



Te Rūnanga o NGĀI TAHU

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Ngāi Tahu Treaty Festival, Ōnuku Marae, Akaroa, Saturday 6 February

Ōnuku Rūnanga will host Ngāi Tahu Treaty of Waitangi Day Commemorations, Ngāi Tahu Treaty Festival, at Ōnuku Marae, Akaroa, on Saturday 6 February.

The public is welcome to attend.

The day will begin with a powhiri at 9am to welcome guests, which include Governor-General Sir Anand Satyanand and Deputy Prime Minister Bill English.

This will be followed by a full day of festivities including a mix of live bands and kapahaka, weaving and carving demonstrations, and a display of tribal taonga (treasures) from the extensive Canterbury Museum Louis Vangioni collection, which will be on display in the wharehau (meeting house).

Upoko of Ōnuku Rūnanga George Tikao says the theme of the Ngāi Tahu Treaty Festival will centre around Ngāi Tahu's relationship with the whenua; land.

"The reason being, the significant success already regarding whenua, for example Takapūneke, the return of this historically significant land which is now blessed and cleansed and returned to the nation as an historical reserve," says George Tikao. "That is something we can all celebrate".

Ōnuku is one of three locations in Te Waipounamu at which Ngāi Tahu signed the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840.

Other whenua related projects at Banks Peninsula include working to have Māori place names alongside the English place names of some culturally significant sites.

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0900	Assemble at front of Marae for Pōwhiri
0915	Powhiri
1010	Day Programme / House Keeping
1030	Morning Tea – VIP's & Kaumātua in Wharekai
1100	Entertainment/Stalls
1300	Hangi lunch
All Day	Taonga Exhibition in the Wharenuī
	Weaving, Carving, Arts and Crafts in marquee
	Various Stalls: Ngāi Tahu merchandise, Whai Rawa Savings Scheme, Department of Conservation, St John and much more.

Entertainment Schedule

1100 – 1140	Ariana Tikao and Band
1140 – 1300	The Unfaithful Ways Band
1400 - 1500	A Hori Buzz Band
1500 - 1600	Rhythm Method Band
	DJ sets throughout the day with DJ Redford Grennell

Parking:

Parking is available at Akaroa Area School with shuttles available all day to take people to and from the marae. We ask that you do not drive to the marae as there is limited parking.

Also part of Waitangi Day Commemorations at Akaroa

NGĀ ROIMATA O TAKAPŪNEKE – TEARS OF TAKAPŪNEKE, AKAROA MUSEUM

5 February- 3 May

Ngā Roimata o Takapūneke commemorates the new Takapūneke reserve by telling the story of the massacre through images, texts and audio interviews. Ngā Roimata is a dual reference to both Ngā Roimata, the daughter of Te Maiharanui and the tragedy of the massacre.

An Akaroa taonga associated with the tragic events will be the highlight of the exhibition. The Kataore mere - a short, flat weapon made of greenstone and said to be owned by a chief killed during the massacre - is on loan to Akaroa Museum from the Auckland Museum until after Waitangi Day.

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Information for media

- Media are required to be registered for accreditation prior to the event
- Filming of the powhiri ceremony is permitted and representatives from Ngāi Tahu will be available for interviews
- Parking for media is available on the marae: you will be guided by marshals.

If you have any further queries or wish to register your attendance, please contact:

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