

Ngāi Tahu Settlement Kōrero

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Ngāi Tahu history and the Claim



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- ▶ Te Rauparaha
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Setting the scene

Kai Huāka - Te Maiharanui

- ▶ 1825 Te Maiharanui went to Kaiapoi to fetch a canoe
- ▶ Left Waikakahi in charge of Potahi & wife Murihaka
- ▶ Murihaka put on a tapu dog skin mat and it was seen by his relatives
- ▶ Killed a slave belonging to one of her relatives
- ▶ Enraged kin of victim sought out Murihaka's people, Ngati Koreha and killed a man living at Taitapu
- ▶ His wifes brother was chief at Taumutu
- ▶ Taumutu organised a war party which attacked Ngati Irakehu
- ▶ Killed Puraiiti, Moroiiti & later Te Rangiepu

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Kai Huāka

- ▶ Te Maiharanui heard of trouble and turned back
- ▶ Asked Kaiapoi to stay out of conflict
- ▶ Formed taua with Taununu of Ripapa pā, Wairewa & Waikakahi then attacked Taumutu
- ▶ Kaiapoi women married to locals killed
- ▶ Sister of Taiaroa only just managed to survive taking refuge in a foodstore
- ▶ Hinehaka, wife of Te Wera went south to recruit Otakou chief Tahatū
- ▶ Southern warriors, joined by Kaiapoi, assembled at Taumutu then marched on Wairewa

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Kai Huāka - Taiaroa

- ▶ Taiaroa had relatives at Wairewa and went ahead to warn them - Told attackers had muskets
- ▶ First musket conflict in the South
- ▶ Village deserted, only Iritoro -nephew of Taununu was killed
- ▶ Taununu retaliated by killing all of the defenceless people at Kaiapoi at their Whakaepa camp
- ▶ United tribe in outrage

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Kai Huāka - Whakataupuka

- ▶ 1826 Whakataupuka and Taiaroa brought Southerners against North and attacked Wairewa
- ▶ Ended with Te Whakataupuka's 20 musketeers wreaking slaughter in a canoe battle on the lake
- ▶ Many were eaten, giving the name **Kai Huāka**
- ▶ Then attacked Ripapa
- ▶ Taiaroa attacked from South
- ▶ Taununu tried to escape on waka but Te Whakataupuka's flotilla trapped them
- ▶ Kept firing until their canoes were sinking

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Kai Huāka - Ripapa

- ▶ Survivors dispatched in the water
- ▶ Taununu escaped - Pa sacked and some eaten
- ▶ Children tied feet first in bunches to stern and drowned as canoes departed
- ▶ Taumutu went South for protection
- ▶ Te Maharani later persuaded them to return
- ▶ He received a large gift of preserved birds at Waiteruatī
- ▶ Borrowed porters - Later against wishes of his people, he killed the porters then ambushed Taumutu residents with 200 warriors
- ▶ Last act was the killing of Taununu while lying asleep with a woman at Wairewa

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Te Rauparaha

- ▶ Just as Kaihuaka ended new threat loomed
- ▶ 1827 Te Rauparaha & Te Pehi met Te Maiharanui in Sydney and regarded him a friend
- ▶ 1828 Rauparaha attacked Rangitane but proceeded further south taking Poutini Ngāi Tahu pā
- ▶ Ngāi Tahu chief Tuhuru ransomed for pounamu mere, Kai Konohi
- ▶ 1828 attacked Omihi
- ▶ Kekerengu, young Ngati Ira chief captured but under Te Rangihaeata's protection
- ▶ Seduced one of his captors wives

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Kekerengu & Rerewaka

- ▶ Fled to kin in Kaikoura
- ▶ Rerewaka declared he would kill Te Rauparaha as he was part Rangitane
- ▶ Rauparaha heard and attacked Kaikoura
- ▶ Iwi thought they were an expected group of relatives and were killed at pōwhiri on beach

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Kā Pakaka ki a Kāti Toa

- ▶ Gathered at Takahanga but few muskets and were eventually overcome
- ▶ Eventually made their way to Kaiapoi
- ▶ Treated as guests though Rauparaha warily remained outside pā
- ▶ Heard news of Omihi & Te Maiharanui's taua have been dug up & eaten

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Kaiapoi

- Next morning Te Pehi insulted a chief
- Rongotara, whose son was captured at Omihi killed Toa chief Pokaitara
- Tangatahara then killed Te Pehi & 6 Toa chiefs
- Rauparaha fled back to Kapiti

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Kā Pakaka ki a Kāti Toa

- ▶ 1830 Rauparaha & Captain Stewart posed as flax traders
- ▶ Stewart promised 50 tons of dressed flax worth 1200 pounds
- ▶ Te Maiaharanui, wife & daughter invited aboard
- ▶ “Welcome, welcome, welcome my son, come and bear the might of my vengeance”
- ▶ Ka Roimata strangled
- ▶ Te Maiharanui killed by Te Pehi’s widows

