

Kāhui group

**Independent
Children's
Monitor**

The monitor
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system

In May 2019, a group of key Māori leaders, the Kāhui Group, was established to help achieve the engagement and collaboration goals for the policy and legislative phase. The Kāhui Group continues to be involved in this process, and provides advice and support regarding our monitoring assessment approach and how we work.

Kāhui means to flock, to herd, to cluster and so denotes a group; the members of the Kāhui Group have expertise, leadership and mana in health, justice and social services for Māori.

Donna Matahaere-Atariki (Chair)

Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki, Ngāti Taoka, Te Atawhiau, Taranaki, Te Atiawa

Donna Matahaere-Atariki (MNZM) chairs the Otakou Rūnanga and the Ministry of Health NGO Council. She is also a member of the University of Ōtagō Council, Trustee of Well South Primary Health Network (PHO), Alternate for Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, and a Gambling Commissioner.

Donna has also held positions in Oranga Tamariki and Te Puni Kōkiri and has been a Whānau Ora coach for Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu Whānau Ora Commission. She is currently the General Manager, Treaty Directorate at the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care in New Zealand.

Tā Mark Solomon

Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Kuri

Tā Mark Wiremu Solomon (KNZM) is an experienced and respected leader of his hapū, his iwi and the wider New Zealand business community. He has served as a member of his local school board and the board of the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa (2001-2007), as a trustee of Takahanga Marae in his home kainga of Kaikoura, as Kaiwhakahaere of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu for nearly 18 years (1998-2016) and has been a member of the Canterbury District Health Board.

Tā Mark is currently on the Deep South Science Challenge Board and the Sustainable Seas Science Challenge Board and Chair of the Board for Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu Whānau Ora Commission.

Druis Barrett**Ngāti Whatua-Ngāpuhi descent and her hapū are Uriroroi and Mahurehure**

Druis Barrett (CNZM) has been a previous Commissioner for two Commissions; Training and Employment, and the Gisborne Cervical Screening Cases; was a former National President of the Māori Women's Welfare League; Trustee of Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust Board; and sits on many government advisory groups. She is passionate and committed to promoting and setting tūturu policy for Māori and for the well-being and development of whānau, hapū and iwi.

Katie Murray**Te Rarawa, Te Aupouri, Ngāti Kuri, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kahu, Ngāi Takoto**

Katie Murray (QSM) is the Kai Arahi of Waitomo Papakainga, a whānau-based and focused kaupapa Māori based social service agency in Kaitaia. Waitomo Papakainga supports a wide range of programmes and activities that support whānau in her community.

Katie is actively involved in her community of Te Hiku o Te Ika and has a degree in Social Work. She is Deputy Chair of Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa as well as being the Chair of Te Hiku Social Accord. Katie is a straight talking, passionate and visionary Māori woman committed to the restoration of tino rangatiratanga for whānau, hapū and iwi.

Eugene Ryder**Ngāti Kahu, Ngāti Awa and Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau**

Eugene Ryder has over 25 years' experience of working to support families who are marginalised in our communities and his expertise and voluntary work in and alongside gang communities, in particular, is exceptional. This was most recently recognised when Eugene was appointed by the Chair of the Royal Commission on the Abuse of Children in State Care in New Zealand as an Ambassador and key contact with networks in the gang and wider community. He is held in very high regard not just in the Māori community, but nationally in the community and voluntary sector.

Eugene has worked alongside various government departments advising and sharing his knowledge and expertise, most notably with the Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, Oranga Tamariki and the Ministry for Social Development. Eugene has overcome significant barriers in his life and inspires many with his journey of where he has come from and who he is today. He has degrees in Social Work, project management and frontline management, is a Kapa Haka tutor and member of the Ngāti Poneke Māori Club and has a consultancy business.