



STEPHANIE HARAWIRA BIO

“Being driven by the kaupapa is a feeling people never understand until they experience it for themselves, and once they do, they never look back...”

I am a 50yr old mother, wife, grandmother, community leader, justice of peace, marriage celebrant, events organiser, Iwi executive, and a strong woman dedicated to advancing community and Maori interests.

I was born and raised in Waitakere, have 5 children and am married to Taiawa Harawira. Together we have been working in the community for the last 20 years and run a non-profit organisation “Ezekiel 33 Trust”.

My work has always been in and around the community, Iwi advancement and whanau development. I have extensive experience in Project management, planning, facilitation, marketing and community development.

I have organised many successful whanau orientated community events, women’s conferences and have received an accolade of awards including “New Zealander of the Year and NZ Unsung Hero” awards.

I am a certified Toastmaster, who won New Zealand’s Best Speaker award in 2001 and represented NZ on the world stages at the International Toastmasters Conference in LA that year.

My passion springs from my heart and not my ego. My desire is to see Maori people represented by a style of leadership that is effective and results driven, as well as maintaining accessibility and communication with those at a grassroots level.

Whakapapa

Ko Hokianga te Awa
Ko Pangaru te Maunga
Ko Te Rarawa ko Ngapuhi te Iwi
Ko Motuiti te Marae
Ko Tamatea te Whare
Ko Tom Tate taku Papa
Ko Bela Tipene taku Kuia
Ko Eric La Rosa taku Matua
Ko Lucy Tate take Whaea
Ko Taiawa Harawira taku Tane
Ko Stephanie Harawira toku ingoa

Governance Experience

- **2006 - Current**
Te Takiwa O Ngapuhi Ki Waitemata
 - Current Chair, 9yrs of Executive Roles: as Secretary, Treasurer
- **2010 - Current**
Te Whanau o Waipareira Trust
 - Current Secretary, Trustee
- **2004 - 2013**
Ezekiel 33 Trust
 - Trustee
- **2012- 2013**
Auckland Maori District Council
 - Auckland Representative

Community Recognitions

- 2011 NZ of the Year, High Achiever, Local Hero Award
- 2010 NZ of the Year, Local Hero’s Award Nomination
- 2010 Health & Wellbeing, Infratil Awards
- 2010 Marriage Celebrant
- 2010 Member of Justice of Peace Association
- 2009 P&O Unsung Local Hero’s Winner
- 2009 WCC Taumata Award “Arts, Culture Community”
- 2009 WCC Award “Family, Children & Community”
- 2001 NZ Representative 2001 World Toastmasters
- 2001 NZ Number One Best Speaker Toastmasters
- 2001 CTM Toastmaster

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