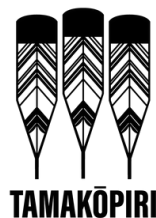


MŌKAI PĀTEA IWI RŪNANGA HAPŪ DELEGATE

# NOMINATION INFO PACK

2023



# Ka haere atu koe ki hea ki hea ki te whai ake Ka hoki mai ki to kainga tuturu ka whai koe

Elections are formal processes. The purpose of this nomination information handbook is to assist whanau through the 2023 election process.

If you have questions or want to clarify any part of the election process, please contact the Returning Officer at [info@electionservices.co.nz](mailto:info@electionservices.co.nz) or 0800 922 822

Governance is a dynamic space. The role of the hapū delegates is to lead and navigate our people into the future, guided by the past.

*Congratulations on thinking about standing as a hapū delegate.*

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## Introduction

We have embarked on a transformative journey to embrace growth and progress in all aspects of our governance. One significant step towards this goal is transitioning from elections at the Marae that favour those that can be present on the day to running nominations and elections through an independent party.

By making this change, we aim to promote transparency, accountability, and fairness, allowing

every member to have an equal opportunity to participate in shaping our collective future.

This shift reflects our commitment to empowering our people to prepare for new challenges and opportunities with unity and cohesion. Together, we stride forward, steadfast in our commitment to nurture a thriving and vibrant people for generations to come.



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**Compilation of information about hapū nominations and elections by Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust on behalf of the Mōkai Pātea Iwi Rūnanga C/- Mōkai Pātea Services**

130 Hautapu Street  
PO Box 54, Taihape

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**Nominations and elections managed independently by Election Services New Zealand**

**Returning Officer**

**Email:** [info@electionservices.co.nz](mailto:info@electionservices.co.nz)

**Call:** 0800 922 822

# Key Election Dates

## NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations  
Open

Thursday, 3  
August 2023

Nominations  
Close

Thursday, 14  
September 2023 at 5pm

## ELECTIONS

Voting Opens

Wednesday, 18  
October 2023

Voting Closes

Election Day -  
Thursday, 30 November 2023

**Postmarked period closes**

Postal votes accepted no later than the third day  
following election closing date

Sunday 3rd  
of December 2023

## ELECTIONS RESULT PUBLISHED

Final Results  
Announced

Monday 4  
December 2023

# Eligibility

## To stand in this election you must:

- Complete and return the official nomination form (page 7)
- Completed statutory declaration (page 10)
- Meet the requirements of Section 6, Clause 1 of the MPWCT Trust Deed
- Be a registered adult member of:
  - Ngāti Hauiti
  - Ngāi te Ohuake
  - Ngāti Tamakōpiri
  - Ngāti Whitikaupeka
- Have your nomination endorsed by another registered member of the hapū you are standing for
- A profile and photo (page 14 for info)

# Nomination Form

Each candidate must complete the official nomination form which is included in this pack. Additional nomination forms can be requested from the Returning Officer by:

Free phone:

0800 922 822

Email:

info@electionservices.co.nz

## Or from Mokai Patea Claims Trust office:

Website:

mokaipatea.maori.nz/hapu-elections-2023

### During office hours at:

Hardcopies:

Mōkai Pātea Services  
Office 130 Hautapu  
Street, Taihape 4720  
Phone: 06 388 1156

or

Ngāti Hauiti Rata Office  
43 Te Hou Hou Road  
Rata RD1 Marton 4587  
Phone: 06 322 8765

# TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI WHITIKAUPEKA NOMINATION FORM



To: The Returning Officer, Mōkai Pātea  
PO Box 5135, Victoria Street West, Auckland 1142  
Email: info@electionservices.co.nz

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whitikaupeka, in accordance with the Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Deed of Trust, is calling for nominations for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whitikaupeka Hapū Delegates. Nominations open on 3 August and close on 14 September 2023. If there are more nominations received than vacancies for a hapū then an election will be required for that hapū. If an election is required, elections will open for voting on Wednesday 18 October 2023 and close on Thursday 30 November 2023

For Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whitikaupeka, there are up to two (2) vacancies per hapū.

Please tick the Iwi Rūnanga hapū you wish to stand for (*you may only tick one hapū on this nomination paper*):  
If you are standing for more than one Iwi Rūnanga hapū, you will need to complete a separate nomination form for each hapū you wish to stand for.

