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Raupunga has always been a special place to me, having grown up there. My primary school years were spent at Raupunga School, then I attended Wairoa College, then boarded at Hukarere Māori Girls for two years.

I have always known that I wanted to do something with my life since I was young, but I had difficulty determining what that was. As a kid, I worked in the shearing sheds with my parents during the holidays. Dad never stopped finding us things to do, like chasing cows, sheep, milk the cows and go bush. He always wanted us to do well in life so I believe those experiences taught me to never be afraid of hard mahi! Although I didn't mind labouring Jobs, I felt I needed something more.

Our family moved to Perth in 2013 and we purchased our first home in 2015. As soon as we moved to Perth, I needed a job quickly, so I completed Level 3 in aged care and that's where my passion for nursing developed. While working part-time in aged care and raising my young girls while my partner worked away for 4 weeks at a time and one week home, I somehow managed to complete my nursing diploma. Now, after 5 years I am currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at university. The prospect of obtaining a bachelor's degree simply opens up a number of new opportunities for me.

My goal is to travel and work in the outback. My academic performance has never been strong, but thanks to my Dad's influence I believe in hard work and determination which has always helped me to succeed. Having spent years deciding my career, I am determined to make the most of this opportunity and I want to show my children that anything is possible if you put your mind to it.



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

I was a care worker in aged care and my passion for nursing grew.

- **Who was your favourite teacher/coach and why?**

Anything Māori, Māori craft, kapahaka, te reo...
Anything else just seemed foreign so I was quite mischievous. I guess we don't realise the importance of education until we need it, unfortunately.

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

I failed in school. I gave up then but I'm doing it now so it's good. Thanks to the support of my parents and my Papa George. Their influence has taught me to believe in hard work and determination, their support has helped me through some of my hardest struggles in life and that's something I am forever grateful for.

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

Gym, coffee, beach, walk... Bad days aren't forever.

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

Boil up!

- **What's your favourite whakataukī?**

Mauria te pono.



- **What mahi are you most proud of?**

Being a mum. Raising my girls on my own with next to no support, no family but got it done. And seeing my girls now makes my heart happy.

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