TRUSTEE ELECTION 2026 · FOR WHĀNAU AND MEMBERS

How the Trustee election works

The AGM of Rangitāne o Tamaki nui-ā-Rua Charitable Trust is on Sunday 29 November 2026 at Te Wānanga Taiao o Manukura, Pūkaha. The Trustees will recommend that Members vote to adjourn the election of Trustees to a resumed AGM, proposed for 6pm Wednesday 17 March 2027. This explains the vote on that recommendation, and how the election itself works when it is held.

Motion to adjourn
Members vote at the AGM on the Trustees' recommendation to adjourn the election.

Five positions
Nine nominations received by 19 November carry over, subject to each nominee confirming.

Vote in person or by proxy
Proxy forms are due by 5pm Friday 27 November 2026.

What happens at the AGM on 29 November

Sunday 29 November 2026

- **Join online.** Whānau can listen in live via Microsoft Teams; the Teams meeting opens at 9.00am. Email secretary@rangitane.co.nz to be added to the invite. Online attendees are muted and cannot vote, so if you are not attending in person, please appoint a proxy. See the Join Online poster.
- **Motion to adjourn the election.** The Trustees will recommend that the election of Trustees be adjourned to a resumed AGM. Members present, and proxy holders on behalf of Members, vote on the motion. Proxy votes are recorded separately.
- **Why.** The call for nominations went out late, said four positions instead of five, described the nominator requirement incorrectly and said nominees must attend in person. Adjourning the election and making a fresh call for nominations is the Trustees' preferred way forward, in fairness to whānau who may have stood had the information been correct. See the Trustee Election 2026 FAQs for more.
- **What happens with an adjourned election.** A new call for nominations for five positions goes out on Friday 11 December 2026, with nominations proposed to close at 5pm Tuesday 2 March 2027. The nine nominations already received carry over, subject to each nominee confirming in writing. The election is held at the resumed AGM, proposed for 6pm Wednesday 17 March 2027. The current Trustees continue in office until the resumed AGM concludes.

Standing for election

- **Attendance is encouraged, not required.** Attending the AGM in person is not a condition of standing. It is encouraged, as it gives Members the chance to hear from you.
- **If you cannot attend,** you can provide a short video of up to two minutes, or a short written statement read out at the meeting on your behalf by a person you nominate. Let the Secretary know which you would like to do.
- **Tikanga and whakapapa seat.** The Trust Deed requires the Board to always have at least one Trustee skilled and knowledgeable in matters of whakapapa and tikanga. This role needs to be filled in this election. Three nominees have self-declared for this seat: Aroha Ripeka Kingi, Stephen Paewai and Te Turanga Reweti. So a two-stage vote will be held.

Key dates

Trustee election 2026

Step	Date
Nominations closed (first call)	3pm Thursday 19 November 2026
Proxy forms due at the Trust office	5pm Friday 27 November 2026
Registrations open	8.30am Sunday 29 November 2026
AGM, including the motion to adjourn the election	**From 9.15am Sunday 29 November 2026**
If adjourned: new call for nominations	Friday 11 December 2026 (proposed)
If adjourned: nominations close	5pm Tuesday 2 March 2027 (proposed)
If adjourned: resumed AGM and election	6pm Wednesday 17 March 2027 (proposed)

Voting in the election

Run by the Returning Officer

1. **Register on arrival.** The Returning Officer checks that each person voting is an Adult Member (18 or over), and checks any proxies held.
2. **The Returning Officer explains the process** through to the result.
3. **Hear from the candidates.** Each candidate gives a two-minute kōrero. For any candidate who cannot attend, their video is played or their statement is read out.
4. **Collect your voting form.** As the Trust Deed requires, the Returning Officer writes your name on your voting form and hands it to you.
5. **Stage 1 – tikanga and whakapapa seat.** Vote for one candidate from those who self-declared (Aroha Ripeka Kingi, Stephen Paewai and Te Turanga Reweti). The candidate with the most votes fills this seat.
6. **Stage 2 – remaining seats.** Vote for up to four candidates from all other candidates, including any self-declared candidate who missed out in Stage 1.
7. **Place your form in the sealed box.** The Returning Officer leaves the meeting to count the votes, with up to two Adult Members to help. Proxy votes are recorded separately.
8. **Results.** The candidates with the most votes are elected. A tie for the last seat is decided by drawing lots. The Returning Officer returns and announces the results.

Ballot	Seats	Votes per Member
Stage 1 – tikanga and whakapapa seat	1	1
Stage 2 – remaining seats	4	Up to 4

Who can vote

Adult Members, in person or by proxy

- **In person or by proxy.** Adult Members can vote in person at the AGM, or appoint a proxy to vote for them. There is no postal or online voting.
- **Proxies:** use the proxy form, signed by you. A proxy may vote on all AGM business, including the motion to adjourn the election and the Trustee election. It must reach the Trust office (10 Gordon Street, Dannevirke, or secretary@rangitane.co.nz) by 5pm Friday 27 November 2026. No person can hold more than five proxies.
- **Your vote is confidential.** Voting forms are seen only by the Returning Officer and those helping with the count.

After the election

- **Term:** elected Trustees serve three years and may stand again.
- **Chair:** the Trustees choose the Chair at their first meeting after the election.
- **Public registers:** Trustee names are publicly listed on the Charities Register (charities.govt.nz), and the register is updated after the election.

Questions

- **Questions:** please email the Secretary at secretary@rangitane.co.nz. Questions about the election are answered by the Chair of the Trust.