



TE TŌTARAOE O PAERANGI TRUST  
2020 ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

# CANDIDATE GUIDE

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# Introduction

This booklet outlines information which may be of interest to you as a candidate in the 2020 election of trustees for Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi Trust (Te Tōtarahoe).

It has been prepared as a guide to assist possible candidates and others interested in election issues with general information on the election. Candidates or other persons requiring more detailed information should contact the Returning Officer, Anthony Morton.

## Overview

### Ngāti Rangī

***Whaia i te pare-i-te-taitonga***

***Tērā taku Ika e muramura ana te ahi kā o Paerangi***

Ko Ngāti Rangī ngā uri a Paerangi atua, a Paerangi tipua, a Paerangi tupuna e hono kau ana ki te mana tuku iho o ngā Atua o te pō heke iho ki a Matua te Mana. He hono tāngaengae i whakatōkia ki roto i te ira tangata taka iho ki a tātau ngā uri whakatupu o Ngāti Rangī, mai te wā i tapaina tō tātau maunga e Māui Tikitiki-a-Taranga e mea ana:

***Nāku te ika i hī, nāku anō i whakatau***

***Ki te haere, whaia i te pare-i-te-tai-tonga tērā taku ika***

Nō Matua te Mana te mana motuhake o Ngāti Rangī, te iwi o Paerangi, heke iho ki a tātau e hāpai ana, e pupuru ana i te mana atua, i te mana whenua, i te mana tupuna urunga tomo ki hēnei rangi ki te mana kei te kaupapa tangata. Ko tōna mana, e hono kau ana ki ngā maunga whakahī me ngā wai tuku kiri o te Ika nui. Nō reira, me pēnei anō, ko te mana motuhake o hāna uri o Ngāti Rangī te tū nei hei tohu, hei whakaatu ki te ao.

***Muramura te ahi kā o Paerangi, muramura hoki ko au***

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***Pursue that which wards off the southern winds (Paretetaitonga)***

***There you will find my land where the fires of occupation of Paerangi kindle***

Ngāti Rangī are the descendants of Paerangi the God of the Milky Way, of the demi-god and ancestor and connect directly to the mana of the pantheon of Gods and of the mountain, Ruapehu. This metaphysical connection comes from the beginning of time and flows in the veins of the descendants of Ngāti Rangī since the time that Māui Tikitiki-a-Taranga named and recorded its name in the following proverb:

***It was I that fished up and calmed the Great Fish***

***If you are to search for it, look for the mountain that wards off the southern winds***

***For there is my Great Fish***

Our mana motuhake as Ngāti Rangī, the descendants of Paerangi, emanates from Ruapehu (Matua te Mana) and this responsibility has been carried from our origins as a people through to the present. Our mana motuhake connects to our mountains, land and waterways. This responsibility that continues to be exercised stands as a testament to Ngāti Rangī as a tribal nation.

***I am the eternal flame of the House of Stone of Paerangi.***

## Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi – The Journey

In the early 1990s, the Ngāti Rangi Trust was initiated and formally registered as a result of revived participation in tribal activities and the need to have a formal voice as uri of the maunga responding to the range of issues in the Ngāti Rangi rohe. The Trust was established with the support and endorsement of the Whanganui River Māori Trust Board so that Ngāti Rangi could promote the aspirations of the iwi.

In 2007, Ngāti Rangi initiated an internal review. The reason for this review was that following two Treaty of Waitangi Tribunal hearings over three years, the iwi had decided that we should be prepared for settlement rather than wait until settlement negotiations began.

In 2008 the iwi confirmed and launched a new tribal governance structure that included;

- the establishment of Te Kāhui o Paerangi (the Ngāti Rangi rūnanga): A marae and pāhake representative body constituted under Ngāti Rangi kawa and tikanga; and,
- a marae based representative model for the Ngāti Rangi Trust governed by a Board.

Historically, Te Kāhui o Paerangi is the tribal rūnanga (and continues to be so) and the Ngāti Rangi Trust was the legal authority that represented the interests of the rūnanga and iwi and upheld our legal responsibilities. Ngāti Rangi Trust has been proactive in the taiao and community space and leads several initiatives for the iwi and wider community. Internationally recognised as a progressive indigenous organisation, the Ruapehu Whānau Transformation Plan has been a key project for Ngāti Rangi.