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|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Ngāi Tautahi                   | <input type="radio"/> Ngāi Te Upokoiri (Whitikaupeka) |
| <input type="radio"/> Ngāti Honomōkai (Whitikaupeka) | <input type="radio"/> Ngāti Whiti Tūturu              |
| <input type="radio"/> Ngāti Whiti-Hauti              | <input type="radio"/> Ngāti Whiti Tama                |

## A. For the CANDIDATE to complete

First names	Surname
Residential address	

I, being eligible for election, hereby consent to my nomination as a candidate for the position of **IWI RŪNANGA HAPŪ DELEGATE** to represent the above-mentioned iwi rūnanga hapū of **TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI WHITIKAUPEKA IWI**, for the election to be held on Thursday 30 November 2023.

I declare that I am registered with the Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whitikaupeka Iwi and affiliate to the iwi rūnanga hapū marked above, and that I am not ineligible to stand for election for any of the reasons outlined in Clause 6, Schedule 1 of the Trust Deed (see over).

I wish my name to be shown on the voting paper as <i>(commonly known name if different to full name shown above)</i>	
Postal address <i>(if different from residential address)</i>	
Contact phone number	Email address
Candidate signature	Date

I submit with this nomination:

passport-size colour photo  150 word profile statement  signed statutory declaration

## B. For the NOMINATOR to complete

First names	Surname
Residential address	
Contact phone number	Email address
Nominator's signature	Date

I hereby declare that I am an Adult Registered Member of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whitikaupeka and affiliate to the iwi rūnanga hapū the candidate is standing for.

**NOTE:** All nomination material must be provided together, and must be in the hands of the Returning Officer no later than **5.00pm on Thursday 14 September 2023**.

## C. For the RETURNING OFFICE to complete

Received at	at the hour of	on the	day of	2023
Signature of Board Secretary				

## TO BE ELIGIBLE TO STAND FOR ELECTION AS AN IWI RŪNANGA HAPŪ DELEGATE REPRESENTING TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI WHITIKAUPEKA

### A candidate must:

- ✓ be recorded on the Members Register as an Adult Registered Member of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whitikaupeka
- ✓ be recorded on the Members Register as affiliating to the iwi rūnanga hapū you wish to stand for
- ✓ be 20 years of age or older at the date of the election (Thursday 30 November 2023)
- ✓ have one (1) Adult Registered Member of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whitikaupeka nominate you, who also affiliates to the Iwi Rūnanga hapū that you are standing for

### Information for Candidates

- 1 Nomination forms must be in the hands of the Returning Officer by the close of nominations at **5.00pm, Thursday 14 September 2023**.

Nominations can be returned either **by post** to:

The Returning Officer  
Mōkai Pātea  
PO Box 5135  
Victoria Street West  
Auckland 1142

or **by email** to: [info@electionservices.co.nz](mailto:info@electionservices.co.nz)

or **hand-delivered** to the Mōkai Pātea Services Office, 130 Hautapu Street, Taihape.

**Nominations received after this date and time will not be accepted.**

- 2 Every candidate must be nominated by one (1) person who is 18 years or older and registered on the Mōkai Pātea Members Register as being eligible to vote in the iwi rūnanga hapū for which the candidate is seeking election.
- 3 A candidate may not nominate themselves for office.
- 4 Each nomination should be accompanied with a candidate profile statement (attached), and a current passport-size photo. Candidates should be aware that this information will be made publicly available for voting purposes.  
  
Photos should preferably be in colour. If supplied in electronic format, it should be provided by email in a jpg format. Hardcopy photos will be accepted, and will be scanned at 300dpi by the Returning Officer. (NB: hardcopies of photos will not be returned to the candidate).
- 5 If only two (2) valid nominations are received for a particular Hapū of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whitikaupeka Iwi, then those two (2) candidates will be declared elected unopposed. If three (3) or more valid nominations are received for a particular Hapū of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whitikaupeka Iwi, an election will be conducted by a postal ballot of persons registered to vote for that Hapū.
- 6 The candidate must sign the form of nomination to show their consent to the nomination. Failure to do so will make the nomination invalid.
- 7 The candidate must not be ineligible to stand for election for any of the reasons outlined in clause 6, schedule 1 of the Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust Deed of Trust (and as outlined below):

### Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust Deed of Trust Schedule 1: Election and Removal of Rūnanga Delegates Clause 6: Termination of office

- 6.1 A Rūnanga Delegate will cease to hold their position if he or she:
- a. is censured under this Deed for acting in a manner that brings or is likely to bring into disrepute the Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust, or the Iwi Rūnanga for which the Rūnanga Delegate has been elected;
  - b. retires from office by giving written notice to the Iwi Rūnanga;
  - c. refuses to act;
  - d. is absent without leave from 3 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Iwi Rūnanga, without reasonable excuse;
  - e. becomes physically or mentally incapacitated to the extent that in the opinion of the other Rūnanga Delegates, expressed in a resolution, he or she is unable to perform the duties of a Rūnanga Delegate;
  - f. ceases to fulfil the eligibility requirements for election;
  - g. becomes bankrupt;
  - h. completes his or her term without being re-appointed; or
  - i. dies.

