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6 FEBRUARY 2025

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**Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Ōnuku Marae warmly invite you to join us as we commemorate Waitangi Day.**

6 February 2025

at Ōnuku Marae, Akaroa

Pōwhiri at 9am, please gather at the gates

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Kia ora anō s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for the catch up with Jo and I.

As promised, attached is an article we discussed that will assist the PM with his speech. Also, the programme for the day.

Once I've met with the Comms team āpōpō, we will send through some feedback etc.

Ngā mihi,

Whetū

s 9(2)(a) **Group Head, Te Uruki**

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WORDS: HELEN BROWN

# Fulfilling aspirations

Takapūneke is one of the nation's most significant historic places. Thanks to the combined commitment for almost half a century of many people – both tangata whenua and tangata Tiriti – its stories are starting to be told

**P**ou-tū-te-Raki-o-Te-Maiharanui commands a spectacular view across Akaroa Harbour. The striking pou takes in features of the cultural landscape such as Tūhiraki, the famed kō of Rākaihautū on the ridgeline to the west, and the distinctive, teardrop-shaped Ōnawe Pā peninsula to the north.

Standing more than eight metres tall, it was carved by Ngāi Tahu tohunga whakairo Fayne Robinson and rises from the centre of a takarangi pathway that draws visitors inward, in ever-decreasing circles. The curvilinear route is punctuated with *tohu* etched into the ground that invite you to pause and reflect. Harakeke. Rope. A musket. A map. A quill. Each *tohu* alludes to a specific story associated with Takapūneke, 'the Waitangi of Te Waipounamu'.

Takapūneke sits quietly in the landscape, but in the 1820s this small, sheltered bay just south of the present-day Akaroa township was home to a bustling kāinga from which Ngāi Tahu upoko ariki Te Maiharanui conducted a lucrative trade in harakeke.

1. Pou-tū-te-Raki-o-Te-Maiharanui on the day of its unveiling at Takapūneke during Matariki celebrations on 24 June 2022. Image: Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, courtesy of Ōnuku Rūnanga

This enterprise and Ngāi Tahu life in the bay ended abruptly and devastatingly in November 1830, when a Ngāti Toa war party led by Te Rauparaha was secreted into the harbour beneath the decks of the British mercantile brig *Elizabeth*, captained by John Stewart.

Lured aboard under the guise of trade, Te Maiharanui was captured and killed in revenge for Ngāti Toa losses at Kaiapoi pā two years earlier. The war party razed the kāinga and brutally killed or enslaved many Ngāi Tahu people, thus rendering the bay tapu.

The Ngāi Tahu survivors retreated and eventually re-established themselves elsewhere, including at Ōnuku, the next bay to the south. Within a few years, the site of the once-flourishing trading kāinga was taken over by colonial settlers for farming.

The business arrangement struck between Captain Stewart and Te Rauparaha, and the toll it inflicted on Ngāi Tahu, has been documented as one of the most infamous events in Aotearoa New Zealand history. It was also an important impetus for the formal British intervention in New Zealand that followed.

As a direct result of British concern about the complicity of a British sea captain in the Takapūneke massacre, James Busby was sent to the Bay of Islands as British Resident in 1833, and by 1839 Britain had decided to annex New Zealand. Te Tiriti o Waitangi was signed the following year at locations around the country, including at Ōnuku, where Ngāi Tahu rangatira Iwikau and Tikao signed on 30 May 1840.

Three months later a symbolic flag-raising and court sitting took place at Takapūneke on the northern point overlooking the Tāhunatōrea reef. This event, intended to subdue French intentions to lay claim to Akaroa, was the first

effective demonstration of British sovereignty in Te Waipounamu. Captain Stanley of the British sloop *Britomart* hoisted the flag and delivered a speech that was translated into te reo Māori for the assembled Ngāi Tahu community by James Robinson-Clough, a 'Pākeha Māori' and partner of Puai from Akaroa. This was the culmination of a decade-long chain of events connecting Takapūneke to te Tiriti.

