



## TE RORI A MUA TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Name:**

**Ian Burnell**

**Role:**

Board of Trustees Chair  
Health & Safety  
Grounds & Buildings

**Qualifications /  
Experience:**

- Diploma of Teaching (1991)
- Bachelor of Arts (1988-1994)
- Chairperson of Waiuku Transport Network Group
- President of Waiuku Principals' Association
- Principal Otatau Primary School (retired)
- Acting Principal Bruce McLaren Intermediate School (retired)

**General Information:**

I am an enthusiastic, positive and effective teacher and administrator who has enjoyed working closely with the wide range of students and adults I have been involved with in a variety of settings. I hold highly personal qualities of honesty and loyalty. My service and commitment to the two schools I have worked in over the past 19 years bears testament to the importance I have placed on loyalty to both my employment, the local community and more importantly the students in these communities.

I am a cheerful person with a good sense of humour who is able to work with a wide range of people from differing backgrounds and experiences.

This has given me the opportunity to lead various groups within schools and the community.

I have shown myself to be flexible and able to adapt to varying demands within a busy school. I have led my current school through a period of significant change as we adapted to the demands of a twenty first century school and twenty-first century learners. This has also seen a significant increase in the school roll from a low of 87 through to the current roll of 160. It has also seen the school involved in several major building projects and other significant developments.

Throughout my teaching career I have made myself available to students, parents, staff, Board members and other stakeholders and have always been prepared to invest time in developing good relationships with others.



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**Name:**

**Maria Meredith**

**Role:**

Trustee  
Personnel

**Qualifications /  
Experience:**

- Trustee on Te Rori a Mua Trust Board 1998 - current
- Bachelor of Arts – Education and Anthropology 1996
- Masters of Arts – Education 2004
- PhD Candidate – Education 2013
- Board Chairperson & Trustee, St Pius X School (Glen Innes) 2000-2010
- Trustee on Manaiakalani Education Trust
- Pasifika Festival Komiti member – 1998 to 2005

**General Information:**

Maria works at the Auckland University with adult students. She has been in the tertiary education sector for 19 years. Prior to this she worked in the banking and communication sector. She is a long-time advocate and supporter of rights and services for adults with mental health and disability.

In 1998 she became her family representative on the Te Rori a Mua Trust Board to support her brother who lived at the Trust. In 2012 she was reappointed to the newly reformed Trust Board.

Maria has special interests in Māori and Pasifika education. She has recently started working towards her doctorate in education. She is actively involved in her own community and other organisations.



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**Name:** **John Sullivan**

**Role:** Trustee

Governance

**Qualifications /  
Experience:**

- Qualified ISO9000 Auditor (IQA Quality)
- NZQA Business First Line Management Level 3
- NZQA Retail
- NZQA qualifications - Health & Safety (7 units)
- Telecommunications voice and data
- Trained councillor
- Qualified and retired competitive and recreation gymnastics coach
- Retired Rugby Referee, mentor & assessor
- Justice of Peace

**General Information:**

I am an experienced Rail Operations, Telecommunications, Health & Safety and Quality Auditor for large companies employing 3500+ staff. Financial responsibilities have been for an annual spend of \$4.6m. Responsibilities include writing, issuing, auditing and reporting against company and government regulations. Maximum staff numbers have been 200+ with a permanent team of 20. I have worked autonomously, managing projects with up to 6 staff. Particular expertise includes strong relationship management, process management, project management, quality documentation, business systems improvements, mentoring, appraisals and negotiation skills.

Arohanui Special School

- Appointed Board Chairperson 2007 - present
- Parent representative on board – 3 terms

Waitakere Special Needs Trust

- Appointed Chairperson – 2008 until ceased in 2010
- Representative – 2 terms

Flanshaw School Pre-school Co-Operative (Retired)

- Appointed Chairperson of the Co-Operative Committee from inception 2005 and resigned 2008
- Involved in setting up two early child centre for 0 – 5 year olds
- Coordinated a smooth cross over from the previous management of the preschool to the new committee
- Introduced financial controls for the ECE centres
- Introduced a business background in running ECE centres
- Assisted the management team in achieving an excellent ERO report

Father Support Group – For Fathers with Special Needs Children



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- President of group for over 15 years
- Set up the West Auckland group
- Consulted on Health & Safety issues for people and children with disabilities
- Obtained funding for group for camps and weekend activities.
- Set up a support network and counselling service with the group & associated agencies
- Assisted with the initial re setting up of the Fathers Support Group NZCCS Auckland branch.