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Ka hika a Kaiapoi

- ▶ Attacked with 600 warriors
- ▶ Taiaroa & garrison at Whakaraupo
- ▶ Returned through swamps under cover of darkness
- ▶ Strong pa
- ▶ Sappers & zig zag trenches
- ▶ Lasted several months
- ▶ Tohuka Taiororua predicted pa would fall
- ▶ Taiaroa's 200 departed
- ▶ Defenders saw that Rauparaha attempted to burn them out
- ▶ Higher tower built at gate to snipe sappers

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Ka hika a Kaiapoi

- ▶ Resisted at Taumutu
- ▶ Urged to attack Waiteruati but Te Whakataupuka had cannons
- ▶ Ngai Tahu devastated by Te Rauparaha's raids
- ▶ Northern territory lost on both sides
- ▶ Paramount chief killed
- ▶ The South mounts raids against Rauparaha in 1833 – taua iti
- ▶ Tawa-nui 29 vessels, 500-700 warriors
- ▶ Kaikoura Coast depopulated for more than a decade
- ▶ Several hundred killed, several hundred taken prisoner
- ▶ Many chiefs killed
- ▶ Murihiku became new power centre of Ngai Tahu

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Matiaha Tiramorehu

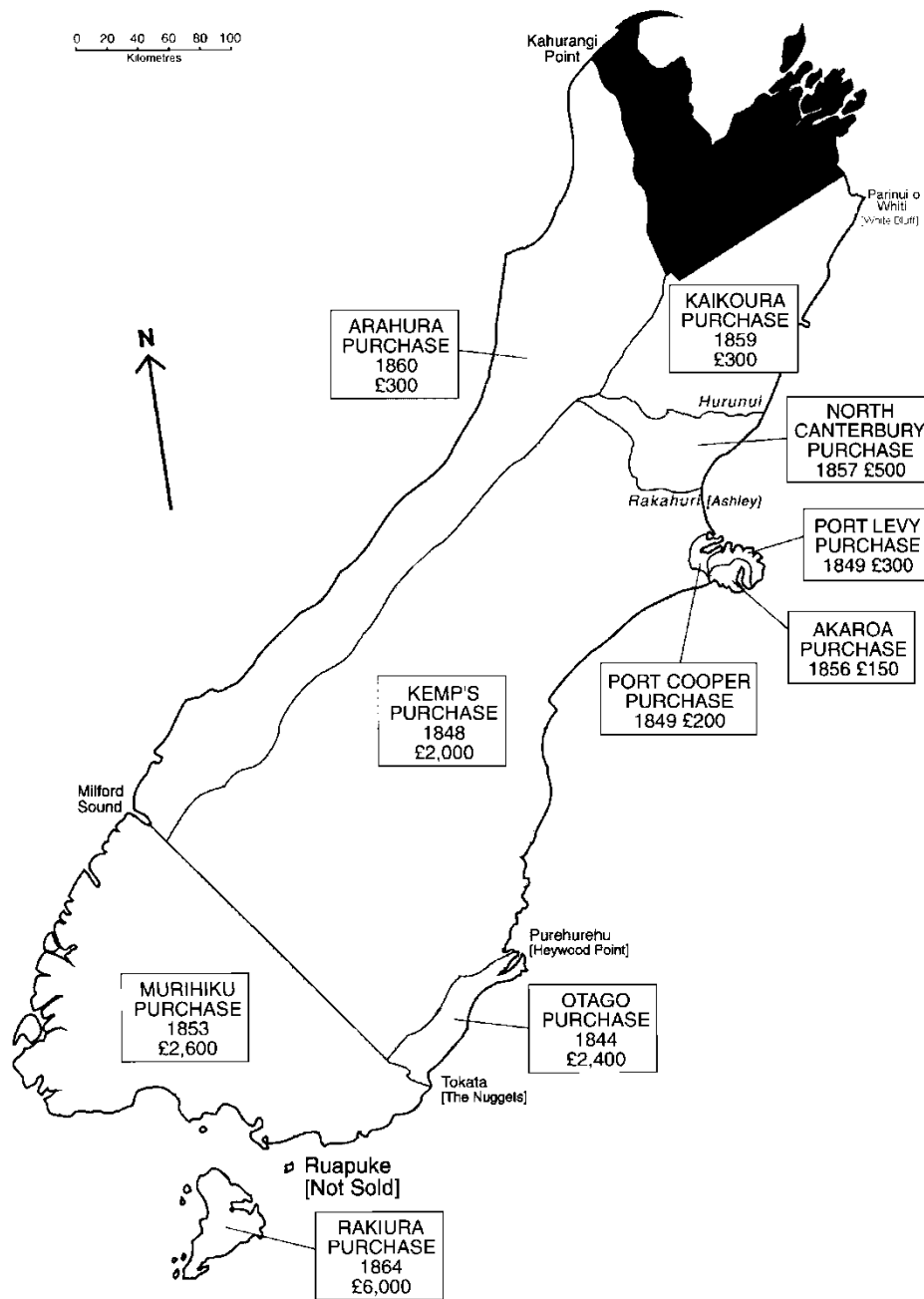
Tōna ao – kā
mea i kitea

Aratakina te tira mōrehu – *leading the party of survivors*

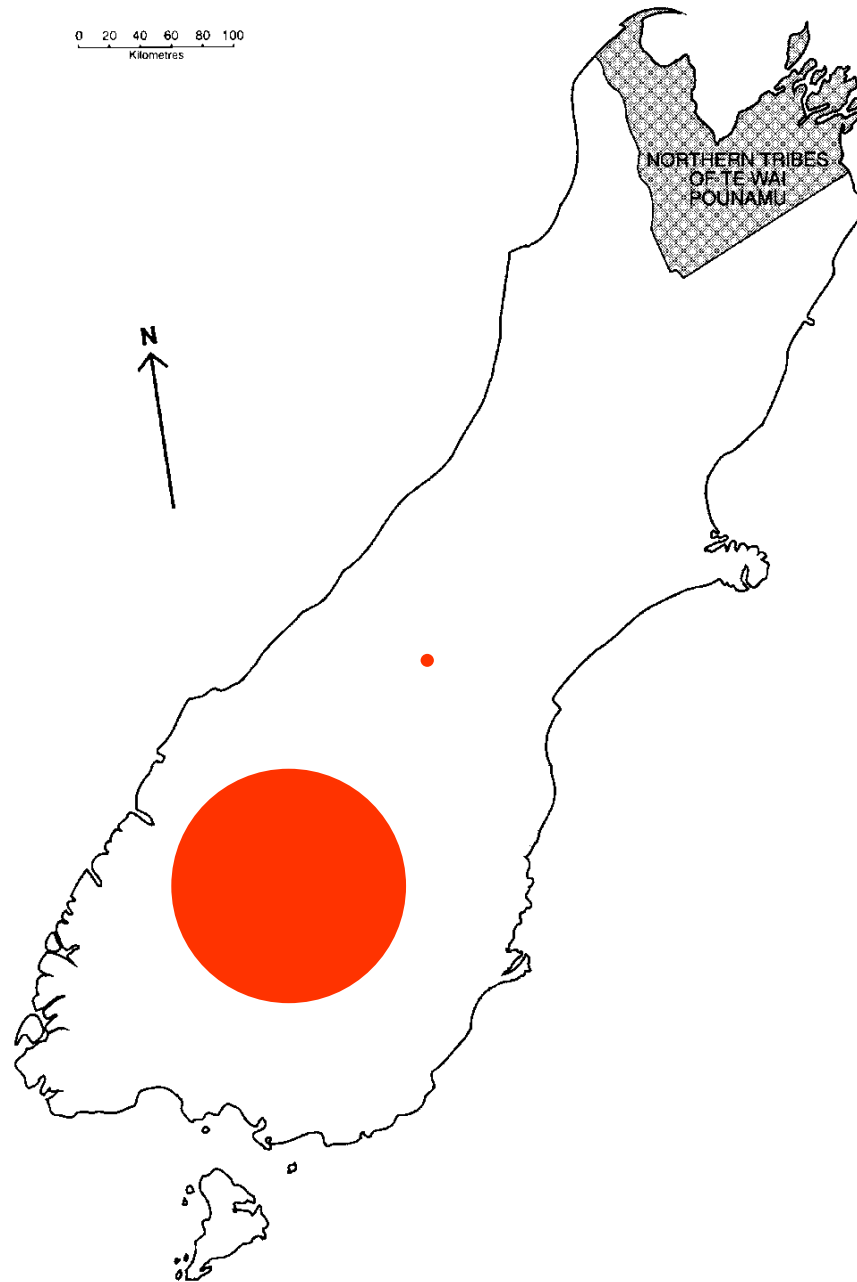
- ▶ Kāi Tahu – Kāti Toa Wars
- ▶ Settlement of Pākehā in his lands
- ▶ Influenza and measles epidemics
- ▶ Loss of 95% of his people's land over a 20 year period
- ▶ Starvation of his people
- ▶ Adaptation to literacy
- ▶ Introduction of Christianity
- ▶ Loss of language and cultural cohesion
- ▶ Suicide of his wife
- ▶ Death of all his children
- ▶ Birth of Te Kereme – The Ngāi Tahu Claim
- ▶ Birth of a vision and intergenerational fight



Crown Purchases 1844 - 1864



Relative Areas



Crown
Purchases
1844 - 1864

- ▶ Change and adaptation does not come without cost
- ▶ When navigating new lands or waters, you must be able to see the destination in your mind – you must have a vision
- ▶ You need to take your people along with you – they need to understand where they are going and why
- ▶ You need to be inspired – and inspiring
- ▶ You must seed hope