The flag-raising site was later named Green's Point after the first Pākeha who managed a farm there. A monument was erected on the point in 1898 to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria's reign and to proclaim the significance of the site in the history of the assertion of British sovereignty over Aotearoa New Zealand. George Robinson (the son of James Robinson-Clough and Puai) cut a fine figure, wearing a kahu huruhuru and riding a magnificent white horse, as he led a procession of 1000 people from the jetty at Akaroa to the monument for its unveiling. There, cloaked in the Union Jack, the freshly engraved stone obelisk was described in the *Lyttelton Times* in 1898 as "a striking symbol of British sovereignty".

A generation later, George's son Tom Robinson played the role of his grandfather in a re-enactment of the original flag-raising during the official National South Island Centennial Commemorations at Akaroa in 1940. Ngāi Tahu took the opportunity during the formal speech-making to urge the Crown to uphold its Treaty obligations.

When Pou-tū-te-Raki-o-Te-Maiharanui was unveiled at dawn on a crystal-clear Matariki morning in June last year, it presented a bold counterpoint to the now somewhat diminished 'Britomart Monument' down the hill. Twenty years had passed since Takapūneke had been listed by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga as a wāhi tapu area – the first site in mainland



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## “We are equal partners who bring different strengths to the table, and we also agree that the mana whenua values and storytelling take precedence”

Te Waipounamu to be afforded this status. At the time of its 2002 listing, nothing tangible in the bay’s rural aspect conveyed any sense of the site’s history or cultural significance to the Ngāi Tahu hapū of Ngāi Tārewa and Ngāti Irakehu, who are represented by Ōnuku Rūnanga. The stories of Takapūneke were still buried deep in the whenua. Dedicated efforts to protect and preserve Takapūneke had been underway for almost a decade, but another 19 years would pass before the last parcel of land was granted historic reserve status.

Today the entire bay is owned by Christchurch City Council and a large proportion of that is managed as a historic reserve by the Takapūneke Reserve Co-Governance Group, which comprises equal numbers of Ōnuku Rūnanga and council representatives, and an independent chair. It’s an outcome that’s testament to the advocacy and commitment of many people, both tangata whenua and tangata Tiriti, working together for almost half a century.

Ōnuku whānau carried the mamae of the atrocities that occurred at Takapūneke in relative silence for generations. They had no say in what occurred on private land that they no longer owned. Ngāi Tahu children were told not to go there because it was an urupā.

### Writer Helen Brown shares her connections to Takapūneke

I first learned the story of Takapūneke in 2004 when I interviewed Waitai Tikao for Christchurch City Libraries’ place-based Ngāi Tahu histories project, *Ti Kouka Whenua*. It was one of my first forays into oral history, and the poignancy of the story had an unforgettable impact. So too did Waitai’s quiet determination that Takapūneke would be protected for future generations. Audio clips from that interview can still be accessed online.

In 2009, as Pouārahi for Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, I presented evidence at a Christchurch City Council hearing in support of a proposal to classify the Green’s Point land at Takapūneke as an historic reserve. The following year I worked closely with Ōnuku Rūnanga and the Akaroa Civic Trust on an award-winning exhibition *Ngā Roimata o Takapūneke* at the Akaroa Museum, which coincided with the formal blessing and acknowledgement of Takapūneke as an historic reserve.

I was a member of the steering group and a co-author of the *Takapūneke Conservation Report 2012*, which continues to guide and inform activities at Takapūneke, including the development of the *Takapūneke Reserve Management Plan 2018*. It has been a privilege to work with and for my Ngāi Tahu relations on the protection of Takapūneke over the past two decades.

2. Ōnuku whānau and manuhiri at the official unveiling of Pou-tū-te-Raki-o-Te-Maiharanui during Matariki celebrations on 24 June 2022. Image: Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, courtesy of Ōnuku Rūnanga

In the 1960s and '70s insult was added to injury when the local council purchased land in the bay to establish first a sewage treatment plant and then a rubbish dump. Damage to archaeological sites and the threat of subdivision in the 1990s further added to the mamae but also provoked Ōnuku whānau and their supporters, including the Akaroa Civic Trust, to act.

Victoria Andrews first learned about Takapūneke in 1997. A new New Zealander, she had relocated permanently from Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Akaroa in 1995. As a museum professional who had worked with multicultural and indigenous communities, she had a low tolerance for inequality and inequity.

