

Āpōpō Journal References: Historical dates contained in the calendar

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This reference table refers to the below sources in shortened forms, i.e. as a hyperlink or the author and page number. Any other sources used as one-offs are referenced in full below.

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Date	Event	Link/Source
1 January	Legislative Council abolished (1951)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/legislative-council-abolished
2 January	First large dairy factory built (1882)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 62
3 January	First New Zealand-made 'talkie' screened (1930)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/first-new-zealand-made-talkie-screened
4 January	Edmund Hillary reaches South Pole (1958)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 125
5 January	First major airline begins operation (1936)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 105
6 January	Godfrey Bowen sets world sheep shearing record (1953)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/godfrey-bowen-establishes-world-sheep-shearing-record
7 January	First solo flight of Tasman Sea (1931)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/completion-of-first-trans-tasman-solo-flight
8 January	Polynesian Society formed (1892)	Palenski, p. 16
9 January	Gallipoli campaign ends (1916)	<i>Stuff</i> . (2014, 9 January). 'Today in History – 9 January'. Retrieved 8 November 2018 from

Date	Event	Link/Source
		http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/today-in-history/9587469/Today-in-History-9-January
10 January	First state-registered nurse in the world (1902)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/worlds-first-state-registered-nurse
11 January	Ruapekepeka pā occupied by British and Māori forces (1846)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/ruapekepeka-pa-occupied-by-british-forces
12 January	Queen Elizabeth II opens Parliament for the first time (1954)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/queen-elizabeth-opens-new-zealand-parliament
13 January	'Torpedo Billy' Murphy wins world featherweight boxing title (1890)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/torpedo-billy-murphy-wins-the-world-featherweight-boxing-title
14 January	Navy intercepts vessels poaching toothfish in Southern Ocean (2015)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 218
15 January	Vietnam War protesters greet US Vice-President (1970)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/anti-vietnam-war-protestors-greet-us-vice-president-spiro-agnew
16 January	Women's Auxiliary Air Force formed (1941)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/foundation-of-the-womens-auxiliary-air-force
17 January	Bay of Plenty land confiscation ordered (1866)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 49
18 January	First cheese produced for export (1882)	Esler, L. (2014, 16 October). 'Of crabs, cheese and lightning'. <i>The Southland Times</i> . Retrieved 8 November 2018 from http://www.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/culture/in-the-south/10596285/Of-crabs-cheese-and-lightning
19 January	Troops sent to Iraq to support UN Special Commission (1991)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 175
20 January	Scott Base established (1957)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 123
21 January	Canberra Pact signed (1944)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 114

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22 January	Settler ship <i>Aurora</i> arrives in Wellington (1840)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 26
23 January	Magnitude 8.2 Wairarapa earthquake (1855)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 38
24 January	Soviet ambassador expelled after allegedly delivering money to pro-Soviet political party (1980)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/soviet-ambassador-expelled
25 January	First day of competition at Christchurch Commonwealth Games (1974)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/first-day-of-competition-at-the-christchurch-commonwealth-games
26 January	Governor FitzRoy investigates Wairau incident (1844)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/governor-robert-fitzroy-arrives-in-wellington-to-investigate-wairau-incident
27 January	Don Brash delivers Ōrewa Speech (2004)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 193
28 January	Television becomes available (1960)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 127
29 January	Captain Hobson arrives in the Bay of Islands (1840)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 26
30 January	Land purchases prohibited, Crown monopoly established (1840)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 27
31 January	Lieutenant Cook proclaims British sovereignty over New Zealand at Queen Charlotte Sound (1770)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 15
1 February	Captain Hobson's report arrives at Colonial Office (1838)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 24
2 February	First telephone communication made (1878)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 59
3 February	Magnitude 7.8 Hawke's Bay earthquake (1931)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 101

