



- **Where did you grow up?**

Rukuhia, on the outskirts of Hamilton.

- **What were your favourite subjects at school?**

History, English, Classics, Art History - any subject where it was legit to pick up a book in class and read. Books were, and still are, my favourite way to both learn and relax.

- **Have you ever failed at something?**

I suck at the first draft of everything I write - good writing and journalism only comes through re-working and re-working and re-working.

- **How did you get into your mahi?**

I did a journalism degree which got me my first job - but what was really useful was studying both International Relations and te reo Māori which broadened my worldview enormously.

- **What do you recommend to help someone get through a bad day?**

The bad day will pass, and you can try again tomorrow.



## **Ko wai tēnei?**

I work as the Deputy Editor at E-Tangata magazine, which is an online digital publication for kaupapa Māori and Pacific. For this mahi I work both as a writer and as an editor, working with new writers who want to publish their news stories and articles.

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- **Can you share your whakapapa from a Pāhauwera ancestor?**

Ko Kurahikakawa te tipuna, ki te taha o tōku whaea.

- **Tell us about one of your favourite whakataukī and why it's a favourite.**

Kei ōu ringaringa te ao - the world is yours.

I like this because there are a million different ways to live a good life and it's up to you, not anyone else, to decide what's right for you.

- **What's your favourite food in the whole world?**

Cherries



- **Share a link to a piece of mahi you're proud of explain why you're proud of it.**

<https://e-tangata.co.nz/comment-and-analysis/we-are-weeping-for-our-river/>

I'm proud of this story because it supports the struggle for tino rangatiratanga.



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