



*Above* The women of Te Ropu Manutaki in full voice. In front of Peter Sharples is his wife Aroha. Te Ropu Manutaki rank with the best groups in New Zealand. In 1977 they represented New Zealand as the official welcoming group when Queen Elizabeth II visited this country, and later accompanied the Prime Minister to Samoa to participate in the Samoan Independence Day celebrations.

*Left* The marae, the meeting house and the wharekai were blessed as they were opened officially. In this group are, from left: Gerry Graham of Ngati Whatua and Ngapuhi, kaumatua of the Marae; the Archbishop of New Zealand, the Most Reverend Paul Reeves (Te Atiawa); the Rev. Brown Turei (Whanau a Apanui); and Canon John Tamahori.

*Bottom* After lunch the formalities gave way to an informal concert. As well as various Maori groups, visitors were able to watch performances by representatives of other Polynesian groups. In this photograph the Grey Lynn Catholic Samoan Cultural Group entertain spectators. In the front are Mrs Vaimasanu'u Apa, wife of the Consul-General, and Chief Tuiletufuga Papali'i.