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4 February	Women's Christian Temperance Union established (1885)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 63
5 February	Opening of railway from Invercargill to Bluff (1867)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/opening-railway-invercargill-bluff
6 February	Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti o Waitangi) signed (1840)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 27
7 February	HMS <i>Orpheus</i> disaster (1863)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 46
8 February	Charles Heaphy becomes first New Zealander to receive British Victoria Cross (1867)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p.51
9 February	Lieutenant Cook completes circumnavigation of North Island (1770)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/james-cook-completes-circumnavigation-of-north-island
10 February	Free school milk scheme ends (1967)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 136
11 February	First producer board established (1922)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 96
12 February	Kiwibank opens (2002)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 189
13 February	Waterfront dispute begins (1951)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 119
14 February	Te Papa museum opens (1998)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/te-papa-museum-opens
15 February	First shipment of frozen meat to Britain (1882)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 63
16 February	Lieutenant Cook sights Banks Peninsula calling it Banks 'island' (1770)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/james-cook-sights-banks-island
17 February	First book printed in New Zealand (1835)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 22
18 February	Last use of death penalty (1957)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 123

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19 February	Kyoto Protocol ratified (2002)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 190
20 February	Yvette Williams sets long jump world record (1954)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/yvette-williams-breaks-world-long-jump-record-at-gisborne
21 February	First trans-Tasman cable laid (1876)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 57
22 February	Shallow 6.3 earthquake damages Christchurch (2011)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, 3rd edition, p. 208
23 February	First ever national state of emergency declared due to earthquakes (2011)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, 3rd edition, p. 208
24 February	SS <i>Earnslaw</i> launched on Lake Wakatipu (1912)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/ss-earnslaw-launched-lake-wakatipu
25 February	Major meetings on Te Tiriti begin at Ōrākei (1879)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 60
26 February	Captain Cook leaves New Zealand for last time (1777)	Dench, p. 21
27 February	Troops deployed to load and unload ships during New Zealand's longest strike (1951)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/troops-used-on-ports-as-waterside-dispute-worsens
28 February	Queen Elizabeth II opens the Beehive (1977)	New Zealand Parliament. (2017). <i>40 years ago – the opening of the Beehive 28 February 1977</i> . Retrieved 8 November 2018 from https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/features/40-years-ago-the-opening-of-the-beehive-28-february-1977
29 February	Peter Jackson's <i>The return of the king</i> wins 11 Oscars (2004)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/lord-rings-wins-11-oscars
1 March	Prime Minister Lange wins Oxford Union Debate (1985)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 163
2 March	Dunedin cable cars close (1957)	Palenski, p. 51
3 March	Waihi gold rush begins (1875)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 57

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4 March	Review of Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004 announced (2009)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 201
5 March	Emails leaked by Edward Snowden raise concerns NZ is spying on neighbours (2015)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 218
6 March	New Zealand Symphony Orchestra's debut performance (1947)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/first-performance-of-the-new-zealand-symphony-orchestra
7 March	Citizens increasingly identify as 'New Zealanders' (2006)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 197
8 March	Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary Bill introduced (2016)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 221
9 March	First Golden Shears competition (1961)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/first-golden-shears-competition
10 March	Auckland Warriors' debut game (1995)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/auckland-warriors-debut
11 March	Kororāreka whaling post destroyed (1845)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 33
12 March	Arthur's Pass 'discovered' (1864)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/arthurs-pass-discovered
13 March	Dawn Raids begin, targeting suspected overstayers (1974)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 145
14 March	Split Enz first NZ no. 1 (1980)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/new-zealand-history/split-enz-hit-number-one
15 March	New Zealand forces capture Castle Hill at Cassino (1944)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/nz-forces-capture-castle-hill-cassino
16 March	Oil discovered in Taranaki (1866)	Palenski, p. 59
17 March	First Taranaki War erupts at Waitara (1860)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/taranaki-war-erupts-after-shots-exchanged-at-waitara

