

Background

Te ORA is a professional body for Māori Medical Practitioners and Māori medical students. Te ORA has a membership of approximately 340. Te ORA does not deliver health services as such but does provide support services to its membership as well as run the annual Hui-ā-tau, Reo Wānanga (Te ORA and Te ORANGA).

Board Members

Kaihautū/Chairperson

1. **Dr Rawiri Jansen, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Hinerangi, MBChB, MRNZCGP, BHB, BA (Māori), Dip Tchg**
Dr Jansen was formerly a resource teacher of Māori studies and language in the Hawkes Bay before he completed his training as a medical practitioner at Middlemore Hospital in South Auckland. His main focus is running clinical teaching, Te Reo and Tikanga Māori programmes for Māori health professionals throughout the country. He published a phrase book of Māori medical terms which was released in February 2006 as a resource for the Māori health sector. He is a former Chairperson of Te ORA and a member of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners. Dr Jansen is currently the Clinical Director of the National Hauora Coalition and also works as a General Practitioner in Auckland. Dr Jansen was elected to Chairperson of the Te ORA Board at a Special General Meeting in December 2014.

Kaihautū Tuarua/Deputy Chairperson

2. **Dr Kiriana Bird, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Tukorehe, Ngāti Porou, MB ChB, FRNZCGP**
Dr Bird attended Auckland University in 2001 graduating in 2005 and has always been passionate about health. Dr Bird has been an active member of Māori and Pacific Admission Scheme currently and throughout her time at med school. Dr Bird is working as a General Practitioner for Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga with a high needs population, 80% of who are Māori, and actively involved with the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners as a teacher and Medical Educator. Dr Bird is currently the board apprentice on the board for RNZCGP, GP representative on Clinical Council for Hawkes Bay DHB and also holds positions on both Hato Paora and Hato Hohepa College Boards. Dr Bird was elected to the Te ORA Board at a Special General Meeting in December 2014 and then to Deputy Chairperson in January 2015.

Nga Mema o Te Poari/Board Members

3. **Dr Nathan Joseph, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Kahungunu, Rangitane, Tauranga Moana and Muaupoko, Dip O & G, MB ChB, FRNZCGP**
Dr Joseph was elected as a Treasurer for Te Ohu Rata o Aotearoa in 2006-2007 and then re-elected as a Board member in 2012. Dr Joseph was re-elected to Te ORA's Board at a Special General Meeting in December 2014.
4. **Mr Watene Horsfall Te Aitanga-ā-Mahaki CA.** Mr Horsfall has over twenty years' experience providing financial management and leadership and services to a wide range of Māori organisations including Māori Incorporations, Ahu Whenua Trusts, Māori Trust Boards and Rūnanga.
5. **Mr Baden Vertongen Ngāti Raukawa MSc, LLB.** Mr Vertongen was admitted to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand in 2004. Mr Vertongen is a current board member for the Patents Māori Advisory Committee, Jane Goodall Institute NZ, and Genorsity New Zealand / Funding Information Service. Mr Vertongen has worked as an in-house lawyer for Te Ohu Kai Moana, Senior Associate at Kensington Swan and as a Principle at Chen Palmer. Currently, Mr Vertongen is in private

practice where he advises iwi bodies in relation to Treaty of Waitangi Settlement negotiations, post settlement iwi organisations, and undertakes board work.

Māngai Tauira – Tumuaki – Te Oranga

6. Ms Molly Anderson, Ngāpuhi

Ms Anderson is in her final year of Medical School at Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki Makaurau and based in the Waitemata region. Ms Anderson is currently the Te Oranga Tumuaki for 2015 and represents Te Oranga on the Te ORA Board. Born and raised in Ōtahuhu, South Auckland Ms Anderson enjoys waka ama, performing kappa haka and visiting her whānau in her spare time.

Auditors

BDO Wellington

Accountant

IIF Hamish Mexted

Te ORA - Manager

Ms Te Aniwa Reedy *Ngāti Porou, Te Aitanga-ā-Materoa*

