

Te Hiku Sports Hub Board Member and support Staff Bio's

Mike Mitcalfe - Chair

Tena Koutou Katoa.

I'm Mike Mitcalfe. 66 years young. Married to Pam for 44 years.

Dad to four children and two grandchildren. We live at Shipwreck Bay, Ahipara, Northland.

Educated at Wellington Boys College and Waikato University but most importantly in the `school of life experience`.

We are well integrated into the local community on a variety of fronts and enjoy Maoritanga and the fact that we live in a diverse culture.

I am interested in most sports, but my competitive Sporting background and interests are in Rugby and mainly Surfing.

My wife and I have a history of community work mainly in the area of Youth and music and what we are involved in now is an extension of those values.

I am a Company Director and the founder of the Construction firm Stonecraft Construction Ltd.

My training and licensing are in the area of things Concrete, Masonry, and General Construction.

We have been in this industry for approximately 45 years.

We employ a current staff of 20 people of various trades.

Over the last 25 years I have worked to develop the Swimming pool construction sector of our company.

It has become my main focus and I function increasingly as a consultant as well as completing contracts all over NZ and up into the Pacific.

I am Chairman of Te Ahu Charitable Trust and worked throughout its development and construction with the others in that team, to what it is now.

I have also been appointed to the board of Te Hiku Sports Hub and elected to chair it.

I enjoy working in a team environment and the challenges set by working with what are often complex issues.

Angelina Wakarua – Deputy Chair

I am Angelina Wakarua. I am currently 38 years old. I am a wife, mother of 2 busy boys and live in Ahipara.

I grew up in Kaitaia, attending Kaitaia Primary, Intermediate and College before leaving for University In Otago and Auckland.

I completed a Bachelor of Physical Education, Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) and a Diploma in Teaching.

These have led me to the secondary school teaching sector where I currently am employed as the Physical Education and Health teacher at Kaitaia Abundant Life School.

A large part of my life has been spent playing sports and I have been fortunate enough to have played at Elite levels in both Basketball and Netball.

I have travelled and lived abroad in Italy for a number of years where I was involved in playing, fitness training and coaching rugby sevens.

I have returned home with my family as I want my boys to experience the upbringing I did.

This is why I am very passionate to be on the board to help in whatever capacity I can to get this facility up and running for our town.

As a mother and a teacher, I can see the benefits of this for our youth and it is very exciting to be a part of what can only help the Hauora of our community.

Ralph Garvin – Board Member and Treasurer

My name is Ralph Garvin, I was born and raised in Auckland.

After holding various senior operations, sales and service management roles with two large corporate companies my wife of 25 years, Tina Garvin, and I choose to establish ourselves and raise our two children in Kari Kari where we have enjoyed living for the last 12 years.

We own and operate a successful Tractor and Farm Machinery Dealership that services the wider Far North rural and urban communities.

I have sports coaching experience with Surf Life Saving NZ and have supported both of our children in Netball and Competitive swimming.

I also have a long-standing interest and involvement in motor sports.

We enjoy extensive engagement the local community through our business endeavours and I feel privileged to be nominated and appointed to the Te Hiku Sports Hub Society board where I can contribute my practical and objective decision making skills, business acumen and experience to this vital community project.

I believe this community facility is essential to improve the health and wellbeing of our community and will benefit the people of the Far North for generations to come.

Brendon Morrissey – Sporting Codes Representative

Kia ora koutou!

I have always believed that those who have the ability to help others also have the responsibility to help others. I also have a real passion to change the negative talk and perception portrayed in the media of the Far North. I came home to contribute in any way I can to create positive change for all in our community but most especially, for our children. I am a father of 3 children myself, Aaron (15), Nathan (13) and Lyam (10).

I went to Taipa Area School and grew up in the Doubtless Bay area. I started teaching at Kaitaia Intermediate School in 1995 and was there for 3 years before moving to Hamilton with my wife Tracey. Over the last 19 years, I have worked as a teaching Principal in 3 different schools in 3 very different parts of the North Island. I have been the Principal of Kaitaia Primary School since the beginning on 2009. I have always viewed my job as Principal to be part of the larger responsibility. To be a respected leader in the community and to actively work in the community to make things better for all.

I have been a committee member of the Te Hiku Sports hub since 2014. Initially, I worked with a sub-committee to raise funds to get planning elements of the Sports hub underway. Following 3 successful Charity Boxing events at Te Ahu, our sub-committee gifted \$50 000 to the Sports hub. With this financial support, things were able to really get going in earnest.

Currently, I am responsible for running Junior Football for the Kaitaia United Association Football Club - 17 teams + first kick programme. I also am on the Kaitaia Boxing Club committee, which runs boxing training programmes for school children 3 days per week in Kaitaia. The Boxing Club is free for all school-aged children.

I have been helping children, their families and my local community in the capacity of teacher, coach, friend, colleague and more recently as Principal, advisor and community leader. My intention is to continue doing so for as long as I am able.

Noho ora mai.

Esther Hone – Sporting Codes Representative

Esther is a mother of 4 children ranging from 22 years to 11 years. Esther has lived in Kaitaia for the past 23 years, originally from Dunedin. Esther is of Nga Puhi descent, Te Rarawa, Ngati Kahu affiliations.

