



Jake Higgins



“I grew up with stories about how Tā Apirana Ngata has influenced our society. I have become fascinated about how a man who grew up in Ngāti Porou came to have such a profound effect on politics in Aotearoa. This has made me interested in the current political climate and how I might follow in my papa’s footsteps by contributing to reshaping much of the narrative about Māori and rural communities, so they are thought of in terms of abundance rather than social deprivation. My generation will live through the events your generation constructs. I have also seen how my generation has become disenfranchised with the political system, my participation will show that it is possible to be a part of the political process and able to shape the decisions that affect us all.”

Selecting MP: Cushla Tangaere-Manuel

Location: Gisborne