



MEDIA RELEASE

TE HOKINGA MAI

Featuring Mō Tātou: The Ngāi Tahu Whānui Exhibition and Mō Kā Uri: Taonga from Canterbury Museum

Monday 15 February

Ngāi Tahu Whānui, people of Te Waipounamu (South Island), and Canterbury Museum are proud to present *Te Hokinga Mai*. The return home of the Te Papa developed exhibition *Mō Tātou: The Ngāi Tahu Whānui Exhibition* is celebrated with the complementary exhibition *Mō Kā Uri: Taonga from Canterbury Museum*. *Mō Kā Uri* showcases Canterbury Museum's rich collection of Ngāi Tahu taonga alongside contemporary artwork by leading Ngāi Tahu artists.

Many of the artefacts on display as part of *Mō Kā Uri* are being exhibited for the first time.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Kaiwhakahaere Mark Solomon says the exhibition is a celebration of Ngāi Tahu culture, both past and present, with a focus on Waitaha (the Canterbury region) and Tai Poutini (the West Coast).

"More than a million people have seen part of the exhibition and now it is time to share *Te Hokinga Mai*, which is especially for the people of Canterbury and the West Coast. It tells the stories of our history, celebrates our contemporary artists and looks forward to our future."

Canterbury Museum Director Anthony Wright says *Te Hokinga Mai* is the biggest cultural exhibit of Ngāi Tahu arts ever and with the addition of *Mō Kā Uri*, is considerably larger than the Te Papa exhibition.

"For the first time, more than 200 objects of cultural importance spanning more than 600 years of Southern Māori tradition and lifestyle will be on display," Anthony Wright says.

The name *Te Hokinga Mai* ('the return home') pays homage to the *Te Māori* exhibition, and celebrates the 25th anniversary of this iconic exhibition's return home after its successful tour of the United States. The Robert McDougall Gallery was the first venue to show Te Māori on its return to Aotearoa.

The opening ceremony for *Te Hokinga Mai* is a very special occasion for all parties, particularly Ngāi Tahu, which welcomes home *Mō Tātou: The Ngāi Tahu Whānui Exhibition* after three years at Te Papa, Wellington and begins its tour to Canterbury, Southland and Otago museums. For Te Papa, it opens the exhibition to new audiences in Te Waipounamu (South Island) and continues the long association the national museum has enjoyed with Ngāi Tahu. For Canterbury Museum, hosting the exhibition provides the opportunity to showcase Ngāi Tahu taonga from its collection.

Te Hokinga Mai opens in the Robert McDougall Gallery at Canterbury Museum on Saturday 20 February 2010. The exhibition is open daily from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm. Admission is free; donations are appreciated.



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Mō Kā Uri: Taonga from Canterbury Museum

20 February – 20 June 2010

A range of public programmes and events are scheduled throughout the exhibition, including guided tours, evening lectures, performances, a children's holiday programme and a fashion show. Visit www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz or www.canterburymuseum.com for a full listing of events and further information.

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Background info and high res pics of featured taonga are available on request, please email fiona.mcleod@ngaitahu.iwi.nz

Information for media

- Media are required to be registered for accreditation prior to the event
- Filming of the opening ceremony is permitted and representatives from Ngāi Tahu Te Papa and Canterbury Museum will be available for interview
- Free car parking is available in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens car park. Caterpillar Garden Tours will be ferrying people to and from the ceremony.

Time: Please gather at 4.30am for a briefing before the blessing which begins at 5am.

Location: Robert McDougall Gallery at Canterbury Museum (Entry through the Christchurch Botanic Gardens' gates on Rolleston Avenue)

If you have any further queries or wish to register your attendance at the opening ceremony please contact:

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Public programme and events

Te Hokinga Mai tours

Every Wednesday

3.30–4.30 pm

Robert McDougall Gallery at Canterbury Museum

Take a free guided tour around the *Te Hokinga Mai* exhibition. Staff will be happy to answer your questions and provide you with stories and information about the exhibition and its collections.



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Rūnanga Showcase – Te Atakura performances

Robert McDougall Gallery

28 February

3.00–4.00 pm

Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri, Koukourārata, and Ōnuku,

28 March

3.00–4.00 pm

Taumutu, Rāpaki, Wairewa and Arowhenua

25 April

3.00–4.00 pm

Ngāti Waewae, Makaawhio, Kaikōura

Come and enjoy live multi-generational performances showcasing local rūnanga talent through waiata, whakapapa and kōrero.

