



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 52 year old mother, wife, grandmother, community leader, justice of peace, marriage celebrant, events organiser, and a strong woman dedicated to advancing the Kingdom, the 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 for the last 25 years, running food banks and community outreach programmes.

My work has always been in and around the community, Iwi advancement and whanau development, with 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 High Achiever and a NZ Unsung Local Hero*” award.

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 strings 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 Panguarua te Maunga
Ko Te Rarawa te Iwi
Ko Motuti 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 taku Whaea
Ko Taiawa Harawira taku Tane
Ko Stephanie Harawira toku ingoa



Governance Experience

- **2013 – Current**
- **Hikoi Aotearoa / Pacific Pearls**
 - Founder / Chair
- **2006 - 2017**
Te Takiwa O Ngapuhi Ki Waitemata
 - Chair, 9yrs of Executive Roles: as Secretary, Treasurer
- **2010 - 2019**
Te Whanau o Waipareira Trust
 - Secretary, Trustee
- **2004 - 2013**
Ezekiel 33 Trust
 - Trustee

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