

Pohara Hall, 870 Abel Tasman Drive, Pohara, is the hub of the commemoration, with the official opening at 4pm, Saturday 16 December.

Open: 9am-5pm Sunday (17th) to Tuesday (19th) December for information and visiting the displays and Welcome Aboard exhibition. Further Info: Ph. 021-02333-770

Saturday 16 December

1pm Powhiri for official visitors at Onetahua Marae

4-6pm Official Opening: Mihi, speeches, music, kai, displays. All welcome (Pohara Hall)

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### **Sunday 17 December**

**9am Local history talks:** Abel Tasman monument: How it came about and plans for its future. Tony Richardson & Mat Nalder (Pohara Hall)

**11am-1pm: Documentaries:** "The Navigators" and "Wayfinders" (Village Theatre, Takaka; *costs apply*)

**12-6:30pm: Farewell Spit Tour,** with special reference to its cultural significance, conservation, and commentary on Tasman's coastal route. (Departs Collingwood; *costs apply*) Contact Farewell Spit Tours, **524-8257**

**4pm: Local history talks:** Archaeology, architecture, and botany of the Abel Tasman Memorial site and Tata Islands. Kevin Jones & Philip Simpson. (Pohara Hall)

**8pm: Movie:** "Moana" the wonderful musical (Village Theatre, Takaka; *costs apply*). "Moana" will **also screen** at the Village Theatre on Tuesday 19th (5pm) and Wednesday 20th (2pm)

## **FIRST ENCOUNTER 375**

**(16-19 December 2017)**

### **Programme & Event location**



This is our local commemoration of Tasman's 1642/43 voyage of exploration. Tasman put Aotearoa on the world map for the first time, creating the earliest images and descriptions of Maori and New Zealand.

In Golden Bay/Mohua, Tasman's crew came face to face with Ngati Tumatakokiri. That first encounter on 18/19 December 1642 ended in conflict, with four sailors dead, one taken ashore. No Europeans came again for 127 years!

Our commemoration, planned with Manawhenua ki Mohua, acknowledges the history of two voyaging cultures meeting for the first time.

It also celebrates the creation of Abel National Park in 1942, and the richness of our shared world. Visitors from the Netherlands and around New Zealand are coming to mark this heritage event of national significance.

*Logo prepared by Robin Slow in collaboration with Manawhenua ki Mohua.*

### **Monday 18 December**

**9am Fun water-based event** with replica praeutien, waka ama and kayaks (Tarakohe Harbour)

**12-1pm Documentary:** "Kupe"; introduction by Prof Atholl Anderson (Village Theatre, Takaka; *costs apply*)

**2-4pm Guided boat trip** to Tasman's anchorage from Tarakohe Harbour; Speaker Dave Horry. (*costs apply; weather-dependent*) **Info:** Ph. 021-02333-770.

**4pm/evening: Community picnic & Variety show** with fun entertainment. Food and market stalls (Pohara Hall)

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Tuesday 19 December

10am Informal panel session: Chat to local and visiting researchers and visitors (Pohara Hall)

1-3pm: Documentary: "Voices of the Land"; introduction by Brian Flintoff & Robin Slow (Village Theatre, Takaka; *costs apply*)

4-7pm: Guided walk to Taupo Point from Wainui Bay waharoa, the entrance to Abel Tasman National Park. Reasonable fitness required.

5-7pm: Guided boat trip to Tasman's anchorage from Tarakohe Harbour; Speaker Robert Jenkin. (*costs apply; weather dependent*). **Info:** Ph. 021-02333-770.

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### **OTHER PLACES TO VISIT**

**Golden Bay Museum:** displays on Tasman's voyage and Abel Tasman National Park; **Takaka Memorial Library:** displays of art and craft works related to Tasman's voyage; **Abel Tasman Monument:** national monument to the voyage and the first encounter of 18/19 December 1642; **Waharoa, Wainui Bay:** entry to Abel Tasman National Park and access to sites of early Maori settlements, closest to Tasman's anchorage.