Rangitāne o Tamaki nui-ā-Rua
Tini whetū ki te rangi, ko Rangitāne ki te whenua

Trustee Election 2026 – Frequently Asked Questions

Annual General Meeting, Sunday 29 November 2026

Kia ora koutou. The Trustees want whānau to have clear information about our AGM and the Trustee election. These questions and answers explain what is happening and why.

The AGM

Is the AGM still going ahead on Sunday 29 November?

Yes. The AGM will be held at Te Wānanga Taiao o Manukura, Pūkaha, starting at 9.15am. We will present the annual report, appoint the auditor and deal with the other business of the meeting. The 20-Year Strategy launch and the Whātonga book launch are going ahead as planned.

Can I join the AGM online?

Yes. You can listen in live via Microsoft Teams. The Teams meeting opens at 9.00am, and the AGM starts at 9.15am. Email secretary@rangitane.co.nz to be added to the calendar invite. Online attendance is to hear the kōrero: online attendees are muted and cannot vote. If you are not attending in person, please appoint a proxy holder to vote on your behalf. See the Join Online poster on our website for details.

What change is being proposed to the Trustee election?

This is a proposed change, not a confirmed one. The Trustees will recommend to Members at the AGM that the election of Trustees be adjourned to a resumed AGM, proposed for 6pm Wednesday 17 March 2027. Members present, and by proxy, will vote on that recommendation. If Members do not vote to adjourn, the election will go ahead on 29 November with all nine nominees.

Why the proposed change

Why are the Trustees recommending the election be adjourned?

When we reviewed this year's nomination process, we found some things that did not line up with our Trust Deed:

- The call for nominations went out later than the Deed requires.
- The notice said four positions were available. There are five.
- The notice described the nominator requirement as "2 x nominators". The Deed, and the nomination form, require a nominator plus two Adult Members.
- The notice said nominees must attend the AGM in person. The Deed does not make this a condition of standing.

Each of these could have affected who chose to stand. We have taken independent legal advice. The Trustees believe adjourning the election and running a fresh call for nominations is the fairest way to give everyone a proper opportunity to stand on correct information.

Why not just correct the information and hold the election on 29 November?

Nominations closed on 19 November. Correcting the information now would not help whānau who decided not to stand because of it. A new call for nominations gives them that chance.

Who is responsible for the errors?

The Trustees take responsibility. The nomination process used this year is the same process our rūnanga has used for previous elections many times. In reviewing it, the current Trustees have recognised that the historic process has been flawed. We acted in good faith, and we are now putting it right.

Standing for election

Who has been nominated?

Nine nominations were received from whānau by the close at 3pm on Thursday 19 November 2026:

- Joanna Hoera
- Aaron Riki Karena
- Aroha Ripeka Kingi
- Taylor Tohunui o te Rangi Mihaere
- Roimata-Aroha Mitchell
- Matthew Ngaputa-Cripps
- Mahalia Paewai
- Stephen Paewai
- Te Turanga Reweti

Their biographies are in the Meet the Nominees document on our website.

Do I have to attend the AGM in person to stand for election?

No. Attendance is encouraged, as it gives Members the chance to hear from you. If you cannot attend, you can send a short video of up to two minutes, or a short written statement that will be read out at the meeting on your behalf by a person you nominate. Please let the Secretary know which you would like to do.

I have already been nominated. Do I need to do it again?

No. If the election is adjourned, the nine nominations received by 19 November will carry over to the resumed AGM. We will write to each nominee asking them to confirm in writing that they wish to continue.

Can new people still stand?

Yes. If Members agree to adjourn, a new call for nominations will go out on Friday 11 December 2026 for five positions, with nominations proposed to close at 5pm Tuesday 2 March 2027. It will set out who can stand, how to be nominated and how membership will be checked.

Who is standing for the tikanga and whakapapa seat?

The Trust Deed requires the Board to always have at least one Trustee who is skilled and knowledgeable in matters of whakapapa and tikanga. Three nominees have self-declared for this seat: Aroha Ripeka Kingi, Stephen Paewai and Te Turanga Reweti. The election will be held in two stages, whether on 29 November or at a resumed AGM. In Stage 1, Members vote for one of these three to fill the seat. In Stage 2, Members vote for up to four candidates from the remaining nominees, including the two self-declared nominees not elected in Stage 1. If the election is adjourned, nominees under the new call for nominations will also be able to self-declare for the seat.

Voting

Can I vote by proxy?

Yes. Proxies can be used for the motion to adjourn the election and for the election itself. Each proxy holder may hold up to five proxies. Proxy forms are available on our website or by emailing secretary@rangitane.co.nz. Completed forms must reach the Secretary by 5pm Friday 27 November 2026.

Governance in the meantime

If the election is adjourned, who will be the Trustees until the resumed AGM?

If the election is adjourned, on legal advice the current Trustees will continue in office until the resumed AGM concludes. If needed, the Trust Deed allows the continuing Trustees to co-opt Trustees so that the Board always has at least four members.

Will the Trust keep operating as normal?

Yes. The work of the Trust and its entities continues as usual.

Is the Trust Deed being reviewed?

Yes. The Trustees have begun a review of the Trust Deed. Any proposed changes will be shared with whānau, and changes need the approval of Members.

More information

Who can I contact?

Please email the Secretary at secretary@rangitane.co.nz. Questions about the election will be answered by the Chair of the Trust.