Ngāi Tahu - Ko Tahu Ko Au

12 March

6.00–7.00 pm

Robert McDougall Gallery

Ngāi Tahu are the iwi who descend from the five primary hapū of Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Māmoē and Waitaha, namely Kāti Kurī, Ngāti Irakehu, Kāti Huirapa, Ngāi Tūāhuriri and Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu was established by the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Act 1996 to service the tribe's statutory rights and ensure that the benefits of the Treaty of Waitangi Settlement are enjoyed by Ngāi Tahu Whānui now and in the future. Join Tā Tipene O'Regan for this informative evening.

Tuna Heke (Migrating Eel)

23 March

6.00–7.00 pm

Robert McDougall Gallery

Every autumn mature female tuna (eels) start their migration from Te Roto o Wairewa (Lake Forsyth) to the Pacific Ocean and head for a region near Tonga where spawning takes place. To leave the lake the tuna have to cross the shingle bar at Birdlings Flat where it is traditional for the people of Wairewa to capture some of the tuna and store them for eating later in the year. Ilean Cranwell will share stories of this mahinga kai (food gathering) practice.

28th Māori Battalion D Company Ōtautahi Hīkoi Maumahara

20 April

6.00–7.00 pm

Robert McDougall Gallery

Maruhaeremuri Stirling will share the story of the surviving soldiers of the 28th Māori Battalion D Company Ōtautahi Branch who embarked on an emotional journey in September 2001 returning to Italy, Malta and Egypt where they fought in WWII.



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Traditional Māori Instruments and Music

4 May

6.00–7.30 pm

Robert McDougall Gallery

Richard Nunns is a living authority on ngā taonga pūoro (Māori traditional musical instruments). He has dedicated a lifetime to understanding, playing, making and recording Māori instruments. Richard is joined for this special evening programme by Brian Flintoff and together they will share a wealth of information around the sounds, history and stories of these taonga, ensuring their preservation for future generations.

Puaka/Matariki

25 May

6.00–7.00 pm

Robert McDougall Gallery

Matariki is the Māori name for the small cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades or the Seven Sisters, in the Taurus constellation. These stars come into view low on the north-eastern horizon, appearing in the tail of the Milky Way in the last days of May or in early June, just before dawn. This heralds the Māori New Year. For Ngāi Tahu it is believed that it is the rising of the star Puaka (Rigel in Orion) which heralded the new year, not Matariki. Hence the saying: 'Puaka kai rau' (Puaka of abundant food). Join Te Maire Tau who will share vast knowledge on the time of Puaka and Matariki.

Te Tohu o Tū

30 May

2.00–3.00 pm

Robert McDougall Gallery

A live performance by the group Te Tohu o Tū, showcasing the art of taiaha (weaponry).

Piki Huia Fashion Show

30 May

3.00–4.00 pm

Robert McDougall Gallery

Piki Huia is a fashion show that will take you on a journey through traditional examples of Ngāi Tahu handmade kahukiwi (kiwi feather cloaks) through to modern day use of feathers in clothing and fashion wear. Featuring Ngāi Tahu singer and songwriter Ariana Tikao.

Life on the Tītī Islands

8 June

6.00–7.30 pm

Robert McDougall Gallery

Jane Davis has been visiting the Tītī Islands for more than 70 years. She has worked tirelessly to protect the island and the annual harvest of the traditional Ngāi Tahu delicacy tītī, or muttonbirds. Hear about her relationship with the birds and the islands and how they have shaped her life and the lives of her son Tāne Davis and her mokopuna Kane Davis, who will also be sharing their stories.



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For the Kids

Children's Holiday Programme: Te Hokinga Mai

6–16 April

Robert McDougall Gallery at Canterbury Museum

Junior: 10.00 am–11.30 am (3-7 years)

Senior: 1.00 pm–3.00 pm (8-13 years)

Have fun discovering the culture of Ngāi Tahu. With Te Reo Māori and *Te Hokinga Mai* as a starting point we will go on a journey of adventure and examine life in Te Waipounamu—from the past, to the present and into the future for Ngāi Tahu and all New Zealanders.

Cost: Discovery Club members \$2.50 and non-members \$5.50 per child. Bookings essential; telephone 366 9429 ext 817 or email education@canterburymuseum.com

Mō Tātou: Mums and Bubs

Every Thursday

18 March–17 June

10.00–10.30 am

Te Tai Tamariki exhibition space, Level 3

Come and share storytelling, waiata Māori and rhymes. Suitable for preschoolers. Delivered by Mahana Paerata.



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