

Description and history of the Pou Pou

Te Whakakotahitanga-Ate-Rangimārie ki te Whakatū

The unity, harmony and well-being of Nelson

Taha Noa - ordinary side

Taha Tapu - sacred side

Represents Pākehā side of the community

Represents Māori side of the community

Kowhai branch
Indicating friendship and unity between the communities of Nelson.

Cloak that enfolds all of the iwi, hapu and whanau of Te Whakatu (Nelson).

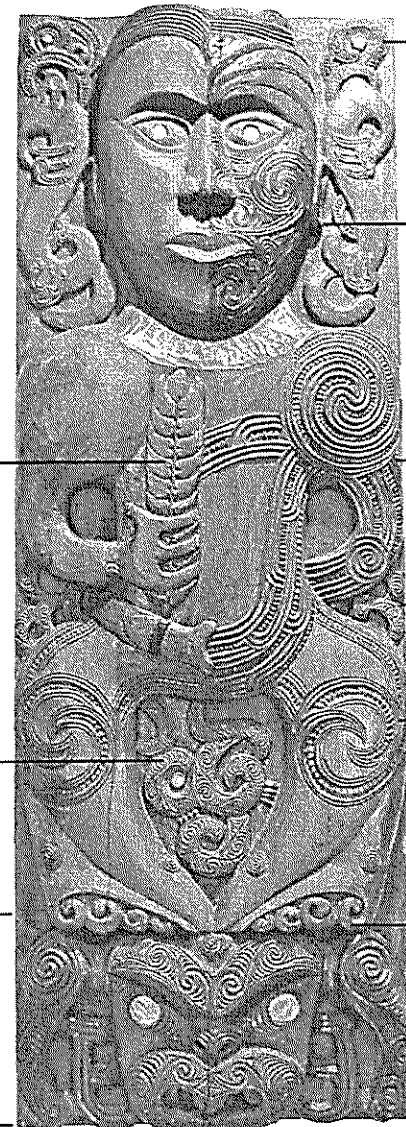
Pouākai
The Giant Eagle of ancient times. Defeated in myth by Waitaha and Kati Rapuwai Tribes.

Children/people gathered together in peace.

Uenuku
The arch-rainbow represents the north and south links through the whakapapa and Kawa of Tainui.

Waitaha, Ngati Mamoe, Kati Rapuwai
South Island tribes.

Koru pattern
Represents the people walking together.



Pou Pou are the upright slabs that form the solid framework of the walls of a whare (house).

This Pou Pou represents unity between the Māori and Pakeha, as well as representing the the unity of all people in Nelson.

For more information on these carvings visit www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/thecouncil/council_role/pou-pou.htm