“One day I was out at the Britomart Monument and I looked at the land that was going to be subdivided and I just thought, ‘That’s not right. It’s morally and ethically unacceptable; it’s a cemetery and it shouldn’t be built on’. That’s when the Akaroa Civic Trust decided to oppose the subdivision point blank.”

Over the ensuing years, Victoria and others in the trust worked alongside Ōnuku kaumātua, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga staff, historians, community members, councillors and MPs to campaign for the protection of Takapūneke. Among the influential supporters were historians Harry Evison, John Wilson and Dame Anne Salmond, Prime Minister Helen Clark, MPs Dame Tariana Turia, Chris Carter, Ruth Dyson and Rod Donald, and Mayor Bob Parker. Eventually, in 2009, the large land parcel that had been destined for subdivision was integrated with the historic reserve, paving the way for the mana and mauri of Takapūneke to be restored.

Rik Tainui, Chair of Ōnuku Rūnanga, describes himself as a “Johnny come lately” to the Takapūneke kaupapa, but he has played a crucial role in recent years in negotiations with the council, funders and the local community. (In 2022 the rūnanga received a civic award for its contribution to the community through its work on Takapūneke.)

For Rik, the completion of Pou-tū-te-Raki-o-Te-Maiharanui is the realisation of the vision of his late brother Pere Tainui and the broader aspirations of Ōnuku kaumātua, including the late Waitai Tikao and the late Revd Maurice Gray.

“My brother Pere and others made us all conscious of what could be possible at Takapūneke. It was my job to help secure the resources to make it happen.”



**hapū:** *sub-tribe*  
**kahu huruhuru:**  
*feather cloak*

**kāinga:** *village*  
**kaumātua:** *elders*

**kaupapa:**  
*project, initiative or principle*

**kō:** *digging stick*  
**mamae:** *pain, injury*

**mana:** *authority, power, prestige*

**mana whenua:**  
*those with tribal authority over land or territory*

**manuhiri:** *visitors*  
**mauri:** *vital essence, life force*

**pou:** *post, pillar, support*

**pou whenua:**  
*post markers of ownership*

**rangatira:** *chiefs*  
**rūnanga:**  
*tribal council*

**takarangi:**  
*intersecting double-spiral pattern, signifying creation*

**tangata tiriti:**  
*non-Māori, person/people of te Tiriti/the Treaty*

**tangata whenua:**  
*descendant of indigenous person/people of the area; local Māori descendant*

**tapu:**  
*sacred spiritual restrictions*

**tohu:** *symbols*  
**tohunga whakairo:**  
*master carver*

**upoko ariki:**  
*the head spiritual and temporal chief (ariki) of the iwi*

**urupā:** *cemetery, burial ground*

**waharoa:**  
*main entranceway to a pā*

**wāhi tapu:**  
*site of sacred significance*

**whenua:** *land*

Pou-tū-te-Raki-o-Te-Maiharanui is the first stage in an ambitious development that will see multiple pou whenua, takarangi, waharoa, palisade fencing, seating, planting and interpretations installed across the Takapūneke site in the next six years. Rik emphasises the importance of sticking to this timeframe; he wants to see it completed in his lifetime.

The Takapūneke Reserve Co-Governance Group is overseeing the work. Chaired by Banks Peninsula stalwart and community leader Pam Richardson, the group is invested in attaining the best outcomes for Takapūneke and Ōnuku whānau. Russel Wedge has represented the council on the group since its inception in 2013.

“Our role as council staff is to ensure we meet the council’s regulatory obligations to the Minister of Conservation, the Reserves Act [1977] and the District Plan and to acknowledge that the land and the values associated with it are significant to mana whenua. We are equal partners who bring different strengths to the table, and we also agree that the mana whenua values and storytelling take precedence in the development of the reserve.”

Landscape architect and Ōnuku whānau member Debbie Tikao agrees that the group has worked in the true spirit of te Tiriti partnership. When the Reserve Management Plan was being prepared, she says, “We held the pen, writing several of the sections and helping to craft a lot of the objectives and policies. It was a great co-design, co-authoring process”.

Debbie also acknowledges the significant role played by the ‘Uncles’ (Waitai, Pere and Maurice) in developing an overarching vision for Takapūneke.

“They wanted the story of Takapūneke to be told, and for Takapūneke to become a place of wānanga/learning.”

