

## Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Chairs Report April 2024

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Tena Koutou katoa,

Nga raurangatira ma, I roto I tenei kaupapa o Te Roopu Ahi Kaa ki te taha on te kaunihera o Rangitikei!

An acknowledgement in the first instance of the lost of prominent Ratana personality Andre Meihana and other whanau whanui within our Rangitikei rohe and beyond , haere haere haere atu ra ki te taha o tou tupuna.

Thank you to Te Roopu Ahi Kaa members who made yourselves available for the workshop last month. We spent the most time during that Hui on our Draft Terms Of Reference and I am confident that the document that has been developed by Staff with our input is a much better reflection on how and what it is we see the purpose of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

I hope you have all took up the opportunity to put through submissions on behalf of yourselves or hapu/Iwi/Marae groupings you represent with our recent LTP process that finished on Sunday. I'd like to commend the Ratana Community on their recent LTP engagement Hui that was held at the new playground . We certainly had a fun time up with the whanau whanui and all had an excellent time.

As we would have all heard last week the coalition government has made the call to introduce the binding referendums for Maori wards at the next local body elections, this is an important Kaupapa that will no doubt be heard around this table and the Rangitikei District Council table.

Kia kaha koutou!

### **He Whakatauki!**

“Tu Koe ki te wero, noho pai I roto I te manawarau”

Challenge yourself by being comfortable in the uncomfortable

Nga mihi mahana

Piki Te Ora Hiroa

Tiamana