

Kia ora, ko Waikawau Luke tōku ingoa. He uri whakatipu ahau nō ngā iwi o Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Rārua, me Te Rarawa. I am a proud rangatahi who wants to join Te Awhioraki as Kaimahi Āpiha Whakawhanaungatanga. In this role, I want to help build stronger connections among us as Māori and get everyone involved with and proud of our taha Māori. I want to create more opportunities for Māori to connect with each other, our culture and our community, with the intention of making everyone feel welcomed, valued and heard. I believe engagement is about more than just getting people to attend events. It is about creating genuine connections between each other, listening to rangatahi, and making sure everyone feels valued. I want to leave a stronger foundation for the generations that come after us, so future rangatahi can stand proud in who they are, their culture and their whakapapa. Mō tātou, ā, mō ngā uri ā muri ake nei For us, and for the descendants after us.