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18 March	Waitangi Tribunal rules on Motunui claim (1983)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/waitangi-tribunal-rules-motunui-claim
19 March	Honey bees brought to New Zealand (1839)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/mary-bumby-brings-the-first-honey-bees-in-new-zealand
20 March	Whanganui River becomes a legal entity (2017)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 229
21 March	Te Ture Whenua Maori Act passed (1993)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 178
22 March	Professor George von Zedlitz joins Victoria College (1902)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/george-von-zedlitz-arrives-wellington
23 March	Scottish settlers arrive in Otago (1848)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/scottish-settlers-arrive-otago
24 March	National flag adopted (1902)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 78
25 March	First regular radio broadcast from Parliament (1936)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 106
26 March	Brunner mine accident (1896)	<i>Palenski</i> , p. 66
27 March	First beer brewing began (1773)	<i>Palenski</i> , p. 67
28 March	Māori Television launched (2004)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 194
29 March	Skippers Bridge in Otago opened (1901)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/shotover-river-bridge-opened
30 March	New Zealand votes to retain current flag (2016)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 222
31 March	Last battle of the Waikato War, known as 'Rewi's last stand', begins (1864)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/rewis-last-stand
1 April	Reserve Bank established (1934)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 104
2 April	Rua Kēnana arrested at Maungapōhatu (1916)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 90

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3 April	Infamous 'Battle of Manners Street' between NZ civilians and US servicemen (1943)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/battle-of-manners-street
4 April	Road completed between Queenstown and Kingston (1956)	Reed, p. 33
5 April	The Agent-General role is created (being first overseas representative) (1871)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 55
6 April	Marine Pollution Act passed (1974)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 145
7 April	First state secondary school, Nelson College, opens (1856)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/first-state-secondary-school-opens-in-nelson
8 April	Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa Act passed (1992)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 177
9 April	Founder of Rātana movement takes petition to England (1924)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 97
10 April	The <i>Wabine</i> wrecked in Wellington Harbour (1968)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 138
11 April	First royal visitor, Prince Alfred, arrives (1869)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/new-zealands-first-royal-visit
12 April	HMS <i>New Zealand</i> , a gift to Britain, begins tour of NZ ports (1913)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/hms-new-zealand-begins-tour-nz
13 April	The National Council of Women established (1896)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 73
14 April	Kotahitanga movement establishes	Dench, p. 120

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	Paremata Parliament (1892)	
15 April	The first elections were held with Māori electorate seats (1868)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 52
16 April	New Zealand Rugby Football Union (NZRFU) formed (1892)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/foundation-of-the-new-zealand-rugby-union
17 April	Air New Zealand privatised (1989)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 172
18 April	First newspaper printed in NZ (1840)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 28
19 April	Same-sex marriage legalised (2013)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 213
20 April	Cabinet granted power to declare a state of emergency (1932)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 102
21 April	Citizenship Amendment Act passed (2005)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 196
22 April	The Foreshore and Seabed hīkoi began (2004)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 194
23 April	First diplomatic post formally established in the US (1942)	Reed, p. 38
24 April	Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu Act passed (1996)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 182
25 April	New Zealand's Gallipoli campaign began (1915)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 90
26 April	Tasman Empire Airways Limited (TEAL) was established (1940)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 112
27 April	First New Zealanders compete at Olympic Games (1908)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 85
28 April	Cave Creek viewing platform collapses (1995)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 180

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29 April	ANZUS Treaty comes into effect (1952)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/anzus-comes-into-force
30 April	Marsden Point Oil Refinery opened (1964)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 131
1 May	New Zealand gains administration of Western Samoa (1920)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 95
2 May	Pōtatau Te Wherowhero crowned first Māori King (1858)	Palenski, pp. 89–90
3 May	Captain Hobson becomes Governor in own right (1841)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 29
4 May	Captain du Fresne lands in the Bay of Islands (1772)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 15
5 May	James Busby arrives in the Bay of Islands (1833)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/james-busby-arrives-as-first-official-british-resident
6 May	Colonial troops invade Te Urewera (1869)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/colonial-troops-invade-urewera
7 May	Henry Sewell becomes first Premier (1856)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 39
8 May	Puketutu pā attacked (1845)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 34
9 May	<i>The School Journal</i> published (1907)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 81
10 May	All-white All Blacks team leaves for South Africa (1960)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/the-all-blacks-depart-for-a-tour-of-australia-and-south-africa-with-all-white-players
11 May	Letters Patent introduces term 'Governor-General' (1917)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 92
12 May	Waihi strike begins (1912)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 88
13 May	New Zealand wins America's Cup (1995)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/nz-wins-americas-cup-first-time
14 May	Plunket Society established (1907)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 81