### KEY ELECTION DATES - FOR YOUR INFO

Nominations open	Thursday 3 August 2023
Nominations close	5pm, Thursday 14 September 2023
Voting opens	Wednesday 18 October 2023
Close of voting	5pm, Thursday 30 November 2023
Official results announced	Monday 4 December 2023

### CONTACT DETAILS

#### RETURNING OFFICER

Dale Ofsoske, Election Services

Level 2, 198 Federal Street, Auckland 1010

PO Box 5135, Victoria Street West, Auckland 1142

Phone: 0800 922 822

Email: [info@electionservices.co.nz](mailto:info@electionservices.co.nz)







2023 ELECTION OF IWI RŪNANGA HAPŪ DELEGATE  
**STATUTORY DECLARATION**

I, [name], of [town], solemnly and sincerely declare that, as at the closing date for nominations for election of trustees, I am recorded in the register as an Adult Registered Member of the below hapū and:

<b>Hapū of Mōkai Pātea Nui Tonu that I affiliate to:</b> <i>(Please list the hapū)</i>	
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1. I agree to be bound by the MPWCT Deed of Trust, and the policies and procedures and any Trust Deed, policies and procedures of the rūnanga I am elected for;
2. I am not a person to whom the Mental Health (CAT) Act 1992 applies;
3. I am not bankrupt;
4. I have never been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty as defined in s2(1) of the Crimes Act 1961 or an offence under s373(4) of the Companies Act 1993 (unless that person is an eligible individual for the purposes of the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004);
5. I have not been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for a term of six months or longer and for which the penalty has not yet been carried out;
6. I have not been disqualified from being a director of a company registered under the Companies Act 1955 or the Companies Act 1993;
7. I have not been removed as a Trustee of a Trust by Order of a Court on the grounds of breach of Trust, lack of competence, or failure to carry out the duties of Trustee satisfactorily;
8. I do not have any pending Property Orders made under Section 30 or Section 31 of the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1986;
9. I will declare immediately to my rūnanga if there is any information which comes to my attention which is relevant to this declaration, including pending charges or applications.
10. I confirm my attached profile and confirm that the contents are true and accurate.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

<b>Declared this day on:</b>	
<b>Signed by:</b>	
<b>Signature of:</b>	

<b>Signature of person authorised to take a statutory declaration under the Oaths and Declarations act 1957</b>	
<b>Full name of person authorised to take a statutory declaration under the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957</b>	

# Lodgement of Nomination Forms

## Nominations Close

**14  
SEPT**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED  
BY 5PM ON THIS DATE

**Nominations close at Thursday, September 14th 2023 by 5pm.**

- Nomination forms must be in the hands of the Returning Officer, at the offices of [electionservices.co.nz](http://electionservices.co.nz) no later than 5pm, Thursday, September 14th 2023.
- Nominations received after the closing deadline are invalid and will not be processed.
- To ensure that completed nomination papers are received and processed in time they should be scanned and emailed to [info@electionservices.co.nz](mailto:info@electionservices.co.nz).

If you need assistance prior to this deadline, please contact either:

Mōkai Pātea Services Office  
130 Hautapu Street,  
Taihape 4720  
Phone: 06 388 1156

Ngāti Hauti Rata Office  
43 Te Hou Hou Road Rata  
RD1 Marton 4587  
Phone: 06 322 8765

- Once lodged, nomination papers are checked by the Returning Officer to ensure that the candidate and nominators are registered adult member of one of the rūnanga.
- Please do not leave lodging your nomination to the last minute. Should a nomination form contain errors or cannot be read, it could leave the candidate with insufficient time to correct the situation, and the candidate will be ineligible to stand for election.
- Candidates will receive an email from the Returning Officer acknowledging that their nomination form has been received and is being checked to determine validity. A further email will be received once this has occurred to advise of the outcome and if any further action is required. Any further information requested must be received before nominations close at 5.00pm on Thursday 14 September 2023.

