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### Tangata Whenua

The QEII Park site is located within close proximity to prime Ngāi Tahu lands and within the takiwā (district) of Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Runanga who are the mana whenua and kaitiaki (guardian) of this area. The site is adjacent to the Travis Wetland (Ōruapaeroa), 4.4km from the estuary (Te Ihutai), 1.6km from the ocean and less than a kilometre from the Otakaro/ Avon River.

### Key importance

This area known as Ōruapaeroa which was an area of extensive network of wetlands, was a significant kainga nohoanga/dwelling and site of mahinga kai/ food and materials gathering.

### Areas of Significance to QEII Park

- Ōruapaeroa / Travis Wetland** -----  
This wetland / swamp was known to become linked to the sea where Ngai Tahu traditions talk of mako/ shark being caught. The Ōruapaeroa name also applied to a beach nearby where patiki (flounder) patiki rore (sole) and shellfish were gathered.
- Ōtākaro / Avon River**  
Traditionally Ōtākaro was highly regarded by Waitaha, Ngati Mamoe and Ngāi Tahu as a mahinga kai (food gathering area).
- Waikākāriki / Horseshoe Lake**  
Waikākāriki was a mahinga kai site associated as a tributary of the Ōtākaro / Avon River.
- Waitikiri / Bottle Lake**  
Waitikiri was an important site for mahinga kai and an area of abundant native plants that Maori used as materials for building, in medicine practises, weaving baskets, making weapons and for footwear.
- Te Ihutai / Avon Heathcote estuary**  
Te Ihutai was a significant fishery for Ngāi Tahu and was abundant with fish and shellfish including tuna(eel), kanakana (lamprey), inaka( whitebait), patiki (flounder) and pipi.
- Te Karoro Karoro / South Brighton Spit** -----  
Te Karoro Karoro (South Brighton Spit) was part of the traditional travel route that provided access between Kaiapoi pā and Horomaka/Te Pātaka-a-Rākaihautū (Banks Peninsula)

Note this information has been sourced from:-  
- QEII Park: Sports and Recreation Centre and proposed education facilities  
- Cultural Impact Assessment December 2016, Prepared by MKT  
- Cultural summary for QEII Recreation and Sports Centre June 2017 Prepared by Matapopore  
- Kā Huru Manu - Ngai Tahu Website