

## **Hana Halalele**

### ***Stewardship Group Stronger Waitaki Coalition***

Hana Halalele is New Zealand born Samoan, based in Waitaki, an Independent Registered Social Worker, Councillor for Waitaki District Council, Chair for the Oamaru Pacific Island Community Group Inc. Hana is passionate about community empowerment and collaboration, believes in investing in the wellbeing of our people, and advocating for social change for the betterment of our community. Expertise in governance, strategy and best practice. Adept at operating at a strategic level within a strengths-based framework. Hana has strong community connections at local, regional and national levels and advocates for community resilience, building capability and capacity.



Hana has governance roles as Chair for the Oamaru Pacific Island Community Group Inc (OPICG Inc), Councillor for Waitaki District Council, Board member for Stronger Waitaki Stewardship, Board member for Waitaki Safer Community Trust, Member of Community Health Council, Secretary for Oamaru Pacific Island Network, Trustee for Pasifika Safer Shelter Trust, former Board of Trustees, Oamaru North School, Chair for Talanga 'a Waitaki PowerUp Committee. Operational roles include Coordinator, Talanga 'a Waitaki Talanoa Ako, Mentor and Reg Social Worker, Tupu Aotearoa Pacific Employment and Training support, Cultural Mentor for Waitaki Girls High School & St Kevins College and Sunday school Leader for St Pauls Presbyterian Church, Waitaki.

Hana's previous work experience includes Social Work Lecturer, Otago University, Probation Officer, Department of Corrections, Caseworker Otago Youth Wellness Centre.

Hana holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, Postgraduate Diploma in Social and Community Work, Masters Degree in Consumer and Applied Science in Community and Family Studies from Otago University.