



NEW ZEALAND ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK

2 May – 10 May 2026

Wellington Events

<p><i>Monday 4 May</i></p> <p>“Mapping Wellington: Mr Ward and the other chaps”</p> <p>5pm-6pm</p> <p>Antrim House, Boulcott St</p> <p>Free</p> <p>Historian Elizabeth Cox will talk about the wonderful plan of Wellington created by surveyor Thomas Ward in the late 19th century. “Ward documented hotels, theatres, oyster saloons, brothels, shops, stables, Parliament, prisons, the ‘lunatic asylum’, the hospital, and remnants of Māori kāinga.”</p> <p>Archaeologist Mary O’Keeffe will also talk about other 19th century survey plans and how they can add context for archaeologists</p>	<p><i>Tuesday 5 May</i></p> <p>Short and Sharp archaeology!</p> <p>5pm-6pm</p> <p>Antrim House, Boulcott St</p> <p>Free</p> <p>Five short (10 minutes) talks by Wellington archaeologists on topics as varied as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wellington’s gold rush• Queer archaeology, and what archaeology can tell us about gender• From tiny house to Edwardian cottage• Archaeology and the environment
<p><i>Friday 8 May</i></p> <p>The Archaeology of Turnbull House</p> <p>5pm-6pm</p> <p>Antrim House, Boulcott St</p> <p>Free</p> <p>Renowned Wellington archaeologist Victoria Grouden will give an illustrated talk about the archaeological investigations she’s undertaken at Turnbull House, as part of its strengthening project</p>	<p><i>Saturday 9 May</i></p> <p>Walking tour of Ngāti Toa Domain, Mana</p> <p>10.30am</p> <p>Free</p> <p>Led by local archaeologist and heritage consultant Patrick Harsveldt.</p> <p>The Ngāti Toa Domain includes the sites of Paremata Pā, Thom’s Whaling Station (est. 1835), and the Paremata Barracks (constructed 1847).</p> <p>Meet in front of the Ngāti Toa Sea Scout Hall at Ngāti Toa Domain.</p> <p>(Rain day Sunday 10 May at the same time)</p> <p>Ph 027 498 3078</p>