



# Newsletter

WELLINGTON TENTHS TRUST AND PALMERSTON NORTH MĀORI RESERVE TRUST

### **Message from the Chairs**

### Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

We are hoping this newsletter finds you all safe and well and taking good care of yourselves and your whānau as we return cautiously to normal activities after the impact of Covid-19.

We wish to acknowledge the passing this year of some beloved Kaumātua and Kuia, in particular Te Huirangi Waikerepuru, Matekitawhiti Carr – two standout people who worked continuously for our Taranaki whānau and for all Aotearoa. We lost other whānau members young and old since our last newsletter and we think of all the grieving whānau who were affected by the rules imposed on tangihanga during lockdown. These were stressful times for whānau.

As we progressed through the initial effects of the Pandemic and through the different Covid-19 Levels the government had put in place, we had to make some difficult decisions with so much uncertainty about where Aotearoa would be each week, each month, and sometimes daily. What we do agree on is that we have responded well as a country and we should all be proud of our efforts.

The way whānau, hapū and lwi organised to support each other throughout the lockdown in Level 4, and then Level 3 was something we can look back on with pride. We took really good care of our whānau and this is reflected in the low numbers of Māori who tested positive in the Covid-19 statistics. A significant difference from the Spanish Flu statistics in the 1918 -1919 epidemic when Māori were affected eight times more than non-Māori. However while Māori have not been affected in large numbers in this



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current situation, we must remain vigilant and continue to take good care of our Kaumātua and Kuia and those with underlying health conditions of any age.

Based on advice and supporting information from the Ministry of Health's website and through the Māori Health Unit with John Whaanga, around health and safety, and being aware that the business of the two Trusts must continue, we have decided to hold our 2020 Annual General Meeting's on the same day at Pipitea Marae in Wellington. Both meetings will be held on Saturday 5 September 2020, with the Wellington Tenths Trust Annual General Meeting in the morning at 10am and the Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust Annual General Meeting in the afternoon at 1.30pm. / Continued over ...

#### **PROXIES ...** In the centre of this newsletter are two proxy forms, one is for the Wellington Tenths Trust and the other for the Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust.

For those that do stay home, we recommend that you use the Proxy Form to vote. The form is also available to download from our websites on 17 August, the same day that the annual reports will be available, or you can request to receive one from the Executive Office. Newsletter of WELLINGTON TENTHS TRUST & PALMERSTON NORTH MĀORI RESERVE TRUST

We have dedicated this newsletter solely to the upcoming Annual General Meeting's for both the Wellington Tenths Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust to guide you through the decisions we have made to keep people safe during these times which are still uncertain given the report of new cases of Covid-19 that have surfaced recently.

#### **Keeping Safe**

For our Kaumātua and Kuia, and those with underlying health conditions, we are actively discouraging you not to place yourselves at risk by attending the hui. We are also being cautious and discouraging inter-regional travel. We have decided not to bring buses from Taranaki or Hikoikoi to the AGM, instead we encourage those that would usually come by bus to stay at home and view the livestream of the AGMs from the comfort of your own home.

For those that do stay home we recommend that you utilise the Proxy Form which is included in this newsletter and is also available for you to download from our websites (www.wtt.maori.nz and www.pnmrt.maori.nz) and by request from the Executive Office by calling our freephone number 0508 445 645 or if you are based in the Wellington region you can call us on 04 473 2502, or email our Executive Office at info@tekau.maori.nz.

#### AGM Livestreaming

As mentioned we are livestreaming both AGMs on 5 September through our websites **www.wtt.maori.nz** and **www.pnmrt.maori.nz**. Our facebook pages will also keep you well informed of the activities of both Trusts and we will be encouraging all our owners in NZ and around the world to join us via livestream on the day – please follow us on facebook if you haven't already.

#### **Re-election of Trustees**

In both Trusts there are Trustees who have served their three-year term and are eligible for re-election. There are three in Wellington Tenths Trust and two in Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust. Included in this newsletter is information on the nomination process.

#### AGM Agenda

Other key decisions on the agenda for the AGM are the dividend payments, the re-election of the Auditors for 2021, and the remuneration of Trustees all of which can be voted on with the use of proxies if you are unable to attend. The acceptance of our financial report and receiving the Chairman and Trustee reports are also important matters for each hui. The Notice of Meeting with the agenda is included in this newsletter and will also be advertised in the DomPost, Taranaki Daily News, Taranaki Star, South Taranaki Star, and the Marlborough Express newspapers.

