MANA Movement 2014 List Candidates

Hone Harawira
Te Tai Tokerau
Internet MANA list position: (1)  
Born in Whangarei and raised in West Auckland, Hone attended St Stephens School and Auckland University, but credits people like Nelson Mandela, Muhammad Ali, Syd Jackson, Maori Marsden, his mum and his wife for teaching him the importance of vision, commitment, courage, strength, patience and determination.

Hone’s leadership of the 2004 Foreshore and Seabed March led to his being elected to the New Zealand parliament as the member of Parliament for the Tai Tokerau electorate in the 2005 general election. Hone won the seat again in 2008 and then twice in a by-election and general election in 2011 after resigning from the Maori Party to found and lead the MANA Movement.

Hone is Leader of Internet MANA, an alliance he forged with the Internet Party in 2014 to jointly contest the general election.

Hone is a strong family man with wide tribal connections throughout Tai Tokerau. His mother is a descendant of Ngati Hau, Ngati Wai, Ngati Hine and Ngapuhi, and his father is from Aupouri, Ngapuhi and Ngati Whatua. Hone’s wife Hilda is from Ngati Whatua and Te Rarawa. They have 7 children and 6 mokopuna, and they live in Waimanoni, amongst their Ngaitakoto relations.

Annette Sykes
Waiariki
Internet MANA list position: (3)  
Born and raised at Lake Rotoiti and educated in Kawerau, Annette is deeply rooted in these two communities and raised by her grandmother who shaped much of her thinking around social justice. Annette graduated from Auckland School of Law in 1984 and has been practising law since then. She is a senior partner in her highly successful law firm Aurere Law.

Annette is a criminal and human rights lawyer specialising in the rights of indigenous peoples to promote their own systems of law and has a strong focus in her career on all aspects of law especially constitutional change. Social justice and protest has been an active part of her career and community activities for over 35 years.

Annette is standing this election year in the Waiariki electorate as the MANA Movement candidate and aims to become the first Te Arawa women to ever win the Waiariki maori electorate seat.
John Minto
Mt Roskill
Internet MANA list position: (4)
John Minto is a political activist best known for his involvement in the protests against the 1981 Springbok tour of New Zealand. He has also worked on many other human rights issues such as supporting the struggles of the Palestinian and West Papuan people for freedom and human rights.
Locally he has also supported the Glen Innes community resist the removal of state houses and the sale of the land to private developers for a seaside suburb for the wealthy. He is Co Vice President of the Mana Movement, a spokesperson for Global Peace and Justice Auckland and a National Vice Chairperson of the Quality Public Education Coalition.

Te Hamua Nikora
Ikaroa-Rawhiti
Internet MANA list position: (7)
A son of Ikaroa Rawhiti, Te Hamua is looking forward to representing his whanau, hapu, iwi and community in Aotearoa’s parliament as of 20th September this year. Te Hamua’s catchphrase, “Poverty is the Enemy”, rings true throughout the electorate and stands as a mokopuna of Sir Apirana Ngata and nephew of Parekura Horomia. Te Hamua was politicised from a young age within his immediate whanau and he became a staunch supporter of Hone Harawira as a young man. “Feed the Kids”, “House the Homeless”, “Jobs for All”… this is what’s needed in Ikaroa Rawhiti and Te Hamua is determined to implement throughout the Electorate.
James Papali'i
Mangere
Internet MANA list position: (9)
James grew up in Mangere and currently works as a Social Worker in South Auckland for Manukau Urban Maori Authority. He has lectured at Auckland University from 2002-2006 in the area of community development, paskifika studies, poverty, and indigenous societies. He graduated from Auckland University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and completed a post graduate diploma in Social Policy at Massey University in 2000. James also served as a Councillor from 1998-2006 with the Manukau City Council representing the ward of Mangere. He is a father of seven (third eldest son passed away) and has five moko with one more on the way. Papali'i is a Samoan Matai in his community and he is interested in elevating and supporting Pasifika issues and aspirations in all areas. He is vice chairperson of the newly formed Mana Pasifika branch of Mana that established this year at Nga Whare Waatea Marae in Mangere.

