



## TE KAHA SPECIFICATIONS

STANDARD DISPLACEMENT

**3,600**  
TONNES

BEAM

**14.8 metres**

LENGTH OVERALL

**118 metres**

SPEED



**27+ knots**

RANGE

**6,000**  
nautical miles

@ **18** knots

MAX. COMPLEMENT



**178**

25 OFFICERS 153 RATINGS  
+10 FLIGHT PERSONNEL

The name **TE KAHA** is Maori, meaning “fighting prowess” or “strength”. The Ship’s Motto is “He Ponanga Kaha” or “Service with strength”

**HMNZS TE KAHA** was named by Launch Lady, Lady Mrs June Bolger, and is affiliated to the Napier (Hawke’s Bay) region

**HMNZS TE KAHA** The Ship’s Crest features a wahaika - a hand-held thrusting weapon - tying the design to the land and the people. The rope ties the design to the sea. The knots in the ends of the rope represent skill, strength and protection

## TE KAHA ARMAMENT

**MAIN GUN:** 5-inch 54mm calibre fully automatic lightweight gun

**MISSILES:** Eight cell Vertical Launch System which houses the NATO Seasparrow Mk 41 air defence missile

**CWIS:** PHALANX Close In Weapons System

**TORPEDOS:** Two Mk46 Mod 6 anti submarine Torpedo

**SMALL ARMS:** Numerous small arms, ranging from 50-calibre machine guns and mini-Typhoon automatic weapons to 9mm pistols



**One Kaman Super Seasprite SH-2G(I)** with a combination of torpedos, depth charges, Penguin air-to-ship missiles and M60 machine gun

## COMBAT FORCE:

**HMNZS TE KAHA** is the RNZN’s first Anzac Class frigate. **TE KAHA** is a purpose-built warship constructed to the German MEKO 200 design.

**TE KAHA** is designed to fight and evade her enemies and take battle damage. Her primary mission is to ensure the security and prosperity of New Zealand by undertaking maritime security patrols and surveillance operations to protect our sea lines of communication or trade routes.

**TE KAHA** was delivered to the Ministry of Defence and commissioned into the Royal New Zealand Navy on 22 July 1997. **TE KAHA** is the first ship of this name to serve in the Royal New Zealand Navy.

During the mid-1980s, the RNZN began considering the replacement of the Leander class frigate. Australia was going through a similar process and it was decided to collaborate on the acquisition in early 1987. In 1989, it was announced that Melbourne base AMECON (which became Tenix Defence) would build the modified MEKO 200 design frigate. The Anzacs are based on Blohm + Voss’ MEKO 200 PN frigates, modified to meet Australian and New Zealand specifications and maximise the use of locally built equipment. The first Anzac frigate, HMAS ANZAC, was commissioned in May 1996.

**TE KAHA** was laid down at Williamstown on 19 September 1994 and was assembled from six hull modules. She was launched on 22 July 1995, and commissioned on 22 July 1997. Many of the components used in the ships were constructed in New Zealand. Work on options for the replacement of the frigates will begin well before they reach the end of their service life in the mid-2020s.

The two Anzac class frigates, HMNZS **TE KAHA** and HMNZS **TE MANA**, are the main fighting ships of the Navy and play a vital role in protecting New Zealand, its exports, maritime resources and those of our allies. Frigates are the smallest type of warship capable of prolonged independent and sustained operations, including:

- Working with our allies in regional and global security
- Conducting patrols in Antarctica for vessels engaged in illegal fishing
- Participating in joint training exercises with other navies on the tactical levels of warfare
- Participating in UN peacekeeping missions
- Search and rescue missions

Anzac frigates can combat simultaneous threats from air, surface and sub-surface. This makes these ships a vital component in maintaining regional security.

The Anzac frigates have a complement of 178 naval personnel.

**TE KAHA** is part of New Zealand’s national security system, and works with other agencies to protect and advance New Zealand’s national security interests.



## OPERATIONS

- Air, surface and underwater warfare operations
- Sustained and independent surveillance and reconnaissance
- Multinational task force operations
- Naval gunfire
- Search and rescue
- Vertical and cross-deck replenishment (delivery services/logistics)
- Medical evacuation
- Interception and boarding
- Counter-terrorism
- Humanitarian aid and disaster relief
- Support for other government agencies, including Police, Primary Industries, Customs and Department of Conservation
- Training for the Navy

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