

Discovery Miscellany—February 2023—final issue

An informal gathering of information about events and publications of relevance to the Pacific Ocean Te Moana-Nui-a-Kiwa and discovery.

Apologies for a long silence since the previous *Miscellany* in May 2022.

This is the final issue that I will compile—Is anyone out there who would like to take over?

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### **1 Farewells**

- **Kaumatua John Ward-Holmes**: Aroha mai/apologies for the delay in reporting the passing of kaumatua John Tahana Ward-Holmes MNZM (Ngati Tama, Te Atiawa) on 17 April 2022. John was a greatly respected elder of Manawhenua ki Mohua among the Golden Bay/Mohua community and at Onetahua Marae, which he was instrumental in establishing in the 1980s.

Those who were part of the First Encounter 375 commemoration in 2017 will remember John's warm welcome and gentle wisdom. He will be remembered as a humble leader and a staunch kaitiaki (guardian) of the environment, especially for his leadership in determining the future of the Waikoropupū Springs, which was acknowledged in his MNZM award. Read more about him and his award here: <https://tinyurl.com/3busatpf>



- **Netherlands Ambassador, Mira Woldberg**: Ambassador Woldberg, whose four-year tenure was greatly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, left New Zealand in July 2022. Mira enthusiastically continued the work begun by her predecessor Rob Zaagman to acknowledge the special connection between the iwi of Golden Bay/Mohua and the Netherlands. She was welcomed onto Onetahua Marae in May 2019, and visited at other times. Tasman District Council and manawhenua farewelled Mira in July 2022. Ms Woldberg's successor, **Mr Ard van der Vorst**, took up his post in August 2022.

### **2 New Exhibitions**

- **Te Papa Museum of New Zealand** (Wellington): Manu Rere Moana (permanent) and He Kaupapa Waka (until late 2023): Two exhibitions celebrating waka traditions: the double-hulled voyaging waka with sail (waka hourua) and the single-hulled carved canoes powered by paddlers (waka taua). Includes interactive information, associated displays with large-scale models made by the late Sir Hek Busby. More info on the Te Papa website: <https://tinyurl.com/4yu2de2h> and <https://tinyurl.com/55e7i8e3> More (RNZ audio-visual) about the first (1992) voyage of waka hourua *Te Aurere* here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p44ycwh>

- **National Library of New Zealand** (Wellington; until 27 May 2023): [The Long Waves of Our Ocean](#). Five young artists were commissioned to respond to poems written by significant poets from the 20th century on a theme of the varied and shifting roles of Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa. Accompanied by a handsome catalogue which reproduces the poetry and art together with information on the creators. More info on the library's website here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdftvs7>

### 3 Research & Publications

- **Magdalena Bunbury et al**, "A New Chronology for the Maori Settlement of Aotearoa (NZ) and the potential rate of climate change in demographic developments", in *PNAS*, v.116 no.49. Access (paywalled) here: <https://tinyurl.com/mr24fsa8>

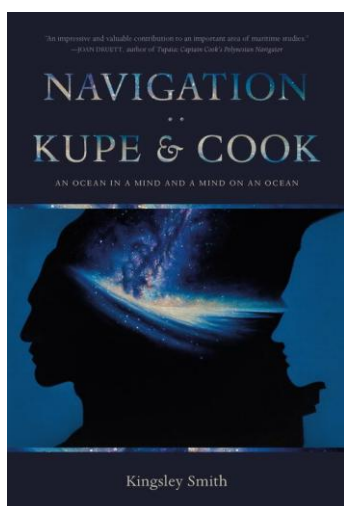
New radiocarbon dating narrows the date of settlement to between 1250 and 1275 (North Island) and 1280 to 1295 (South Island). Read a summary RNZ news item (8 Nov 2022) here: <https://tinyurl.com/yckrx2ey>

**Ngati Tumatakokiri Maruia Claim:** Iwi representative Doug Huria's 2015 Waitangi Tribunal Historic Claim (Wai 2543), plus Particularisation of the claim documents (October 2022; 291p.) are now available to view on [www.tumatakokiri.org](http://www.tumatakokiri.org) – on the News, Events and Land claim tab.

- **Map Matters 44** (Winter/Spring 2022): the most recent newsletter of the Australia on the Map group (of the Australasian Hydrographic Society) edited by Marianne Pietersen is available at <https://tinyurl.com/2z8btkxc> [N.B. this link is to [australiaonthemap.org](http://australiaonthemap.org) -- a slightly different web address than that used previously] Of special interest: Western Australia Maritime Museum; Malaspina's 1789 Spanish scientific expedition; the New South Wales penal colony.

