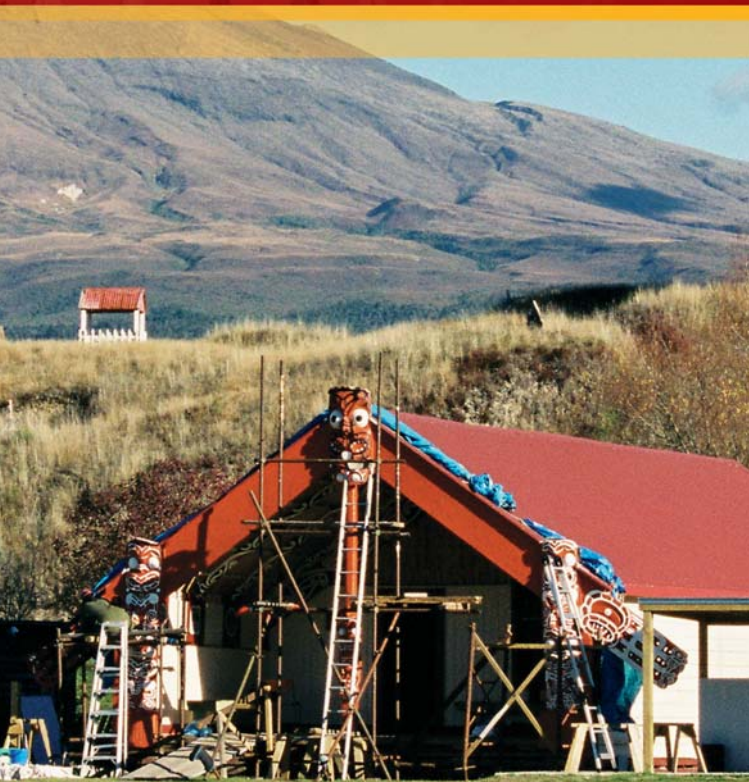




New Zealand  
**Historic Places Trust** *Pouhere Taonga*

TE TIRA O  
**POUHERE TAONGA**  
Māori Heritage Services



**PURITIA NGĀ TAONGA TUKU IHO  
O NGĀ MĀTUA TUPŪNA  
HEI TIKIHUIA MŌ NGĀ URI WHAKATIPU  
O AOTEAROA**

E ngā mana, e ngā tapu, e ngā ihi, tēnā  
koutou katoa. Tēnā koutou me te āhuatanga  
o ā tātou taonga tuku iho huri noa i te  
motu.



From maunga kōrero to puna wai, from  
whare tūpuna to rua kōiwi, Māori heritage  
places are taonga tuku iho, integral to  
Aotearoa/New Zealand's culture and  
identity.

Te Pouhere Taonga – the New Zealand  
Historic Places Trust (NZHPT) promotes the  
identification, protection, preservation and  
conservation of the historical and cultural  
heritage of our country.

**Te Tira o Te Pouhere Taonga**, the Māori  
Heritage Team at the New Zealand Historic  
Places Trust undertakes and supports work  
on Māori heritage. Whether it is hands-on  
preservation, registration, education,  
research, liaison or advocacy, Te Tira works  
with and assists whānau, hapū and iwi and  
the wider community.

**IMAGES**

*Above: Waka* (Museum of New Zealand  
Te Papa Tongarewa, ME012106)

*Front cover: Conservation work, Okahukura  
Whareniui, Otukou Marae, Tongariro*  
(Photo, NZHPT)



## WHAKAORANGA TAONGA MARAE MĀORI BUILDINGS CONSERVATION PROGRAMME

Wharenui, wharekai, wharekarakia, pātaka, pouhaki, tohu whakamaharatanga, waka, and other forms of Māori built heritage are an important taonga to preserve for the future. The Trust actively assists whānau, hapū and iwi initiatives to preserve these taonga through a range of advisory and on-site services.

These services include:

- ▶ conservation assessments
- ▶ conservation technical advice and services
- ▶ conservation workshops
- ▶ funding advice

## HUAKANGA MĀORI HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGY

The *Historic Places Trust Act 1993* defines an archaeological site as a place associated with pre-1900 human activity, where there may be evidence relating to the history of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

When any development is planned that may affect an archaeological site or suspected archaeological site, the developer must apply for an archaeological authority. The archaeological authority provisions are contained in the *Historic Places Act 1993*. The developers must consult tangata whenua.

**Te Tira o Te Pouhere Taonga** – Māori Heritage Team staff:

- ▶ assess the impact of proposed land development on Māori cultural values, and check that consultation between developers and hapū or iwi has been conducted
- ▶ help liaise with communities – tangata whenua, landowners, developers, archaeologists.

## MAHI RĀRANGI TAONGA MĀORI HERITAGE AND REGISTRATION

Registration on the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Register of historic places, historic areas, wāhi tapu and wāhi tapu areas, recognises places that are significant to Aotearoa/New Zealand heritage.

New Zealand Historic Places Trust registration of Māori heritage places is a process that informs landowners and the public about these places and can also support their protection. The introduction of protection mechanisms like covenants and listing on district plans can be assisted through registration. Registration can also support applications for funding for preservation work.

**Te Tira o Te Pouhere Taonga** – Māori Heritage Team staff:

- ▶ liaise and consult with tangata whenua and interested groups, e.g. landowners, local authorities, government departments
- ▶ specifically prepare wāhi tapu proposals for registration
- ▶ assist with research, and prepare reports for the Māori Heritage Council.

Registration decisions for wāhi tapu and wāhi tapu areas are made by the Māori Heritage Council of New Zealand Historic Places Trust. The Council needs to be satisfied there is sufficient evidence to support a registration proposal and that tangata whenua endorse the proposal. The registration process can take several months. Lack of support can delay the process. Iwi are encouraged to share only information they are comfortable for other people to access or is already in the public domain.

## TE TAUTOKO I TE WHĀNAU, I TE HAPŪ, ME TE IWI SUPPORT FOR WHĀNAU, HAPŪ AND IWI

The Māori Heritage Team is responsible for developing and maintaining durable relationships with whānau, hapū and iwi to manage their own heritage resources and kaitiakitanga. Such relationships involve rock art projects, New Zealand Historic Places Trust property management, marae conservation work, and site identification projects.

**Te Tira o Te Pouhere Taonga** also advocates for iwi involvement in local government, central government and communities/professional groups including the New Zealand Historic Places Trust's branch committees.

## KAUNIHERA TAONGA TUKU IHO MĀORI MĀORI HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND HISTORIC PLACES TRUST

The work of the Māori Heritage Team is reported to the Māori Heritage Council and the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Board.

The Council provides leadership and direction for Māori heritage activities and programmes internally and externally to all parts of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust and stakeholders. The kaupapa for Māori heritage within the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga is to support the management and kaitiakitanga by whānau, hapū and iwi of their heritage places.

### IMAGES (this page)

Above left to right: Rangiatea Church, Otaki | Conservation work, Kikopiri Marae, Muhunua / Weraawhango | Waka unearthed at archaeological site, Otorohanga | Rock Art, Maungati | Tokikapu Marae, Waitomo  
Left: Motumaire Island, Bay of Islands, a wāhi tapu registration  
(All photos, NZHPT)



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