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15 May	Pre-Te Tiriti land purchase investigations begin (1842)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 31
16 May	First land court hearing into New Zealand Company purchases begin (1842)	Dench, p. 62
17 May	Privacy Act passed, protecting private information (1993)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 179
18 May	Meri Te Tai Mangakāhia is the first woman to address Kotahitanga Māori parliament (1893)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/meri-mangakāhia-addresses-kotahitanga-māori-parliament
19 May	First Pakeha to reach Māwhera pā (now Greymouth) (1846)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/brunner-and-heaphy-reach-mawhera-pa-greymouth
20 May	World's first nuclear submarine visits New Zealand (1960)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 127
21 May	Lieutenant-Governor Hobson proclaims British sovereignty over New Zealand (1840)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 28
22 May	King Mahuta joins Legislative Council (1903)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 78
23 May	Te Atairangikaahu becomes first Māori Queen (1966)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 135
24 May	First meeting of General Assembly (1854)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 38
25 May	Bastion Point protesters evicted (1978)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/eviction-of-protestors-from-bastion-point
26 May	Anna Pavlova dances in New Zealand for first time (1926)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/anna-pavlova-dances-new-zealand-first-time

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27 May	Captain Hobson arrives at the Bay of Islands (1837)	Dench, p. 48
28 May	British coins become legal tender (1858)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 42
29 May	Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay climb Everest (1953)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 120
30 May	New Zealand decides against becoming a state of Australia (1901)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 77
31 May	HMS <i>New Zealand</i> fights at Jutland, Denmark (1916)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/hms-new-zealand-fights-battle-jutland
1 June	First official TV broadcast (1960)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/first-official-tv-broadcast
2 June	German raider, the <i>Wolf</i> , captures crew from steamer and takes prisoner (1917)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/new-zealand-steamer-captured-by-the-wolf K1aora2018
3 June	New Zealand's first university established (1869)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 53
4 June	King Te Rata has an audience with King George V (1914)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 89
5 June	Carbon dioxide over 400 ppm recorded (2016)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 222
6 June	Electoral boundary review of European seats (1887)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 65
7 June	McDonald's arrives in New Zealand (1976)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/mcdonalds-arrives-new-zealand
8 June	Unions made compulsory and 40-hour working week established (1936)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 106
9 June	One-off medical marijuana use approved (2015)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 219

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10 June	Mt Tarawera erupts (1886)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 64
11 June	Cornwall Park gifted to Auckland (1901)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/cornwall-park-gifted-to-people-of-auckland
12 June	Auckland blackout (2006)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 197
13 June	First rugby league game played in New Zealand (1908)	<i>Stuff</i> . (2014, 13 June). 'Today in History – 13 June'. Retrieved 8 November 2018 from http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/today-in-history/10148516/Today-in-History-13-June
14 June	Prime Minister Muldoon calls infamous snap election (1984)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/snap-election-called
15 June	Letters Patent extend New South Wales' territory to include New Zealand (1839)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 25
16 June	Swine flu pandemic begins (2009)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 202
17 June	First violent clash between Māori and Pakeha since Te Tiriti signing occurs at Wairau (1843)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 31 King, M. (2003). <i>The Penguin history of New Zealand</i> . Auckland: Penguin. P. 182.
18 June	Troops sent to Malaya to support British Empire (1948)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 116
19 June	German mines sink trans-Pacific liner off Northland coast (1940)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/niagara-mined-off-northland-coast
20 June	Prime Minister Key becomes first PM to address Australian Parliament (2011)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 209
21 June	Beatles arrive to tour NZ (1964)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/the-beatles-arrive
22 June	Crimes (Substituted Section 59) Amendment Act (anti-smacking) passed (2007)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 198

