

# Commemorations programme of 2023–2027 historical anniversaries

2023

100th of New Zealand's claim to Ross Dependency  
50th of New Zealand protests against French nuclear testing in the Pacific

**Theme: Te ahurea tuakiri o Aotearoa  
New Zealand's cultural identity**

125th of first movie shot in New Zealand (2023)  
75th of first wholly New Zealand-produced record, Blue Smoke (2024)  
50th of first novel by Māori author, Tangi (2023)

**Theme: Te whakahaumarū i te pāpori  
Creating a social safety net**

125th of old-age pension (2023)  
50th of Domestic Purposes Benefit (2023)  
50th of establishment of Accident Compensation Corporation (2024)

*Also*

85th of social security legislation (2023)

2024

50th of start of dawn raids on Pacific peoples  
50th of Niue self-government

2025

75th of New Zealand's involvement in the Korean War  
75th of Commonwealth sporting event in Auckland

**Theme: Mana Māori Motuhake  
Māori rights and representation**

50th of Māori Land March  
50th of establishment of Waitangi Tribunal  
50th of Māori electoral option

2026

125th of establishment of world's first government Tourist Department  
100th of establishment of Department of Scientific and Industrial Research  
100th of introduction of world's first state-funded family benefit  
75th of 1951 waterfront dispute

**Theme: Te hononga ki te Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa  
Relationship with the Pacific**

125th of Cook Islands and Niue becoming part of New Zealand Realm

100th of New Zealand administration of Tokelau

*Also*

50th of New Zealand protests against French nuclear testing in the Pacific (2023)

50th of start of dawn raids on Pacific peoples (2024)

50th of Niue self-government (2024)

2027

150th of Education Act  
125th of the sinking of the SS *Ventnor*  
50th of Bastion Point occupation  
50th of Human Rights Commission Act

**Theme: Ngā tohu ā-motu  
National symbols**

125th of official adoption of New Zealand flag  
50th of recognition of 'God Defend New Zealand' as official anthem

*Also*

150th of the national anthem's translation into te reo Māori (2028)

50th of New Zealand Citizenship Act (2028)

**Annual commemorations  
(out of scope)**

- Waitangi Day
- Anzac Day

- Matariki
- He Rā Maumahara

- Regional anniversaries
- Religious and ethnic holidays

- Koroneihana
- Commonwealth Day

- Annual military commemorations