

Ko Mōtakiora te whakahaumaru nei
Ko Manga-o-Kewa te rere mai nei
He uri tēnei o Ngāti Maniapoto, o Ngāti Tahinga
Papaki kau ana ngā parirau o mihi ki a koutou katoa



My name is Rhea Te Aika-Puanaki, and I am proud to be a part of the Riki Consultancy whānau. In my capacity as a Kaihāpai/ Contracted Consultant, I am honoured to guide and support those who engage us on their partake in our educational journey endeavours, fostering understanding of the Māori world. I am passionate about sharing the beauty of Te Ao Māori and connecting people with the rich cultural heritage of Aotearoa.

I have gained valuable experience working for Ngāi Tahu and Ngāi Tūāhuriri in the field of education. These opportunities have allowed me to deepen my understanding of Māori education principles, cultural protocols, and language revitalisation efforts. I have been fortunate to collaborate with diverse groups of students, educators, and community members, fostering an environment of inclusivity and cultural exchange.

As an advocate for Te Ao Māori, I am committed to promoting educational pathways that empower learners to engage with Māori culture, language, and values. I believe that by fostering cultural understanding, we contribute to a more inclusive and diverse society. I strive to create meaningful and transformative learning experiences that inspire individuals to embrace and celebrate the beauty of Te Ao Māori.

For us at Riki Consultancy, the chance to influence and empower individuals, teams, and organisations to challenge their existing beliefs and perspectives about the Māori world is the goal our team at Riki Consultancy constantly strives for. We help create new environments that foster a deeper comprehension of the best methods to collaborate with Māori and uphold our responsibilities to the Treaty of Waitangi, thus shaping a secure and empowering New Zealand, not just for Māori, but for all.

Kia mau ki te kawau mārō, whanake ake! Whanake ake!