

# HOKOTEHI



MORIORI UNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

## CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

(As set out in the Trust deed)

### Membership (refer to Section 9 in the Trust Deed)

- All Moriori aged eighteen (18) years or over may vote in Trustee Elections and in any Hui a Moriori.
- Moriori are all persons who can trace their hokopapa (genealogy) to a Moriori Karāpuna (ancestor).
- The trustees shall establish and maintain a register of all known Moriori including those Moriori who are not registered members of the Trust.
- Members of the Trust are those persons who satisfy the Hokopapa Criteria, support the kaupapa of the Trust Board and who are declared to be members under this Trust Deed.
- A person may apply to the Trust Board to become a member on the Forms prescribed by the Trust Board. The application form must include the applicant's
  - a) Name;
  - b) Address;
  - c) Signature;
  - d) Main Moriori Hūnau (family) affiliation(s)
  - e) Moriori Hokopapa and main Moriori Karāpuna from whom the applicant is descended;
  - f) Such other information as the Trust Board determines from time to time to be relevant.
- The Office shall refer the application(s) to the Hokopapa Committee for verification against the Hokopapa criteria. Upon verification, the Office shall notify the person in writing of their acceptance as a member of the Trust. In the event that the person cannot be verified as a Member, the Office shall forthwith notify that person in writing stating the reasons for non-verification and giving that person an opportunity to provide additional written information in support of the application and / or to meet with the Hokopapa Unit for that purpose.
- All information, both written and oral, provided to the Trust Board for the purposes of becoming a member shall be treated in the strictest confidence by the Trust Board and all those who deal with it. Regard shall be had to ensure that the requirements of the Privacy Act are met with regard to storage, disclosure and the use of this information.

## **Registration Information**

The Hokopapa Unit is mandated by Hokotehi Moriori Trust to compile a register of Moriori descendants. We invite all Moriori, regardless of your age, to register as members of Hokotehi Moriori Trust. Members aged 18 and over are eligible to vote.

### **Why Register?**

- To participate in Moriori elections as a candidate or voter (must be 18yrs or older);
- To be involved in shaping Moriori direction;
- To have access to beneficiary entitlements such as scholarship, sponsorship, and such other assistance as the Trust may determine;
- To assist the Trust in communicating with you;
- To build a register, which will constitute the Hokopapa (genealogical) database for future generations of Hokotehi Moriori Trust Members and their families.

### **Privacy Information**

- The information provided is confidential within the terms of the Privacy Act 1993 and for lawful use by the Trust executive;
- A person may have access to their own personal information.
- Hokopapa Unit members are required to sign a Confidentiality Non-Disclosure of Information Trust document.

**Please read the Hokopapa Criteria for Membership section above, before completing the forms.**

It is your responsibility to provide proof of your Hokopapa; however, we will endeavour to assist you as best we can. Your application, hokopapa and any supporting information will be handled with due care and respect and will be returned to you after it has been recorded on the Hokopapa database. Confirmation of registration will be mailed to you from the Hokotehi Moriori Trust office.

### **Applicant's Children**

Please include the names and the requested details of **all** of your children. They will be allocated registration numbers and when they turn 18 will be automatically entitled to vote. After their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday they will need to sign a confirmation of membership form, which will be posted out from the office.

For further information, please contact Hokotehi Moriori Trust Office on:  
Toll free 0800 MORIORI (0800 6674 674) or 03 3050450 or email [office@kopinga.co.nz](mailto:office@kopinga.co.nz)