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Introduction

Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust and the Wai Connection Project.

We are excited to announce our annual Mountains to Sea Wānanga which will be hosted at Ōnuku Marae, Canterbury on the 14th -16th of April, 2025. The aim of our wānanga is to provide an inspirational professional development and networking opportunity for all those involved or interested in freshwater and marine conservation.

The theme for our 2025 event is “Building Resilience” which resonates strongly with the current funding and social landscape . The theme also aligns with the mahi Ōnuku Marae is doing particularly in the climate adaptation space.

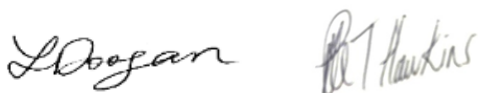
Registrations are essential. The link to register for the wānanga can be found [here](#).

Your registration will include all meals, accommodation and travel during the duration of the event, local field trips, a social evening and a building resilience workshop.

This is an evolving document and we will share new versions of the programme as our planning progresses.

Please feel free to contact Patricia on patricia@mountainstosea.org.nz if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi nui



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Ōnuku Rūnanga



Ōnuku Rūnanga is the modern-day representative of the hapū Ngāi Tarewa and Ngāti Irakēhu. Ōnuku is located on the shores of the Akaroa Harbour. The takiwā of Ōnuku Rūnanga, as defined by the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998, is centered on Ōnuku and the hills and coasts of Akaroa Harbour to the adjoining takiwā of the Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata and Wairewa Rūnanga.

Ōnuku Rūnanga have the responsibility to act as kaitiaki over these lands and are active in the environmental management of their takiwā. Ōnuku Rūnanga has taken the initiative and responsibility to lead the process of preparing whānau and the local community for the challenges ahead. The plan “Te Kori a te Kō - redefining our sustainable and prosperous future - planning for climate change adaptation and mitigation for Akaroa Harbour” has been developed. The plan is focused on mahinga kai (traditional food gathering practices) and biodiversity, aiming to achieve large-scale outcomes for both climate adaptation and environmental sustainability, to restore and enhance the mauri of the harbour and taonga species in the face of climate change. To read more about the project visit <https://www.onuku.nz/te-kori-a-te-ko/>.

To undertake the huge aspirations and collective visions for this project Ōnuku Rūnanga has forged strong partnerships with the community and several stakeholders. So far, EOS Ecology - ‘Wai





Connection' team and staff from Environment Canterbury have supported the organisation of two wānanga which included training of mātauranga attributes and mainstream freshwater monitoring techniques. Environment Canterbury (ECan), Christchurch City Council (CCC), Christchurch District Health board, Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT), and NIWA have vested interest in this project and have provided either technical support or funding towards the success of the project so far.

A Focus Catchment Map Series was developed for Akaroa Harbour under 'Wai Connection support (<https://www.waiconnection.nz/pages/focus-catchment-resources>), to provide baseline knowledge for the entire catchment. The next step is to work through integrated management and climate adaptation plans for each of the nine "sub-catchments", working with the community to ensure their visions have been included. Ōnuku Rūnanga will lead these sub-plans with experts from EOS Ecology, CCC, ECan and BPCT which will bring together each of their expertise in an integrated plan for each of the community group champions in the nine sub-catchments.

A steering group will be formed with stakeholders (Ōnuku Rūnanga, ECan, CCC, BPCT and EOS Ecology) and the 9 community group leaders to ensure the successful continuation of the project through technical expertise and funding opportunities.

EOS Ecology

EOS Ecology provides industry-leading expertise in surface water ecology, engagement and science communication. Our science team specialises in freshwater ecology, estuary/coastal ecology, riparian ecology, sedimentation, restoration, and GIS. The science team is complemented by our science interpretation, graphic design, written communication and engagement experts. EOS Ecology is the National Technical Support Team provider for 'Wai Connection'. They are also the regional provider for the project in the Canterbury region.



Timeline

You should arrive on Sunday evening to ensure you will arrive at the marae on time for the pōwhiri on Monday morning. Ōnuku Marae is a 90 minute drive from Christchurch airport and we will only have one pōwhiri. If you do not attend the pōwhiri on Monday morning you **will not** be able to attend any marae based activities for the wānanga.

Day 1 - Monday

1030-1100	Arrive at Ōnuku Marae	Ōnuku Marae
1100-1200	Pōwhiri	
1200-1300	<i>Karakia Lunch whakanoa</i>	
1300-1400	Hau kāinga introduction	
1400-1430	Introduction from Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust, housekeeping, H&S	
1430-1600	Whakawhanaungatanga & afternoon tea	
1600-1800	Snorkel the rāhui or guided walk	
1800-1830	Break	
1830-1930	<i>Karakia Dinner</i>	
1930-2030	Set up mattresses Spotlighting	Awaiti



Day 2 - Tuesday

0700-0800	<i>Karakia Breakfast Prep & pack for the day</i>	Ōnuku Marae
0800-0930	Show and tell presentations	
0930-0945	Travel to Akaroa	Akaroa
0945-1300	Harbour Cruise with Black Cat Cruises including kōrero from hau kāinga	
1300-1400	Packed lunch in Akaroa then travel back to marae	
1400-1500	Keynote presentation	Ōnuku Marae
1500-1700	Travel to Takamatua and learn about the Restoration Project	Takamatua
1700-2030	Social evening at the Duvachelle - Keynote presentation and Quiz Night	Duvachelle
2030-2100	Travel back to Ōnuku Marae	Ōnuku Marae



Day 3 – Wednesday

0800-0900	<i>Karakia Cooked breakfast Pack up gear and clean marae</i>	Ōnuku Marae
0900-1000	Keynote speaker	
1000-1030	<i>Break Cup of tea</i>	
1030-1230	Building resilience workshop	
1230-1330	<i>Lunch</i>	
1330-1500	Continuation of building resilience workshop	
1500-1600	Wānanga whakamutunga	
1600-1800	Clean up for those staying free time	
1800-1900	Dinner for those staying	
1900-2000	Clean up for those staying free time	



Building Resilience Workshop

Facilitated by Michelle Rush - Facilitate Aotearoa

Building social resilience for catchment groups.



