



Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi

2025 General Election of Trustees

Candidate Handbook



**NGĀI TUWHIWHIA KI OPUREORA
HAPŪ COMMUNITY**

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2025 Trustee Election

This booklet outlines information which may be of interest to you as a candidate for the election of Trustees for the Board of Ngāi Te Rangi Settlement Trust (NST) and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi Trust (Rūnanga).

It has been prepared as a guide to assist possible candidates and with general information on the election. Candidates or other persons requiring more detailed information should contact the NST office on 07 575 3765.

Board Meetings and Remuneration

Meeting Frequency

Ordinary meetings of the Board are generally held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month in Tauranga. The meetings generally are a full day. Trustees are required to attend all meetings.

Board Quorum and Voting

To meet the quorum requirements of the Trust Deed, at least 50% of Trustees must be present in person or by telephone for any meeting to discuss ordinary resolutions.

Voting is by way of majority vote although consensus decision making is preferred.

Meeting Packs

Before each meeting, Trustees receive their meeting pack via email and are required to read the reports, consider the associated recommendations and participate in the discussions during the meeting.

Remuneration

Trustees are paid an honorarium as approved at the Annual General Meeting.

Term of Office

Trustees are elected for a three-year term.

Returning Officer

The role of the Returning Officer (RO) is to conduct the election in accordance with the requirements of the Trust Deed, as well as in accordance with standard election management practices.

Subject to the statutory regulations, the RO has complete and final control over how the election process is carried out. The RO is engaged by the Settlement Trust but does not take direction from the Settlement Trust.

The RO is responsible for all staff, systems, resources, policies, procedures and actions to ensure that the democratic process is carried out with utmost integrity, security and fairness for all parties.

Queries regarding the actions or performance of the RO for Ngāi Te Rangi should be directed to elections@ngaiterangi.org.nz or 07 5757 3765

Nominations

Key Dates

- Nominations open on **Wednesday 1st October 2025**.
- Nominations close at **12 noon, Friday 31st October 2025**.
- A public notice calling for nominations will appear in the NZ Herald newspaper on Wednesday 1st October, BOP Times newspaper on Thursday 2nd October 2025 and online via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ngaiterangi.iwi> and via our website: www.ngaiterangi.com on the 1st October 2025.

Nomination Forms

Each nomination must be made on the official Nomination Form. Nomination Forms are available from the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi Trust Office:

Email: elections@ngaiterangi.org.nz

Nomination Forms can also be obtained via www.ngaiterangi.com

Eligibility

One Trustee is required to represent each of the six Ngāi Te Rangi Hapū Communities involved in this election. To stand in this election candidates must:

- be an adult (18 years or older) member on the Ngāi Te Rangi Tribal Register as at 12 noon on Friday 31st October 2025.
- have chosen the Hapū Community that they wish to seek election for as their First Preference Hapū Community on the Ngāi Te Rangi Tribal Register;
- complete and return the official Nomination Form before the close of nominations;

- have three adult members support your candidacy by completing and signing the second page of the Nomination Form. The three nominators must each be adult registered members on the Ngāi Te Rangi Tribal Register; and must have selected the same Hapū Community First Preference, as the candidate that they are supporting;
- fulfil the eligibility requirements listed in the Second Schedule of the Trust Deed of the Settlement Trust, namely:
An adult registered member of Ngāi Te Rangi shall not be eligible for nomination as a candidate for elections as a Trustee if he or she:
 - (a) is or has ever been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty as defined in section 2(1) of the Crimes Act 1961, or an offence under section 373(4) of the Companies Act 1993 (unless that person is an eligible individual for the purposes of the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004);
 - (b) is bankrupt or has made any composition or arrangement with his or her creditors;
 - (c) has been convicted of an indictable offence;
 - (d) is subject to a compulsory treatment order under the Mental Health (Compulsory Treatment and Assessment) Act 1992 or is subject to a care and protection order under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988;
 - (e) is a person who is prohibited from being a director or promoter of or being concerned or taking part in the management of a company under section 382 or section 383 or section 385 of the Companies Act 1993; or
 - (f) is a person who is subject to a property order made under section 30 or section 31 of the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988.
 - (g) has within the last 3 years been removed from the office of Trustee for bringing the Ngāi Te Rangi Group into disrepute
 - (h) is an Employee of NST or the Rūnanga.

