

Waitangi Treaty Grounds Ngā Takunetanga o Paengawhāwhā April Events.



Easter Discovery Trail.

The Waitangi Discovery Trail but with a twist. Visit the locations highlighted on the map to find the answers to the Easter-related questions. Tamariki receive a certificate and an easter egg once they hand their completed activity to staff at the main entrance.

When: 2-5 April



He Kaupapa Waka.

This exhibition presents photos taken at Waitangi Day 2020, which marked the 80th anniversary of the launch of Ngātōkīmatawhāorua – the waka taua (war canoe) built for the centennial of the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1940.

Photographer Te Rawhitiroa Bosch captured images of the fleet of waka, the kaihoe (paddlers) and those off the water which came to Waitangi to mark the anniversary – including Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern from her waka voyage at Waitangi. A story by rangatahi (youth) from Te Kura o Waiakare about their voyage with the Prime Minister features alongside the images.

Two waka taua (war canoes) fill the centre of the gallery – these waka are very significant given they were the last to be created under master carver Tā Hekenukumai Pūhipi (Sir Hec Busby). Famed New Zealand musician Tiki Taane has collaborated on He Kaupapa Waka by creating a soundscape to set the tone of the exhibition.

Alongside the photographs taken from Waitangi Day 2020, a series of images documenting the creation of Ngātōkīmatawhāorua – from the felling of the tree, the carving, through to the launch in 1940 are on display.

A photo collection and reflections from the last surviving crew member of the 1940 maiden voyage, Kaumātua Eru Patuone Heperi, add a unique insight. Eru is the son of Pita Te Hoe Heperi, one of the master carvers responsible for carving Ngātōkīmatawhāorua. He was the youngest kaihoe (paddler) on the 1940 voyage and 80 years later at 92-years-old he was the oldest crew member at Waitangi in 2020.

A number of photos in the exhibition are from the voyage of Mātaatua Puhī from Waitangi to Te Ngaere last year.

Discover the exhibition on the first floor of Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi.

Price: Free for Friends of Waitangi and Experience Pass holders



Family Guided Tours.

For the second week of the school holidays join the education team on a tour designed for children under 12 and their whānau. Take part in an interactive tour around the Treaty Grounds, stopping off at special points to complete child-friendly activities.

When: 9.45am daily (27-30 April)

Where: Courtyard outside the carving studio

Duration: 50 minutes

Price: Free for Friends of Waitangi and Experience Pass holders

Parent or guardian must accompany children. Children must be aged 12 and under.

Get a FREE homemade Anzac biscuit with every coffee on Sunday 25 April. Larger Anzac biscuits will also be available to purchase for \$4.

Whare Waka Café
Waitangi Treaty Grounds