

## MARAEROA

Maraeroa Pā was built by Waitaha to accommodate Ngāti Raukawa relatives of the waka Tainui.

Waitaha is linked to Tainui through intermarriage including Te Kahureremoa of Hauraki who married Takakōpiri, cementing ties between Waitaha and Hauraki; Haua of Ngati Raukawa who married Tamangarangi; and Kaihamu of Mangatoatoa who married Tuparahaki (the daughter of Kahureremoa and Takakōpiri). These marriages shaped and expanded the mana of Waitaha.

Hauā is the eponymous ancestor of Ngāti Haua. Haua and his warriors fought alongside Waitaha in a battle against Ngāi Te Rangi who had occupied Maketu. In later years, their descendant Te Waharoa, set a neutral zone or *aukati* along Papamoa beach during the battles with Te Arawa to enable free passage for those travelling to and from Maketu and Tauranga and for those gathering food. This area was known as *Te Rī o Waharoa*.

Kaihamu, a powerful tohunga, was also known as *Kaihamu Waha-mana* and was said to have killed the people through the power of his *karakia*. From Kaihamu and Tuparahaki came the Ngāti Kahu hapū of Tauranga and the people of Ngāti Toa Rangatira in the lower North Island. The marriage of Kahureremoa to Takakōpiri