

ŌHINEANGAANGA

Ōhineangaanga is one of the eight main waterways of Waitaha. Its name is thought to refer to the skull of a female child which was used to predict appropriate times for fishing and harvesting cultivations.

In ancient times, *Te Tapuaeroa* or *Te Tapuae* was one of the main Waitaha pā used on the banks of the Ōhineangaanga Stream. A track leading from the pā, that crossed the Ōhineangaanga and Waiari Streams, was part of Waitaha's defence system for strategic withdrawal in times of war.

Atuaroa was the name of the area within Te Puke block that contained the villages of *Te Tarere*, *Te Mania* and *Te Tautara*, as well as gardens that stretched some 50 acres.

The site of Donovan Park on the banks of river was a favourite fishing area for catching *tuna* and *kokopū*.

The area was ransacked and destroyed by Crown troops to punish Hakaraia and his followers, during the land wars of the 1860s.

The remains of many Waitaha pā sites along the Ōhineangaanga were also demolished during the development of the flood protection scheme in the 1970s. This included *Rotopoutaka*, *Takapou*, *Takarangi*, *Tapuae*, *Te Arataukawiti*, *Te Tarere*, *Te Atuaroa*, *Te Mania*, *Te Tautara*, *Te Rī o Hakaraia*, *Ōtaitaka*, *Takarangi* and *Te Ōhui*. The Atuaroa swamp, fed by the waters of Ōhineangaanga was drained and cleared for farming in the 1930s.