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23 June	Frigates sent to Mururoa Atoll as part of anti-nuclear protest (1973)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 143
24 June	Wairarapa earthquakes (1942)	Dench, p. 182
25 June	Ngāpuhi takes a petition to England (1882)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 63
26 June	New Zealand joins United Nations (1945)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 115
27 June	Emirates Team New Zealand wins America's Cup (2017)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 231
28 June	Alexander Turnbull bequeaths his library to Crown (1918)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 92
29 June	NZ Maori Council v Attorney-General decision announced, common law on Te Tiriti begins (1987)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 168
30 June	New Zealand Constitution Act 1852 (UK) passed (1852)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 36
1 July	KiwiSaver introduced (2007)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 198
2 July	Willie Apiata becomes first recipient of Victoria Cross for New Zealand (2007)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 198
3 July	Census Act passed (1858)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 42
4 July	New Zealand Company's charter surrendered (1850)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 36
5 July	Chinese Immigrants Act passed, placing poll	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/poll-tax-imposed-on-chinese

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	tax on Chinese immigrants (1881)	
6 July	Main Trunk Line express train disaster near Taumarunui (1923)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/auckland-wellington-express-train-disaster
7 July	New Zealand Labour Party founded (1916)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/the-new-zealand-labour-party-is-formed
8 July	First chopping down of flagstaff by Hōne Heke (1844)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 32
9 July	Māori Party founded (2004)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 194
10 July	<i>Rainbow Warrior</i> sunk by French agents (1985)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 163
11 July	Homosexual Law Reform Act passed (1986)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 165
12 July	First women's trade union founded (1889)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/first-womens-trade-union-formed
13 July	First pilot's certificate given in NZ (1916)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/first-new-zealander-to-obtain-an-aviators-certificate
14 July	First general election begins (1853)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 37
15 July	First Gallipoli wounded arrive home (1915)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/gallipoli-wounded-arrive-home-willochra
16 July	Boycott of Montreal Olympic Games (1976)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 149
17 July	UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) signed (1980)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 154
18 July	New Zealand's first postage stamps on sale (1855)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/new-zealands-first-postage-stamps-go-on-sale
19 July	Privy Council ruled for Western Samoan NZ	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/privy-council-ruling-on-western-samoan-citizenship

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	citizenship but Government disagrees (1982)	
20 July	Maori Language Act passed (1987)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 168
21 July	Governor Grey oversaw capture of Weraroa pā, near Waitōtara (1865)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/capture-weraroa-pa
22 July	Springbok rugby tour begins, sparking nationwide protests (1981)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 155
23 July	First Olympic gold medal won by a woman (1952)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/yvette-williams-wins-gold-at-helsinki
24 July	First international trade treaty signed (1928)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 100
25 July	Predator free by 2050 target set (2016)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 224
26 July	Wellington becomes capital (1865)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 48
27 July	Te Urewera becomes legal entity (2014)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 217
28 July	Women's suffrage petition presented to Parliament (1893)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/womens-suffrage-petition-presented-to-parliament
29 July	Bank of New Zealand established (1861)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 45
30 July	Captain Hobson becomes first and only British consul (1839)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 26
31 July	John Walker wins gold in Montreal (1976)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/john-walker-wins-gold-in-montreal
1 August	Annual leave introduced (1944)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 114
2 August	Fonterra whey protein botulism scare (2013)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 214
3 August	First police officers begin training for	Dench, pp. 217–218

