

HE IWI PANUI

30/06/2021

“Karanga, karanga ki a Ranginui e tū iho nei Karanga, karanga ki a Papatūānuku e takoto nei Kia rarau ngā tapuwae a ngā uri o Te Awa Tupua He putanga ariki! He putanga taurira!”

Election underway for Trustees at Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui

Voting has opened for Trustees of Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui for the 2021-2024 term.

Registered adult iwi members are now eligible to vote for the candidates that can lead the Trust in the next phase of our journey.

The election is being run by Independent Returning Officer Election Services, and all adults registered on the Whanganui Iwi Database held by Ngā Tāngata Tiaki are eligible to vote.

What you need to know:

- Voting is open from Wednesday 30 June and will close at noon on August 3, 2021.
- You must be over 18 years-old and you must be registered on the Whanganui Iwi Database to be eligible to vote.
- A voting pack will be sent to all adults registered on the Iwi Database on 30 June.
- Your voting pack will have all the information you need to vote either online or by post.
- Your postal details on our database need to be current, or your voting pack may be sent to an old address.

Thirteen Whanganui uri have been nominated and confirmed to stand as candidates including:

FIRMIN, Kiritahi
HIPANGO, Geoffrey
MCMASTER, Tāwhiao
OSBORNE, Stephanie Rose
PEKE-MASON, Soraya Waiata
POTAKA, Hayden
POTAKA, Utiku Keepa
PUE, Elijah
SKINNER, Tamahaia
TEKI-CLARK, Sunny Arapeta
TUROA, Hayden
WALKER, Siani
WILSON, Che Phillip

If you are not registered on the database or if your contact details have changed, there is still time – just contact us on the details below and we can help to get you sorted to vote.

Background and Process

Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui is the post settlement governance entity for Whanganui Iwi for the purposes of Ruruku Whakatupua - the Whanganui River Deed of Settlement.

The current seven Trustees of Ngā Tāngata Tiaki took office in September 2018 with the responsibility of representing the interests of Whanganui Iwi as a whole. Their term will expire in September 2021 and all seven Trustees will vacate their seats (though they are eligible to stand again).

A total seven Trustees will be elected to Ngā Tāngata Tiaki as required by the Trust Deed.

Candidates for election were called for in two stages: first, nominations for three Trustee positions from Te Rūnanga o Te Awa Tupua, and secondly; nominations for four Trustee positions from Whanganui Iwi members generally.

There were three confirmed nominations via the process of Te Rūnanga o Te Awa Tupua, including Sheena Maru, Rawiri Tinirau and Joey Allen. Those nominations will be confirmed as Trustees at the Trust's Annual General Meeting in September.

Nominations for four Trustee positions from Whanganui Iwi members closed on Thursday 27 May 2021.

The candidates have been announced and voting is open until midday August 3rd. The successful candidates will be announced in early September.

If you have any queries about the election process, please contact:
Election Services Returning Officer 0800 922 822
Or visit: www.electionservices.co.nz/nttow

If you have any queries about your registration and contact details, please contact us:
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Ngā mihi,



Nancy Tuaine
Chief Executive (Kaihautū)