

Kaitiaki Pēpi

Ngā mahi a Rehia is a term used for games and pastimes. This is the art of story-telling, singing, dancing and kapa haka.

According to Māori legend, ngā mahi a Rehia originated from the atua Hine-raukatauri. She is also the goddess of taonga pūoro.

Ngā mahi a Rehia were common during harvesting when hapū would gather together to help each other. They'd enjoy hākari, waiata and haka, and games were all part of the celebration.

Haka combines song, dance, expression and movement into a performance.

The sun god Rā had two wives: Hine-raumati, who was the maiden of summer, and Hine-takurua, the maiden of winter. Rā and Hine-raumati had a son called Tane-rore who, according to legend, became the god of haka and performing arts.