

This information sheet has been prepared as a guide to assist potential candidates and others with general information on the election. It has been completed on a best endeavours basis and should be used as a guide only. Candidates or other persons requiring more detailed information should contact the election helpline – 0800 666 042 in the first instance.

RETURNING OFFICER

The Returning Officer for this election is Anthony Morton. He can be contacted during normal business hours on 0800 666 042 or iro@electionz.com or after hours on 021 326 021.

2017 BOARD MEMBER ELECTION TIMETABLE

Relevant key dates are:

Nominations Open	Thursday 27 April 2017
Nominations Close	5pm Thursday 25 May 2017
IF ELECTION REQUIRED	
Dispatch of voting papers to registered beneficiaries (Voting opens)	by Wednesday 14 June 2017
Voting closes	5pm Friday 21 July 2017
AGM (Confirmation of result)	Sunday 30 July 2017

ELECTION DETAILS

Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust (the Trust) is the PSGE set up as part of the Treaty of Waitangi claim settlement process to receive and manage assets arising from the yet to be completed deed of settlement for Taranaki Iwi.

The Trust is governed by a board of seven trustees. The trust charter stipulates that the trustees are to be elected on a rotational basis. By rotating the election of trustees, a majority of experienced trustees will always be available.

This year there are two vacancies on the Trust. Tokatumoana Kevin Walden must retire as an existing trustee while Puna Wano-Bryant has previously resigned as a trustee to take up the position of Community Development Worker. For clarity, the vacancy created by the pending retirement of Tokatumoana Kevin Walden is an ordinary vacancy and has a three year term while the vacancy created by the retirement of Puna Wano-Bryant will be an extraordinary vacancy and will have a one year term. The retiring trustees can stand for re-election if they choose, provided they still meet the eligibility criteria.

MEETING REQUIREMENTS

The Board has met on a monthly basis but has recently resolved to have the flexibility to meet bi-monthly as required. Meetings are typically held during the evening at the Trust's office, Cnr Bayly Road and Oceanview Parade, Moturoa, New Plymouth and generally last two to three hours. The trust charter includes conditional allowance for trustees to use phone or electronic devices for meeting attendance purposes. No remuneration or meeting allowance is currently paid to Trustees.

TERM OF OFFICE

The successful candidate for the ordinary vacancy will hold office for three years i.e. until 2020. The successful candidate for the extraordinary vacancy will hold office for one year i.e. until 2018.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations must be made on an official nomination form and be received by the Returning Officer **no later than 5pm on Thursday 25 May 2017**. Delivery address details are included on the nomination form. (Note: the Returning Officer does not recommend submitting nomination forms by post. The preferred delivery method is to scan and email the completed nomination form to nominations@electionz.com).

In the event that more nominations are received than are required, elections will be held amongst registered adult members by postal and internet voting.

Candidates must be adult (over 18) individually registered and verified members of Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust and their names must appear on the register of members. Each nomination must be supported by one other adult member who must sign the nomination form.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

The Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust charter lists eligibility criteria for candidates and reasons for disqualification from office. These are listed on the reverse side of the nomination form. Candidates should check those eligibility criteria before completing the nomination form.

CANDIDATE PROFILE STATEMENTS

The Trust charter allows for candidate profiles to be provided by each candidate with the nomination paper. If an election is required, these are collated by the Returning Officer and forwarded to registered beneficiaries with the voting papers.

Candidate Profile Statements

- **The Candidate Statement must not exceed 250 words** (The word limit will be strictly enforced).
- **Must** be submitted with the candidate's nomination paper, (preferably in electronic format i.e. as a Word document emailed to the Returning Officer and
- **Must** be confined to information concerning the candidate, and the candidate's policies and intentions if elected to the Board; and
- May include a recent (i.e. less than one year old) head and shoulders photograph of the candidate **only**.

Photos should preferably be in an electronic, format (scanned as an attachment by email), but hard copy photos will be accepted and scanned at 600 dpi by the Returning Officer. Photos will be printed in black and white only. **(N.B. photos will not be returned to candidates).**

A suggested outline for candidate profile statements is listed on the reverse side of the nomination form.

ENROLMENT

Applications for registration can continue to be processed throughout the voting period. Any applications received between 14 June and 21 July 2017 will be dealt with by way of special vote, subject to verification. Registration forms are available online at www.taranakiwi.org.nz

Each nomination paper must be in the hands of the Returning Officer by: 5pm on Thursday 25 July 2017

Completed nomination forms can be sent to the Returning Officer by Scanning and emailing to nominations@electionz.com
Only use the post to return the completed nomination forms by making prior arrangements with the Returning Officer on 0800 666 042.

For assistance phone the
Election Helpline 0800 666 042