

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS 2026 - BULLETIN #1

22 April 2026

Tēnā tātou te whānau whānui o Ngāruahine

Election time is almost upon us e te iwi. 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.

»»» **Make sure your contact details are correct and whānau are registered.**

There are four phases to the election process, and we will soon be in **Phase 1 - Changing Primary hapū electorate.**

Other phases are: Phase 2 - Call for Nominations
 Phase 3 - Voting
 Phase 4 - Appointment to the Board

Why Elections Matter

The 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.

Phase 1 - Changing primary hapū electorate

Opens Monday 30 April - Closes 5pm, Monday 18 May 2026

The Ngāruahine iwi register records each member's primary **hapū electorate**, this is the hapū that you can participate in for this election.

»»» **In phase 1 members can stay in the same primary hapū electorate or change to another hapū electorate that they whakapapa to.**

Over the next week every member who has a current email address will receive a private notice showing their primary hapū electorate and the other hapū they whakapapa to. The private notice also explains how you can change your primary hapū electorate and update your contact details.

»»» If you or others you know do not receive this notice by Friday 8 May, please contact us.

Some members do not have an email address, so we plan to contact these members in other ways. This includes by post, sending text messages to mobile numbers, ringing landlines and social media posts.

We also need your help, so please tell your whānau and whanaunga about the election so they can participate as well.

»»» Phase 1 is the ONLY TIME you can change your primary hapū electorate.

When Phase 1 closes, the primary hapū electorate listed in the register for you, is the hapū electorate you will participate in for this election.

Phase 2 – Call for Nominations

Opens Thursday 21 May 2026 – Closes 12noon, Friday 19 June 2026

When Phase 2 opens, the Candidate Information Pack can be downloaded from our website or by contacting *Electionz*, the independent returning officer. The Information Pack includes the nomination form, the eligibility criteria, and a Criminal Conviction Check form. It also includes important information about the Board Charter that elected trustees are bound by.

If you are thinking about standing, please check your eligibility against the criteria. Candidates must complete a Criminal Conviction Check form and there is a possibility the check might not be completed before voting opens. If a candidate is elected and fails the conviction check, they will be removed from the Board and the next highest polling candidate appointed.

Updating your registration details

This can be done by: 5pm, Monday 18 May 2026

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

Email office@ngaruahine.iwi.nz

Website [Register Online \(ngaruahine.iwi.nz\)](https://www.ngaruahine.iwi.nz)
Click on 'Update My Details' and Login
If you don't have a Login, click on 'Get Started', enter your details and submit.

Kōrero Whakakapi

Our next bulletin will discuss Phase 3 – Voting, and Phase 4 – Appointment to the Board.

For more information on Trustee Elections 2026, go to our website www.ngaruahine.iwi.nz

Tukuna Tō Reo!