#### Attending the AGMs

For those who can attend the AGMs this year, please call our team and register your interest on our freephone number 0508 445 645 or if you are based in the Wellington region you can call us on 04 473 2502, or email our team at info@tekau.maori.nz. Our Executive Office staff look forward to hearing from you and will acknowledge your registration through whichever medium you use.

#### **Annual Reports**

Our Annual Reports will be available to view and/or download from each of the Trusts websites. If you would like to receive a report in the mail then please get in touch with our team at Hīkoikoi. Copies of the Annual Reports will also be available at each Annual General Meeting for those attending.

We know that this information is a lot to take in but we are only a phone call away on our freephone number 0508 445 645 or if you are based in the Wellington region you can call us on 04 473 2502, or email our team at info@tekau.māori.nz if you have any questions.

Both Trusts have been steadily progressing over the past year and we look forward to sharing with you the developments that have occurred either through our annual report, via livestreaming on the day, or at the AGM if you are able to attend.

Anaru Smiler Chairman Wellington Tenths Trust

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*Liz Mellish, MNZM* Chairman Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust



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WELLINGTON TENTHS TRUST

## Proxy Form 2020

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#### **WELLINGTON TENTHS TRUST**

## **Proxy Voting Rules**

The rules are contained at clause 11 of the Trust Deed and are set out as follows:

#### PROXY

- **11.23** A proxy must be an owner or a descendant of an owner.
- **11.24** If an owner giving the proxy is opposed to:
  - any exchange;
  - b any lease;
  - c any other proposed resolution;

he or she is entitled to direct his or her proxy to vote against any of these. For that purpose he or she must write in the space provided on the proxy such directions as he or she requires, namely:

- I direct my proxy to vote against any exchange; or
- e I direct my proxy to vote against any lease of the land; or
- f I direct my proxy to vote against the proposed resolution.
- **11.25** The persons following are qualified to act as witness to a signature on a proxy form:

#### Kaumātua

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- **11.28** If any instrument of appointment is ruled by the chairperson to be out of order, the reason for the ruling shall be certified on the instrument.
- **11.29** The chairperson of the meeting shall, on request, give to any person entitled to vote at the meeting an opportunity to inspect any instrument of appointment which has been lodged and to raise any objection to the instrument.

## CANCELLATION AND LAPSE OF APPOINTMENT

- **11.30** An appointment as proxy may be cancelled by the person who has given the proxy by writing by him or her and either lodged at the notified office of the Trust before 10.00 am on the last working day before the day of the meeting or lodged with the chairperson of the meeting.
- **11.31** An appointment as proxy shall lapse on the death of the person giving the proxy or on the cancellation of the appointment as provided in the immediately preceding subclause.
- **11.32** If a person who has appointed a proxy attends the meeting personally and notifies the chairperson that he or she is present and the chairperson notifies the meeting accordingly the proxy shall not vote for him or her after the chairperson's notification, but the validity of voting which has already been completed prior to that notification to the meeting shall not be affected thereby.



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## **AGM Information**

#### **Annual Reports**

Trustees of both Trusts look forward to providing owners with the financial statements and reporting on the developments progressed over the past year in their Annual Reports. The annual reports are currently being produced and will be available to view online through both Trusts websites www.wtt.maori.nz and www.pnmrt.maori.nz on 17 August 2020, three weeks prior to the AGM.

Previously we notified owners that we would transition to producing and providing our reports and newsletters through digital mediums and that we would continue to have copies available for owners on request, and this remains the case.

We will have a small batch printed of annual reports for each Trust available from 17 August 2020 and these will be available by contacting our Executive Office. To request a copy be posted to your home address, please call us on our freephone number 0508 445 645 or if you are based in the Wellington region you can call us on 04 473 2502, or email our team at info@tekau.maori.nz.

#### Transportation

As mentioned earlier the decision to provide transport was taken when we were required to maintain social distancing and so we have decided to stay with the decision not to put on buses for transportation to and from the AGMs.