### NZCCS - Auckland Branch

- Chairperson of the Local Advisory Committee - 2 terms
- Assisted in writing and auditing the disability requirements in relation to the H&S Act
- Parent and Client representative on the strategic committee
- Represented parents and clients on the restructuring of the branch
- Assisted in keeping open the early childhood centre at the Flanshaw pre-school Te Atatu South
- Taught NZCCS Auckland branch sports coordinators the fundamentals of gymnastics for children with special needs

### Autistic Association, Auckland Branch

- Chairperson of the Branch for 4 years
- Parent representative on the committee 10 years



## TE RORI A MUA TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Name:**

**Aklesi Dean**

**Role:**

Trustee  
Finances

**Qualifications /  
Experience:**

- Bachelor of Accounting
- Advanced Diploma in Business Accounting
- Senior Accountant McLaren Guise Chartered Accountants, McElroy Dutt & Thompson Chartered Accountants
- Group Financial Controller Adventure & Endless Holidays, Hamacho Restaurants Ltd & South Pacific Products Ltd (Fiji)
- Accountant PricewaterhouseCoopers Chartered Accountants (Fiji)
- Finance Manager/Secretary (St John Council)

**General Information:**

Management Skills

- Supervision of staff/including effective delegation
- Staff recruitment, attention to staff development and motivation
- Overall planning, organization and control
- Full Financial Management and reporting
- Budget and forecast preparation

Communication Skills

- Excellent written & oral expressions
- Able to motivate others
- Lateral Thinker
- Training Skills
- Able to present ideas in a clear and concise manner

Generic Skills

- Able to meet strict deadline and handle pressure
- Ability to plan, organize and complete work
- Reliability and consistency in work quality
- Ability to maintain/develop goodwill with clients and get along with staffs at all levels
- Goal oriented and focused
- Discretion when dealing with confidential information
- Professional and ethical



## TE RORI A MUA TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Name:**

**Melenaite Aroha**

**Role:**

Trustee  
Manager

**Qualifications /  
experience:**

- Graduate Diploma in Not for Profit Management 2013
- Healthcare Auditor 2008
- Healthcare Quality Management Systems 2008
- Admitted to the Bar 1999.
- Bachelor of Laws 1994 -1998
- Bachelor of Arts 1994 -1998
- Founder Tu Whareora Trust 2002-2010
- Senior Practitioner Te Whanau o Waipareira Trust 2008-2009
- Team Leader Waipareira Pasifika 2007-2008
- Case Manager Domestic Violence Centre 2003-2005
- Court Services for Victims, Waitakere District Court 1999-2002
- Panel member Te Whanau Awhina Marae Restorative Justice 1992 – current
- Te Ao Marama residential service for intellectual disability 1992-1994
- Community Networker Glenburn Centre 1986-1991
- Teacher Auckland Branch of NZ Society for the IHC 1982-1983

**General Information:**

Melenaite joined Te Rori a Mua Trust in 2009. She has worked in social services for 32 years with governmental and not for profit organisations. The work has involved frontline, establishing and developing services, leading teams in providing quality services and governance.

Melenaite's passion is people, systems and developing systems to enhance lives and learning.



## TE RORI A MUA TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Name:**

**Gail Knowles**

**Role:**

Family Representative Residential

**Qualifications /**

**Experience:**

- Trustee on Te Rori a Mua Trust Board to 2010
- I have served on several committees, including time as a trustee on the board at Oaklynn Special School where Alan was a student.
- I hope I can be of value as a "voice" for the parents involved with the Trust as well as learning to keep up to date with all the policies and procedures.

**General Information:**

My name is Gail Knowles and within the last year I have rejoined the Te Rori a Mua Trust Board after a short absence. I've also taken on a role as Parent Representative for the residents.

I have served on several committees including time as a Trustee on the board at Oaklynn Special School where my son Alan was a student.

My interests/hobbies include; cooking, crafts, reading, walking, swimming & scrapbooking. Although I am retired from fulltime paid work, I work as a volunteer at the West Auckland Hospice shop 2 mornings a week.

Alan has lived very happily at the Trust for the past 19 years.

I hope I can be of value as a "voice" for the parents involved with Trust as well as learning to keep up to date with all the policies and procedures.



## TE RORI A MUA TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Name:**

**Karina Lupton**

**Role:**

Family Representative Day Program

**Qualifications /**

➤ Secondary Teachers College Auckland Diploma 1980

**Experience:**

➤ Trained Teachers Certificate 1982

➤ Higher Diploma in Teaching 1986

➤ New Zealand Diploma in Specialist Subjects (Secondary Teacher) Level 7 2005

**General Information:**

Hello everyone, I am a wife to Graham and the mother of three children, Michael, Dean and Megan.

Michael attends the Day Programme at Te Rori A Mua Trust two days a week and really enjoys the outdoor environment offered here.

I am a secondary school teacher at Rutherford College, Te Atatu Peninsula.

I have been a teacher for close on 30 years. I hope I can serve you well as the Day Programme representative and as a Trustee.