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	armed offenders' squad-(1964)	
4 August	Cook Islands achieve self-government (1965)	http://www.treaty2u.govt.nz/the-treaty-up-close/treaty-of-waitangi
5 August	New Zealand enters First World War (1914)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/new-zealand-enters-first-world-war
6 August	Athlete Valerie Adams wins second gold in London Olympics (2012)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/valerie-adams-wins-second-olympic-gold-medal
7 August	Athlete Beatrice Faumuina becomes first New Zealander to win World Athletics Championship (1997)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/beatrice-faumuina-wins-athletics-world-championship-gold
8 August	University of Otago opens all classes to women (1871)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 55
9 August	US 'Great White Fleet' arrives in Auckland (1908)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/the-us-great-white-fleet-arrives-in-auckland
10 August	Human Rights Act passed (1993)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 179
11 August	Picton ferry <i>Aramoana</i> enters service (1962)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/picton-ferry-aramoana-enters-service
12 August	First school for Māori children opened (1816)	Reed, p. 70
13 August	First NZ fatality in First World War (1914)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/first-fatal-casualty-great-war
14 August	Lord Normanby issues instructions on a potential treaty, which becomes Te Tiriti (1839)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 26
15 August	Second World War ends (1945)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 115
16 August	War relief organisation	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/the-new-zealand-council-of-organisations-for-relief-overseas-corso-formed

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	CORSO formed (1944)	
17 August	Electoral Act passed (1993)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 179
18 August	Āpirana Ngata becomes first Māori to graduate with university degree (1894)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 71
19 August	Legal Decision: Te Weehi v Regional Fisheries Officer (1986)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 165
20 August	First use of kiwi as unofficial national symbol (1904)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/first-use-kiwi-unofficial-national-symbol
21 August	Tūheitia Paki becomes sixth Māori King (2006)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 198
22 August	Voting age lowered from 21 to 20 (1969)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 139
23 August	Sir Julius Vogel appointed as Agent-General (1876)	Reed, p. 73
24 August	Wellington steam-tram service opens (1878)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/wellington-becomes-the-first-major-centre-to-begin-a-passenger-tram-service
25 August	<i>New Zealand Official Year Book</i> first published (1893)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 68
26 August	New Zealand Coat of Arms adopted (1911)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 88
27 August	NZ netball team wins first World Championship (1967)	Palenski, p. 172
28 August	New Zealand Bill of Rights Act passed (1990)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 174
29 August	Parliament petitioned for proportional Māori representation (1876)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 58
30 August	Kawarau Falls dam becomes operational (1926)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/kawarau-falls-dam-closed

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31 August	Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act passed (1894)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 71
1 September	Farmers' Union established (1899)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 75
2 September	Rowing eight wins Olympic gold in Munich (1972)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/new-zealands-rowing-eight-win-gold-munich
3 September	Second World War begins (1939)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 110
4 September	Magnitude 7.1 Canterbury earthquake (2010)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/magnitude-7-1-earthquake-rocks-canterbury
5 September	<i>An Angel at My Table</i> screens at Venice Film Festival (1990)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/angel-my-table-screens-venice-film-festival
6 September	British Nationality and New Zealand Citizenship Act passed (1948)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 117
7 September	Parliamentary Commissioner (Ombudsman) Act passed (1962)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 129
8 September	Income tax introduced (1891)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 67
9 September	Wanganui Computer Centre Act passed (1976)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 149
10 September	Te Māori art exhibition opens in New York (1984)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/te-maori-exhibition-opens-in-new-york
11 September	First trans-Tasman flight touches down (1928)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/the-em-southern-cross-em-completes-the-first-successful-trans-tasman-flight
12 September	Nurses Registration Act passed (1901)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 77
13 September	Elizabeth McCombs becomes first woman elected to Parliament (1933)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 102
14 September	Mahuta becomes third Māori King (1894)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 71