Angeline Greensill
Hauraki-Waikato
Internet MANA list position: (11)
Angeline is a trained teacher, lawyer, social scientist, and the matriarch of 7 children and 14 grandchildren. She was involved in the Raglan, Bastion Point, and Awhitu land occupations, was a foundation member of Whaingaroa Kohanga Reo, and coordinated youth training programmes. Today she chairs Nga Hapu o Te Uru customary fishing forum, the Tainui Awhiro Trust (Treaty claims) and is the Environmental spokesperson for the Tainui hapu. Angeline lectured at Waikato University between 1999-2013 on Maori, the Treaty and Environmental Planning. Angeline believes that by aligning with the Internet Party the MANA Movement is in a strong position to change the government, and implement policies that address child poverty, education, jobs, wages, equity, and a sustainable future for all, based on innovation and value-added production.
Pat O'Dea
Epsom
Internet MANA list position: (13)
Long time anti-capitalist activist, anti-racist, anti-apartheid, anti-nuclear, anti-war, trade unionist. Campaigned to get the issue of GST off food to be taken up by parliament as a poverty relief measure. Member of the 6 member 'Kia Ora Gaza' team to join 'Viva Palestina' in an overland convoy to bust the illegal siege of Gaza, successfully entering Gaza through Rafah crossing, in defiance of Israeli and Egyptian authorities. Member of 'Auckland Coal Action', an anti-climate change movement campaigning against all new coal mines in Aotearoa. Founding member of the Mana Movement.
Elected Mana spokesperson for climate change in 2013 at national conference. Second time Mana candidate for Epsom, having stood for the Mana Movement in Epsom against the racist ACT party in 2011, in an appeal to the people of Epsom not to vote for this unrepresentative, racist extreme Right Wing party.

Makelesi Ngata
Upper Harbour
Internet MANA list position: (15)
I am a New Zealand born Polynesian of Tongan decent, I have lived most of my life in Glen Innes the second eldest of eight siblings. I attended Secondary school at Glendowie College after leaving school, I studied at different tertiary institutions and worked at a variety of occupations, checkout operator, security officer, health care assistant; call center operator, agent coordinator in freight & logistics. I have graduated with a Diploma in Christian Ministries and Diploma in Pastoral Care. I pursued my BA of Theology at the University of Auckland also attended St Johns & Trinity Methodist Theological Colleges. I have been actively engaged in the Tamaki Housing Group against the redevelopment and removal of state housing homes, and disruption of families with deep concerns about the ongoing welfare, health and adverse policies which impact severely on our local communities. Youth are an important part of Aotearoa we need to listen to the voices of our youth but most importantly show support for their concerns, 'He aha te mea nui o te Ao?' Maku e ki atu, 'He tangata, He Tangata, He tangata.'
Tangi Tipene  
List Only  
Internet MANA list position: (17)  
Tangi grew up as Sharon Stevens, legacy of racist teachers who could not pronounce her name but reclaimed her birth name as a mark of respect for her parents. In her term as President of ASTE Union she worked toward the amalgamation of the Polytechnic and University Unions, now known as TEU. She sees her mokopuna as the most important in her life and has encouraged her two sons to be confident Maori leaders and good fathers. Tangi loves singing, laughing and crazy hairstyles and old Dracula movies. One of her concerns is the high rate of suicides, and has hosted several workshops for youth in the past year. During the 2011 elections Tangi stood in the Bay of Plenty electorate for the MANA Movement. She wants to remind all women to VOTE as a reminder that women had to fight for the right to vote, not unlike Maori.

Joe Carolan  
Mt Albert  
Internet MANA list position: (19)  
I grew up in the North of Ireland, and was politicised by poverty and the brutality of colonisation. I'm an organiser of low paid workers with the Unite Union and a member of Socialist Aotearoa.

I'm in MANA because it fights for tino rangatiratanga and for the working class. We need jobs with living wages, we need rent control and decent State housing for all. We won't get this without a fight, and we won't win the fight without a bigger organisation.

The election of John Minto and Annette Sykes to represent MANA alongside Hone Harawira will be a truly revolutionary moment in the history of Aotearoa, and its for that reason I'm out fighting to increase our party vote in Mt Albert.

The MANA Movement is our Army of the Poor.
Sitaleki Finau  
Maungakiekie  
Internet MANA list position: (21)  
Sitaleki ‘Ata’ata Finau was born in Masilamea, Tonga. He is married to Eseta Fifita of Ma’ofanga. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. The whole family lives in Greenlane. He attended Tonga High School and Auckland Grammar. Sitaleki attended the University of Queensland, graduating in 1975 from the School of Medicine, In 1981 graduated from the University of Otago, New Zealand with a Postgraduate Diploma of Community Health. Since 1994, he has been a registered Public Health Medicine Specialist in NZ, Australia and the Pacific.

Dr. Finau has contributed to Pacific health in New Zealand for many years and is an advocate for Tongans and Pasifikans. He developed an ethnic-specific model of health care; established the Langimalie Clinic in Onehunga, the only one of its kind in NZ; the National Hepatitis B Screening programme; helped to re-establish the Tongan Nurses Association of NZ; and is a founding member of the New Zealand Pasifika Medical Association. He was instrumental in the development of: the Pacific Unit and Research Centre at Auckland University; and Massey University Pacific Strategy. Dr. Finau is also the inaugural editor and manager of a Pacific regional professional journal, ‘Pacific health Dialog’ for the last 20 years. He was awarded the Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2010. At the moment, Dr. Finau is a public Health consultant and doing General Practice Locums. He is the part-time CEO and project manager of Masilamea Investment Ltd.

