



For Immediate Release

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Nominations now open for Maniapoto Maori Trust Board elections

Nominations are now open for the election of SIX trustees for the Maniapoto Maori Trust Board.

The election is being held on Friday 19th June 2009, and is being conducted by Warwick Lampp, Returning Officer, from electionz.com Ltd.

Nomination packs are now available from the Trust office at 49 Taupiri St, Te Kuiti, phone (07) 878 6234, or from the Returning Officer on Free phone: 0508 666 336.

Mr Lampp said that prospective candidates have until 12 noon on Friday 17th April to submit their nominations. Each candidate is required to provide a profile statement of 50 words or less, and may provide a recent passport sized photo. Candidate profiles will be sent out to voters in the voter packs.

Prospective candidates have to be on the MMTB register and must be over 18. Registration details can be checked at the Trust office on 07 878 6234. Each candidate must be nominated by five adult (over 18) members. Candidates' names will be shown on the voting documents in alphabetical order.

The election of the Trustees is held every three years, and this year is being conducted using postal and internet voting. All iwi members who are 18 years and over are eligible to vote. If an election is required Voting papers will be mailed out to approx 9,000 eligible voters on 18th May.

Any queries about the election of Trustees or eligibility to vote can be made to the Returning Officer, Warwick Lampp on 0508 666 336.

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