

Communication to Kāhui – MRB Representative Election Process

Tēnā koutou e ngā Kāhui e whitu o te rohe,

As you will be aware, Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Trust is preparing for the upcoming appointment of three trustees to represent the Trust on the **Mātangirau Reserves Board (MRB)**. In line with recent recommendations, we intend to proceed with a **Kāhui Election process** to select these representatives.

The Kāhui Election model provides each Kāhui with the opportunity to:

1. **Participate in the overall election and selection process**, and
2. **Nominate candidates** who best reflect their interests and aspirations relating to the Mātangirau reserves.

We are now seeking confirmation from each Kāhui on whether you wish to participate in this process.

1. Expression of Interest to Participate

We invite each Kāhui to formally indicate whether you wish to take part in the election and selection process for appointing the three MRB representatives.

Proposed deadline to indicate participation:

Friday, 20 February 2026

As part of your response, please also confirm:

- **Who will represent your Kāhui on the Selection Panel**, and
- **Their contact details**.

Note: These dates and the process will ultimately be confirmed and finalised by the Selection Panel.

2. Kāhui Nominations for MRB Representative

Once the Selection Panel has been confirmed, each participating Kāhui will be invited to formally nominate individuals for consideration as MRB trustees.

Proposed deadline for Kāhui nominations:

Friday, 13 March 2026

The Selection Panel will then oversee the election and selection process, including:

- Confirming final dates,
- Reviewing nominations, and
- Facilitating the final appointment of the three Trust representatives.

3. Role Description

For clarity, a draft role description is included as **Appendix A** below. Kāhui may use this guidance when nominating individuals.

If you have any pātai or require support preparing your response, please contact us directly.

Ngā mihi mahana, nā

Lewis Ratapu

Chief Executive Officer

Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Trust

Appendix A – Draft Role Description: Mātangirau Reserves Board Trustee

Purpose of the Role

MRB Trustees are responsible for providing governance, strategic guidance, and oversight of the Mātangirau reserves. Trustees ensure that decision-making reflects the values, vision, and aspirations of mana whenua and the wider community.

Key Responsibilities

- Attend and actively participate in MRB meetings and hui
- Contribute to strategic planning, policy development, and governance decisions
- Uphold the principles of partnership between Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Trust and Wairoa District Council
- Ensure the protection, enhancement, and sustainable management of the Mātangirau reserves
- Represent Kāhui perspectives, ensuring mana whenua values are central to governance
- Maintain confidentiality and demonstrate ethical conduct at all times

Skills and Attributes

- Strong understanding of mana whenua interests and kaupapa related to the Mātangirau reserves
- Governance experience (preferred but not essential)
- Ability to read and interpret documents, policies, and reports
- Effective communication and relationship-building skills
- Commitment to tikanga, kaitiakitanga, and collective decision-making
- Ability to dedicate time for preparation, meetings, and follow-up actions

Term of Appointment

Trustee terms will align with the MRB's governance cycle and rotational leadership arrangements.