Museums Aotearoa, Te Tari o Ngā Whare Taonga o Te Motu, is New Zealand’s independent peak professional organisation for museums and those who work in, or have an interest in, museums.

Museums Aotearoa strives to be the strong, objective, fully representative voice for the evolving museum community, and to promote a shared sense of professionalism, solidarity and identity. Its mission is to nurture excellence in museums and galleries through advocacy and service, to extend manaakitanga and community value.

Members include museums, public art galleries, historical societies, science centres, people who work within these institutions, and individuals connected or associated with arts, culture and heritage in New Zealand.

Museums Aotearoa values:

- people who work in the museums and galleries sector in New Zealand
- partnerships established by the Treaty of Waitangi
- engagement with communities in the care and management, research, and interpretation of their treasures and taonga
- shared ideas and resources in collaborative projects inside the sector and with other partners
- development of expertise, research and scholarship, including mātauranga Māori
- exchange of knowledge enabling New Zealand museums and galleries to set a benchmark for exemplary professional museum practices and ethical principles

Activities

- MA Conference
- Kāhui Kaitiaki Hui
- NZ Museum Awards
- News
- Research
- Scholarship & Awards
- TENNZ - Touring Exhibitions