



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.*

Name: Raewyn Himona

Nominated for: Vice President 2024

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 School, Aranui, CHRISTCHURCH

Deputy Principal Years 1-13

Work experience:

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

Work Places:

Tuakau, Papakura, Takanini (5 years), Central Wellington (3 years), Masterton, Wairarapa (5 years), Christchurch (17 years), Nelson(1.5 years)

NZEI Experience

- Vice President 1 year 2020
- Member of National Executive 6 years
- Kaihautū of Te Waipounamu 8 years
- Te Reo Areare 9 years
- Aronui Tōmua Secretary
- Guest speaker and facilitator for various NZEI events and webinar.

I have been a member of NZEI Te Riu Roa since I was a beginning teacher in 1994. I was lucky enough to begin my teaching career in Tuakau, Papakura and Takanini. It was difficult to get work back then but it was an exciting and scary time as Pay Parity and 'Susan's Shoe' was the kaupapa of the time. It was accepted back then that you needed 2 jobs to live as a teacher and that's what we did to survive.

As a single māmā with an amazing supportive whānau with me, I wanted a career where I could see my tamariki everyday and I was determined to make sure they grew up in their native language whilst receiving a quality public education.

I have enjoyed all my teaching experiences around the country, from mainstream, bilingual, to kura kaupapa, which has given me insight to local and regional issues. I've been an advocate, an activist, and a protester, since I was born. Every person is a politician, as we as educators, parents and union members advocate every day of our lives whether it be in our kāinga (homes), in our workplaces, our communities or on the marae.

I am currently the Kaihautu for Te Waipounamu and hold a General seat on National Executive alongside Te Areare which makes up Te Kahu Kiwi.

As an NZEI colleague and advocate of all of the sectors in this space today I acknowledge the work that needs to be done for all members of NZEI, in all of our campaigns for Ngā Aukaha - support for our ākonga, mana taurite/pay equity, time, funding, and resourcing so we can achieve excellence for all tamariki, because all our mokopuna are worth it!

Nominated by Aronui Tōmua ki Waitaha

Nomination supported by:

Pipiri Mananui 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 suggesting that it takes all kinds of people ...)**