Lodgment of Nomination Form

Nominations close at 12 noon Friday 31 October 2025.

- Nomination Forms must be received by the NST Office no later than the above time and date. Any nominations received after **12 noon Friday 31 October 2025** will be invalid and will not be processed.
- Nomination Forms should be emailed to the NST Office in the first instance. Delivery address options are included on the Nomination Form.
- Email to elections@ngaiterangi.org.nz is the preferred delivery method.

Once lodged, Nomination Forms are checked against the Ngāi Te Rangi Tribal Register to ensure that the candidate and nominators are adult registered members of Ngāi Te Rangi and have selected the appropriate Hapū Community First Preference on the Nomination Form.

Each candidate is encouraged to submit a profile statement and a recent head and shoulders photo with the completed Nomination Form (see page 5 for further details on the format of candidate profile statements and photos). Note that if this optional information is not supplied by the due date, the candidates details will be issued with the following notes: “No information supplied” or “No photo supplied”, or similar.

The lodgment of Nomination Forms should not be left to the last minute. Should a Nomination Form be lodged late on the day nominations close, and be incorrectly completed or refer to an ineligible nominator, there may be insufficient time to correct the situation and the Nomination Form could be invalidated.

Please do not leave lodging your nomination to the last minute.

NST will email or give phone confirmation of an accepted nomination to each candidate within 24 hours of the Nomination Form being received. If you have not received a message confirming receipt of your Nomination Form within 24 hours of submitting it, please ring the NST Office on 07 575 3765.

Processes After the Close of Nominations

If more than one nomination is received for any Hapū Community, an election will be held to determine the Trustees to represent that Hapū Community. A listing of the confirmed candidates and the subsequent election details will be listed in NZ Herald and BOP Times newspapers and on the Iwi website as soon as possible after the nominations have been confirmed. Candidates will be emailed a copy of that notice.

Candidate Profiles

The Trust encourages candidates to provide a profile and photo (head and shoulders) with their Nomination Form. In the event an election is required, these are collated by the Returning Officer and forwarded to adult registered members with the voting papers.

Candidate Profile Statements

- **Must** not exceed 250 words in total (excluding the candidate's name)
The word limit will be strictly enforced. We accept no responsibility for statements that are over the 250 word limit.
- Must be plain black and white text (in English or Māori), but special formatting (macrons, bold, italics, underlining, quote marks etc.) is permitted
- **Must** be confined to information concerning the candidate, and the candidate's policies and intentions if elected
- **May** include a recent (i.e. less than one year old) head and shoulders photograph of the candidate **only** (i.e. not part of a group)

Photos should preferably be in an electronic format (scanned as a jpg attachment on email), but hard copy photos will be accepted and will be scanned at 300 dpi by the NST Office. Photos will be printed in black and white only but can be supplied in colour.

Queries

Any queries regarding candidate profiles or other parts of the election process should be directed to the NST Office 07 575 3765.

Eligibility to Vote

In the event an election is required, voting papers will be sent to all adult members on the Ngāi Te Rangi Tribal Register who have current contact details. To register or update contact details, please ring the NST office on 07 575 3765 or email elections@ngaiterangi.org.nz

Registrations for voting in the trustee elections can be accepted up to the close of voting on 28 November 2025, not to be confused with the nominations close date of Friday 31 October 2025.

