

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa: Te Ripoata Tiamana
Pipiri 2025

E ngā rau o te kotuku e huihui mai nei, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa!

E ngā pare raukura o te mate mo ēnei marama kua pahure, haere , haere , haere atu ra!

We are now 6 months into the lunar year and are in the month of the Maori New Year of “Matariki” or Puanga for those of us in the Rangitikei. The abundance of knowledge that is being shared around Matariki/Puanga can now be put into practice and I’d like to acknowledge the many Marae who are holding hui to celebrate this kaupapa but also the many community events that are happening at schools, community halls and other places here in the Rangitikei. I’d also like to send our tautoko to our whanaunga in the Ruapehu rohe who are hosting the national Matariki/Puanga celebrations in a couple of weeks.

An acknowledgement for the work that has been happening at a Marae, Hapu, Iwi & Runanga level, since our last Hui, a mention to Winiata Marae, with the opening of the Freshwater Science Laboratory, Ngati Apa with the excellent success rates of working with our rangatahi and getting them back to school and also to the many wananga that have been happening over the last couple of months both in the North and South that are covering whakapapa, tikanga, whanau and whenua just to mention a few, he mahi miharo, he mahi whakahirahira, Kia kaha ki a maia, kia manawanui!

For many people across Aotearoa, both Maori and non-Maori, the current Regulatory Standards bill that is being put up for public submissions is just as controversial as the Treaty Principles Bill. What has been evident across the country is that apathy , ignorance or just not knowing, about how bills are passed, and laws are made in this country is not going unnoticed anymore, the power of the people will be 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 can often be trumped by Central government.

In today’s hui, we will be getting updates across a number of existing kaupapa that have already been presented in past hui. 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. It is always an informative read when going through the Mayor’s Report and gives the reader an insight into the array of kaupapa Mayor Andy, deals with on a daily.

Staff will also be updating us on Local Water Done Well, Maori responsiveness framework and other kaupapa that we have on the agenda.

We look forward to another robust discussion around the table!

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