



Ko Parapara tōku Maunga
Ko Pariwhakaoho tōku Awa
Ko Te Tai Tapu tōku Moana
Ko Te Waikoropupu tōku Puna
Ko Mohua te Takiwa
Ko Ngāti Tama, Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Te Whiti, Tainui
ōku Iwi
Ko Onetahua tōku Marae
Ko Ward-Holmes tōku whanau
Ko Margie Ward-Holmes Little tāku ingoa

I was born and raised in Mohua and live near the Papakainga o ngā Tūpuna. I am HOD Māori at Golden Bay High School.

As a Rohe based trustee, I uphold the Kaitiaki, Tikanga and Ahi Kaa roles and responsibilities to ensure Ngati Tama Uri enjoy the legacy our Tūpuna left to us. It is crucial that ahi kaa have a voice at the Trust table to express concerns affecting the Rohe for Manawhenua.

I am currently Chairperson of the Cultural Trust and a Rohe Trustee on the Ngāti Tama Ki Te Waipounamu Trust. I am passionate and committed to the purpose, objectives and values of the Trust.

I have been actively involved in protecting Te Waikoropupu Springs from commercialisation and was instigative in applying for and gaining Wāhi Tapu status for it.

I am presently the Iwi representative on the Takaka Fresh Water Land Advisory Group. My focus is to ensure our cultural values and interests are protected. This includes the waters of Te Waikoropupu springs and the rivers from pollution and over allocation. I strongly believe in “He Mātauranga Maori ki te Wai” the Maori values and principles for managing our rivers and Moana.

Ngā mihi
Margie Ward- Holmes Little