

Archaeological Discovery Protocol – Takapuneke Reserve Cultural

Takapuneke (Red House Bay) Archaeological Discovery Protocol Agreement
between Onuku Runanga and Banks Peninsula District Council

1. GENERAL POLICY

Ngai Tahu has a general policy that recognises and deals in an appropriate manner with any archaeological material including Koiwi tangata (human skeletal remains) that are found or unearthed as a result of any site disturbance of archaeological/cultural sites.

This policy is based on the founding principles of:

1.1 Protection of sites of archaeological/cultural significance to indigenous peoples is guaranteed under various international declarations of civil rights.

1.2 Ngai Tahu asserts the right to determine the management of archaeological/cultural finds within its tribal territory.

1.3 Historic Places Trust 1993.

To ensure protection of such sites Ngai Tahu requires those that are working in these areas to enter into a contractual commitment to meet certain conditions.

2. POLICY PURPOSE

2.1 To manage and protect any discovery from any undue damage or loss.

2.2 To maximise the opportunity to retrieve physical and archaeological evidence and materials.

2.3 To ensure that Koiwi tangata (human skeletal remains) that maybe found receive dignified and appropriate cultural management.

2.4 To gather information on the lives, activities, food, resource use, trails and camp sites of Ngai Tahu Tipuna (ancestors).

3. ONUKU RUNANGA RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Tikanga (Protocols)

To inform the Banks Peninsula District Council on matters of Tikanga in relation to activities on-site.

3.2 Discovery Notification

To respond to any Banks Peninsula District Council discovery notification within a 24 hour timeframe specifying the following:-

- (a) What arrangements have been made for site inspection?
(b) Actions and timeframe required to remove or protect archaeological material.

3.3 Runanga Contact List

To inform the Banks Peninsula District Council of any charges to following contact list:-

Name	Address	Telephone	Fax/Email
Theo Bunker	33a Snowdon Road, Christchurch 8005	W (03) 364 0827 H (03) 351 3307	(03) 364 1189 theob@chhlth.govt.nz
Wi Tainui	50 Rue Balguerie, Akaroa	H (03) 304 7169	
Waitai Tikao	10 Avoca Valley Road, Christchurch	H (03) 384 6266	
Donna Little	12 Selwyn Avenue, Akaroa	H (03) 304 7048	

4. BANKS PENINSULA DISTRICT COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Internal Management

To ensure that all staff, contractors and sub contractors are aware of and abide by this protocol.

4.2 Discovery Notification

That upon discovery of anything that could be of a cultural/archaeological nature, the immediate area will be secured, all work on site will terminate immediately and Onuku Runanga contacted. (In the case of suspected human remains the police are also to be notified.) Work will not recommence without the explicit agreement of Onuku Runanga.

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