

Turakina te Awa

Tini Waitara te Marae

Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa te iwi

No reira Ko Natalie Moana Emma Raukawa Edmondson (Missy) taku ingoa

Kei te mihi atu kia koutou.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

My grandparents were Bert and Ani Raukawa (nee Rennie). They gave birth to my dad, Bert (Buddy) Raukawa who married Eileen Te Iringa of Maniapoto. Born and schooled in Hamilton, I am the youngest of 14 children and was brought up in the little township of Frankton. I am now married to Allan Edmondson and we have 4 kids, Mahlia 20, Ben 15, Lucas 13 and Hunter 10yrs and currently live in Patumahoe.

Since being a kid and travelling with my dad and siblings, he always made sure that we did 2 things in our lives. Respect our kaumatua and visit our whanaunga, no matter where they lived.

Last year my eldest son Ben sustained a serious spinal cord injury leaving him diagnosed as a Tetraplegic. Through this injury, my husband and I have developed a passion to learn as much as we can about spinal cord injuries and how and what we can do to support our people holistically in our community, especially Maori. Although for many people this is a full time job, I still maintain my job with Foodstuffs, North Island, as a Deployment Specialist.

My husband owns 2 businesses and I manage the administration and back office tasks. This has been both rewarding and challenging for myself and family, having to be away from them for weeks at a time, but my whanau have been there to support me. I currently hold a Diploma in Business, Certificate in Small Business Management and a Certificate in Money Management.

My other passion is Netball, I absolutely love the game and currently coach the Manurewa Rugby Netball Premier 2 side, who won division 2 in the Regional Premier League (RPL) for Counties Manukau 2017 & 2018

I strongly believe that through hard work, dedication and continual communication there can be a focussed direction and clarity for any group wishing to move forward together and flourish. I hope to contribute to the consolidation of the work that is going to be required for the next three years on behalf of our whanau, hapu and Iwi.

Ki te kahore he whakakitenga, ka kore te iwi e tupato.

Where there is no vision, the people perish.

Mauri ora!