

BIOGRAPHIES

of six-person Kiwi Team to Gaza



ROGER FOWLER – Team Captain



61 years old. Married with four children, including Hone who is also on the Kiwi Team to Gaza. Pakeha. Born in Wellington. Has lived for 33 years in Mangere East, a multi-cultural region of South Auckland. Manager of Mangere East Community Learning Centre. Executive member of Out of School Care Network. Recipient of Queen's Service Medal for community service (1999). Singer/songwriter who has shared a stage with some of New Zealand's best musicians. Singer with the Frank E. Evans Band who have performed for 40 years. Involved with amateur theatre over four decades, including Auckland Light Opera, "The Aunties" children's theatre and Manukau Performing Arts. Initiator of the community coalition which saved Mangere East's Postshop earlier this year. A former bus driver, he has long campaigned for public transport. Manager of public transport website <http://farefreenz.blogspot.com>. Founding member of Palestine Human Rights Campaign in the 1970s. 15 years' service in the anti-apartheid movement. Participated in the 1975 Maori Land March and the occupation of Bastion Point. Active in the nuclear-free movement and protests against US wars from Vietnam to the Middle East. Past union delegate for the Engineers Union. Holds current First Aid Certificate. **Cell phone: 021 2999 491.**

CHRIS VAN RYN – Vice Captain



50 years old. Married with one son. Family heritage is Dutch, a language he speaks fluently. Born in Whangarei. Longtime resident of Central Auckland. Self-employed. Award-winning travel writer who has been published in the *NZ Listener* and *Life & Leisure*. Holds a Diploma in Photography. His photo-journalism involving people and places around the world can be viewed at <http://cvrjourneyjourney.blogspot.com>. More of his images appear at <http://camerapoint.blogspot.com>. Travelled to over 30 countries, including India, Russia, Mongolia, Nepal, China, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and

throughout Europe. Until recently headed an interior architecture firm which he founded 25 years before. Managed multi-million dollar construction projects. Has written for [design magazines on the subject of architecture](#). Campaigner for human rights. Member of Amnesty International and the United Nations Association of New Zealand. In his youth worked with children with disabilities, more recently is a mentor of individuals and families. Past leader of Scouting Association. Convenor of a philosophy group. A sculptor who plays saxophone and guitar. Graduate of Red Cross courses. **Cell phone: 021 942 197.**

JULIE WEBB-PULLMAN



57 years old. One daughter. Pakeha. Born in Kaitaia and raised in Napier. Now living in Wellington. Holds two university degrees: Master of Public Health (1998) and Bachelor of Arts (1982). Studied international human rights law and holds Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Law (2003). Over 200 published reports, commentaries and articles in media ranging from academic journals to print magazines to news websites. Her photo-journalism displayed in two photographic exhibitions. Currently freelance journalist for SCOOP and other independent news websites. Served as election observer in Venezuela (2008) and human rights observer

in Mexico (2006-7) and Honduras (2009). Investigator of health practitioners' professional standards in Queensland, Australia (2000-5). UNICEF country manager for Solomon Islands and Vanuatu programmes (1998-9). Extensive interactions with indigenous peoples in New Zealand, Australia, the Pacific and Latin America. Past union delegate for Australian public sector union. Speaks Spanish and French. **Cell phone: 022 6818 501.**

PAT O'DEA



51 years old. Partner and one son. Irish father. Born in Auckland where he still lives. Registered electrician with wide experience in construction, manufacturing, maritime and residential environments. Past union delegate for the Engineering, Printing & Manufacturing Union. Won landmark court case justifying a one-man occupation of a workplace to save his job on the grounds that he was protecting his personal property. Aged just 16, one of the few Pakeha on the 1975 Maori Land March to carry the pouwhenua at the head of the hikoi. Arrested several times during the 1981 protests against a racially selected Springbok Team from apartheid South Africa. Active in nuclear-free, anti-war, workers' rights and environmental campaigns. Affectionately nicknamed "Protest Pat" by his workmates. **Cell phone: 021 204 9624.**

MOUSA TAHER



23 years old. Married with one daughter aged 8 months. Palestinian father and Pakeha mother. Born and raised in Wellington. Recently shifted to South Auckland. Holds a Diploma in Journalism. Worked for both a weekly and daily newspaper. Over 100 articles and photos published in the mainstream media. Will study at Auckland University next year to open up a secondary school teaching career. Active in Wellington Palestine Group. Converted to Islam in 2006. Speaks Arabic. **Cell phone: 021 0250 3662.**

HONE FOWLER



25 years old. Single. Maori mother. His father, Roger Fowler, is Captain of the Kiwi Team to Gaza. Ngapuhi, Ngati Porou and Pakeha whakapapa. Born and raised in South Auckland. Now living in London. Will return to Auckland later this year to complete university degrees in health sciences and psychology. Youth advisor for mental health services (2007-9). Supervisor of before/after school programmes and child holiday programmes (2005-9). Keen sportsman who played soccer to Olympic squad standards. **Email: honefowler@hotmail.com.**