Esther has been involved in the swimming and water safety industry for over 25 years, predominately working in NZ. Her previous roles included the Northland Swim for Life Team leader which involved the expansion of the Top Energy Water safe programme to the rest of Northland. Until recently Esther was employed as the AUSTSWIM Aotearoa Business Centre Manager focusing on the pathway for water safety education throughout NZ by providing AUSTSWIM courses, PD and conference opportunities to the NZ Aquatic market.

Esther is currently working as an independent contractor to AUSTSWIM Ltd, Virgin Active Thailand and Sport Northland to coordinate, lead, and develop resources for the NZ Aquatic market. Esther's passion and dedication to quality water safety education has developed her leadership skills into a role of training new presenters with the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety qualification internationally.

Esther has a unique and charismatic approach to water safety education. Many of us have had the delight to be around Esther and find her at times very entertaining. Esther is dedicated to imparting her knowledge and passion for water safety with the aim to support swim teachers in adding to their basket of tools to reduce the drowning statistics.

Esther brings to the table some out of the box thinking, creativity, enthusiasm, accountability and passion for ensuring that the people of Kaitaia become the best version of themselves and providing opportunities for all the community to enjoy sports, health and fitness all year round.

Tui Kapa – Sporting Codes Representative

I was born and raised in Te Kao to the late Raewyn & Jesse Everitt.

I'm married to Harry Kapa, a school teacher at Kaitaia College and we have 2 children – a son, 35 residing in Brisbane; a daughter, 21 residing in Paraparaumu, 2 grandchildren and 1 more on the way also in Brisbane.

I work at the Kaitaia District Court in the family court jurisdiction. I enjoy and respect everything about my mahi, the collegiality, the often-sobering nature of the work, the mountains of paper filed and the social responsibility we have towards families and communities.

I've been involved with Mangonui Netball since moving back to Te Kao from Auckland in 2005. I have been the netball delegate for our local sports club in Te Kao for the past 11 years I was the Mangonui umpire co-ordinator from 2009 to 2018.

I played netball at Mangonui in my school days, when games were held at the Kaitaia College courts before moving down to Moerua Park. My grandparents would transport my siblings and I to Saturday sports because our parents were working on the farm. I remember Nana would give us 50cents for a pie and ice-block from the dairy that's still across the road from the College, and that was lots of money back then. It was a mission to get to and from Kaitaia, I reckon that's why we played our skins off to show Nana & Papa that our efforts were for them as much as ourselves.

In Auckland I played netball, touch rugby, women's rugby, indoor netball, basketball, waka ama; anything I could chase after really. I dislike losing and will train and play like a demon to ensure my game is at its best no matter what.

I love sports, and I especially like organising and providing sports events for tamariki. I believe in good umpiring, referring, coaching and giving players the best opportunity to "play it out" on the field, court, pool.

I think that knowledgeable decision-making groups are important for any organisation. I'm excited about being on the Hub Team and providing governance assistance towards developing and maintaining the complex. I'm also passionate about developing better opportunities for rural communities, given the distances travelled to Kaitaia, to other hosting communities and to representative events.

My husband often shakes his head when I join a new committee, but I think that if I have a skill to offer then that's what I should do, especially for voluntary community groups.

Nga mihi

Lisa McNab – Te Rarawa IWI Representative

I have affiliations to the five iwi of Te Hiku o Te Ika, and I am proud and privileged to be able to utilize my Te Rarawa whakapapa to enable whanau to be informed and participate.

Sixteen years' experience in Maori Public Health / Health Promotion supporting Community and Whanau development initiatives with the wellbeing of whanau at the centre has been a key driver to my practice.

I have a PG Dip Bus: Maori Development and a Graduate Cert in Clinical Teaching and hold several Governance roles, locally and nationally on both Maori and non-Maori boards, including a 3yr term on the FNDC Kaitaia Community Board, experience that I look forward to using to benefit the health and wellbeing pathways of the whanau and community of Te Hiku.

Bob Larkins – Ngati Kahu IWI Representative

Ko Maungataniwha te maunga

Ko Mamaru te waka

Ko Rangaunu te moana

Ko Oturu te marae

Ko Ngai Tohianga te hapu

Ko Ngatikahu te iwi

Ko Bob Larkins ahau

Born and bred in Kaitaia, I finished my last 2 years education on a Rugby scholarship in Queensland.

After doing my OE, I returned home, married Aveena and have 4 amazing tamariki (Taikaha, Charlize, Faith and Bobbi) who are all still at home.

I am a block layer by trade, having worked (since leaving school) for Stonecraft Construction for 13 odd years.

I am currently the Branch Manager of Toll Kaitaia who I have been with for the last 9 years.

I am chairman of the Oturu Marae committee a position I have held for the past 4 years. I am also a marae trustee.

I served as a vestry member at St Saviour church for 4 years and for 3 years as a trustee on the Abundant Life Church/School.

I am hugely passionate about our people, our town, our rangatahi and sports and I'm excited at the value this project will add to all these.

