



Te Rūnanga o NGĀI TAHU

20 July 2026

[Papatipu Rūnanga]

Tēnā koe

2026 ELECTION OF KAIWHAKAHAERE AND DEPUTY KAIWHAKAHAERE

Three (3) years has almost passed since the election of the current Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Kaiwhakahaere and Deputy Kaiwhakahaere, and it is now time to prepare for the election of the Kaiwhakahaere and Deputy Kaiwhakahaere for the next three (3) year term.

The election of Kaiwhakahaere and Deputy Kaiwhakahaere is provided for and governed by the Charter and the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Kaiwhakahaere and Deputy Kaiwhakahaere Appointments Policy (the **Policy**).

The election process is (in accordance with the Policy) formally commenced by me, as Secretary of Te Rūnanga, by issuing a '**Request for Nominations**' to each of the Papatipu Rūnanga. I will issue this request next month on [**20 August 2026**]. The Request for Nominations will give Papatipu Rūnanga 30 calendar days to make a nomination of either their or another Papatipu Rūnanga's Rūnanga Representative for the position of Kaiwhakahaere or Deputy Kaiwhakahaere.

Each Papatipu Rūnanga can nominate one (1) person for each role. For a nomination to be valid, both the person nominated and their Papatipu Rūnanga must agree to the person nominated performing the role if they are selected.

I ask that you give some thought to the involvement of your Papatipu Rūnanga and start making any necessary arrangements for any nominations your Papatipu Rūnanga might choose to make. I also note that all members of Ngāi Tahu Whānui are able to attend the election when it takes place at the Te Rūnanga meeting on 20 November 2026.

If you have any questions about the Kaiwhakahaere or Deputy Kaiwhakahaere elections, please get in touch. As noted, I will write again in a month's time with the formal Request for Nominations. The period for nominations will close on **21 September 2026**.

Nāhaku noa, nā

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