

Local activity providers and sports clubs that cater for Māori

There are also lots of local activity providers and sports clubs that cater for Māori and who would love to meet you and connect with your whānau. Here are just a few!

Mauri tu mauri ora! An active soul is a healthy soul.

Aranui/Eastern Eagles Rugby League Club

Rugby league for nursery age to premiers.

Contact: 022 516 6426 or easterneaglesclub@gmail.com.

Kapa Tata

This group of whānau have come together to play sport using Te Reo since 2013. The group aims to normalise the Māori language by incorporating it in everyday life including sport.

The group runs a variety of sports for pakeke/adults, taiohi/ teenagers and tamariki/ children, including mixed softball, indoor netball, Ki-o-rahi, touch, tee-ball and rugby league.



Contact: Melody Tuliau (021 387 150).

Kaumatua Services

Runs day activities and programmes for kaumatua - based at Rehua Marae.

Kaiarahi: Vivian Te Mana Hahipene (03 355 5615).

Ōtautahi Sports Association

Offers rugby union, netball, softball, touch, and hockey for juniors to seniors.

Contact: Nat Wiki (022 436 3157 or osa.inc@outlook.com).

Purapura Whetu

Sport and physical activities for tamariki | children older than 7, taiohi | teenagers and pakeke | adults dealing with mental health issues.

Contact: Rachel Panapa (03 379 8001 or 0800 4 WHETU).

Toa Sports

A Ki-o-rahi module at Ara for pakeke/adults (high school age and older).

Contact: Heperi Harris (Heperi.harris@ara.ac.nz).

Te Whare Tū Taua ki Waitaha

The National School of Ancient Māori Weaponry in Christchurch teaches men, women and children 12 years and over.

Sessions are held on Saturday mornings at Te Pā o Rākaihautū in Linwood.

Contact: Aaron Hapuku (waitaha_tu_taua@yahoo.com).

Wai-ora Trust

The Trust runs a community gardening initiative and a community works programme based in Harewood. They also have a Fitness Centre available for people who do not have the means to attend a regular gym.

Phone: 03 359 2458 or kiaora@wai-ora.nz

Waka Ama

There are a number of waka ama clubs running in Christchurch:

- Kai Ngaru Waka Ama in New Brighton (tahu.stirling@gmail.com);
- [Te Awahaku Outrigger Canoe Club](mailto:teawahaku@hotmail.com) (teawahaku@hotmail.com);
- [Te Waka Pounamu](mailto:tewakapounamu01@gmail.com) in Lyttelton (tewakapounamu01@gmail.com); and
- [Waitaha Paddling Club](mailto:waitahapc@gmail.com) in Lyttelton (waitahapc@gmail.com).