Sitaleki is also interested in tennis, rugby, people, and food. He dabbles in writing of poetry and short stories mainly for his three children. He is passionate about all matters Pacific and cultural democracy.

Joe Trinder  
Manukau East  
Internet MANA list position: (23)  
Joe Trinder lives in Mangere, South Auckland. He is married with one daughter. Just an average kiwi, he has had a vast range of jobs in his time from serving in the New Zealand Navy, freezing worker, fruit picker, Call centre analyst and currently working in Information Technology in the security industry. Joe lives a very active lifestyle of ocean swimming, boxing and more recently blogging about discriminatory issues and of course, the MANA Movement.

He has a strong passion for politics on the left and in particular from a Urban Maori perspective, A board of the Manukau Urban Maori Authority and Chairman of the Mana Tamaki Makaurau territory.
Ariana Paretutanganui-tamati  
Rongotai  
Internet MANA list position: (25)  
Ariana is dedicated to advancing indigenous, social and environmental justice and rights and for a low carbon equitable Aotearoa that upholds the dignity and well-being of all people and our ecosystems. She has campaigned for the elimination of child poverty and against the sale of State assets, drilling for oil in the sea and fracking, TPPA, and on human rights issues such as the Government Communications Security Bureau Bill. Of TeArawa, Waikato, and Scottish descent, Ariana was raised in West Auckland. She has a Bachelor of Social Work and a Diploma in Business – Maori Development, and has a diverse background in Maori, service and community development, social work and the arts and has worked in the Iwi, NGO and Government sectors. Ariana now lives in Wellington running a small business and building MANA Movement of the people and pushing for positive change.

Lisa Gibson  
Tamaki  
Internet MANA list position: (27)  
I Live in Glen Innes, Auckland. I have lived in this community for over 35 years. My employment has been in the Manufacturing, Hospitality and Health Care Industry in NZ. A need for great communication skills, with an ability to work with people from all facets of life has given me the competency to lead when necessary and to listen or support when required. I am standing as a Mana Movement Candidate in the Tamaki electorate. I am also on the Internet Mana candidate List. I believe that I have the skills required in order to fulfil this position. My priorities are to further the best interests of those in need. This can only happen by changing the present government we have and by putting people in parliament that are prepared to change the status quo and put people first.
Heleyni Pratley  
List Only  
Internet MANA list position: (29)
Heleyni is an activist, musician, artist and union organizer working for UNITE Union. While at university Heleyni became involved in student activism and socialist politics, going back even further than that Heleyni has had a life-long involvement in the campaign for justice for the Palestinian people. Her work in UNITE involves working with and organizing the low-paid and casually employed at places like McDonalds and KFC. She is passionate about the issue of zero-hours contracts and has chaired part of a recent international union conference on the issue. Heleyni has been a long-term member of MANA because of its commitment to social justice and its serious attempt to build a bicultural organization for all New Zealanders led by Te Ao Maori.

Roger Fowler  
Papakura  
Internet MANA list position: (31)
Roger & his wife Lyn have lived in Mangere East for 35 years, bringing up their family of 4 children and 5 mokopuna. Manager of the Mangere East Community Learning Centre, Roger has been a community activist since the 1970s, & was awarded a QSM for community service in 1999. A veteran civil rights & peace advocate & unionist, his occupations have included bus driver, welder, & citizen journalist. Roger has led many successful community campaigns including the closure of the polluting Auckland Airport incinerator, and the movement that stopped government plans to build a motorway through Mangere last year. Editor of Fare-Free NZ blog promoting free public transport, and Kia Ora Gaza website. Roger has led three Kiwi delegations on humanitarian convoys to war-ravaged Gaza, and organized the NZ Conference on Palestine 2013. Campaigning with InternetMANA to always put the people & the environment first.
Yvonne Dainty  
Manurewa  
Internet MANA list position: (32)  
Fair and collective process is a right. All New Zealanders in all age groups, should prosper and thrive. I have played Hockey, Softball, Netball, Waka Ama. I love watching a good game of Rugby. I have Marched against Sale of State Assets, Transpacific Partnership, No Fracking. I have participated in two select committee hearing processes in Parliament for housing.

I believe consultation and process should embrace and encourage and include our communities, where transparency has a place and people have rights. I believe ALL communities should be included and have the right to govern their livelihoods. Democracy and equality should take its rightful place.

All people should have quality Health and Housing, Fair justice, Investing in Whanau, to eliminate poverty.

I acknowledge these two legal documents, 1840 Te tiriti O Waitangi and the Declaration of Independence 1835.

The Mana Movement is bringing belief that people should make policy and be fully entrenched in change for their community and future generations. Democracy and equality should take its rightful place while maintaining a clean green environment for all generations to come.