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## Employment

- **Strategic Advisor - Te Awa Tupua, Department of Conservation, November 2017 –**
  - Advising Department's to ensure fulfils its obligations under Te Awa Tupua settlement and all operations and decision-making aligns with and supports Te Awa Tupua and Tupua Te Kawa.
  - Facilitating and supporting Department engagement with Ngā Tangata Tiaki and Mana Whenua.
- **Negotiations Manager, Ngāti Rangi Treaty of Waitangi negotiations, Ngāti Rangi Trust, January 2015 – October 2017**
  - Project management of Ngāti Rangi's negotiations with Crown for settlement of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.
  - To date, the Ngāti Rangi settlement has been the fastest to progress from AIP to IDOS.
  - Procurement of external advisors, CFRT funding applications and reporting, facilitating engagement with Crown, including site visits, supporting and advising negotiators, financial management, overseeing development of and implementation of Ngāti Rangi communications plan.
- **Self-employed - Awanui Consultants, November 2004 – September 2005, February 2008 – August 2010, 2014 - 2017**
  - **Clients:** Alcohol Advisory Council (ALAC), Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu; Ngāi Tahu Holdings Corporation Ltd; Boffa Miskell; Tahu FM; He Oranga Pounamu Charitable Trust, CPIT
  - Whanganui River Māori Trust Board – Transition Project (Dissolution, Disestablishment and Transfer)
  - Whanganui River Māori Trust Board – establishment of Te Mana o Te Awa funding and grants programme.
- **Senior Policy Advisor, Strategy & Influence, Office of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu – August 2010 – January 2012, January 2013 –**
  - External relationship management for Strategy & Influence, including engagement with other Iwi through the National Iwi Chairs Forum and claims settlement processes; engagement with Te Tau Ihu Iwi on boundaries and fisheries matters, as well as establishment of a South Island Iwi Chairs Forum; oversight for Relationship Framework between Te Rūnanga and Meridian Energy; relationship management with central

government including Ministry of Primary Industries, Te Puni Kōkiri and CERA; engagement with Christchurch City Council on earthquake recovery matters.

- Internal engagement with Mana Whenua on boundaries matters and Mana relationship with Environment Canterbury, which led to project management of the TUIA joint work programme between Ngā Rūnanga and Environment Canterbury; assistance with development of Te Rūnanga Land Strategy; initial scoping on affordable and social housing issues and options for Te Rūnanga; scoping report for Ngāi Tahu Holdings on potential “Māori Inc” entities with which to form strategic partnerships.
- **Programme Leader, Earthquake Recovery, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu – February 2012 – December 2012**
  - Project management of Ngāi Tahu’s engagement with CERA, CCC and other stakeholders, and input into recovery plans and programmes.
  - Internal relationship engagement with Mana Whenua on earthquake recovery matters, including housing issues, as well as advising Mana Whenua earthquake committee.
- **Contracts Advisor, Te Puni Kōkiri, August 2005 – February 2008**
- **Key Advisor, Te Puni Kōkiri, March 2004 – February 2008**
  - Project management of restructuring of Ngā Hau E Whā National Marae governance, management and financial arrangements.
- **Head of School, Te Mātauranga Māori (School of Māori Studies), C.P.I.T - Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology, 2001-2003**
  - Management of team of up to 12 full time and part time academic staff.
  - Development and delivery of level 3 – level 6 foundation, te reo Māori, arts and culture programmes.
  - Tutor for Treaty of Waitangi level 5 course.
- **Legal Analyst & Researcher, Office of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, 2000-2001**
- **Law clerk/solicitor, Rudd Watts & Stone (now Minter Ellison), Barristers & Solicitors, Wellington, 1999-2000**
- **Search clerk, Māori Land Court, Christchurch, 1997**
- **Summer clerk, Bell Gully, Barristers & Solicitors, Wellington, summer 1996-1997**

### Qualifications

- Admitted as Barrister & Solicitor of High Court of New Zealand, Christchurch 1999
- Bachelor of Law (Hons), University of Canterbury, 1998
- Bachelor of Arts (History), University of Canterbury, 1998
- Certificate in Company Direction, Institute of Directors, 2014

### Governance

- Trustee, Te Ātīhau Trust, 2018 -
- Director, Whanganui Iwi Fisheries Ltd, 2014 - 2017
- Executive Officer, Te Ātihaunui-a-Papārangi ki Waitaha Inc., 2004 - 2014
- Trustee, Paora-Phillips Whānau Trust, 1998 -
- Director, Ahurei Ltd, 2007 –
- President, Te Pūtairiki (Canterbury University Law Students Assoc.), 1996 - 1998

### Referees

Gerrard Albert

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