

Rakiura Maori Land Trust Trustees

The following information has been provided to assist you if you are considering being nominated **to become a Trustee** with the Rakiura Maori Land Trust. The Trust is a large and complex Trust with over 100 individual blocks of land ranging in size from 10 acres to several thousand acres with varying owners under different ownership structures with a variety of challenges. In addition the Trust manages funds totalling nearly \$9 million dollars. While the Trust is keen to assist the Trustees to develop their skills to become fully effective Trustees you should consider the following basic skills as a foundation to that development if you are going to make yourself available.

An **understanding of our lands and Tikanga** Maori would be a great advantage along with the necessary time to under take the role to its full extent. We have 8 or 9 meetings a year held between Christchurch and Invercargill, with some meetings taking 2 days when we are undertaking planning and development issues.

Good communication skills both written and oral are essential as you need to research issues, prepare reports and deliver your ideas to the other Trustees and stakeholders.

You should have a good **understanding of the TE TURE WHENUA MAORI ACT 1993** as this forms the basis of the Trusts legal requirements along with a number of other legal requirements.

You should have a basic computer ability to at least be able **to do research and use Email** as a large amount of trust communication is conducted using this method. Equally you need to fully understand and accept **the role of Governance**, be able to understand and **work with our financial statements**, and be prepared to participate in good meeting process.

Governance Role Development Opportunities Through Trust Focus/Development and Planning groups

The Trust is developing opportunities for wider participation through the use of Focus/Development and Planning groups. This is an ideal way **to learn about the Trust and develop skills** that would be helpful to you if you decide to accept a nomination for a position as Trustee. It will also ensure that the Trust is able to gain the benefit of a wider group of owners.

We have enclosed a form for you to register your interest so we hope you will give this some consideration. These positions would be suitable to a broad cross-section of our owners and potential owners from 18 years plus. It is likely to involve a couple of meetings a year and the time to research and prepare yourself for these meetings. Some opportunity for skill development will be available once you have demonstrated your desire to fully participate.

We look forward to your registration through the attached form. The Trustees will work through the registrations and try to involve as many people as is possible. However if there are large numbers this may not be possible. Details of this programme and those who will initially participate will be released at this year's AGM and then to those who have been successful in the first instance. The Trustees feel that our Trust and its beneficial owners can only benefit from this increased opportunity for direct involvement within the Trust we look forward to your support of this initiative.

Stephen Hartevelde
Chairperson.