



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Whanganui Iwi Representation on Te Karewao

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Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust is seeking expressions of interest for suitably experienced and qualified Whanganui Iwi members who wish to express their interest for the appointment as the Whanganui Iwi member on Te Karewao.

Background

Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust (the Trust) is the post settlement governance entity for Whanganui Iwi that leads the implementation of Ruruku Whakatupua – the Deed of Settlement for the Whanganui River which was signed on 5 August 2014. The Trust is charged with the responsibility to receive, grow and develop the financial assets held by the Trust to contribute to the health and well-being of Te Awa Tupua and to benefit of all uri, whānau and hapū of Whanganui Iwi.

Te Karewao

Te Karewao refers to the strong, pliable and readily available supplejack vine utilised in the construction of hīnaki and symbolises timely and robust support. Te Karewao is the advisory group to Te Pou Tupua and will be convened as and when required by Te Pou Tupua. Te Karewao will advise and support Te Pou Tupua in exercising its functions which include:

- Acting and speaking on behalf of Te Awa Tupua;
- Upholding the status of Te Awa Tupua and Tupua Te Kawa;
- Promoting and protecting the health and wellbeing of Te Awa Tupua;
- Exercising the landowner functions in relation to any land vested in Te Awa Tupua; and
- Administering Te Korotete o Te Awa Tupua (the Te Awa Tupua pūtea).

Te Pou Tupua may refer matters to Te Karewao to consider and provide advice however Te Pou Tupua cannot delegate any decision-making function to Te Karewao. In providing advice and support to Te Pou Tupua, Te Karewao must act in the interests of Te Awa Tupua and consistently with Tupua Te Kawa. Te Karewao comprises three members, one each appointed by:

- Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust;
- Other Iwi with interests in Te Awa Tupua; and
- Local Authorities.

Te Karewao Membership

Expressions of interests are being called that will lead to the appointment of the Whanganui member to Te Karewao. Potential candidates will hold mana within Whanganui Iwi and demonstrate that they have the knowledge, experience, skills and/or qualifications that enable them to provide sound and robust advice to Te Pou Tupua. Those expressing interest will therefore be capable of demonstrating one or more of the following attributes:

A comprehensive understanding of Tupua te Kawa – A common-sense approach and the practical application of Tupua te Kawa within the context of Te Awa Tupua.

An extensive range of networks throughout Whanganui – Proven experience in successfully networking with Whanganui hapū and Iwi as well as local communities. Knowledge of relevant central and local government processes would be advantageous.

A broad understanding of environmental planning and management – Demonstrated experience and skills in the environmental sector with the ability to analyse complex environmental issues and to monitor environmental strategies.

A competent grasp of funding programmes – Proven experience and knowledge of the funding sector and funding programmes. In particular, the ability to assess funding applications against set criteria.

Applications close – 12pm noon on 2 June 2021

Expressions of interest must be made in writing and supported by a Curriculum Vitae outlining relevant experience, past and/or current governance roles and personal future aspirations. Please include letters of support from at least two referees.

Sitting Trustees of the Trust are eligible to express interest in appointment. In such cases the Trustees concerned will not participate in the selection process.

Applications should be forwarded to the Chairperson, Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui at any of the contacts below:

- Email: office@ngatangatatiaki.co.nz
- Postal Address: PO Box 544, Whanganui 4541
- Physical Address: 357 Victoria Avenue, Whanganui 4500