As Ngāti Rangi completed our Treaty Settlement journey, the iwi overwhelmingly approved the establishment of our ‘new’ post settlement governance entity Te Tōtarahoe, a private trust, which was established in March 2018 to receive and manage settlement assets acquired by Ngāti Rangi through Rukutia Te Mana, the Ngāti Rangi Deed of Settlement. Te Tōtarahoe replaced the Ngāti Rangi Trust (a charitable trust), as the representative body for Ngāti Rangi. Additionally, in December 2018, the charitable arm, Ngāti Rangi Trust was formally renamed and amended by Deed as ‘Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust’ (**Ngā Waihua**). Nga Waihua serves as the charitable arm of Ngāti Rangi.

Te Tōtarahoe is currently governed by 7 establishment trustees. With the receipt of the settlement assets and the conclusion of the establishment period, 5 of the establishment trustees must now retire. The retiring establishment trustees can stand for election in this year’s election process if they choose.

## Ngā Waihua o Paerangi – Dual Role

The Ngāti Rangi group structure includes a dual trustee role for trustees elected or appointed as Te Tōtarahoe trustees. From the date of the Te Tōtarahoe AGM this year (2020), all 7 trustees elected or appointed to Te Tōtarahoe will automatically also become trustees of Ngā Waihua, thereby holding dual roles as trustee of both Te Tōtarahoe and Ngā Waihua. **Candidates putting their name forward for election as a Te Tōtarahoe trustee this year should be aware that election to Te Tōtarahoe will mean appointment as a trustee of Nga Waihua with the corresponding duties and obligations.**

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# Meetings and Remuneration

## Meeting Frequency

Te Tōtarahoe ordinary meetings are generally held monthly, on the last Tuesday of the month, at Te Pae Tata in Ohakune. The meetings can take up to two - three hours and members should attend all meetings. Similarly, Ngā Waihua's ordinary meetings are held on the same day as Te Tōtarahoe's meetings and can take up to two - three hours. There is also an expectation that trustees will be available to attend Te Kāhui o Paerangi hui, held bi-monthly around the rohe.

## 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.

## Meeting Packs

One week before each meeting, members will receive their meeting pack via email, post or courier and are required to read the reports, consider the associated recommendations and participate in the discussions during the meeting.

## Remuneration and Expenses

Any remuneration paid to Trustees must be approved at an Annual General Meeting. The current approved annual remuneration levels are:

Chair	\$20,500 pa
Trustees	\$12,500 pa

## Term of Office

Those Trustees elected by vote at this election will hold office for a four (4) year term and will retire at the 2024 AGM.

# Returning Officer

The role of the Returning Officer (RO) is to conduct the election in accordance with the requirements of the Te Tōtarahoe Trust Deed, as well as in accordance with standard election management practices. The Trust has appointed Anthony Morton from *electionz.com* as the Returning Officer. *electionz.com* will be handling the administrative matters pertaining to the election process.

*electionz.com* is an election management company based in Christchurch. *electionz.com* has considerable experience conducting elections in New Zealand including numerous polls and elections for Iwi trusts.

Subject to the relevant provisions of the Te Tōtarahoe Trust Deed and any other requirements, the RO has complete and final control over how the election process is carried out. The RO is engaged by Te Tōtarahoe but does not take direction from Te Tōtarahoe. 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 should be directed to:

- Hoani Ponga  
Pou Ārahi – Chief Executive  
Ngāti Rangī group  
Email [pou.arahi@ngatirangi.com](mailto:pou.arahi@ngatirangi.com)



# Nominations

## Key Dates:

18 June 2020	Nominations open
5pm 16 July 2020	Nominations close

In the event an election is required, voting papers will be sent to all verified adult members on the Ngāti Rangī iwi register who have current contact details, as at 27 July 2020.

7 August 2020	Voting opens
5pm 4 September 2020	Voting closes

## Nomination Papers

Nominations must be completed on the official form available from the Returning Officer by request from the election helpline - phone 0800 666 035 or email to [iro@electionz.com](mailto:iro@electionz.com)

Nomination papers may also be obtained from the Trust office, 1 Mountain Road, Ohakune.

**Completed nomination papers must be received by the Returning Officer by 5pm on Thursday 16 July 2020.**

***Note: The Returning Officer does not recommend posting nomination papers. Please contact the Election Helpline if emailing the completed nomination papers does not suit.***

In the event an election is required, the Candidate Curriculum Vitae, candidate profiles and voting papers will be distributed in the voting pack. The Returning Officer reserves the right to:

1. Collate information to be included in voting material to be forwarded to Iwi registered members, if an election is required.
2. Redact personal phone numbers and street addresses of the candidate and their nominators, for privacy.

## Eligibility

### *Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi Deed of Trust*

#### SECOND SCHEDULE

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT

2.1 Subject to rule 2.2 of this Schedule, a person is eligible to be a Trustee if he or she is:

- (a) aged eighteen years of age, an Adult Registered Member; and
- (b) resident in New Zealand.

