

Terms of Reference

As at April 2024

Purpose

The purpose of the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti is:

- to develop and maintain a partnership with Tangata Whenua;
- to develop and maintain a partnership with the Rangitikei District Council;
- provide an opportunity to strengthen relationships between Tangata Whenua;
- to be kept informed of issues of concern to Tangata Whenua and the Rātana Community;
- to keep Council updated on any relevant matters relating to Tangata Whenua and the Rātana Community;
- facilitate resolution in the best interests of the residents, ratepayers, and Tangata Whenua of the Rangitikei District; and
- to receive issues for discussion.

Objectives

The Komiti and Council:

- will work together to ensure that both Māori and the Council are aware of all relevant issues and that Tangata Whenua are able to participate in relevant decision making;
- will ensure that the protocols contained within the Memorandum of Understanding – Tūtohunga, are exercised in the utmost good faith to ensure that the needs of both Māori and the wider community are met; and
- will review the relevant processes of Council and make recommendations on steps to be taken to assist Council in carrying out its functions and responsibilities taking into account Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Representation

There are several ways that Māori are represented in the Rangitikei District - through the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti; by Maori Ward councillors; enabling Tangata Whenua and the Ratana Community to make direct approach to the Rangitikei District Council.

Membership of Te Rōpū Ahi Kā is defined by Tangata Whenua of Rangitikei and represent hapū, iwi, and marae within the Rangitikei District:

- Ngāti Parewahawaha – one representative
- Ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa – four representatives:
 - Ngā Ariki
 - Ngāti Kauae/ Tauira
 - Kauangaroa (withdrew 2023)*
 - Whangaehu (withdrew 2023)*
- Rātana Community – one representative
- Ngāti Hauiti – one representative
- Ngāti Hinemanu/ Ngāti Paki – one representative
- Ngāti Tamakōpiri – one representative
- Ngāti Whitikaupeka – one representative
- Ngāti Te Ohuake – one representative
- Ngāti Rangituhia – one representative
- Rangitikei District Council Māori ward councillors that represent:
 - Tiikeitia ki Tai (Coastal) Ward (1 member)
 - Tiikeitia ki Uta (Inland) Ward (1 member)
- two elected members of the Rangitikei District Council.

**New or withdrawn members (for example from Kauangaroa and Whangaehu) may be accepted at any time*

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Committee members are recommended to the Council from the various hapū and marae groups within the District and they represent iwi, hapū and marae within the Rangitikei as well as a representative from the Rātana community, identified as a special interest group within the rohe.

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed after every triennium, any change in membership will be updated in Appendix 1.

Terms of Committee

- Schedule 7, s. 31 (4) of the Local Government Act 2002 requires that at least one member of the Committee must be an elected member.
- Schedule 7, s. 30 (7) of the Local Government Act 2002 allows Council discretionary powers in relation to not discharging committees after each triennial election. In light of this, Council has resolved that Te Rōpū Ahi Kā will not be discharged after each election and that it must recommend to Council, within three months of an election, members to the Committee. Schedule 7, s. 31 (5) does however allow, that if the Committee is not discharged under s.30 (7) Council may, after the next triennial general election of members, replace members of the Committee.

Appendix 1 -

Current Membership – as at March 2024

Representing	Name	Authorising Body
Ngāti Parewahawaha	Ms Kim Savage	Ngāti Parewahawaha
Ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ngā Ariki • Ngāti Kauae/ Taurira • Kauangaroa (withdrew 2023)* • Whangaehu (withdrew 2023)* 	Ms Leanne Hiroti Dr Mike Paki	Te Runanga o Ngā Ariki
Rātana Community	Ms Grace Taiaroa	Rātana Community Board
Ngāti Hauiti	Dr Heather Gifford	Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti
Ngāti Hinemanu/ Ngāti Paki	Mr Jordan Winiata-Haines	Ngāti Hinemanu me Ngāti Paki
Ngāti Tamakōpiri	Ms Moira Raukawa	Te Runanga o Ngāti Tamakōpiri
Ngāti Whitikaupeka	Ms Piki Te Ora Hiroa	Te Runanga o Ngāti Whitikaupeka
Ngāti Te Ohuake	Ms Marj Heeney	Te Runanga o Ngāti Te Ohuake
Ngāti Rangituhia	Dr Katarina Gray-Sharp	Raketapauma marae
Rangitikei District Council Māori ward councillors that represent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiikeitia ki Tai (Coastal) Ward (1 member) • Tiikeitia ki Uta (Inland) Ward (1 member) 	Cr Coral Raukawa Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa	Elected by constituents of the two Māori wards
Two elected members of the Rangitikei District Council.	His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson Cr Alan Buckendahl	Appointed by the Rangitikei District Council

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