The co-governance group is poised to begin work on an application to the Minister of Conservation to achieve the longstanding goal of elevating Takapūneke to National Reserve status under the Reserves Act.

It was an ambition that was first voiced by historian and friend of Ngāi Tahu the late Harry Evison in a speech he delivered at the foot of the Britomart Monument in 2001.

“We’re fulfilling the aspirations of our people who championed Takapūneke before us,” says Rik. “We just need to ensure we reach for new aspirations that we in turn can pass on, so we can continue to increase our footprint.” ■

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**To:** s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Onuku Contact  
**Date:** Wednesday, 29 January 2025 3:56:05 pm

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Kia Ora korua

s 9(2)(a) I want to introduce you to s 9(2)(a) He's wanting to connect with you to organise the koha for next week.

s 9(2)(a) - thank you.

If there are any questions please don't hesitate to let me know.

Nga mihi

s 9(2)(a)

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Kia ora s 9(2)(a)

s 6(d) for 6 Feb and keen to do a s 6(d) around the marae. I understand that s 6(d) has been working with the marae too. Is there a contact person that he can reach out to please.

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**Subject:** RE: Draft Waitangi advisory

Kia ora koutou,

Attached is the media release sent out today.

Ngā mihi,

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Kia ora s 9(2)(a)

As discussed, the media release will be sent out shortly.

Ngā mihi

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Hi s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for that.

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I can alter the advisory to say that in some parts of the event, space will be limited and only (xx) number of cameras/media will be allowed inside, therefore media will be asked to pool resources? Would that work for you?

Please let me know.

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**Subject:** RE: Draft Waitangi advisory

Kia ora s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for this.

Yes, I'm happy to be the media contact and receive requests from media wanting to attend. Instead of 'RSVP' can you clarify in the advisory please that media need to request to attend? We will try to limit the number of reporters and camera crew as we don't have a big space.

Can you advise please what time the PM intends to do a media stand up?

In our media advisory, we will say that Ōnuku Rūnanga and Ngāi Tahu representatives will

be available for interviews after the panel discussion at 12.45pm.

Ngā mihi,

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Kia ora s 9(2)(a)

Below is the Media Advisory I intend to put out to all media at 10am on Monday 3 February.

Please advise if you are happy to take the RSVPs from media wanting to attend (as noted in the Advisory). If you would rather we took those names, let me know, however you are best placed to advise media of any protocols and/or directions.

After this advisory goes out, you are welcome to send your Media Release.

Kid regards, s 9(2)(a)



**Rt Hon Christopher Luxon**  
Prime Minister

**Celebrating Waitangi Day with Ngāi Tahu**

**Thursday 6 February**  
**9.00am**

**Ōnuku Marae  
389 Ōnuku Road  
Akaroa  
Banks Peninsula**

Media will be the guests of Ngāi Tahu and need to RSVP attendance to  
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## PĀNUI PĀPĀHO / MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release

3 February 2025

### Ōnuku Marae to Host Ngāi Tahu Waitangi Day 2025

Preparations are underway at Ōnuku Marae which will host this year's Hui Whakaū | Te Tiriti Ngāi Tahu Waitangi Day commemoration on Thursday, 6 February 2025.

Ōnuku Rūnanga Chairperson Rik Tainui says hundreds of people are expected to attend including the Governor-General, Members of Parliament, local government leaders, members of the local community, as well as whānau from across the motu.

"This is a significant event for our hapū and iwi and we're looking forward to opening our whare to the community to commemorate this important day."

"We are pleased that the Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro and the Prime Minister Rt Hon Christopher Luxon have accepted our invitation."

Ōnuku holds profound historical and cultural significance for Ngāi Tahu. It was at Ōnuku on 30 May 1840 that Te Tiriti o Waitangi was first signed within the Ngāi Tahu takiwā. Later, in 1998, the Crown delivered its formal apology to Ngāi Tahu for breaches of Te Tiriti at this same location.

"Generations of whānau have lived and gathered here at Ōnuku and Takapūneke, which are significant locations in our nation's history and identity. To this day, Ōnuku is where we come together to discuss and advance key tribal matters."

