngamane along with Rikiriki Rakena and Kemara Tukukino and the late Taimoana Turoa her governance and leadership skills are well suited to the treaty negotiator role.