

Edith Munnings

Aotearoa New Zealand / India, 1867–1939

Fisherman's Hut, Redcliffs

c. 1889

Oil on canvas

Collection of Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū,
presented by G. E. Munnings and C. Munnings, 1970

Te Rae Kura, on the edge of Te Ihutai / Avon-Heathcote Estuary, was a significant mahinga kai (food gathering) site for centuries for Waitaha, Kāti Mamoe and Ngāi Tahu peoples. When painted by Edith Munnings, it was known as Fisherman's Flat and briefly as Watsonville before being renamed Redcliffs in 1898.

Munnings was born in Ōtautahi / Christchurch to English immigrant parents. She captured this (already nostalgic) scene while at Canterbury College School of Art, where she studied from 1889–93.
