

Policy & Planning Chairs Report Pipiri 2025

E ngā rangatira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa!

He mihi kia koe, Mayor Andy for stepping into the Chairs role at our April Hui.

In a central government space, the number of new bills and that are being put out for public submissions or kaupapa where change is being sort seems to be never ending. Water, Resource Management, Animal Husbandry, Regulatory Standards and everything in between is mind boggling.

One may ask when does it stop! The reality is it doesn't stop, we keep moving forward and continue to do our best. I applaud and encourage New Zealanders to engage in the system so that your voice is heard! Kia kaha Aotearoa!

The cross over between local government systems and central government is an interesting space and despite the best intentions of decision making that is made at local levels this is often trumped by Central government. What do we do ? Haere Tonu!

Getting back to things at our local level, the work being undertaken on the Proposed Plan Change 3 – around urban growth is going to be a big topic on today's agenda and I thank the staff for the research, relationships, discussion, and korero that has been undertaken to get us to this point.

Our Economic Wellbeing lead will be taking us through the "Economic Wellbeing Strategy and Action Plan" which steps us through how a diverse economy, vibrant district and healthy and sustainable businesses all contribute to a thriving Rangitikei with all players in the community acknowledged, there is of course still work to do but we have a great starting point

Other areas that will see us receive updates, include

- Economic Update
- Regulatory Update
- Strategy/Plan Development and Review
- Policy and Bylaw Work Programme

I thank those residents that continue to be interested in what it is our council are doing but also encourage those who may not have shown an interest yet, to get involved and find out for yourself what this council is doing on your behalf.

Finally, an acknowledgement to the hard work our staff are doing everyday in which ever lane they maybe working in. Trying to prioritise the myriad of kaupapa that come across their tables and the pressure that sits with them is not easy but what I see as a councillor when sitting around the table, is people committed to making a difference and doing the best they can do for the betterment of the Rangitikei! Thank you Carol for your strong leadership with your team!

Whakatauki!

"He kai kei aku ringa"

This signifies the ability to create success by using one's skills and resources which reflects into an individual's resilience.

Piki Te Ora Hiroa, Tiamana