



# **Te Araroa Trustee Information Pack**

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## What is Te Araroa?

Te Araroa is New Zealand's only long walking trail, covering 3000+km from Cape Reinga to Bluff.

Te Araroa is the ultimate 5-month New Zealand experience, but also offers section tramps lasting anything from a few days to a week or more, and many attractive day or overnight walks. It is a different kind of trail from the traditional back-country tramping tracks.

The trail connects settlements, townships and cities. It's a corridor that encourages social and economic transactions en route – for marae stays and other cultural experiences, also food and accommodation. The track corridor showcases a wide variety of New Zealand experiences - natural, cultural, and historic.

Te Araroa's boundaries are the natural boundaries of New Zealand itself. It starts and is brought to a natural halt against the sea. En route it explores New Zealand's tombolos, its volcanoes, its range and mountain uplift, its rivers, lakes and valleys. Successful long trails overseas generally have a geographic and geological unity. Te Araroa's variety is underpinned by the mightiest geology of all – tectonic plate subduction. When walking New Zealand, you are walking also the Pacific Plate boundary or – at least sometimes – along the Rim of Fire.



The long trail concept in New Zealand has a venerable history. In 1975 just such a “scenic trail” based on the Pennine Way, was the founding idea of the NZ Walkways Commission, which carried the long-trail torch briefly, but found it too difficult. The Department of Conservation (DOC) put the same goal into its Walkways Policy of 1995. As part of that policy, DOC also proposed giving high priority to countryside tracks traversing private land. DOC did not have the budgets, or the co-operation of Regional Authorities (RAs) or Territorial Local Authorities (TLAs) to achieve either goal.

Te Araroa Trust (TAT), along with the hard work from Geoff Chapple (Founder) and its five regional trusts have achieved what the official bodies could not. RAs and TLAs the length of New Zealand are engaged with Te Araroa, and TAT is now a leading influence in their local and regional walking and cycling strategies. The New Zealand public is also a trail partner. For years our organisation has had a hard battle for funds, and our survival, and lately our flourishing, is due to the many volunteers who have kept the dream alive, and advancing.

## High Level History

1975 – The New Zealand Walkways Commission is formed. One of its goals is a New Zealand-long “scenic” trail.

1983/84 – A NZ Taranaki man Rex Hendry did a wilderness walk that explored a possible route for a long NZ trail.

1987 – The New Zealand Walkways Commission is folded into the Department of Conservation without having achieved a long trail.

1994 – Te Araroa Trust is formed after a newspaper article by Geoff Chapple advocating a New Zealand-long trail.

1995 – First trail Kerikeri-Waitangi opened by then Prime Minister Jim Bolger.

1997 – Te Araroa Trust maps a North Island route in consultation with local and regional councils en route, and DoC Conservancies.

1998 – Geoff Chapple walks the North Island route to prove viability, to test land-owner response, to raise funds, and heighten the project's profile. He writes one of the first web-logs which becomes popular, and the trail idea begins to take hold.

1999 – Te Araroa Trust gets a Millennium grant, and hires a construction manager and work teams for its first linking track down the Waikato River.

2002 – Te Araroa Trust maps the South Island trail, again with extensive consultation, and Geoff Chapple walks the trail, and tests land-owner responses en route.

- Te Araroa Trust signs an MoU with the Department of Conservation under which DOC agrees to assist Te Araroa Trust with a continuous tramping corridor east of the Southern Alps.
- The Mayors Taskforce, led by Christchurch mayor Garry Moore adopts Te Araroa as a "priority project." Over 20 councils en route begin to co-operate.

2003 – *Te Araroa - The New Zealand Trail* a book published on the trail, wins 'Environment category' Montana book award.

- Regional Te Araroa Trusts established to co-ordinate volunteer effort. Eight regional trusts in total, including Southland, Otago, Canterbury/West Coast.
- Te Araroa is not open, but walkers begin to do it anyway – up to 10 a year, using roads as by-passes where necessary.

2006 – New Te Araroa tracks now total over 400km. The links through to legal thoroughfares on the coast and river margins, make over 80% of the route walkable, including a 15% back-road component. Local authorities begin to put Te Araroa into district plans and regional authorities include it in regional walking strategies. Crown Tenure Review results extend the SI trail.

