

# Budget 2023

## Celebrating and recognising Te Ao Māori

### Overview

*To celebrate and recognise the importance of te ao Māori.*

The Government's approach for Budget 2023 recognises the importance of Māori culture to Aotearoa New Zealand. It fosters and enables opportunities for Māori cultural activities and events that all New Zealanders can access and participate in. This investment focuses on culture that is inclusive, and celebrates te ao Māori.

### Outcomes

Budget 2023 makes available more than **\$50 million** to acknowledge Aotearoa's unique identity, including funding for Te Matatini and Te kāhui o Matariki.

### Support includes:

- **\$18.000 million** (over four years) for iwi-based events and resources that support whanau, hapu and iwi to grow and lead their practices and customs relating to te kāhui o Matariki. It also provides funding to build broader public awareness and understanding of Matariki and the Te kāhui o Matariki at a national level.
- **\$34.048 million** (over two years) to Te Matatini, to fund stimulation and sustainable growth of kapa haka in Aotearoa. This funding for Te Matatini will enable it to establish a regional operating model and deliver funding through rohe societies. This will enable funding to be delivered by an iwi-led organisation, in a way that aligns with a te ao Māori approach and supports Māori to retain rangatiratanga over taonga Māori.