



Lewis Neera

I was born and bred in Napier. I whakapapa to Marangatūhetaua (Ngāti Tū) and Ngāi Te Ruruku of Tangoio Marae and Ngāti Matepū of Petane Marae. I was raised to embrace tikanga, kawa and whanaungatanga. Equipped with these values my life's work has been to help others.

I am passionate about working with individuals and their whānau who are experiencing issues with addictions and mental health. I am employed by the Hawke's Bay DHB as an Addictions Counsellor. My experience includes networking with community agencies, and acting as an advocate and a facilitator. I have had to be a good listener, as well as innovative and creative to find solutions.

I enjoy new challenges. I am methodical, reliable, and responsible. I operate well in a team and can manage a vast range of tasks. I have ethical values, a commitment to self-development and to working for the betterment of all our people. Helpfully, I also have a good sense of humour!

I am the Chairperson of Tangoio Marae and secretary for our whānau ahu whenua trust.

I believe my skills will be useful in the role of Trustee and I welcome the opportunity to serve our hapū.