

# Ōpōtiki District Council

## Electing the Mayor

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### **Louis RĀPIHANA**

My principal place of residence is in the Ōpōtiki District Council area. I am also standing for Coast Ward.

Tēna tātou Ōpōtiki, ko Louis Rāpihana ahau, I have an affiliation with all of the Marae, Hapū and Iwi in the Ōpōtiki District. I am passionate about moving our district into a brighter future, giving the voice back to the people, working with māori to help grow the future of our district for all who live here and those that are considering relocating here to our paradise. Ōpōtiki is steeped in history that we need to celebrate and things we need to commemorate, the injustices of the past still haunt many today and we need to acknowledge these issues more to help our people move forward. Marae have a strong hold that communities are built on, there needs to be more interaction with our Marae/Hapū when making decisions, conversations are needed on how we can better support our māori people. A vote for Louis is a vote for the people.