2.2 A person is not eligible to be a Trustee if he or she:

- (a) does not meet the requirements of rule 2.1 of this Schedule;
- (b) is bankrupt or has within the last (5) years been adjudged bankrupt;
- (c) is or has ever been convicted of:
  - (i) an offence involving dishonesty as defined in section 2(1) of the Crimes Act 1961; or
  - (ii) an offence under section 373(4) of the Companies Act 1993; or
  - (iii) an offence punishable by two (2) or more years imprisonment, unless that person is an eligible individual for the purposes of the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004;
- (d) is or has ever been disqualified from being a director of a company registered under the Companies Act 1955 or the Companies Act 1993;
- (e) is or has ever been removed as a trustee of a trust by order of a Court on the grounds on breach of trust, lack of competence or failure to carry out the duties of a trustee satisfactorily;
- (f) becomes subject to a compulsory treatment order under the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992; or
- (g) becomes subject to a property order made under section 30 or section 31 of the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988; or
- (h) has within the last four (4) years been removed from the office of Trustee in accordance with clause 23 of this Deed or rule 13 of this Schedule.

## Candidate Profile

Each candidate should provide a candidate profile of no more than 250 words. The candidate profile can be formatted as you wish and should be provided electronically as a Word document. Suggested items to include in the candidate profile are:

- Short pepeha
- Tribal affiliations
- A summary of how/where you were raised, local marae, current family etc.
- A summary of why members should vote for you
- Personal interests



## Curriculum Vitae

The completed nomination papers must be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae no more than 400 words in length. The curriculum vitae must be provided electronically as a Word document.

Curriculum Vitae are to contain details of the nominee's work and life experiences relevant to the role of Trustee.

It is recommended that the curriculum vitae be structured on the following basis:

- Occupation
- Current qualifications or courses attended etc.
- Community involvement
- Other information the candidate thinks is relevant experience for carrying out the role of Trustee.

Special formatting (*macrons, bold, italics, underlining, quote marks etc*) are permitted.

## Photo

Candidates should include a recent photograph, no less than one year old of the candidate only (*i.e. not part of a group*).

The photograph should preferably be in colour and provided in an electronic format (*i.e. scanned as a jpeg attachment to an email*).

## Criminal Conviction Check Reports

The nomination paper includes an application form for a criminal conviction check report from the Ministry of Justice. Each candidate is required to complete the application form and return it to the Returning Officer with their other nomination documents. The Returning Officer will then lodge those applications with their third party agent for processing. Step 1 of the application form is already completed and requires no input from the candidate.

## Eligibility to vote

In the event an election is required, voting papers will be sent to all verified adult members on the Ngāti Rangī iwi register who have current contact details as at 27 July 2020.

Those who register or update contact address details after 27 July 2020 will be sent a special vote, which will be provisional until the details provided are checked and verified.

Registrations to be included on the Ngāti Rangī iwi register for this election can be accepted up to the close of the voting - 5pm Friday 4 September 2020.

## Invitation to Register as a Member

The Trust invites anyone who has not already registered, aged 18 years and over and with Ngāti Rangī whakapapa, to apply to be included on the Ngāti Rangī register.

To register on the Ngāti Rangī register, visit [www.ngatirangi.com/register](http://www.ngatirangi.com/register). To update contact details applicants can phone the Trust office on (06) 385 9500 / 0800 N RANGI (0800 672 644) or email [office@ngatirangi.com](mailto:office@ngatirangi.com).

# 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. There is no monetary limit for campaigning costs;
- Advertising material should not include any Ngāti Rangī logos or branding;
- No election material can contain any untrue statement defamatory of any candidate;
- No election material may contain an imitation voting paper which has the names of the candidates with any direction or indication as to the candidate a person should vote for, or in any way contain such direction or indication likely to influence the voter;
- 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 Registered Members) is not available to candidates for electioneering purposes.

## Vote Processing and Election Results

The processing of the voting papers is being carried out by *electionz.com* at its premises at 3/3 Pukaki Road, Yaldhurst, Christchurch. Postal voting papers should be returned in the reply freepost envelope to the Returning Officer.

Election results will be officially announced at the annual general meeting, to be held at Maungārongo Marae in Ohakune on 19 September 2020. The new Trustees will take office at the conclusion of the 2020 AGM.

At the conclusion of the AGM, the election result will then be emailed to all candidates and posted on the Trust's website, before being published in the Ruapehu Bulletin on 24 September 2020.



