

National Executive Candidates 2027 – 2028

Curriculum Vitae



Name: Raewyn Himona

Nominated for:

- Manukura President 2027-028
- Vice President 2027-2028

Ae mai, ae mai

I welcome your challenge

ki te whae o nono, ki te whae o kaheto e

The victory will be ours

Aoraki matatū hei!

Aoraki be ever proud!

Ko Aoraki, Ko Rangutūmau ngā maunga

Ko Uruao, ko Takitimu, ko Kurahaupo ngā waka

Ko Waimakariri, ko Ruamāhanga, ko Te Awakairangi ngā awa

Ko Tūāhuriri, ko Ngāti Kuri, ko Ngāti Hāmua ngā hapū.

Ko Ngāi Tahu, Ko Kati Mamoe, Ko Waitaha,

ko Rangitāne ki Wairarapa, ko Te Ati Awa, ko Ngāti Kahungunu ngā iwi.

Relevant skill, attributes and qualifications:

University of Canterbury

- **2015** Master of Education
- **2003** Post Graduate Diploma in Bilingual Education

Te Wānanga o Raukawa

- **2013** Postgraduate Certificate in Bilingual Education
- **1999** Reading Recovery- English and Māori medium

University of Auckland

- **1993** Diploma of Teaching

Current Work/Mahi

Haeata Community Campus Aranui, CHRISTCHURCH

Deputy Principal Years 1-13

Work experience:

Kaiāwhina, Parent support Te Kōhanga Reo, Teacher (Yrs 1-13), Reliever, Specialist Teacher, Deputy Principal, Principal (Area School), Kaitakawaenga PLD Facilitator-University of Canterbury.

Work Places:

Tuakau, Papakura, Takanini (5 years), Central Wellington (3 years), Masterton, Wairarapa (5 years), Christchurch (18 years), Nelson (1.5 years)

NZEI Experience

- Current Vice President 2025-2026 Term
- Kaihautū - Te Reo Areare Te Waipounamu
- Vice President 1 year 2020
- Member of National Executive 6 years
- Kaihautū of Te Waipounamu 10 years
- Te Reo Areare 11 years
- Aronui Tōmua Secretary
- Guest speaker and facilitator for various NZEI events and webinars.
- Have led and spoken at many PUM's throughout Aotearoa.
- Have been a member of NLG's for 4 years and have been the Liaison for NLG A C chairs.
- Have been part of the Area Schools Negotiation teams
- Have been a speaker for NZEI Te Riu Roa at many events, celebrating and advocating for education for all parts and areas of our union, Government select committees.

I have been a proud member of NZEI Te Riu Roa since beginning teaching in 1994. As a single māmā, supported by an amazing whānau, I chose teaching so I could be there for my tamariki and ensure they grew up strong in their native language, with access to the quality public education every tamaiti deserves.

I have taught and led across the motu in mainstream, bilingual and kura kaupapa Māori settings, giving me insight into the diverse local and regional issues facing our tamariki, whānau and educators.

As a former principal and current senior leader, I understand the challenges our leaders face. We need to grow and support our current and emerging leaders through strong mentoring, development and leadership pathways. Leadership is not just about a title — it is about service, collective responsibility and creating opportunities for others to step forward.

I have been an advocate, activist and protester for as long as I can remember. I believe we are all advocates — in our kāinga, workplaces, communities and on our marae. As an NZEI Te Riu Roa colleague and advocate for all our sectors, I know there is still much mahi ahead of us.

We must continue to stand together for Ngā Aukaha — support for our ākonga, mana taurite and pay equity, time, funding and resourcing, and strong support for our current and future leaders.

Together, we must continue to strengthen our collective voice and fight for quality, equitable public education.

Because our tamariki, our educators, and all our mokopuna are worth it!

Kia kaha. Kia māia. Kia manawanui.

Nominated by

Aronui Tōmua ki Te Waipounamu
Waitaha Area Council

**E koekoe te tūi, e ketekete te kākā, e kūkū te kererū
The tūi chatters, the kākā cackles and the kererū coos.
(A whakataukī suggests that it takes all kinds of people)**