Campaigning and Vote Processing

Campaigning

In the event an election is required, campaigning can be undertaken on the following basis:

- Campaigning can commence at any time;
- If a candidate chooses to undertake advertising as part of their campaigning, those advertising costs are the responsibility of the candidate;
- Advertising material should not include any Settlement Trust or Rūnanga logos or branding;
- No election material can contain any untrue statement defamatory of any candidate and be calculated to influence the vote of any elector;
- Voting papers are **not** permitted to be collected from electors by candidates or persons on their behalf. Each elector is required to post or deliver his or her own voting paper to the Returning Officer (or exercise their own vote electronically if they choose that voting method).

Any acts committed by candidates that constitute criminal offences will be referred to the Police for their action.

Electoral Rolls

The Electoral Roll (being the list of adult members on the Ngāi Te Rangi Tribal Register) is not available to candidates for electioneering purposes.

Vote Processing and Election Results

Postal voting papers should be returned in the reply freepost envelope to the Returning Officer.

Voting papers for any Hapū Communities requiring an election will be posted on Tuesday 04 November 2025. Voting will close at 12 noon on Friday 28 November 2025.

The election results will be available as soon as all special voting papers have been checked. It is hoped this will be completed by Wednesday 03 December 2025. The Returning Officer will email the election results to the candidates as soon as they are available. The results will then be posted on the Iwi website on the 7th December 2025 and announced at the AGM of the Board.

Scrutineers

There is no provision for candidates to appoint Scrutineers.

Schedule 1

Hapū Communities of Ngāi Te Rangi involved in 2025 Election

Te Whanau a Tauwhao, Otawhiwhi
Ngai Tamawhariua, Te Rereatukahia
Ngai Tuwhiwhia, Opureora
Ngati He, Maungatapu
Ngai Tukairangi, Hungahungatoroa
Ngai Tukairangi and Ngati Kuku, Whareroa

Schedule 2

Key Terms

Hapū Community means any one of the 6 Hapū communities of Ngāi Te Rangi listed in Schedule 1 of this Candidate Handbook

Hapū Community First Preference means the Hapū community that a member of Ngāi Te Rangi has elected as their Hapū of 'primary affiliation' or 'first preference' on the Ngāi Te Rangi Tribal Register for the purpose of voting as a member of that Hapū Community in the election of a Trustee.

Board of Ngāi Te Rangi means the 11 trustees appointed from time to time in accordance with the combined rules of the trust deeds of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi Trust (Rūnanga) and Ngāi Te Rangi Settlement Trust (Settlement Trust) to represent Ngāi Te Rangi and to act as trustees for the Rūnanga and the Settlement Trust. In relation to the Rūnanga, the Board together with two trustees appointed from time to time by the members of Ngā Pōtiki a Tamapahore Trust will govern the affairs of the Rūnanga.

Ngāi Te Rangi Settlement Trust means the trust established by deed of trust in 2013 to receive and manage the assets of the Ngāi Te Rangi Treaty Settlement.

Ngāi Te Rangi Tribal Register means the register of members of Ngāi Te Rangi that is to be maintained by the Board in accordance with the combined rules of the trust deeds of the Settlement Trust and the Rūnanga.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi Trust means the trust established by deed of trust in 2007 to receive and manage the Ngāi Te Rangi Fisheries Settlement and is also responsible for the delivery of the Iwi charitable services.

Return Nomination Forms to: The NST Office

PO Box 4369, Tauranga 3140

Email: elections@ngaiterangi.org.nz

Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi

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If you have not received confirmation of receipt, by phone or email, of your submitted nomination within 24 hours please call Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi Trust 07 575 3765 to check it has been received.

B - NOMINATORS to fill out

We the undersigned three nominators, being registered adult (over 18 years) members on the Ngāi Te Rangi Tribal Register, hereby nominate the above person with his/her consent as a candidate for position of Trustee of the Board of Ngāi Te Rangi Settlement Trust and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi Trust (Full Christian or First Names, Surname):

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I confirm that:

☐ I am an adult registered member on the Ngāi Te Rangi Tribal Register and my Hapū Community First Preference is the same as the Candidate's as indicated overleaf.

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