### 4 New Books

- **Kingsley Smith: *Navigation--Kupe & Cook: An ocean in a mind and a mind on an ocean*** (Mary Egan Publishing, 2022) 284p. ISBN: 9780473509378



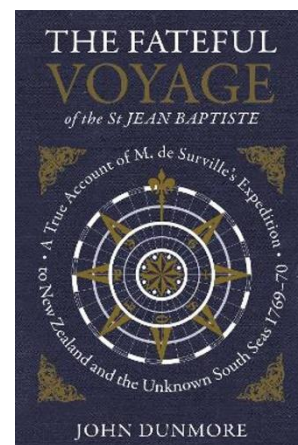
A deeply detailed and well-illustrated book that explores the development of human travel by water from its beginnings in Africa. The discussion then develops in two directions: the navigational skills of societies with print literacy and those of societies with oral language literacy, which Cook and Kupe represent. The large sections each have numbered footnote and reference sequences, reflecting the wide scope of the author's research and knowledge. There's an index but no bibliography.

Read a review here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhtww5f>

- **John Dunmore: *The fateful voyage of the St Jean Baptiste*.** 2nd edition. (Heritage Press, 2022) 128p. ISBN: 978991163004

Dunmore tells the story of de Surville's voyage for the French East India Company to discover the imagined southern continent. Famously crossing paths (about 100km apart) with Cook's *Endeavour* off the New Zealand coast in December 1769, de Surville's crew spent two weeks in Doubtless Bay, a stay and encounter with Maori that had a tragic ending.

First published in 1969.



## 5 Other News

- **Waitangi Day, 6 February 2023—and the Leiden Paddlers:** The only waka taua in the Northern Hemisphere *Te Hono Aotearoa* is the responsibility of Leiden's Museum Volkenkunde. Leiden-based paddlers, who practise weekly, have come almost every year since 2011 to help celebrate Waitangi Day. This year a record group of 27 paddlers came; read more here: <https://tinyurl.com/ytezkjmc>
- **Whetū Mārama** is now available by online streaming (iTunes, Google Play) to rent or buy; info here on the NZ Film Commission site: <https://tinyurl.com/2nfmoin4>  
Acclaimed documentary on the life of the late Sir Hekenukumai Busby and his mission to see the rebirth of the waka hourua (voyaging canoes) tradition, including building and sailing *Te Aurere*.
- **Ship *Batavia* e-book launched:** The Western Australian Museum has launched an interactive e-book on the history of the Dutch East India Company ship *Batavia* which was wrecked off the west coast of Australia in 1629. Explore it here: <https://tinyurl.com/2nznyrhx>
- **1850s Dutch Painting of First Encounter 1642 (Aotearoa):**



Sydney dealer Hordern House is offering for sale (AUD 118,000) an 1850s oil painting by Dutch artist Everhardus Koster. It depicts the 19 December 1642 fatal encounter between Tasman's crew and local Ngati Tumatakokiri warriors in Golden Bay/Mohua. More information here:

<https://tinyurl.com/a2e9af6s>

- **Tairawhiti calls into 20th-century Mana Marina**

In early November 2022 the Gisborne-based waka hourua *Tairāwhiti* called in to Mana Marina just north of Wellington on the western coast bordering Cook Strait.

The picture shows the waka just inside the breakwater that shelters the floating marina which is home to yachts and launches.

*Tairāwhiti* has its own website:

<https://www.tairawhitiwaka.org/>



### The Last & First Words...



#### **“Abel Tasman” delivering airmail in 1931**

The first airmail service between the Netherlands and Australia arrives at Wyndham in the far north of Western Australia in 1931. Mail was delivered on a Dutch Fokker plane named “Abel Tasman”.

*Source:* State Library of Western Australia.

**... and from Harke Bosma, Chairman of the Abel Tasman Museum in Lutjegast:**

Our wish for 2023 refers to Mother Nature and expresses our hope for world peace and remaining friendship with the peoples Tasman and his crew met in 1642-1643. Since internet connections are not always working, we dreamed of homing pigeons that left Down-Under in December and arrived at Twelfth Night in Lutjegast. [*Apologies for late delivery—ed.*]

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