Tikanga

Koha

Please bring some cash to add to the koha for the marae

What to wear for the pōwhiri

- Tāne please wear long pants
- Wāhine please wear a skirt below the knees if possible or long pants

Waiata to practise

Mountains to Sea Waiata - [Tune](#) - [Lyrics](#)

[Te Aroha](#)

[Purea nei](#)

Wharenui

- Do not wear shoes inside
- Do not bring in food and drink
- Do not bring in any kitchen utensils

Wharekai

- Karakia will be done before kai



Pōwhiri Process



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Pōwhiri Process

Manuhiri (Guests)

Those have never entered our Marae are known as waewae tapu – waewae meaning foot & tapu meaning sacred or restricted. The pōwhiri process is to remove any tapu and gather as one with the Tangata Whenua.

Dress Code

The pōwhiri is a formal welcome, and formal attire is required. Women are expected to wear skirts or dresses (normally below the knee), and men should wear trousers and a shirt.

Karanga (Call of welcome)

On arrival, the Manuhiri assemble at the waharoa (front gate). A kaikaranga (woman caller) of the Tangata Whenua will begin their karanga (call). This is when you enter the marae. The manuhiri kaikaranga responds to the call. (Please note: it is not acceptable for children to call on Ōnuku Marae.)

Entering the Whare Tipuna (Ancestral house)

Before entering the whare tipuna please remove your shoes and leave them outside. (no photos or food to be taken into the Whareniui).

Manuhiri are seated to the right of the Whareniui. The kaikōrero (male orators/speakers) sit in the front row. The Kaikaranga and Manu Tioriori (Songbirds) sit behind the kaikōrero. Women are seated in the middle and men to the back.

Whaikōrero & Waiata (Formal speeches & songs)

The Pae Tapu (Orator of the tangata whenua) speaks first and will indicate to manuhiri when it is their turn to speak. After each speech, the respective group will support their speaker with a waiata.

Koha (Gift)

The laying of the koha comes at the end of the last speaker on the Manuhiri side. The koha is laid on the floor between the speakers. (Please note: that the koha is not part of the venue or noho marae costs.)

Karakia (Incantation/Prayer)

All hui which include a pōwhiri are normally opened and closed with a karakia; although most Whaikōrero also include karakia as a formality of their speech.

Hongi (Pressing of noses)

A hongī is the sharing of one breath. Once the speeches of both sides are completed, the tangata whenua will line up with the Pae Tapu at the start of the line. Starting with the kaikōrero of the manuhiri, the Manuhiri pass by each of the Tangata Whenua to greet one another with a hongī.

Kai Whakanoa (Eating Food to Remove the Tapu)

The pōwhiri process is concluded with refreshments. This is not just for good old-fashioned Manaaki (hospitality) - consuming cooked food also removes tapu.

Health & Safety

Before going for a cup of tea there will also be a Health & Safety induction.

Ngāi Tārewa



Ngāti Irakehu

Getting there

If you are travelling outside of the region please arrive by Sunday to ensure you are the pōwhiri on time on Monday morning. If you do not make it to pōwhiri on Monday morning you will not be able to attend any marae based activities for the wānanga.

Driving

We will be in contact if you have indicated that you have space and ability to carpool.

Locations

📍 Ōnuku Marae

Flying

If you are flying please fly into Christchurch airport by Sunday afternoon.

Inbound

Fly into Christchurch airport by 4pm on Sunday to get a shuttle.

Outbound

Shuttles will be available to Christchurch airport from the marae in the late morning on Thursday. **Please do not book a flight from Christchurch airport till after 12pm.**

Please email patricia@mountainstosea.org.nz with your flight details or to talk through logistics.

Car parking at the marae

There is no car parking on the marae grounds. Please park on the road before the bridge and carpool as much as possible.

Accommodation

We will follow up with each participant to confirm their accommodation and what days they are booked in for.

What to bring

- Cash to add to koha for marae
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Towel
- Torch or head torch (if spotlighting)
- Gumboots or waders (ensure you Check, Clean, Dry your gear)
- Plenty of warm clothes
- Rain jacket
- Swimwear
- BYO Snorkel gear (including a mask, snorkel, fins and 4/3 or 5mm wetsuit) if you are intending on snorkelling - Please contact Lorna if you require snorkeling gear.
- Drink bottle
- Keep cup and lunch box
- Glad rags for Tuesday night
- Snacks (if you think you will require extra kai outside of standard meals) - please ensure to not bring in whare kai

Refunds and cancellation policy

If you have a paid registration - for a full refund we need 2 weeks notice. Any other refunds will be on a case by case basis and may incur an administration fee.

If you have a sponsored spot and can no longer attend - please give us as much notice as possible so that we are able to offer the spot to someone else. We reserve the right to charge a non attendance fee.

