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REPORT TO NGĀTI TE WHITI WHENUA TŌPU TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 18 NOVEMBER 2023

Tēnā koutou Trustees & beneficial owners,

Thank you for your appointment as Returning Officer for the 2024 Trustee Elections. I have summarised below the Trustee nomination and appointment process timeline as outlined in the Trust deed (second schedule):

TRUSTEE ELECTION TIMELINE

The trust order requires five elected trustees.

There are currently four elected trustees. Linda McCulloch will be retiring in April 2024 and Haydn Te Ruki is required to stand for re-election.

Nominations opened on the 30 September 2023 to fill the three Trustee positions available.

The key dates for the election are:

30 November 2023 at 5.00pm Nominations close

15 December 2023 Voting opens - candidate profiles are available

31 January 2024 at 5.00pm Voting closes

08 February 2024 Result of the Trustee election is notified

TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS

With just under two weeks to go until nominations close, there have been no trustee nominations received.

Agreeing to be a trustee requires time & commitment, however it can be extremely rewarding to contribute and help achieve the aspirations of the trust for future generations. If you are interested in becoming a trustee or know someone that has indicated an interest and who meets the requirements, then please put forward a nomination.

If you would like to know more about what the Trustee role involves, please talk to a current trustee or alternatively I would be more than happy to discuss this with you.



Nominations for Trustee close at 5pm, Thursday 30 November 2023, and need to be delivered or emailed to BDO. All information required, including eligibility criteria and nomination forms have been emailed where we have email addresses. These can also be found on the Trust website and will be available at the AGM.

TRUSTEE ELECTION VOTING & COMMUNICATIONS

If there are more than three nominations for the trustee positions, a voting process will be required.

All voting information and forms will be added to the website from 15 December 2023.

As mentioned last year and in preparation for the trustee voting (and for all Trust communications in general), it is recommended that beneficial owners provide their email addresses if not already receiving panul by email. Not only does communicating via email save time but also saves a considerable cost of postage. We do understand that some owners will not have access or want to communicate via email, and in this instance the beneficial owners register will note your communication preference.

If you are not receiving panul via email and would like to, please add your email to the attendance register for the AGM or email the trust office with your details.

The Trust website a useful tool for sharing information and is updated regularly. In addition to receiving your communications via email, you can always visit the website for updates at https://ngatitewhitiwhenuatoputrust.org.nz/

Thank you again for providing me the opportunity to work with the Trust.

Nāku, nā

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