

**Nomination for election as Trustee 2007**

I THEONA HEASCIPI being a registered beneficial owner of land within the Rakiura Maori Lands Trust,

Block: 9 Section: 10

would like to make a nomination of the following person to the position of Trustee of the Rakiura Maori Lands Trust to be considered by the AGM of the Trust to be held in Bluff on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

Signed: J Heasipi Date: 2. 8. 2007

Seconded signed: D J Boyd Date: 2. 8. 07

**Nominated Person:**

Full Name	Leon James Fife
Occupation	Secondary school teacher at Avonside Girls High School

Interest In Trust: Owner Potential Owner by succession Independent  
(Circle one that applies)

**Confirm Your Skill level of the following,** (in a couple words such as beginner, None, Advanced etc),

<b>Land/Tikanga Maori:</b>	Considerable exposure to customs and traditions through my job as a teacher: pohiri, marae protocol, working with students and teachers of Te Reo, kapahaka performances, etc.
<b>Communication Skills:</b>	I consider this area to be a strength. With almost 30 years as a teacher and sports coach and administrator I have had considerable experience talking to small and large groups of all ages.
<b>Computer Literacy:</b>	As a teacher I am expected to meet and maintain certain IT standards. I am confident that I meet these standards.
<b>Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993:</b>	I understand the main principles of the Act - to promote the retention and utilisation of lands owned by Whanau and the establishment of Whanau trusts to oversee this process.
<b>Governance Role:</b>	I have a part to play in the administration of the school, especially with respect to developing and over-seeing staff professional development as well as having a responsibility for curriculum development.

**Background:** the following background information is provided

<b>Qualifications:</b> BSc. Hons. (Ecology, Cytology, Microbiology), Teaching Cert.
<b>Current positions:</b> Head of Junior Science, Specialist Classroom Teacher (SCT). In my role as SCT my responsibilities are to act as a mentor and support person for all of the staff. Also as SCT, I am expected to present seminars on teaching pedagogy and organise professional development for staff.
<b>Subjects taught:</b> Science to Year 12, Biology to Year 13, Electronics to Year 12, Year 9&10 Extension classes
<b>Marital Status:</b> married to Lottie; 3 children, Edward, Joey and Will
<b>Interests:</b> watching sports, reading, socialising, DIY, learning

**Additional Information:** the following additional information is supplied in support of my nomination.

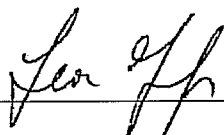
- In 2003 I was chosen to represent Ngai Tahu at a workshop in Key Largo, USA: 'Coastal Marine Ecology of the Florida Keys'  
I gave a presentation about my trip at a hui the following year.
- In 2004 I was awarded a Royal Society Teaching Fellowship that involved working within the Kaupapa Kereru project for all of that year.

Most of my time was spent out in the field gathering information about kereru in and around Banks Peninsula. This entailed tracking birds that had been "tagged" with radio transmitters, observing their movements, feeding habits, effects of predators, people etc.

The project involved scientists from Lincoln University, Manaaki Whenua, DOC as well as those from within the Ngai Tahu organisation. I was impressed by the way these people and their respective organisations worked together and it was reassuring to see that the survival of such an important species was in good hands. I learnt a lot from my contact with these groups and my experiences with them could be useful to the Trust

- The main reason why I am allowing my name to go forward as a possible trustee is that it has long been the wish of my father (a trustee in the 1990's) for me to serve the Trust and with his health deteriorating now is a good time for me to do so. My strong connection to Rakiura through my whakapapa compels me to serve and maintain the "Fife connection".

I the nominated person accept this nomination and confirm the above information to be true and correct.

Signed:  Date: 1-8-07

To be returned to the Trustees by 4.00pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007

<b>Understanding Financial Statements:</b>	Novice
<b>Meeting Process:</b>	Considerable involvement and experience in committees.

**Additional Skills:** the following additional skill information is provided in support of my nomination

**Personal and interpersonal skills:**

- Able to relate to all ages, cultures and beliefs
- Good rapport with staff, parents and pupils
- Integrity
- Sense of humour
- Good listener

**Employment related skills:**

- Reliable
- Able to meet deadlines
- Willing to take responsibility
- Leadership skills
- Prepared to listen and learn, try out new ideas and strategies
- Skills specific to my area of expertise, biology, include:
  - ◆ Designing and carrying out field investigations
  - ◆ Using a variety of sampling and data collection techniques
  - ◆ Processing and interpreting field data
  - ◆ Writing scientific reports
  - ◆ Understanding scientific jargon
  - ◆ Able to gather and process information from a wide variety of sources
  - ◆ Able to present scientific information in a way that a "lay-person" can understand it
  - ◆ Knowledge of the effects and control of introduced pests in NZ
  - ◆ A strong conservation ethic