

THE PŌWHIRI PROCESS

TE HUIHUINGA	gathering together outside the tomokanga, greet each other, organise speakers, koha, etc	
TE TAENGA	move to the gate – women in front	
TE KARANGA+ PŌWHIRI)	call - first from tangata whenua, manuhiri start to walk forward; reply from manuhiri; be prepared to pause to remember dead	
TE WERO	the challenge	
TE WHAKEKENGA / WHAKATAKA	moving toward manuhiri seating, pausing before turning to the seats, in memory of those who have died; sit together	
NGĀ WHAIKŌRERO (aka MIHI)	speeches of formal greeting (tū mai tū atu – tangata whenua & manuhiri alternating OR pāeke – all tangata whenua first, then all manuhiri); last speaker is tangata whenua	
WAIATA	a song after each speech, by those supporting the speaker; follow lead of experienced people as to when to sit down	
KOHA	the last speaker for the manuhiri moving onto the marae ātea to lay down a donation	
TE TŪTAKITANGA (aka HARIRŪ)	individual greeting (hongi or kiss, handshake) of each manuhiri moving in file, from rows, past the tangata whenua	
WHAKANOA	to remove the tapu of visitors, often by having a cup of tea (preceded by karakia)	

The general rule, if you aren't familiar with the process, is 'follow the leader'; however there are some differences by age and gender so try to keep an eye on those who are similar to you.



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