

Pūwhenua

- Aspire
- Be purposeful
- Unite

Pūwhenua, te rākau tapu o Takitimu hō!

Pūwhenua, where the mauri of Takitimu waka resided

The site where the sacred tree was selected by Tamatea for the Takitimu canoe.

In approximately A.D. 1100's a great chief Waitaha gave a great tree so that the sacred Takitimu Waka could be built. The maunga that this rākau came from is called Pūwhenua and still stands in the islands of Samoa.

Two to three centuries later in approx A.D 1350, Tamatea-Ariki-Nui, captained Takitimu Waka to lead a voyage comprising a fleet of sacred waka from the tropical islands of Hawaiki to Aotearoa. Upon seeing Pūwhenua he seen it resembled the maunga in Samoa where the origins of his waka came from and so named her Pūwhenua.

From the peak of Pūwhenua her sight reaches Maunganui to the North and as far as Tongariro to the south.