

TE RŪNANGA O TE RARAWA ELECTIONS CHAIR VOTING

Iwi and Marae Voting

How voting works

Every three years Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa elects a Chairperson as required in our constitution. Voting is open to all adult affiliated Te Rarawa members, who vote by ballot box at the Special General Meeting (SGM), by post or online.

Preferential voting system

We use a *preferential voting system* where iwi members rank the candidates in terms of preference. For example on a ballot paper, placing a number one against a candidate is considered the *first preference*. A voter will then indicate their second, third preference and so forth.

Marae vote

Each Te Rarawa hapū marae has one vote. Once all individual votes are received, each member's vote is counted and separated according to their marae. The candidate with the highest number of votes from voters representing each marae forms the 'marae vote'.

For example, if four marae have the highest number of votes for 'Candidate A', and three marae have the highest votes for 'Candidate B and C' – Candidate A has four marae votes out of seven, and becomes the Chairperson.

