

Kaitiaki pēpi

Ngā mahi a te rēhia

Ngā mahi a te rēhia is a term used for games and pastimes, including the arts of storytelling, singing, dancing and kapa haka.

According to Māori legend, ngā mahi a te rēhia originated from the atua Hineraukatauri, the atua of taonga puoro, and Tānerore, the atua of haka and performing arts, who was the son of Tamanuiterā.

Ngā mahi a te rēhia were common during harvesting when hapū would gather together to help each other.

They'd celebrate with hākari, waiata, haka and games. These activities often passed on knowledge as well as providing entertainment and exercise.

