

Esther Linklater



Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou,
Ko Trowie glen tōku maunga
Ko Stenness tōku kohātu tū
Ko North Sea tōku Moana
Ko Orkney tōku whenua
Ko Girnigoe tōku whare nui
Ko Sinclair tōku hapu
Ko Norse ko Celt tōku iwi
Ko Linklater tōku whanau
Ko Jack raua ko Tui ōku tūpuna
Ko Richard raua ko Robyn ōku mātua
Ko Esther tōku ingoa
Ko Richard raua ko Phillip ko Alex tāku tamaiti
Ko Isabella tāku mokopuna.

So Hi, my name is Esther!

My family are from the Orkney Islands, situated in the North Sea. I am from the Linklater clan which is affiliated with the Sinclair clan, which occurred in 1472 when the Orkneys (and Shetlands) were ceded to Scotland by Norway (as part of a marriage settlement). My oldest son (Richard) has just made me a very happy (excited) grandparent of Isabella, I still don't know what I want to be called but I guess that will evolve naturally!

I am a fairly new Charge Nurse Manager – boy is that a learning experience! Don't get me wrong I love learning new things, I figure being a charge Nurse will keep me going for years.

I have been nursing (and a delegate) for more than 20 years (now I feel old), and I have been with Waitemata DHB in various roles since 2001.

I am the current Chair for the Greater Auckland Regional Council (GAR), roughly half way through my second term as Chair (so succession planning starts!). GAR meets monthly on the first Wednesday either via Zoom or face to face (or both) depending on COVID and other factors.

I am in the role of regional chair as I wanted to try and develop an inclusive and transparent forum for all members in the Auckland region, with a line of communication to the larger organisation. I want to hear from you about what is happening in your areas, I would love you to attend regional meetings, I want you to know we are all only human, and nobody is better than anybody else, we all bring different skills to the table!