2007 – DOC is voted \$3.8 million to put in Te Araroa across public estate – previously Te Araroa had financed such tracks. Te Araroa Trust, its eight regional trusts, with co-operation from territorial local authorities and regional authorities continue to develop all sections outside the public estate – two thirds of the distance.

2008 – New track openings and access to previously inaccessible legal thoroughfare makes over 90% of the trail walkable, including the road component which has now been shrunk to 13.5%. Not all of that 90% is signed - just another job to be done. Te Araroa Trust plans for an opening at the end of 2011.

2011 - Te Araroa officially opened by the Governor-General Sir Jerry Mateparae on 3 December 2011. The publication *Te Araroa: A Walking Guide to New Zealand's Long Trail* is released.

2012 - Geoff Chapple stands down as CEO of Te Araroa Trust, and is subsequently honoured with an ONZM in the Queens Birthday Honours. Rob Wakelin assumes the role of CEO.

2014 - Te Araroa Trust opens the Puhoi Track, a track specifically built for day-walkers to experience Te Araroa.

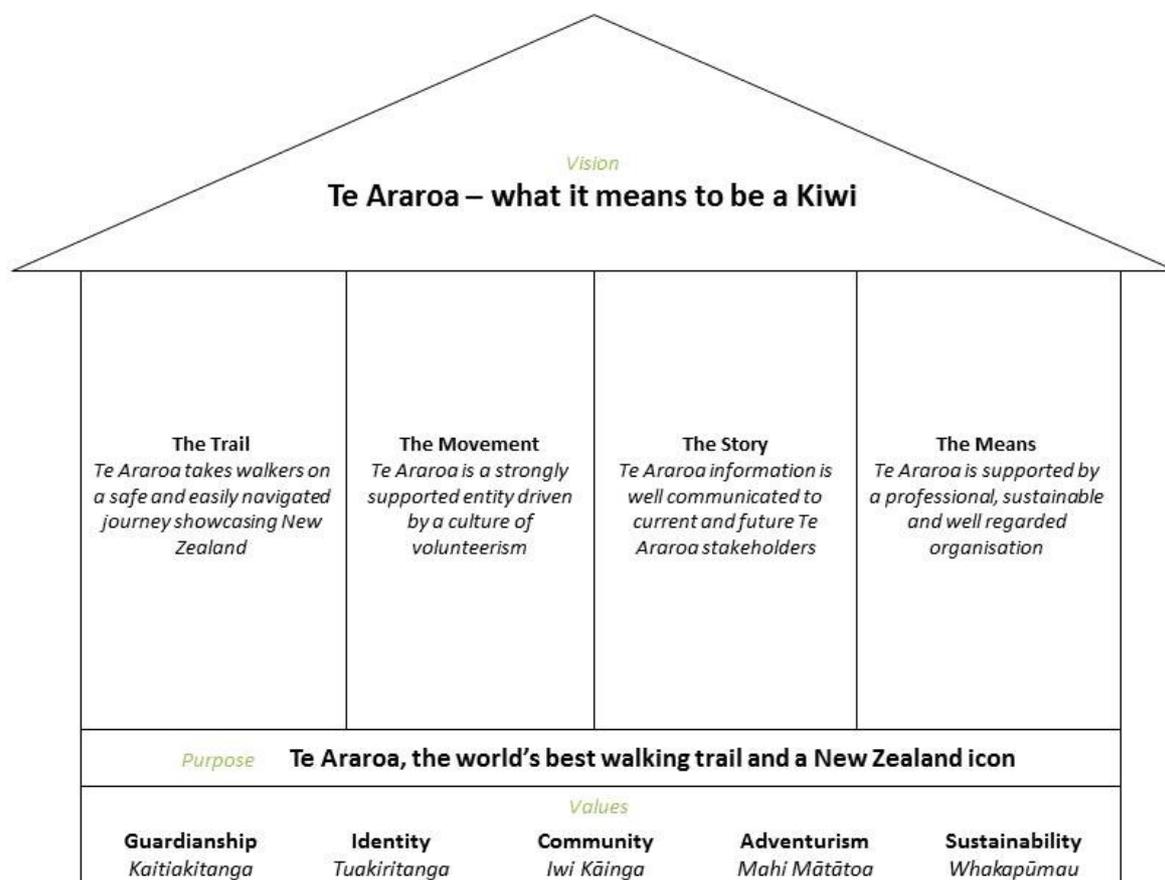
2015 - Te Araroa Trust receives a Walking Access Award from the New Zealand Walking Access Commission, in recognition of what they have achieved in opening up many locations for public walking access.