"In 1820 Takapūneke was a thriving commercial trading post of national significance, operated by Ngāi Tahu. In 1830 our whānau living at Takapūneke were tragically massacred by a rival tribe supported by British Captain John Stewart on the Brig Elizabeth. It marked the beginning of British involvement in Māori tribal affairs and was a catalyst to the writing and signing of Te Tiriti ten years later," says Rik Tainui.

"Waitangi Day is a time to reflect on our shared history, celebrate Ngāi Tahu rangatiratanga as recognised in Te Tiriti, showcase our famous manākitanga and strengthen the relationships between tangata whenua and the Crown, for the benefit of all our communities in New Zealand."

The commemorative event is open to the public and will begin with a pōwhiri at 9.00am to welcome manuhiri (guests). Formal addresses from key speakers and a panel discussion will follow, providing an opportunity for kōrero and reflections on the significance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its ongoing relevance to our nation and shared future.

As part of the day's commemorations, Ōnuku, Ngāti Irakehu and Ngāi Tahu whānau will provide a hākari (feast), entertainment, and market stalls, as well as activities for tamariki. The event will conclude at 3.00pm.

Parking will be available at Akaroa Area School, with free shuttles running between 7.30 am and 2.45pm. There will be no parking available at the marae and attendees are advised to use the shuttle service. The road to Ōnuku Marae will have traffic management in place with limited access to the public from 6.00am.

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Background:

Every year Ngāi Tahu commemorates Waitangi Day at one of three locations where iwi tīpuna signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi – Ōnuku, Awarua and Ōtākou.

Speeches will be delivered by Dame Cindy Kiro (Governor General), Justin Tipa (Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Kaiwhakahaere) and Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Prime Minister).

A panel discussion facilitated by Stacey Morrison will cover *Reflections on the Te Tiriti o Waitangi – Progress, Challenges and Future Pathways*. Panellists are King's Counsel Hon Chris Finlayson (former Attorney General and Treaty Negotiations Minister), Lianne Dalziel CNZM (former Christchurch City Council Mayor, MP and Cabinet Minister, advocate for Community Resilience) and Juliet Tainui-Hernandez (Ngāi Tahu, Board Director and Advisor, former Assistant Governor, Reserve Bank of New Zealand). They will each bring their personal perspectives to the discussion, drawing from their varied experiences and backgrounds.

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## Waitangi at Onuku Marae

### Key details

<b>Location</b>	Ōnuku Marae, 389 Ōnuku Road, RD1 Ōnuku, Banks Peninsula
<b>Timings</b>	Arrive at Akaroa Area School for shuttle by 8.15am (at the latest) Arrive at Onuku Marae by 8.45am PM departs at 1.30pm Event ends at 3.00pm
<b>Dress code</b>	Business - dress pants and ties for men, dresses/skirts below the knees for women – any colour is fine. Please bring a hat.
<b>Attendees</b>	400-500 Government Ministers and MPs, iwi, dignitaries and community members
<b>Ministers and MPs attending</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rt Hon Christopher Luxon</li> <li>• Rt Hon Gerry Brownlee</li> <li>• Hon Nicola Willis</li> <li>• Hon Chris Bishop</li> <li>• Hon Matt Doocey</li> <li>• Hon Penny Simmonds</li> <li>• Hon Nicola Grigg</li> <li>• Hon James Meager</li> <li>• Hamish Campbell</li> <li>• Vanessa Weenink</li> </ul>
<b>Parking/transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free parking will be available from Akaroa Area School, 141 Rue Jolie, Akaroa</li> <li>• Free shuttles will be running from 7.30am to 2.45pm between the school and the marae. It is a 10 minute drive from the School to the Marae</li> <li>• Please consider that there could be around 400-500 people using the shuttles to arrive before 8.45am. Please leave enough time to arrive at Ōnuku Marae before 8.45am for the Powhiri</li> <li>• There is no parking at the marae</li> </ul>
<b>What to bring/wear</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business attire</li> <li>• Weather protection (for sun/rain)</li> <li>• Wide brimmed hat / fan</li> <li>• Appropriate footwear – flat footwear is recommended</li> <li>• Cash for stalls</li> <li>• Drink bottle</li> <li>• Umbrella</li> <li>• Hand sanitiser</li> </ul>
<b>Koha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please bring cash if you would like – it will be collected in an envelope</li> </ul>

