

REPORT TO APANZ COUNCIL, OCTOBER 2024

From Whakaoho Aroha | Te Tiriti Bicultural Committee

Tēnā koutou katoa,

It has been some time since there has been TTBAC representation on Council. Having a TTBAC rep on Council again will mean there is opportunity for better recognition and support around potentially difficult situations for our Waka Oranga and Māori colleagues when needed.

My specific task is to assist with the re-formation and establishment of a Te Tiriti Bicultural Committee following an unexpectedly lengthy recess. To this end, at Council's kanohi ki te kanohi June hui in Pōneke, Graeme McCartney, a former TTBAC member, joined us to consider the recent TTBAC review and to assist in the development of a pathway forward.

The main points established were:

1. 'Advisory' was dropped from our title so we might be less likely perceived as admonishing, and to be known as Te Tiriti Bicultural Committee (TTBC). In addition we wish to be known as Whakaoho Aroha TTBC, a title gifted to us by senior Māori members of our rōpū in 2018 meaning 'to wake up with love'.

2. A Newsletter advertisement and emails to members soliciting expressions of interest in joining TTBC were circulated with limited success. We asked for those with skills, training and knowledge of Te Tiriti, who are in relationship with Māori, and have those personal attributes who could contribute to the success of this rōpū.

Graeme McCartney, has agreed to be involved for a limited time, and two individuals who responded to the advertising have been in communication with me in the interim. I suggest that we need to have at least one more individual in this rōpū and that we consider shoulder tapping one or two potentially suitable individuals directly before we meet together for the first time.

3. Whakaoho Aroha TTBC will be a smaller rōpū than TTBAC, working to uphold the principles of Te Tiriti, with a policy and governance focus with respect to psychotherapy. We will be continuing to work to build robust relationships with Waka Oranga and Māori in which tino rangatiratanga for Māori is at its heart.

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