I feel privileged to represent my hapu/iwi on this board and look forward to working in together to see this project through to its fruition.

Nga mihi nui.

Robin Schiff – Board Member

I initiated the Te Hiku Sports Hub project in 2012 along with Mary Jane Ardley and my husband, Dr Joost van Rens. I then continued developing it in all capacities as needed such as research, networking, community engagement, communication, leadership, fundraising, strategy, and coordination of the production of needed documentation,

After 2012 this naturally developed into an informal role as project leader, and once the Society incorporated formalized into the elected position of Deputy Chair. I continued as Deputy Chair until the formation of the new Governance Board. I am quite pleased with the wide range of experience and diversity in the new Board.

I decided to apply for a position on the new Board to help ensure continuity, because I have a great deal of knowledge regarding the project's long term vision, history and the concept's details.

Over the years I developed and maintained the Sports Hub's national and overseas network of mentors and advisors in the aquatic and recreational industry, - which will be of use in further Sports Hub development.

Joost and I moved to Kaitaia in 2009. We relocated to the Nelson/Richmond area in late September 2018 for both business and health reasons. I function as manager for our, Dr. van Rens GP Medical Locum, business.

I find that working remotely and attending Sports Hub meetings by video conference is practical with modern technology. With my background and interest in design I am prepared to get involved in the detailed design phase of development, and in whatever ways our team thinks would be helpful.

Formal Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, USA 1979 majors in Design and Psychology.

I taught Tai Chi, Yoga, and mindfulness meditation classes to a wide variety of age groups and professions from primary school students, to the Netherlands Dance Theatre, to United Nations staff and to the general public in The Hague, Netherlands from 1993 to 2007. This taught me to appreciate the value of mindful movement training for children as well as for top athletes. I am keen to see mindfulness training incorporated into Te Hiku Sports Hub programming.

David Senior – Board Member

My name is David Senior.

I've been married for 43yrs to Phillipa and we have four adult children and three grandchildren.

We moved to the Far North in 1992-93.

I've done three terms on the Te Hiku (Kaitaia) Community Board and have been involved in a number of local and national organisations and currently am part of eight governance boards which include Disability Action Group (advisory group for FNDC), Far North Disability Resource Centre and of course, the Te Hiku Sports Hub.

I have been a part of the Te Hiku Sports Hub project from its beginnings in 2012 and believe that it is a vital and necessary amenity for our local community and will future proof our town for many years to come.

I have a strong desire to see our local area totally accessible for everyone and I have a passion for the elderly, the youth and those with special needs/impairments.

As far as my skill set goes, I believe my strengths are good communication skills and advocacy.

I love working with people!

Richard Dickinson – Project Coordinator

My name is Richard Dickinson, and I am the project coordinator for the Te Hiku Sports Hub.

I have been married to Esther for 39 odd years. We have three married children and three grandchildren. Esther is a teacher and SENCO at Ahipara Primary School.

I worked for ASB for 40 plus years, with my last two roles being Branch Manager at Kaitaia Branch followed by Associate Wealth Manager caring for

Dargaville, Kaikohe, Kerikeri, Paihia and Kaitaia branches.

I am an Authorised Financial Adviser and am registered under FSP number 330906.

My role at the Sports Hub is part time and I continue to care for private clients via Dickinson Consulting.

Esther and I moved our wee family to Kaitaia in 1994 for me to assume the position of Branch Manager Designate at ASB. What we saw as a five year

move has quietly morphed into twenty-five years. It's difficult to walk away from a community that is lovable, warts and all.

My role at THSH allows me the privilege of investing into our town's future. The vision cast by the first committee was and is vast and is now being confidently

embraced by our new Board. I, like the Board, am determined to use all my skills and experience to deliver something special for our Te Hiku: something that will

be looked upon with pleasure by all who see and use this wonderful facility.

Mark Osborne – Project Manager

Mark Osborne is a Far North Local and qualified Chartered accountant with vast and diverse experience in areas of General, Project and Asset Management around large community facilities.

Since returning to NZ in 2006, Mark has held several roles in the public and private sector particularly developing and managing community infrastructure.

Mark already has strong relationships with many of the key stakeholders around the Te Hiku Sports Hub including the Community, Council, Iwi and the projects governance.

A significant similar relevant project would be Te Ahu in Kaitia where Mark led the Community Consultation, fundraising, Design, General and Project Management through to operational commissioning of what is considered a national and International leader in integrated and sustainable community facilities with significant and broad ranging community facilities.

Te Ahu currently has over 250,000 visits per annum from locals and visitors.

Mark is the current General Manager at Te Ahu and has developed a great team that enables him to now project manage the Te Hiku Sports hub simultaneously.

The \$14m development of Te Ahu, which comprised funding from many sources including Lotteries, Foundation North, Gaming, and Local Government encountered many of the same challenges that it is likely the Te Hiku Sports Hub will need to navigate through over the coming months and years as it is built, commissioned and operated in a sustainable manner.

Mark is very well placed to utilise his learnings, skills and experience to make sure that the Te Hiku Sports Hub navigates the challenges and ensures the hub is all that it can be for all of the peoples of the Far North.