

Fact Sheet

Takiwā Elections



WHAT ARE TAKIWĀ ELECTIONS?

- Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi is governed by a board of 9 Trustees, elected by the seven Takiwā regions within the Ngāpuhi tribal boundaries and two Auckland-based Takiwā.
- Takiwā hold elections on a three yearly cycle to elect their Trustee, Proxy Trustee and Executive Committee (the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer)
- For information about Takiwā Election Processes, refer to the 2014 Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi Charitable Trust Deed, Schedule 1, p.43 (www.ngapuhi.iwi.nz)

WHICH TAKIWĀ ARE UP FOR ELECTION THIS YEAR?

- Taiāmai ki te Marangai, Te Takiwā o Ngāpuhi ki te Tonga o Tāmaki Makaurau and Ngāpuhi ki Waitematā.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE OR STAND FOR ELECTION?

- Nominees/candidates and voters must be adult (18 years+) members registered with the Rūnanga and eligible to vote in respect of their primary Takiwā (Taiāmai ki te Marangai) or in respect of the Taurahere in which they are domiciled (Te Takiwā o Ngāpuhi ki te Tonga o Tāmaki Makaurau and Ngāpuhi ki Waitematā) as recorded on their registration application form.
- Candidates must be experienced, active in their takiwā and demonstrate knowledge of Ngāpuhi traditions and tikanga
- Trustee and Proxy Trustee candidates must meet the requirements specified in section 16 of the Charities Act 2005
- Any adult registered member may nominate a person for election as a Trustee, Proxy Trustee and Executive Committee member of any Takiwā

WHEN IS THE ELECTION HELD?

- **If** more than one nominee is accepted as a candidate for any position, the Rūnanga advertises the election 20 working days prior to the Takiwā AGM (Notice of candidates)
- Voting papers will be available on the website and from the Rūnanga office

HOW DO I VOTE?

- Votes can be cast in person at the Takiwā AGM or by postal vote.
- The signed postal vote must be received by the Returning Officer at the Rūnanga by 5pm on the last business day prior to the Takiwā AGM. Please post voting forms to: The Returning Officer, 16 Mangakahia Road, PO Box 263, Kaikohe 0440.

WHEN ARE WE NOTIFIED ABOUT THE ELECTION RESULTS?

- The Returning Officer conducts the election process and informs Takiwā of the results.
- Takiwā formally advise candidates of the election outcome
- Election results are announced at the Rūnanga AGM on Saturday, 27 October 2018
- Newly elected Trustees, Proxy Trustees and Executive Committee members take office following the election results announcement

WHO IS THE RETURNING OFFICER AND SCRUTINEERS?

- The Returning Officer is the Chief Executive Officer of Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi.
- Tio Taiaki (Strategic Communications Manager) and Tanya Martin (Communication Coordinator) are the scrutineers.

WHAT NOW?

- Contact the iwi registrations team on 0800 NGĀPUHI (0800 642 784) or email registrations@ngapuhi.org to confirm your details and registration number