2015 - Te Araroa Trust and DOC agree a further \$1.6million funding to conclude the construction programme over the next two years.

2016 - Te Araroa Trust opens the Paekakariki Escarpment Track, a \$1.4million project between Paekakariki and Pukerua Bay, another track specifically aimed at day-walkers

2018 – Rob Wakelin steps down as CEO after five years, Mark Weatherall is appointed as the Trusts CEO.

## Te Araroa Trust Strategy



### Current Trustee Members

#### David McGregor – Chairperson

David is a resource management specialist with extensive experience in central and local government relations and previously a senior partner for Bell Gully (retired). As a legal adviser to many of Auckland's regional governance authorities, he has advised on the most significant resource management issues related to the Auckland region's strategic planning and infrastructure and in particular its transport needs.

David holds a number of elected, voluntary and honorary posts in a diverse range of government, charitable and community organisations which reflect his diverse interests. These include as Chairman of the Ranfurly Trust, Settlor Trustee of the Little Barrier Island (Hauturu) Supporters Trust and Advisor to the Auckland Conservation Board. He is a Member of the Order of the British Empire and was awarded the New Zealand Commemorative Medal in recognition of services to his country.

Throughout his legal career, he has had extensive involvement with the New Zealand armed forces, and he is currently a Judge of the Court Martial Appeal Court, Chairman of the War Pensions Appeal Board and a Trustee of the National Army Museum.

### **Trevor Bulter – Dep Chairperson**

Trevor has been a Te Araroa Trustee since 2006 and is the current deputy chair, and convener of the Trust's Operations Committee. He is a Chartered Professional Engineer, a Fellow of the Institute of Professional Engineers NZ, and has tertiary qualifications in Civil Engineering and Business Administration.

Trevor currently holds the position of managing director of Frame Group Ltd, an Auckland based consultancy team that specialises in the design and construction management of recreational walkways, tracks, cycleways and associated visitor facilities in parks, reserves and conservation land throughout NZ. He is a recognised authority on recreation trail development and has participated in the development of standards and providing training to the parks industry in this field.

His previous experience includes a range of civil engineering projects, production forestry, and wood technology. Since 1987 he has been involved in the inspection, assessment and design of tracks and visitor structures on many of the high profile Department of Conservation walks and visitor sites throughout New Zealand, the design for several of the NZ Cycle Trail Great Rides and also providing advice and design on some international recreation sites. He provides advice to several city and district councils on recreational development of their parks and reserves.

Trevor is an active outdoor recreation participant in tramping, mountaineering, cycling, kayaking and skiing, and he has visited several recreational walking sites internationally. He has a strong interest in sustainability and community development, and the structuring of recreational development projects to facilitate regional employment and use of local renewable resources as well as encouraging people to lead active, healthy lifestyles.

### **Jennie Langley**

Jennie is a Director of her public affairs and issues management consultancy, JL Associates Ltd and has worked both in house and as a consultant in New Zealand and overseas.

She is currently involved in a variety of not-for-profit organisations and as government appointee on the Tourism Growth Partnership Panel and the New Zealand Council of Legal Education.

She was previously with the New Zealand Hotel Council for ten years as Chief Executive Officer then Independent Chair, representing the interests of international chain and independent hotels in this country.

Jennie has been a Director of the New Zealand Tourism Board, Positively Wellington Tourism, the New Zealand Wool Board, Opus International and a member of the Biosecurity Ministerial Advisory Committee.

### **Paul East – CNZM QC**

Paul was educated at King's College, Auckland and the University of Auckland.

Prior to becoming an MP, Paul was a lawyer and barrister with East Brewster, a Rotorua-based legal firm, from 1973 to 1978. Paul also engaged in local politics as a member of the Rotorua City Council, which has now been subsumed into the Rotorua District Council.

Paul is married and has three daughters. Paul was first elected to Parliament in the 1978 election as MP for Rotorua, and retained that seat until he opted to become a list MP in the 1996 elections.

Paul served in a number of ministerial roles, including those of Minister of Defence and Attorney-General in the fourth National government. When Jenny Shipley replaced Jim Bolger as leader of the National Party, Paul was one of the minority who remained aligned with Bolger.

