

News Release

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ANZ reveals new Matariki ATM surrounds

To celebrate Matariki 2016, specially selected ANZ ATMs will feature distinctive Matariki themed surrounds.

Created by contemporary Māori visual artist Simon Te Wheoro (Ngati Ranginui, Ngati Mahanga and Te Aupouri) the concept of this year's surrounds reflect the rising of the Matariki stars and the beginning of a New Year.

Mr Te Wheoro's design incorporates a number of customary Māori patterns, including the tāniko (Māori weaving) pattern and features seven moko kauae designs to represent Matariki and her six sisters; a common version of the Matariki story.

"Inspired by the tradition of navigating by the Matariki stars, the moko kauae are set against a triangular tāniko pattern, which I've used to depict a traditional constellation identification game known as "mahi whai," Mr Te Wheoro explained.

"The tāniko is represented in gradients of blue, to capture the feeling of new beginnings and new life. The mountains featured at the base of the ATMs acknowledge Papatūānuku, mother earth. The two mountains seen from left to right are Karioi and Mauao, sacred landmarks that form part of my genealogy."

It is the third year that ANZ has created special ATM surrounds to mark Matariki.

"ANZ's on a journey of building greater cultural competence across our organisation. Our Matariki ATMs are just one example of the opportunities we create each year for our staff and our customers to engage and learn more about Māori culture," said ANZ's Head of Māori Relationships David Harrison.

"We are extremely fortunate to have a strong Māori and Pasifika staff group that leads our cultural initiatives. As well as celebrating Matariki through our ATMs and staff events, we're also encouraging staff to use te reo Māori as much as possible throughout July, especially during Māori Language Week from July 4 - 10. With each year we're building greater momentum and it's great to hear people's confidence grow as they use and hear more te reo Māori on a regular basis," he said.

The Matariki ATMs will be displayed at the following branches:

- ANZ Tauranga branch, 1 Grey Street, Tauranga
- ANZ Willis Street branch, 22 Willis Street, Wellington
- ANZ Kaitaia, 111–113 Commerce St, Kaitaia

ANZ has affinity groups for Māori and Pasifika, Asian, Indian, Pride and Flexible Working Parents staff.

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