

# RAUKAWA SETTLEMENT TRUST

## ELECTIONS FACT SHEET

### **1. Who can vote?**

To be eligible to vote you must have the following four characteristics:

- a. You must be of Māori descent and of Raukawa descent.
- b. You must also be a registered member of the Raukawa Settlement Trust based in Tokoroa.
- c. Your primary marae must be part of this election process.
- d. You must be 18 years or older.

### **2. How many times can I vote?**

Once. And only during RST Marae Special elections.

### **3. How many votes do I have?**

You have ONE voting choice if you are voting for MARAE representatives within Ongaroto, Whakaaratamaiti or Rengarenga.

### **4. Can I vote in all THREE marae?**

NO: You must cast your vote only in the marae that is your primary marae and if that marae has more nominations than required.

### **5. What is my nominated primary marae?**

It is the primary marae that you identified on your Raukawa Trust Board tribal registration form.

### **6. What if my marae is not listed in the voting process.**

There are two possible scenarios.

- a. The amount of nominations that came through is equal to or less than the positions available in that marae.
- b. Your marae may have chosen to not be a part of the Raukawa Settlement Trust structure. You will need to contact the Raukawa Settlement Trust for clarification.

## **7. Then am I still eligible to vote?**

If there are **NO NOMINEES** for your marae, or if your marae has chosen to not participate in the new RST structure you are unable to vote.

## **8. How many positions are available on the Raukawa Settlement Trust and where do they come from?**

Each Hapū ward will have no more than the following number of representatives:

Te Pae o Raukawa	Three (3) seats -Filled
Te Kaokaoroa o Patetere	Five (5) seats- Filled
Wharepuhunga	Two (2) seats- Filled

Each Marae ward will have no more that the following number of representatives

Ongaroto Marae	One (1) seat- <b>Vacant</b>
Mokai Marae	One (1) seat- Filled
Pikitu Marae	One (1) seat- Filled
Mangakaretu Marae	One (1) seat- Filled
Ngatira Marae	One (1) seat- Filled
Rengarenga Marae	One (1) seat- <b>Vacant</b>
Tapapa Marae	One (1) seat- Filled
Tangata Marae	One (1) seat- Filled
Ukaipo Marae	One (1) seat- Filled
Paparamu Marae	One (1) seat- Filled
Whakaaratamaiti Marae	One (1) seat- <b>Vacant</b>
Ruapeka Marae	One (1) seat- Filled
Aotearoa Marae	One (1) seat- Filled
Owairaka Marae	One (1) seat- Filled
Parawera Marae	One (1) seat- Filled
Whakamarama Marae	One (1) seat- Filled

**This Special election is for those Marae seats that remain vacant. They are:**

<b>Ongaroto Marae</b>	<b>One (1) seat</b>
<b>Rengarenga Marae</b>	<b>One (1) seat</b>
<b>Whakaaratamaiti Marae</b>	<b>One (1) seat</b>

Please Note: All Hapu and 13 Marae seats have been filled and will not undergo a further election until 2012 or if a seat becomes vacant in accordance with the Raukawa Settlement Trust Deed.  
(A copy of this deed can be found on [www.Raukawa.org.nz](http://www.Raukawa.org.nz))

## **9. If I live overseas, can I still vote?**

Yes, if your primary marae as indicated on your registration form has more nominees than seats and requires an election to select your representative for the Raukawa Settlement Trust.

## **10. How often are there elections?**

Every three years.

## **11. What if a seat becomes available before the representative completes their term?**

The vacancy of a seat on the Raukawa Settlement Trust can be filled through an election process at the next Annual General Meeting in the calendar year following cessation of office, or at such earlier date as the other Trustees see fit. A proper nomination and election process will need to be held to fill this vacancy.