In the 2005 Queen's Birthday Honours, Paul was appointed a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Parliament and the law. He was appointed a member of the Privy Council in 1998. In 1999, he resigned from Parliament to take up the position of New Zealand High Commissioner to the United Kingdom in London. He was replaced in Parliament by Alec Neill, the next candidate on National's party list.

As Attorney-General, Paul advocated on important international issues, including a case brought before the International Court of Justice in 1995 on behalf of New Zealand against France's nuclear testing in the Pacific Ocean. Paul also headed the development of an advisory opinion to the UN General

Assembly on the legality of nuclear testing in 1995. Paul was awarded the status of Queen's Counsel (QC) while Attorney-General.

Standing down in 2002 as New Zealand High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Paul changed course and became the independent chairman of the Charity Gaming Association (Inc.) (CGA), which is the industry organisation for charitable trusts that operate electronic gaming machines ("pokies") to raise funds for community purposes. In 2008 the CGA's members operated 75% of non-club gaming machines in New Zealand and generated \$250 million worth of grants for worthwhile community purposes.

### **Jason Hill**

Jason Hill, past Manager Tourism at Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED). Jason was responsible for the international and domestic marketing of Auckland as a visitor destination, as well as trade and new tourism product development. Jason is on the Cruise NZ Board.

Prior to his role at Tourism Auckland, Jason was Regional Manager Japan and Korea at Tourism New Zealand, based in Tokyo for five-and-half years. While in Japan, Jason implemented the 100% PURE NEW ZEALAND global marketing campaign. In Japan, he was elected Chairman of the Association of National Tourism Organisations, representing over 50 national tourism offices, and was a regular advisor and contributor to the Japanese government and travel industry. Jason is a fluent Japanese speaker. In addition to a variety of other roles within the tourism industry, spanning 19 years, Jason spent five years as GM Marketing at Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism. Jason holds a Bachelor of Management Studies (Hons) in international marketing and Japanese from Waikato University.

### **Kim Ollivier**

Kim started his career in civil engineering. After some years overseas he returned to New Zealand to work in regional government, on buildings, roads, water and sewerage systems. He moved into computing full time as the manager of PrimeShare, an engineering computer service bureau, applying computers to engineering problems, which led to GIS systems.

Since 1989 he has installed and supported Geographic Information Systems in over 50 organisations including 20 District and Regional Councils throughout New Zealand. In 1996 he set up his own consultancy based in Auckland with a particular focus on GIS applications and software development. He has specialised in innovative internet mapping tools, cadastral and services mapping, data translation and analysis. Outside of his mapping work, Kim enjoys walking and spending time with his grandchildren.



## Position Description – Trustee

- Our Vision:** “What it means to be Kiwi”
- Purpose of the trust:** Te Araroa, worlds best walking trail and New Zealand icon
- Reports to:** Te Araroa Trust Chairperson
- Scope of the position:**



The appointed Trustee is a fully accountable member of the Te Araroa Trust and is expected to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Trust as set out in the Constitution of the Te Araroa Trust and adhere to the Te Araroa Trustee Code of Conduct.

### Appointment and tenure

The Trustee will be appointed for an initial three (3) year term at the conclusion of they are eligible to stand again. The application process for the role will be managed by the appointment panel.

### Time Commitment

The Trust will meet on a six weekly basis, there may be some work required in between the meetings, but the expectation is not large.

### Personal Attributes and Skills

General:

- To see the big picture and the implications and impact on issues in the broader sense
- To make sensible, astute recommendations and business decisions
- To interpret both factual and conceptual information and make sound judgements based on that information
- To contribute to the creation and not merely the preservation of stakeholder value; and to be able to distinguish between the separate but complementary roles of governance and management
- Ability to network and connect people

Strategic:

- To hold all the interconnecting components of strategy and planning together and to develop and drive a cohesive work programme to achieve Te Araroa's Vision and Purpose
- To understand the position of the Te Araroa Trust, its market and its relationship to key stakeholders
- To look beyond the short-term and ensure that the trust adopts a longer-term, stewardship approach

Analytical:

- To interpret financial statements and statistical information and the significance and meaning of appropriate performance indicators
- To question and probe information, assumptions and assertions in a quest for improved understanding and better decision-making
- To remain objective and measured under pressure

Social:

- To participate actively and harmoniously, respecting and valuing the contributions of others and contributing to effective teamwork
- To articulate a point of view in a coherent and persuasive manner without dominating the Trust's proceedings
- The strength of character to maintain an independent point of view when others disagree