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Marking Waitangi Day in your community

Waitangi Day is a time for reflection on the bicultural foundations of our modern nation and how we value the contribution of all cultures who are represented in New Zealand today, both tangata whenua and tangata tiriti. Waitangi Day commemorations are important to the growth of our national identity for bringing people together in acknowledgement of our shared histories.

This is a day that should be commemorated not only at Waitangi, where the Treaty was first signed, but throughout the country, to recognise that the Treaty itself travelled, and that its impact is part of the fabric of our entire nation.

In many centres annual Waitangi Day events are well established and enjoyed by thousands of New Zealanders. However, there are some parts of the country where people do not have the opportunity to participate in such events.

I encourage local councils, iwi and community groups to work together to design and run events to commemorate Waitangi Day. It is my hope that we will see events organised throughout the country so that all New Zealanders have the opportunity to participate in an event on Waitangi Day, or on the local anniversary of the Treaty signing.

The Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund provides funding for events that commemorate the signing of te Tiriti o Waitangi. Applications for the Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund are now open, and must be submitted by 14 October 2019. For more information on the Fund criteria, please visit the Ministry for Culture and Heritage's website: mch.govt.nz/funding-nz-culture/ministry-grants-awards/commemorating-waitangi-day-fund.

I look forward to hearing about all the exciting events that are being planned for Waitangi Day 2020.

Nāku me ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jacinda'.

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage