



New Zealand  
O'Dea  
Clan Gathering  
April 2026



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for the GATHERING

### Thursday, 9th April

**3:00 PM onwards:** Early Registration at Plymouth International Hotel, House Bar, for those going on the Round the Mountain trip and staying the whole weekend. Followed by an informal get-to-know-you evening. Dinner at your own arrangement. Drinks/snacks at own cost.

### Friday, 10th April

#### Round the Mountain Bus Trip

We suggest you bring your own water/snacks – it's a long wait 'til lunch at Tawhiti!

**Please help us depart strictly on time at 8:30 AM**

Paritutu Outlook and Sugar Loaves: View the New Plymouth and North Taranaki area (15 minute break)

Opunake Beach: Short convenience stop (30 minute break)

Auroa War Memorial: Wreath laying, acknowledging Cornelius O'Dea, by his niece, Connie O'Dea Matheson (45 minute break)

Tawhiti Museum: Entry fees covered for Tawhiti Museum and Whalers Story (2 ½ hour break) NB: You will need to split your time across three activities.

Lunch, coffee at Tawhiti's on-site café (all at own cost) **Depart 3:00 PM**

**4:00-4:30 PM:** Arrive back at Plymouth International

Free time to freshen up

**5:00 PM: Registration at Blenheim Room, Plymouth International for those arriving tonight** and staying for the rest of the weekend (i.e. not on the Round the Mountain Trip)

**6:00 PM:** Formal Welcome and Introduction to The O'Dea Clan

**7:00 PM:** Dinner (covered but drinks at own cost)

**8:30 PM:** Anne Morahan: Stories of the O'Dea DNA project

Mix, mingle, and retire at your leisure



## Saturday, 11th April

**9:15 AM:** Gather for bus (comfortable walking shoes recommended)

Departure at 9:30 AM

### **Pukekura Park Wander:**

Drop off at Bowl of Brooklands

Quick peek at the small Brooklands Zoo

Wander through the luxurious bush to the scenic, red, arch bridge

Side walk past the kiosk to the fernery and glasshouse

Spot the artificial waterfall, pass the Band Rotunda, and head down to the Fountain Lake

**12:00pm** Emerge by the cricket ground and exit the main park gate to meet our bus no later than 12:00 PM

**12:30 – 2:30 PM:** Drop off at **Good Home** for Lunch (cost covered but drinks at own cost) Address: **21 Ariki Street**. There is a parking building just a few metres away on the opposite side of the street.

**2:30 PM Free time after Lunch:** Explore any activities that interest you (check the fliers in your registration pack)

**5:30 PM:** Meet and chat at Plymouth International, Blenheim Room

**6:00 PM:** Dinner (set menu, cost covered, drinks at own cost)

Joanie Koechig (and others?): On being a Clan Chieftain

Kiwi Bar Quiz then Mix and mingle until late

## Sunday, 12th April

**Mass:** Subject to local service time

**11:00 AM: Farewell** to all, at the Good Home with Early Brunch (cost covered, drinks at own cost) Address: **21 Ariki Street**. There is a parking building just a few metres away on the opposite side of the street.

**See you in Ireland in 2028 – a kiwi to be inducted as Clan Chieftain!**

