



Ngā Whakataetae ā-Motu Hoe Tawhiti 2026 ki Ōrewa, Tāmaki Makaurau

E ngā mātā waka o te motu, nau mai, haere mai.

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland Region Outrigger Canoe Association (AROCA) welcomes you to the 2026 Long Distance National Waka Ama Championships. Together with Waka Ama Aotearoa New Zealand, we are excited to host this year's competition.

We are fortunate to be working alongside Mana Whenua, whose guidance helps ensure the cultural safety and integrity of this kaupapa. It is a privilege to work together in bringing this event to the waka ama whānau.

The Ōrewa community is excited to welcome competitors, supporters and whānau from across Aotearoa. This year's event promises to be one of the most highly attended Long Distance National Championships in recent history.

To acknowledge the significance of this gathering and ensure the event begins with the mana it deserves, we will open the championships with a pōwhiri.

The details are outlined below.

Ngā Whakaritenga mō te Pōwhiri

Ngā Iwi Hau Kāinga

Ngāti Manuhiri - "Manuhiri"	Ngāti Rango
WHAKAPAPA	Ko Ngāti Whātua ki Kaipara te Iwi
Ko Tamahunga te Maunga	Ko Māhuhu ki te rangi te waka
Ko Hauturu-ō-Toi te motu whakahirahira	Ko Tuhirangi, Taranaki, Matawhero, me Atuanui ngā maunga
Ko Te Moananui-ā-Toi te Moana	Ko Kākānui, Araparera, Makarau, me Hōteo ngā awa
Ko Tainui ko Moekākara ngā Waka	
Ko Manuhiri te Tangata	
Ko Manuhiri te Rangatira	
Ko Manuhiri te Tupuna	



Pōwhiri

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7:30am

Meet at the Vendors Area Carpark behind the Orewa Surf Life Saving Club.

If able, please organise and prepare:

- Kaikōrero
- Kaiwaiata
- Kaikaranga

Kawe Mate

The motu will be accompanied by the whānau and friends of the late Sharon Hawke, together with members of her iwi, Ngāti Whātua ki Ōrākei.

Waka Ama whānau are encouraged to bring photographs of loved ones who have passed or to carry their memories with them in spirit.

Hīkoi ki te Wāhi Pōwhiri

7:50am

Please make your way to the beach and gather at the designated waharoa.

You will be met by a Kaitutei who will brief manuhiri on the pōwhiri process and protocol.

The hīkoi will be led by the friends and whānau of Sharon Hawke, accompanied by whānau who have lost loved ones during the past year.

The order of procession will be:

- Whānau pani and kawē mate
- Women and children at the front
- Men positioned on the sides and to the rear

Please assemble at the designated waharoa.

Pōwhiri - Opening Ceremony

Kawa: Pākeke

8:00am

The Pū Moana/Pū Kāea will sound.

Order of Proceedings

- Karakia
- Kaitaki receives and welcomes the manuhiri
- Karanga by the hau kāinga
- Manuhiri are escorted to their designated seating area

A clearly marked area will identify where manuhiri are to gather and be seated.

Photographs of Sharon and other loved ones may be carried during the pōwhiri. A table will also be provided for photographs and taonga.

A designated area will be available for whānau pani.

A moment of silence will be observed.

Whaikōrero

The hau kāinga will speak first. Two kaikōrero will be supported by waiata tautoko.

Manuhiri will then be invited to speak, with each kaikōrero supported by waiata.

- Maximum of three manuhiri kaikōrero
- The final speaker will be from the hau kāinga
- The final whaikōrero will close the formal proceedings and officially open the event

Following the whaikōrero, manuhiri kaikōrero will approach the taumata for harirū and hongī.

Whakakapi

Whaea Sharon's whānau and kaumātua will be invited to morning tea first, followed by the wider waka ama community.

You are warmly invited to whakawhanaunga, mix and mingle before racing begins.

Please note that the first race call will be at **9:00am**.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou katoa. Kia haumarū te haere, kia pai ngā whakataetae, ā, kia toitū te mana o te waka ama.

Mauri Ora,

AROCA Board