

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS 2026 – BULLETIN #2

27 May 2026

Tēnā tātou e te whānau whānui o Ngāruahine

Voting time is almost upon us e te iwi. We bring you this bulletin as a follow-on from our last one, to now explain the next 2 Election Phases. Trustee elections is a formal process, and the purpose of this bulletin is to explain how you can participate and avoid disappointment by missing key deadlines and information.

Only uri who are registered with Te Korowai o Ngāruahine and are 18 years and older, can participate in the election.

Why Elections Matter

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Board are responsible for managing the settlement assets for all uri and are the representative voice for Ngāruahine. The Board provides the leadership, governance, guidance and accountability for the performance of Te Korowai overall. The Board are accountable to all members and uri and must make decisions for the benefit of all uri, regardless of the hapū they represent.

Trustee positions are professional (paid) governance roles and Trustees can be liable if they do not uphold the Trust Deed. It is therefore important that candidates understand this responsibility and have prior governance experience.

All members have a duty to elect candidates with appropriate governance experience. The performance of the Board is dependent on good governance.

Iwi Register – New Registrations

Every effort will be made to provide any **new members** with a voting paper provided their application for membership has been received before 5pm, on Friday 28 August 2026. Please note that the Chief Returning Officer may not be able to provide a voting paper after this date. Please register early to avoid any disappointment. If the Membership Committee cannot verify a new member’s affiliation to Ngāruahine, the applicant will be invited to provide more information no later than 5pm, on Friday 28 August 2026.

For Registration queries please contact:

Phone Bonnie Johnstone (Registrar) 021 0836 4086
Te Korowai Office 06 278 7411

Email office@ngaruahine.iwi.nz

There are four phases to the election process. We will soon be in **Phase 3 - Voting** which will be followed by **Phase 4 - Appointment to the Board**.

We are currently in Phase 2 - Nominations

Nominations are open. Any adult registered member of Te Korowai o Ngāruahine can stand as a candidate under their primary hapū.

There are twelve (12) trustee positions, two from each hapū.

By now you should have received an email or a postal letter from the Chief Returning Officer with more details on the nomination process. If you or anyone you know would like to stand as a candidate in the election, nomination forms can be downloaded from the Te Korowai Website election page or by contacting the Chief Returning Officer (iro@electionz.com, 0800 666 032)

»»» Nominations Close: 12 noon on Friday 19 June 2026.

Phase 3 - Voting

A reminder that those who are eligible to vote can **only vote** in their 'primary hapū'. The deadline to change your primary hapū was Monday, 18 May 2026.

Once the nomination period closes (12noon, Friday 19 June 2026), a public notice will be distributed confirming the candidates who are seeking election. This will happen on **Monday, 22 June 2026**.

Voting then opens on **Wednesday, 15 July 2026**, for those hapū electorates with more than two candidates seeking election (otherwise candidates are elected unopposed).

Voting papers will be sent out via email. If we do not hold an email address for you, you will receive voting papers in the post.

»»» If you do not receive voting papers by Tuesday 11 August 2026 contact the Returning Officer, Isiah Roberts on 0800 666 032 or email iro@electionz.com

Make sure that your contact details, in particular your email address, are correct.

A ballot box will also be available for voting, at this year's Annual General Meeting, held at Waiokura Marae on Saturday, 29 August 2026.

Voting closes **5pm, Saturday, 29 August 2026**.

Election results will be published [Approx. 4pm, Friday, 4 September 2026](#).

Phase 4 - Appointment to the Board

If no review is required, the Trustees will be appointed on [Saturday, 5 September 2026](#).

The deadline for an election review is Friday, 18 September 2026. If a review is requested, it will need to be completed within 20 working days.

Kōrero Whakakapi

For more information on Trustee Elections 2026, go to our website [Te Whiriwhiringa 2026](#)

Tukuna Tō Reo!