

# NGAMANE Walter Ngakoma (Wàti)



## **Background:**

Mai Moehau ki Te Aroha ngà Tupuna Maunga Waihou, Òhinemuri, Piako me te Waiwhakaurunga ngà awa. Tikapa te moana, Hauraki te whenua, Tainui te waka. Marutùàhu te tangata

## **Tribal Affiliations:**

Marutùàhu – Ngati Maru & Ngati Tamatera, With links also to all other Pare Hauraki Tribes. Links also to the tribes of Tauranga Moana and Te Kaokaoroa o Te Patetere.

## **Whanau:**

Married 30+ years with four grown up children and presently we have four whànau whàngai from age 3 to 16.

## **Education:**

- Left Thames High School aged 15
- Completed a Fitting, Turning & Machining apprenticeship – 1972
- Bachelor of Education Degree 1999, Waikato University
- Te Tohu Whakapakari – Te Kòhanga Reo Kaiako Tohu 2008

## **Currently Chairman of:**

- Ngati Maru Runanga,
- Marutùàhu and Allied Pare Hauraki Tribes Working Group,
- Matai Whetù Marae Trustees,
- 2 Ahuwhenua whànau trusts.

## **Experiences:**

Have worked as; truck & trailer construction; railway rolling stock & engine maintenance; maintenance fitter heavy engineering; owner operator commercial fishing; kòhanga reo kaiako; primary school teacher; adult education tutor;

**Currently:** employed (5yrs) as Special Education Advisor with the Ministry of Education Special Education.

Elected as Interim Negotiator on November 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 for Ngati Maru.