



**Speech Notes**

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**SPEECH FOR THE FISHERMEN'S DAUGHTERS EXHIBITION  
OPENING**

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***Acknowledgments to:****Gael Ramsey**Ramonda Te Maiharoa**Irene Mura Schroder*

Kia ora koutou,

Greetings to everybody and what a great pleasure and privilege it is to be here for the opening of the *Fishermen's Daughter* Exhibition.

Tonight's event is a celebration of art and an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the importance of identity, friendship and home.