#### Facebook

At our AGMs last year we debuted our new websites – www.wtt.maori.nz and www.pnmrt.maori.nz and the next part of improving our connection with owners was the launch of our new facebook pages! This combined with our website provides another channel for us to share with you, our owner's, the important developments, events, and matters pertaining to the Trust. Please FOLLOW us by clicking on the Facebook icon on the top right of our new website pages. You can also find us again on Facebook by typing in the name of either Trust.We will continue to post reminders on our 'old' facebook page for the next month or so before we retire from using that page. We encourage you to switch over now to our new facebook pages.

#### RSVP to attend AGMs

Contact tracing will be maintained through strict adherence to the attendance register. All attendees will need to register to attend the AGMs. For those who can attend the AGMs this year, please call our team and register your

interest on our freephone number 0508 445 645 or if you are based in the Wellington region you can call us on 04 473 2502, or email our team at info@tekau.maori.nz.

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#### Election and nominations process

#### WELLINGTON TENTHS TRUST NOTICE

REGARDING ELECTION OF MANAGING TRUSTEES The three year terms of Managing Trustees Lennox Love, Venessa Ede and Mahara Okeroa expire at the Annual General Meeting and these Trustees are eligible for re-election. If only three nominations are received for the three positions available, then an election will not be necessary. If more than three nominations are received, then an election is necessary.

#### PALMERSTON NORTH MÃORI RESERVE TRUST NOTICE REGARDING ELECTION OF MANAGING TRUSTEES

The three year terms of Managing Trustees Paula King and Takiri Cotterill expire at the Annual General Meeting and these Trustees are eligible for re-election. If only two nominations are received for the two positions available, then an election will not be necessary. If more than two nominations are received, then an election is necessary.

#### The dividend

Our annual distribution date occurs in late November each year for owners of both Wellington Tenths Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust. Payments will only be paid into your bank account so we need your bank account details as early as possible so that changes can be made before the distribution date which is in late November. Please note that the minimum accumulated distribution for owners that have overseas bank accounts is \$100 and that the minimum accumulated distribution amount for owners that have NZ bank accounts is \$50 before a payment is made. For enquiries regarding dividend payments please contact our Database Administrator, Kathleen Thompson by calling Kathleen on the freephone number 0508 445 645 or if you are based in the Wellington region you can call us on 04 473 2502, or email Kathleen at info@tekau.maori.nz.

#### Covid-19 common sense stuff

**US** ...

Pipitea Marae has been chosen for this year's venue as it is an environment that has space available should physical distancing be required at the time of our AGM. The seating can be reset for the Level we are in when we meet in September. The health of all those attending is

important to us and we want to reassure you that we will have appropriate hand sanitiser stations setup and that the venue staff will ensure that surfaces that are frequently touched are

#### All nominations for Trustee positions must be lodged with the Executive Office in writing by 28 August 2020 at 12 noon.

Nominations must include the name, address and shareholder number of the proposer and seconder (each of whom shall be a beneficial owner or a descendant of a beneficial owner) and be signed by the nominee as willing to stand. Each nominee shall prepare a one page (150 word maximum) biographical statement for distribution to the beneficial owners at the AGM. The biographical statement (bios) shall be delivered to the Executive Office no later than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the AGM (by 10am Thursday 3 September). Printed copies of the bios received by that date will be available at the AGM. Bios received with nominations on Friday 28 August 2020 will be posted on the relevant website on Monday 31 August 2020.

cleaned frequently and thoroughly with disinfectant. If regulations require that we need to provide a takeout lunch option rather than our usual buffet sit down service, then we will implement this as well. We will take great care to ensure that we follow the rules, and still take care of everyone that attends, which includes our staff, advisors, venue team, and our whānau. We still want to reiterate that no matter if we are in level 1 or 2, that whānau who are at higher-risk of severe illness from Covid-19 (e.g. those with underlying medical conditions, and our Kaumātua) take the necessary additional precautions should they decide to attend.

#### Livestreaming

We livestreamed the AGM for the Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust in 2018 and this was well received by many owners who were unable to attend, both in NZ and around the world. This year, no matter where you are, you will have the opportunity to go online to our website/s www.wtt.maori.nz or www.pnmrt.maori.nz and join the livestream of the AGMs on 5 September 2020 at 10am and then at 1.30pm depending on which Trust you belong to. As the hui are not public, you will need to request entry to the livestream ahead of the meeting so that we can confirm your registration.

We suggest you go to the appropriate website now and provide your name, your shareholder number, and your email address, and then a week prior to the AGM we will advise you of the livestream password.

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