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15 September	First steel produced from local ironsand (1969)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/steel-production-begins-at-glenbrook
16 September	The Originals rugby team tour (1905)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 79
17 September	Recreational fishing restrictions announced (2013)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 215
18 September	First major state housing construction scheme (1937)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 107
19 September	Women given the same voting rights as men (1893)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 69
20 September	Victoria Cross for New Zealand established (1999)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 186
21 September	National Museum established (1972)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 141
22 September	Coalition government formed to combat the Depression (1931)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/honest-george-forbes-establishes-a-united-reform-coalition-government-to-combat-the-depression
23 September	First national park established (1887)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 65
24 September	Tohunga Suppression Act passed (1907)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 83
25 September	First wine grapevines planted (1819)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 20
26 September	New Zealand becomes a dominion (1907)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 83
27 September	First New Zealand Company land sale (1839)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 26
28 September	Environmental Reporting Act passed (2015)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 219
29 Sep	First professional opera performance (1862)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/first-professional-opera-performance-donizettis-em-daughter-of-the-regiment-em

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30 September	Unleaded petrol made mandatory (1996)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 182
1 October	Royal New Zealand Navy established (1941)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 112
2 October	Long depression begins (1878)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 59
3 October	New Zealand Natives rugby team plays first game in UK (1888)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/the-new-zealand-native-rugby-team-plays-the-first-game-of-its-british-tour
4 October	Jandal trademarked (1957)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/maurice-yock-trademarks-jandal
5 October	<i>Rena</i> oil spill (2011)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 211
6 October	Second ballot established for when a candidate fails to gain majority (1908)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 85
7 October	Cook Islands claimed (1900)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 76
8 October	Cook lands in Poverty Bay (1769)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 13
9 October	Parliament TV established (2007)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 198
10 October	Alan MacDiarmid wins Nobel Prize in Chemistry (2000)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 188
11 October	Two Māori Members of Parliament join the Legislative Council (1872)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 56
12 October	New Zealand Film Commission Act passed (1978)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 153
13 October	Whina Cooper leads land march to Parliament (1975)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/whina-cooper-led-land-march-te-ropu-o-te-matakite-reaches-parliament
14 October	Māori seats now extended indefinitely (1876)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 58
15 October	Eleanor Catton wins Man Booker Prize for <i>The Luminaries</i> (2013)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 215

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16 October	Daylight saving first proposed (1895)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 72
17 October	Supreme Court established (2003)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 192
18 October	Maori Councils Act passed (1900)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 76
19 October	Niue becomes self-governed (1974)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 146
20 October	Marine Mammals Protection Act passed (1978)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 153
21 October	Waitangi Day Act passed (1960)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 127
22 October	Waterfront strikes begin (1913)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 89
23 October	Four-year parliamentary term introduced (1934)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 104
24 October	Violence erupts on Wellington wharves (1913)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/violence-flares-wellington-wharves
25 October	Māori seats extended another five years (1872)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 56
26 October	Compulsory enrolment is extended to Māori voters (1956)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 122
27 October	NZ troops land on Mono Islands to clear Japanese forces (1943)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/first-opposed-new-zealand-landing-since-gallipoli
28 October	He Whakaputanga – Declaration of Independence drawn up (1835)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 22
29 October	Women gain right to stand for Parliament (1919)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 94
30 October	National Library of New Zealand established (1965)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 134
31 October	All Blacks win Rugby World Cup for third time (2015)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 220
1 November	Death penalty abolished (1961)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 128

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2 November	Time standardised countrywide(1868)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 52
3 November	Decimal currency system introduced (1964)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 133
4 November	New Zealand Division captures French town of Le Quesnoy (1918)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/new-zealand-division-captures-le-quesnoy
5 November	Parihaka attacked (1881)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 62
6 November	Daylight saving introduced (1927)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 99
7 November	Public Service Act passed (1912)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 88
8 November	New Zealand Centennial Exhibition opens (1939)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 110
9 November	Thomas Kendall becomes first judicial appointment (1814)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 17
10 November	Ngā Haerenga (The New Zealand Cycle Trail) construction begins (2009)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 205
11 November	First World War ends – Armistice Day (1918)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 94
12 November	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) signed (1968)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 139
13 November	Māori Purposes Fund Board established (1934)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 105
14 November	Magnitude 7.8 Kaikōura earthquake (2016)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 227
15 November	Lieutenant Cook proclaims British sovereignty over New Zealand at Coromandel Peninsula (1769)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 13

