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TREEHOUSE

This month, Matariki (Māori New Year) is on Friday 28 June – Rāmere 28 Hune

Celebrate by trying a game of **mū tōrere**, a strategy game like noughts and crosses originating right here in Aotearoa.

HOW TO PLAY MŪ TŌRERE

Objective: Trap the opponent's tokens so they can't move to win the game.

What you need:

2 players

8 tokens (perepere), 4 per player – you can use different coloured coins, stones or marbles

Instructions

Place the perepere in the starting position as shown.

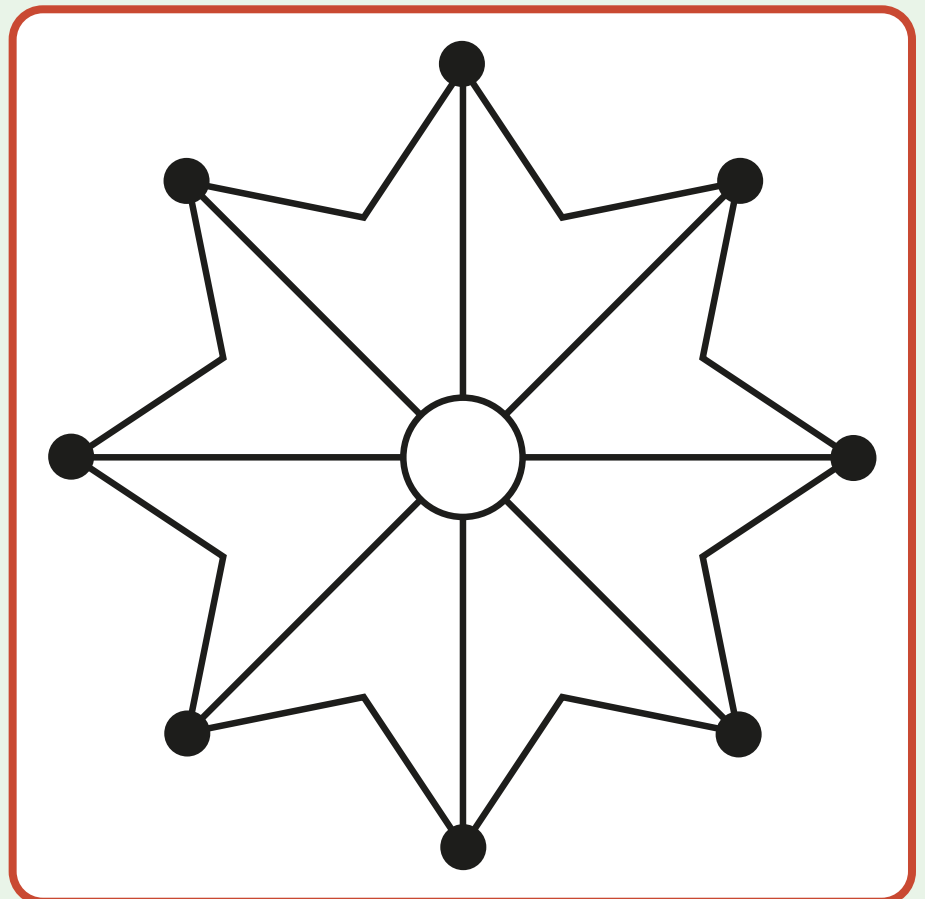
The centre area is called the pūtahi.

Decide who goes first.

Players alternate turns, moving perepere one at a time.

Perepere can be moved in one of three ways:

- from one point on the perimeter of the star to another neighbouring point. The points are called kawai
- from the kawai into the pūtahi only if one or both of the adjacent kawai are occupied by the opponent's tokens
- from the pūtahi onto the kawai.



Legal opening moves are only from either of the player's two outer perepere to the pūtahi (not either of the two centre perepere to the pūtahi).

