

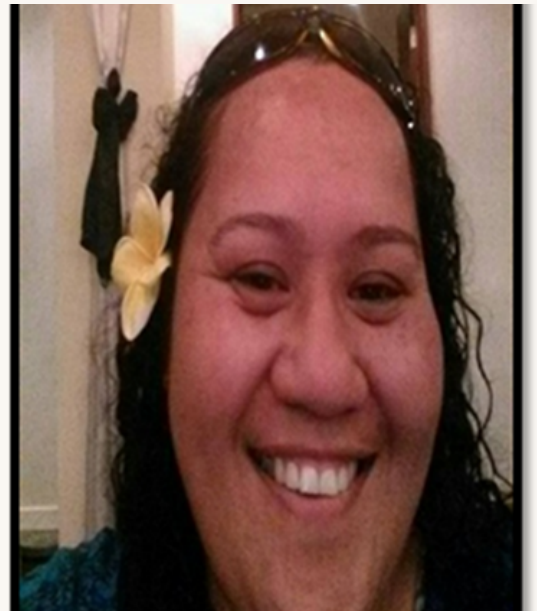
# Lucky Hawkins

Ko Maungaharuru me Hikurangi ōku maunga.  
Ko Waihua me Waiapu ōku awa.  
Ko Ngāti Pāhauwera me Te Aitanga a Mate ngā hapū.  
Ko Ngāti Kahungunu me Ngāti Porou ngā iwi.  
Ko Takitimu me Horouta ngā waka.  
Ko Lucky Hawkins tōku ingoa.

## **Ko wai tēnei?**

Lucky is a second-chance adult student, returning to a rigorous tertiary education journey as a 38-year-old learner. She has completed nine qualifications while living in Wairoa, and supports the viewpoint that education can now be reached by anyone, anytime and from anywhere.

Lucky's educational career started as a literacy and numeracy volunteer in Wairoa. This role led a position as a National Contractual Intensive Literacy and Numeracy Tutor for Te Wananga O Aotearoa in the New Zealand prison system. While there she worked in three different prisons and visited many many more. She experienced first-hand the saying: Teaching is more than imparting knowledge; it is inspiring change.



**‘I am a firm believer in breaking down barriers in education.’**

*Lucky*



Lucky's Masters of Education Practice with the University of Auckland theoretical assessment was entitled 'Students that fall between the cracks'. On completion of this piece of work, Lucky took a preventative stance on the over-representation of Māori in the prison system, and pursued a role "outside the wire". She has worked in a management role at EIT in Wairoa and back within a wananga again, to find more Māori-specific solutions for her community, to ultimately improve social equity for all through tertiary education.

Lucky has relocated back to her hometown of Gisborne after the 2023 Wairoa flooding and wants to continue overseeing programmes in Wairoa that contribute to social development.

Lucky is now, in her second year of a Doctorate of Professional Practice, majoring in Education Studies. A chapter in Lucky's thesis will be based on rangahau from the *Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Indigenous Summit* in Canada in September 2023. The mahi created will be a collaboration of knowledge of all of the past programmes she has studied, as well as the experiences she is gaining on the Diploma in Rongoā Māori she started after relocating from Wairoa. Commencing this course was her solution to her personal healing journey of displacement.



Lucky is excited to be able to link her personal and professional roles to collate and complete this literature which will be targeted for distribution in high schools, marae and other community groups, as well as adding to her doctoral thesis which will be completed for publication in 2024.

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