

Rakiura Maori Lands Trust AGM for 2008

Important Notice to Owners of the Rakiura Maori Lands Trust, the following is the confirmed details of the Annual General meeting of the Trust for 2008.

Date: Sunday 28th September 2008 **Time:** 11.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m.
Venue: Stewart Island Community Centre, Stewart Island
Registration: 10.15am to 11.00 pm

AGM Agenda

	Details	Requested By	Postal Voting status
1.	Opening	Procedural	No Postal Voting
2.	Karakia	Tikanga	No Postal Voting
3.	Memoriam	Tikanga	No Postal Voting
4.	Procedural Matters	Procedural	No Postal Voting
5.	Apologies	Procedural	No Postal Voting
6.	Minutes of previous meetings	Procedural	No Postal Voting
7.	Matters arising from minutes	Procedural	No Postal Voting
8.	Trustees Report	Trust deed	No Postal Voting
9.	Financial Report	Trust deed	No Postal Voting
10.	General Business Items		
10.1	The Neck Strategy	Trustees	Neck Owners only Postal Voting Available
10.2	Rules Changes	Trustees	Postal Voting Available
10.2.1	Obligations & Restrictions	Trustees	Postal Voting Available
10.2.2	Whānau Trust Voting	Trustees	Postal Voting Available
10.2.3	Upoko	Trustees	Postal Voting Available
11.	Appointment of Auditors	Legal	No Postal Voting
12.	Election of Trustees	Trust Deed	No Election Required
13.	Karakia	Tikanga	No Postal Voting
14.	Closing	Procedural	No Postal Voting

The following information has been included to assist you in your preparation for the meeting,

The Agenda

The Minutes of the 2007 AGM

Support Documentation for General Business Items

Trustees recommendations for Postal Vote Items

Remote Voting Options for the meeting.

Who can participate: In order to participate within the Rakiura Maori Land Trusts AGM you must have successfully succeeded through the Maori Land Court to one of the Rakiura Maori Land Trust blocks listed in the schedule 1 of the Trust order. If your application has not been completed then unfortunately you can not participate until it has been completed.

Available on Request: A copy of the Standing Orders for the meeting, which have been used for the last five AGM's, are available on request from the office. Also copies of the standing Orders will be available on the day of the meeting.

Voting Options (Should be read in conjunction with the Standing Orders for more details)

Voting in person: By attending the meeting you are able to participate fully in all aspects of the meeting including the opportunity to hear all viewpoints before you make any final decision. This option allows you to fully participate in the Governance process.

Appointment of alternate: If you can not attend you can appoint an alternative person to represent you. This person can participate in the meeting on your behalf as if you were there yourself. They vote and speak on your behalf however an alternative can only represent one person at the meeting and therefore if they are already an owner then they must choose whether they represent you or themselves but not both.

Appointment of proxy: If you can not attend you can appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf. The proxy is either the chairperson of the meeting or another person eligible to participate in the meeting. Your proxy has the right to include your vote in the same direction that they themselves cast their vote. You do not provide your proxy with speaking rights on your behalf but simply allow them to add your vote to theirs. Those holding proxies can only speak once not for each proxy they hold.

Note: That with both alternate and proxy voting you have no control over your representative if they change their mind on the direction of your vote at the meeting and decide to vote in a direction that you have not approved. The arrangement between the proxy/alternate and the owner they are representing is outside the scope of the meeting and you will be bound by the decisions of the meeting as if you were there.

Postal Voting: The Trustees will allocate opportunities for you to complete a postal vote on the key issues determined by the Trustees. You must complete your vote on the approved form prior to the meeting and send it back to the Trust as indicated. Under this opportunity your vote on each of the issues available will be added to the other forms of voting at the meeting once the vote has been taken and not before this point. You have no speaking rights at the meeting and any comments written on the forms will not be read out to the meeting.

Whānau Spokesperson: If you have put your land into a Whānau Trust we ask you to complete a form to determine who is representing and speaking for the Trust to avoid any confusion on the day of the meeting. A form is available for this and included with this notice.

Whānau Trusts: Last year there was a lot of confusion surrounding Whānau trusts and their participation within the Rakiura Maori Land Trust AGM so this year we want to clarify three things.

1. When you put your land rights into a Whānau Trust, the Whānau Trust becomes the beneficial owner and as a result the Rakiura Maori Land Trust only sends information and deals with your Whānau Trust. As a result the Whānau Trust is responsible for managing and distributing the information to its own beneficiaries.
2. A Whānau Trust then only has one vote and one right to speak at Rakiura Maori Land Trust meetings as the Rakiura Maori Land Trust beneficial owner as we have no way to confirm ownership rights beyond the Trust.
3. The Rakiura Maori Land Trust needs to know who is officially representing the Whānau Trust and therefore the Whānau Trust needs to appoint the person or alternate representative to speak and vote on behalf on their behalf at the AGM. The Whānau Trust must therefore complete the **Whānau Trust Representative Form** or **Alternate Form** and return as indicated on the form to participate in the Rakiura Maori Land Trust AGM.

Apologies for AGM: If you wish to have your apology recorded in the minutes of the meeting you will need to register your apology at the Rakiura Maori Land Trust Office in Bluff by 12.00pm on Wednesday 24th September 2008. No apologies will be accepted after this date or from the floor of the meeting.

Your support: The Trustees have spent a lot of time organising this years AGM in an attempt to provide the owners with the opportunity to hold a successful and productive meeting. We have the tools through the standing orders to help the meeting run smoothly but the meeting needs the support of all present to make it happen. The meeting will be as effective as you choose to make it, everyone has a part to play and we all look forward to your support.

General Business: All Beneficial Owners were provided with the opportunity to submit Items of General Business in the Pre AGM meeting notification. We have received and processed these requests and the Agenda has now been set and no other items of General Business will be accepted on the day of the meeting. This process ensures that all owners have the ability to participate in the business of the meeting in a fair and equitable way ensuring those who can not attend the actual meeting are not disadvantaged and can use postal voting on General Business items.

Other Information: For other information on this years AGM please contact our Bluff Office and also check our Website www.visitrakiura.co.nz

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