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16 November	Charter of 1840 establishes Crown Colony (1840)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 29
17 November	First radio broadcast (1921)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 96
18 November	Balfour Declaration signed (1926)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 99
19 November	Pike River mine explosions (2010)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 206
20 November	Paul Reeves becomes first Māori Governor-General (1985)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 163
21 November	God Defend New Zealand becomes national anthem (1977)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 150
22 November	Citizen-initiated Asset Sales referendum begins (2013)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 216
23 November	Pope John Paul II celebrates Mass in Wellington (1986)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/pope-john-paul-ii-celebrates-mass-windy-wellington
24 November	Te Rata becomes fourth Māori King (1912)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 88
25 November	Statute of Westminster adopted (1947)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 116
26 November	Maori Affairs Act passed (1953)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 120
27 November	'Native' now referred to as 'Maori' (1947)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 116
28 November	James Carroll becomes first Māori elected to European seat (1893)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 69
29 November	Free primary school education established (1877)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 59
30 November	Election of first National Government (1949)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/labour-pains-the-first-labour-governments-historic-term-comes-to-an-end
1 December	First New Zealand film made (1898)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 75

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2 December	Māori electoral roll created (1948)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 117
3 December	Voting for Māori seats determined by declaration rather than show of hands (1910)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 87
4 December	Radio Hauraki broadcasts first transmission (1966)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/radio-hauraki-rules-waves%3A-birth-commercial-radio-nz
5 December	Helen Clark becomes first elected female Prime Minister (1999)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 186
6 December	First Labour Government takes office (1935)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 105
7 December	Jeanette Fitzsimons becomes first 'Green' MP in world to win a constituency seat (1999)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 187
8 December	National and Māori Party constitutional review announced (2010)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 206
9 December	Waitangi Tribunal given power to investigate historical claims (1985)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 165
10 December	Ernest Rutherford wins Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1908)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 85
11 December	King Louis-Philippe approves French colony at Akaroa (1839)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 27
12 December	Catherine Tizard becomes first female Governor-General (1990)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 175

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13 December	First National Government takes office (1949)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 118
14 December	National Māori flag adopted (2009)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 205
15 December	South Island Main Trunk line completed (1945)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 115
16 December	Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act passed (1977)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 151
17 December	Official Information Act passed (1982)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 157
18 December	James Busby's report arrives at Colonial Office (1837)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 23
19 December	Universal suffrage for European men granted (1879)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 60
20 December	Reserve Bank becomes more independent of government (1989)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 173
21 December	Whaling in NZ waters ends (1964)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 133
22 December	Horses and cattle introduced (1814)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 18
23 December	Queen Elizabeth II arrives for first head of state visit (1953)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 121 https://nzhistory.govt.nz/queen-elizabeth-ii-arrives-to-begin-first-visit-to-new-zealand-by-a-reigning-monarch
24 December	Tangiwai rail disaster (1953)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 121
25 December	First Christian service (1814)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 18
26 December	Violence erupts between Catholics and Protestants in Canterbury (1879)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/violence-breaks-out-between-irish-catholics-and-protestant-orangemen
27 December	NZ Cricket Council established (1894)	Reed, p. 109
28 December	Charter of 1846 endorses local self-government (1846)	<i>Nation Dates</i> , 3rd edition, p. 34

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29 December	Floating dock breaks moorings in Wellington Harbour (1931)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/floating-dock-breaks-moorings-wellington-harbour
30 December	William Colenso arrives with a printing press (1834)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/colenso-arrives-printing-press
31 December	First 'Gathering' dance festival held in Takaka (1996)	https://nzhistory.govt.nz/first-gathering-dance-festival-held