## MŌKAI PĀTEA IWI RŪNANGA HAPŪ DELEGATE

# Role Description

These are the key operating principles, responsibilities and competencies required of iwi rūnanga delegates representing the four iwi and affiliated hapū within the Mōkai Pātea confederate.

## BROAD PURPOSE OF THE IWI RŪNANGA

1. Protect and enhance the mana and rangatiratanga of the respective iwi and hapū, while exercising kaitiakitanga over identified taonga tuku iho
2. Uphold the kawa, tikanga, whakapapa, mātauranga and reo of the iwi
3. Promote and advance the social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing of iwi, hapū and the people
4. Act as a central point of contact in dealings with the Crown, local authorities, other iwi, and external stakeholders
5. Represent iwi and hapū in respect of grievances laid against the Crown in relation to the Treaty of Waitangi.

## PRINCIPLES

Iwi rūnanga delegates will be guided by the following values and principles:

1. **Collective leadership**
2. **Ethical decision-making** that is in the best interest of the iwi and its hapū
3. **Open and transparent engagement and communications** with iwi and hapū members
4. **Integrity and honesty** – delegates will do nothing that negatively impacts on the reputation or operations of the iwi.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

Delegates are expected to:

1. **Develop** and provide oversight around the implementation of key initiatives that further the strategic goals and priorities of the iwi.
2. **Advocate** for the needs and priorities of the hapū they represent
3. **Represent** the interests of all members of the iwi irrespective of their own direct whānau and hapū affiliations
4. **Lead** and/or **support** any topical issues as and when they arise.

# Core Competencies

## CORE COMPETENCIES OF DELEGATES

Iwi Delegates should demonstrate qualities and competencies in some or all the following:

1. 'Mōkai Pāteatanga' - versed in taha Mokai Patea (Ngāti Tamakōpiri, Ngāi te Ohuake, Ngāti Hauti, and Ngāti Whitikaupeka)
2. Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with a wide range of stakeholders including whānau, hapū, other iwi, Crown, local authorities, and external entities
3. Strong leadership skills
4. Sound judgment and political acumen to be able to navigate and lead in a political environment as well as handle contentious and/or sensitive issues
5. Proactively identifies and manages new risks and opportunities as they arise
6. A team player with the ability to lead and contribute to robust discussions on matters impacting on whānau, hapū and iwi
7. Effective written and oral communication skills.

### TIME REQUIREMENTS

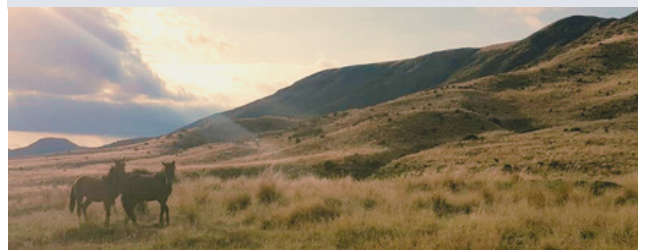
In general, each Rūnanga will meet at least once every quarter with additional time allocated for annual hui-a-iwi and separate Strategic Planning hui. You may also be assigned a portfolio or asked to represent the rūnanga on kaupapa outside of the above set meeting times.

The role is that of a volunteer. Each Iwi Rūnanga will have its own policy and practices regarding expenses incurred by volunteers.

### TERM OF OFFICE

**4 YEARS** LENGTH OF TERM FOR HAPŪ DELEGATE

All successful candidates, whether elected unopposed or through a formal vote, will be elected for this term length.



# Candidate Profile Statements

While this is optional, candidates are encouraged to provide a profile to promote their candidacy. There are strict word limitations and the Returning Officer has been advised to use the first **150 words** only.

- Must not exceed 150 words in total.
- Must be confined to information concerning the candidate, and the candidate's policies and intentions if elected;
- It's good idea to highlight your skills and experience, hapū and rūnanga affiliations
- The text (English or Māori) must be plain black and white text, and tohūtō are permitted.
- Photos should be recent (i.e. less than one year old) photograph of the candidate only (i.e. not part of a group)
- Photos should preferably be in colour and supplied in an electronic format (phone photos are fine), but hard copy photos will be accepted and will be scanned at 300 dpi by the Returning Officer. (N.B. hard copies of photos will not be returned to candidates).
- Email your candidate profile and photo to [info@electionservices.co.nz](mailto:info@electionservices.co.nz)

## Any Queries?

If you have questions or want to clarify any part of the election process, please contact the Returning Officer at [info@electionservices.co.nz](mailto:info@electionservices.co.nz) or 0800 922 822