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## Event schedule

<b>8.45AM</b>	Manuhiri arrive and gather at the gate
<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>Pōwhiri</b>
<b>10.30AM</b>	<b>Governor-General's Waitangi Day Address</b>
<b>10.45AM</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.00AM</b>	Stalls open
<b>11.15AM</b>	<b>Opening – MC Dr Kelly Tikao</b> <b>Keynote speakers</b> Prime Minister, Rt Hon Christopher Luxon Ngāi Tahu Kaiwhakahaere, Justin Tipa
<b>11.45AM</b>	<b>Panel discussion – facilitated by Stacey Morrison</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reflections on the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi – Progress, Challenges and Future Pathways</li></ul> <b>Panellists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>King's Counsel Hon Chris Finlayson (former Attorney General and Treaty Negotiations Minister)</li><li>Lianne Dalziel CNZM (former Christchurch City Council Mayor, MP and advocate for Community Resilience)</li><li>Juliet Tainui-Hernandez (Ngāi Tahu Holdings Board Director, former Assistant Governor, Reserve Bank of New Zealand)</li></ul>
<b>12.45PM</b>	<b>Hākari / Kai</b>
<b>1.15PM</b>	<b>Media standup – all MPs to attend, location to be confirmed</b>
<b>3.00PM</b>	<b>Closing remarks and poroporoaki</b>

## Key invited attendees

- Governor General Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro
- Sir Tipene O'Regan - Former chairman of the Ngāi Tahu Māori Trust Board
- Sir Mark Solomon - Former kaiwhakahaere (chair) of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
- Ranui Ngarimu – Kuia (elder woman) of Ngāi Tahu
- Justin Tipa – Current Ngāi Tahu Kaiwhakahaere
- Rik Tainui - Ōnuku Rūnanga Chairperson
- Chris Finlayson – Former AG and Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations
- Lianne Dalziel – Former Mayor of Christchurch and former Cabinet Minister
- Juliet Hernandez-Tainui – Non-executive director, Board of Ngāi Tahu Holdings Corporation and Non-executive director, ASB Bank

## Key messages

- Waitangi Day is a time to reflect on our shared history, honour the treaty and acknowledge the ongoing partnership between the Crown and Māori.
- Attending Ōnuku Marae provides an opportunity to engage with Ngāi Tahu and communities in the South Island, complementing strong Government representation in Waitangi and in other places.
- Ōnuku Marae holds historical significance as the site where Ngāi Tahu first signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840.

## Waiata Tautoko

TE AROHA  
Te Aroha,  
te whakapono,  
me te Rangimarie,  
tatou tatou e.

### Brief background/context

#### Ōnuku Marae

Ōnuku Marae, located near Akaroa on Banks Peninsula, holds significant historical and cultural importance for Ngāi Tahu. Key points include:

- Ōnuku Marae is home to the hapū Ngāi Tarewa and Ngāti Irakēhu. Irakēhu is recognized as the ancestor of many hapū and pā in the Horomaka (Banks Peninsula) area.
- Ōnuku Marae is the first location in the South Island where Ngāi Tahu signed the Treaty of Waitangi.
- In 1998, Prime Minister Jenny Shipley visited Ōnuku Marae to present the Crown's apology to Ngāi Tahu, marking the final stage in the settlement of Te Kerēme (the Ngāi Tahu Land Claim).
- Situated five kilometers from Akaroa township, the marae is near the shoreline of Akaroa Harbour, with the prominent peak Ōteaheke behind it.
- Akaroa Harbour has traditionally been a vital mahinga kai (food gathering area), providing primary sustenance for the people of Ōnuku.
- Historical Landmarks:
  - Tuhiraki (Mt Bossu): This distinctive peak stands directly across the harbour from the marae and holds important historical narratives.
  - Ōnawe Peninsula: Located at the harbour's head between Barry's Bay and Duvauchelle, this whale-shaped peninsula was once a fortified Ngāi Tahu pā.
- The marae hosts annual Waitangi Day events, with events rotating among the three South Island sites where the Treaty was signed.

#### Ngai Tahu specific

- Attached A3 with details and information on Ngāi Tahu and summary of settlement activity