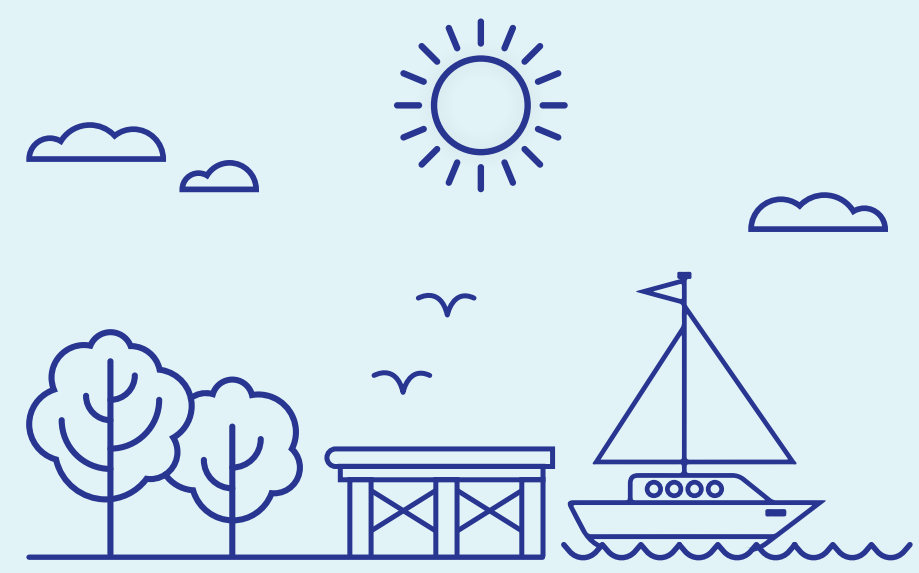


# MĀPUA MASTERPLAN BACKGROUND



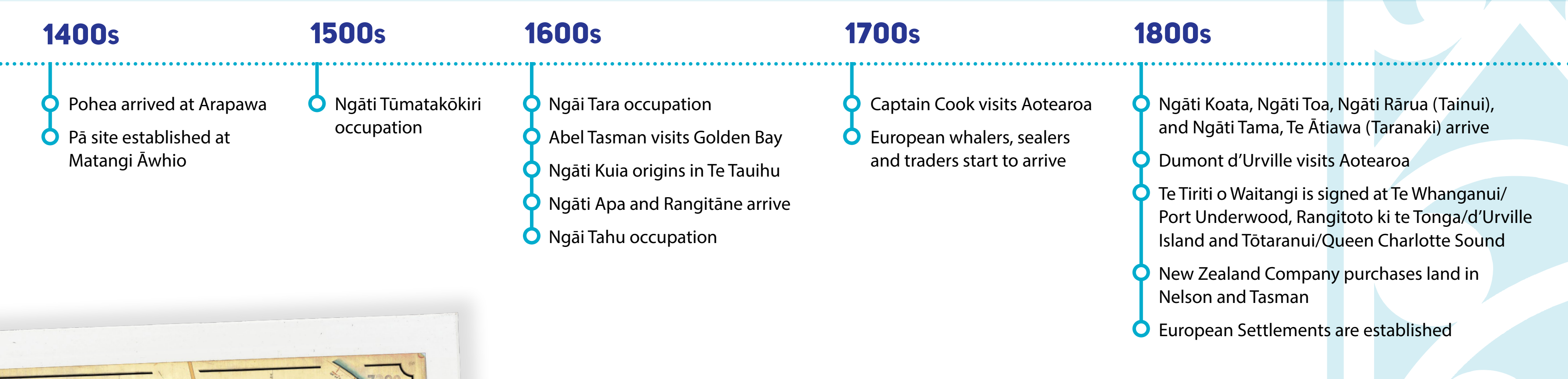
The Tasman 10-Year Plan (Long Term Plan) for Te Kaunihera o te Tai o Aorere – Tasman District Council has highlighted the desire of Iwi and the community to consolidate the multiple small projects in one area as part of the Future Development Strategy. To this end, the Māpua Masterplan is being developed and includes planned projects for Māpua for the next 10 years. As Treaty Partners, the Council has a legal obligation to involve, engage, and consult with Iwi. The Council has been proactive in embracing partnership through extensive involvement, engagement and consultation with Iwi and the public<sup>1</sup>.

In December 2023 the three Councils of Te Taihuhu (Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough) signed a Relationship Agreement with the eight Iwi of Te Taihuhu. This agreement gives a high level overview of how the Councils and Iwi will work together. These are positive steps forward in strengthening the relationships between Council, Community and Tangata Whenua.

The following narrative is to assist the community to understand the cultural and historical significance of the Māpua area to the Iwi of Te Taihuhu. The Māpua area has an extensive history as an occupation and resource harvesting area, and is extensively interspersed with wāhi tapu (sacred areas). For these reasons, Te Taihuhu Iwi – in particular the descendants of those who occupied, cultivated and harvested kai, and exercised customary rights in Māpua – have a vested interest in current and future activities and developments in the area.



## TIMELINE



Today there are eight Iwi acknowledged in Te Taihuhu (Northern South Island): Ngāti Kuia, Rangitāne, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Ngāti Toa, Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Tama and Te Ātiawa. Each of these Iwi has self-identified areas of interest. Between 2005 and 2014 Te Taihuhu Iwi pursued their Treaty Claims with the Waitangi Tribunal. The Tribunal found that each Iwi has layers of interests, which often overlap and intersect with each other. The Crown recognised and acknowledged the eight Te Taihuhu Iwi had valid Treaty of Waitangi claims, resulting in several Treaty Settlement Acts.

Te Taihuhu has a rich and dynamic history. Through raupatu (conquest), occupation, and intermarriage between Kurahaupō, Taranaki and Tainui Iwi, sets the scene for historical complexities and dynamic relationships that have shaped the Mana Whenua and Tangata Whenua status and areas of interest. The historical narrative and interests of each Iwi is set out in each of their Deeds of Settlements.

For this purpose, we will be sharing the collective cultural narrative of Te Taihuhu Iwi for Māpua.

<sup>1</sup> A list of legislation that provides for Council and Iwi obligations is included in the last document.