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	<p>The two profiles that follow are examples of posters that can be made on a local leader.</p> <p>The two men featured were identified as local leaders and role models by Masterton Intermediate School pupils. Other people were Nathan “Chopper” Riwai-Couch, Paora Ammunson, Marama Fox and others.</p>



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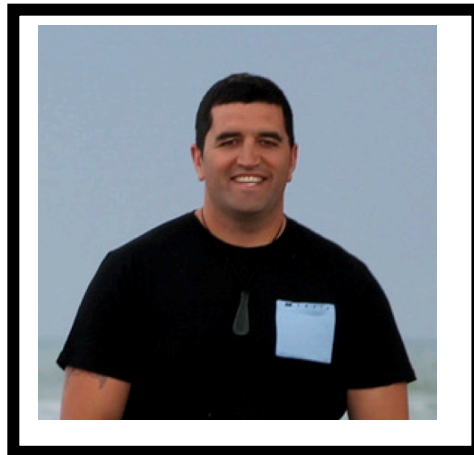
**Joseph (Joe) Rua Harwood**

**D.O.B 3/7/1980**

**Age: 35**

**Whakapapa:**

**Ngapuhi and Tainui**



Joe's whānau moved from Wellington to Carterton in 1987 with his parents John and Kath Harwood and siblings Janet, Wikitoria and Lee. Joe lives with his beautiful wife Nicola and their four gorgeous children, Maia (8), Hana (6), Tamati (3) and their latest addition Manaaki (1 month).

Joe attended Carterton School before moving onto Wairarapa College where he was Head Boy in 1998. This was the first of many leadership roles that have seen Joe captain the New Zealand Heartland XV on three occasions, the Wairarapa Bush side to championships in the Meads Cup and the Lochore Cup as well as his home team Carterton, to two local titles.

Joe realised that being in a leadership role, you have an obligation to give back to your community. This lead Joe to initially start out as a volunteer as a guest speaker at various local primary and secondary schools. It was this work that inspired Joe into the field of Social Work and mentoring when he began with Rangitāne o Wairarapa in 2010 as their Youth Worker. It was during this time that a greater insight into key kaupapa Māori principles and values were further instilled.

Rangitāne o Wairarapa were influential in Joe's development as a Social Worker as he completed a Bachelor of Social Work and continued to develop local mentoring programmes in partnership with Rangitāne o Wairarapa, the police, local schools and colleges. These programmes have been designed to build and shape our leaders of tomorrow.

	<p>Joe is grateful to be working within our local community. He is motivated by the belief that our rangatahi are truly our leaders of tomorrow and we have as much to learn from them as they do from us. He also believes that we need to stand up as role models and inspire the next generation and whanau must be supported to.</p>



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**Joseph Potangaroa**

Joseph Potangaroa (1971 - )  
 Whakapapa: English, Ngāti Kahungunu, Tuhoe, Rangitāne



Joseph has lived nearly all his life in Masterton. He grew up on ancestral land at Te Ore Ore and went to Lansdowne School, Hiona Intermediate and Makoura College. His greatest achievement is being with his wife Michelle for the past 24 years and in that time raising six beautiful children.

He is inspired by people who give to others. The parents who brought him up were Maurice and Connie Potangaroa who taught him about loving children, putting family first and how to dream. He considers himself fortunate to have been mentored by knowledgeable people with flexible minds who can effectively jump from one subject to another with ease. Some of these special people are Jim Rimene, Angie Pourau, Hon Ben Couch, Tom Gemmell and Peter McGregor.

Joseph started work in a cheese factory before becoming an administrator for The Ministry of Māori Development. By 1993 he was working for Rangitāne o Wairarapa as a youth worker. It was at this time that a lifelong interest in history was rekindled and he started to become curious about environmental issues. Becoming a father in 1995 and still being a social worker made him think deeply about social issues, especially families. He was very lucky to have brothers Jim and Kuki Rimene as his teacher/mentors thereby learning about tikanga Māori as it applies to all these subjects. After Kuki died in 2004 Joseph has been privileged to maintain the relationship with Jim.

Leaving administration and social work around 2000 Joseph became more involved in historical research. He has been involved in projects that have recorded the knowledge of many kaumātua as well as writing articles, papers and books on Wairarapa Māori history. Other published works include environmental papers, a book on the New Zealand Longfin eel and most recently a series of bilingual children's books.

Having maintained an interest in social issues he has written newspaper articles and coordinated projects on mental health, strengthening families and mens physical and cultural wellbeing.

When younger Joseph represented the Wairarapa in athletics, softball, soccer, rugby and basketball. He also played for the regions top mens basketball team as a teen and later made the Wairarapa Bush Senior Rugby team. Now he enjoys maintaining physical health and has made training youth an extension of this whether using sports or a mixture of outdoor education/Māori sites of significance as platforms to further this. He was lucky enough to play in the 2015 Wairarapa Bush Senior A rugby final at 44 years.

He is frequently invited to speak to groups on the topics that he is associated with and despite being naturally shy has become more comfortable with public speaking through practice and experience.

He hopes that all young people reach adulthood having had a range of experiences that have created life long memories, most of which will make them smile. "Kids have so much potential and there are so many things for them to try I hope that each person finds and ends up doing that something that makes them happy."