



WHAREKOROKIO

A seasonal eel gathering encampment on the Mataura River at a place known to European settlers as Pyramid.



KAHUIKA

A seasonal encampment site (sometimes known as Waikakahi) on the Mataura River at the mouth of the Waikaka Stream where fresh water mussels (kakahi) were gathered.



TAUMATATANGA HEI KAUNGAROA

Incorporating much of Gore's CBD as well as North Gore and West Gore, this area was largely swamp, tussock and small streams. It harboured a variety of ground-dwelling birds.



TE AU NUI PIHAPIHA KANAKANA

Te Au Nui (falls on the Mataura River) at Mataura, are where lamprey (kanakana) were collected seasonally.



ONUKU

This area on terraced land above the Mataura River at East Gore was an encampment site and a processing area of tamatea (spear-grass). This was collected and processed to make a form of perfume. 'The Place of Nuku' is also where a lament was composed mourning the death of a family hunting party.



TUTURAU

Tuturau (south of Mataura) was the site of a small permanent settlement. Tutu berries were plentiful and sometimes harvested for processing into beverages and medicines.



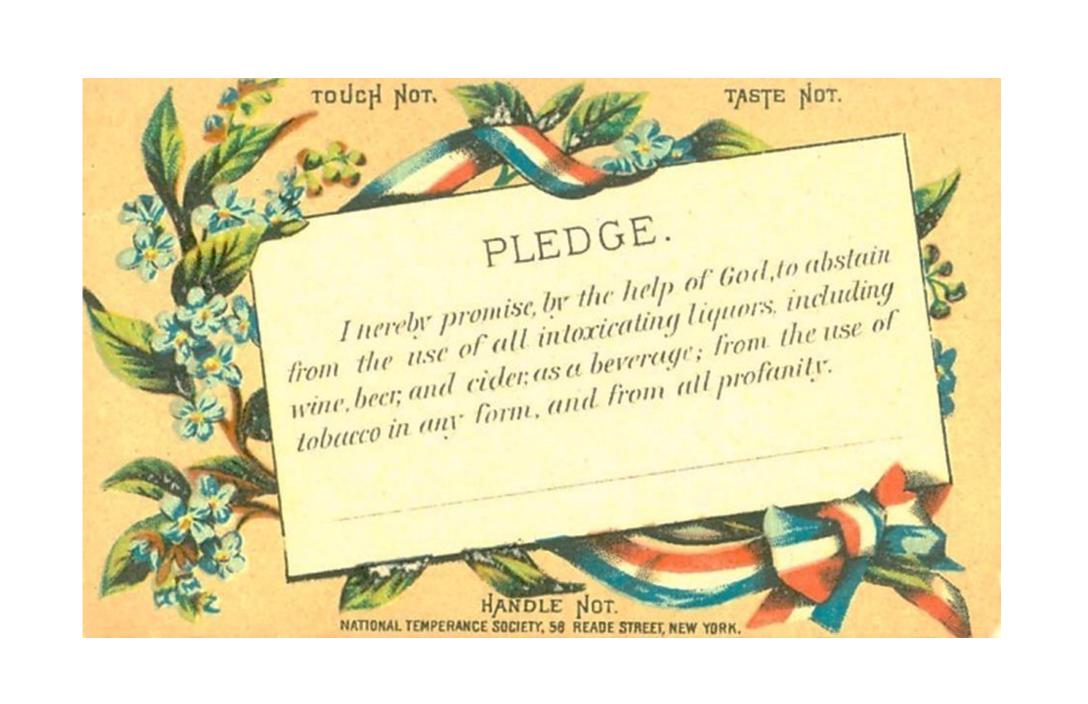












































Kōura Freshwater crayfish

Paranephrops zealandicus Eastern South Island, Stewart Island

A crayfish that gets a pampered start to life.

This freshwater crayfish hatches from an egg with a built-in pack of nutritious yolk to feed on until it leaves its mum. Lucky!

Salt water is toxic to freshwater crayfish, so this one's ancestor couldn't have drifted here across the ocean. About 80 million years ago, the tupuna must have already been in the waterways of Zealandia, now New Zealand, when it split way from the supercontinent Gondwana.







Kākahi Freshwater mussel

Echyridella menziesii New Zealand

Food for the whole tribe.

Suckled on the juice of the kilkahi
Whakatauki (proverb)

Boiled kākahi were nutritious for babies and a year-round staple for the rest of the iwi, especially near central North Island lakes.

Kākahi are amazing filter feeders - dense colonies have been recorded filtering a whole lake in a dayl Filtering makes them sensitive to pollution, which has killed them off in many roto and arawai.





Galaxias fasciatus Model New Zealand waters

Banded kökopu might live near you.

Check your local bushy stream at night – the banded kōkopu is more common than most native freshwater fishes.

The babies of this galaxid species start growing at sea, then return to fresh water. About 20 of its other relatives have stopped going to the moana altogether.





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