

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa: Te Ripoata Tiamana
Whiringa-ā nuku 2026

Morena koutou, naumai hoki mai nga mema o Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, me te Koromatua, me nga kaimahi o te kaunihera o Rangitikei!

He mihi aroha, ki ngā whānau whānui ki te rohe, mo ngā mate maha i pahure atu nei! Ko te rangatira, Adrian, haere haere haere atu ra, ki te taha o tou tupuna, moe mai, moe mai okioki!

What have we got on today's Agenda? Our business as usual reports are front and centre, with the addition of an overview of what and where things stand for us within the Central District Waters space. The implications to our whanau whanui are outlined with a clear timeline of how things should progress.

I'd like to also acknowledge the work that is done by the small but mighty team who are responsible for the consultation and legislative updates that are provided into our roopu. This body of work is an important part of ensuring we are informed and kept up to date with legislative changes that are at the forefront of our governments strategy for achieving what it sees as of importance for all sections of our society from Local government, education, environment, water, roads and what Māori and others in our country are interested in "Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

Proposed submissions that we will be contributing into include;

- Building Amendment Bill by Parliament Transport and Infrastructure Committee,
- Stormwater Engagement Paper by Water Services Authority Taumata Arowai,
- Local Government (Rates Capping) Amendment Bill by Parliament Finance and Expenditure Committee
- Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards Tranche Two, (Central Districts Water submission)

Other consultations of interest that our council are not submitting on are "References to Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi (standardisation) Amendment Bill, References to Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi (Strength of Legislative Obligations) Amendment Bill, and References to Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi (Repeals) Justice Committee Amendment Bill.

Any diluting down or worse off scrapping of Te Tiriti O Waitangi would be an absolute step back of the good will between Māori and the Crown in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Lastly, I'd like to acknowledge the planning and execution by Rangitikei staff for the recent Southern Marae tour of places of importance and significance for whanau, hapu and Iwi of the Southern Rangitikei and Ratana. It was a privilege to start our tour off at Ratana and finish at Parewahawaha Marae in Bulls. The rich history and connections across this end of our rohe are many and a special mihi to Dr Mike Paki for his contributions and matauranga, Grace Taiaroa for her memories and learning passed down to her around the Ratana faith and also Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Kim Savage for the manaaki shown to our roopu at Parewahawaha! Kia rongo noa atu koutou!

Whakatauki!

"Kua tawhiti kē tō haerenga mai, kia kore e haere tonu. He nui rawa ō mahi kia kore e mahi tonu."

(You have come too far, not to go further. You have done too much, not to do more.) (Tā Hemi Hēnare, Ngāti Hine / Ngā Puhī)

Piki Te Ora Hiroa, Tiamana
Ngati Whitikaupeka