

# Takapūwāhia Marae

**Date:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Time:** Arrive by 9:30am Tuesday, Finish by 3pm Wednesday

**Address:** 24 Ngatitōa Street, Porirua, Wellington

**Website:** <https://www.toarangatira.iwi.nz/tkma>



## Takapūwāhia marae

Takapūwāhia marae sits on the shores of Porirua Harbour. It falls beneath the mana of Ngāti Toa Rangatira iwi.

The wharenuī, Toa Rangatira, was opened in 1982, replacing the previous wharenuī, which had stood since 1901. The wharekai is called Parehounuku. The marae connects ancestrally to the waka Tainui, the maunga Whitireia, and the moana Raukawa.

## Dress code for the Pōwhiri

For those who are male gender: Long trousers, nicer than jeans and no shorts. A shirt with a collar, and a tie is acceptable but not essential. A jacket or something similar that fits the formality of the occasion.

For those who are female gender: A skirt or dress of at least knee length, or a shawl or similar wrapped around your waist over your trousers to simulate a skirt. A shirt or blouse. If it doesn't have a collar, then wearing something at the neck will help achieve the modesty we're aiming for. A jacket, wrap, shawl, or something similar, that fits the formality of the occasion.

For those of non-binary gender: Formal, modest clothing that aligns with your gender expression.

## Dress for during the hui

Tidy modest casual, the skirts and shorts restrictions listed above are relaxed.

## Marae Etiquette

**Pōwhiri - Kawa:** Tāutuutu (alternating speakers between tangata whenua and manuhiri)

- Please ensure you wait outside the waharoa (entry to the marae grounds).
- Arrive early. It is considered impolite to walk onto a marae once a pōwhiri is underway. If you arrive late, wait at the front until the formalities have been completed and someone will come out to collect you.
- Please bring a koha which will be collected and presented on our groups' (manuhiri) behalf to the tangata whenua (hosts) during the pōwhiri. This can be in the range of \$5 - \$20 or whatever you feel comfortable contributing.
- Ensure cell phones are switched off throughout the pōwhiri
- You will enter onto the marae as a group, with wāhine (women) at the front, and tāne (men) behind.
- You must remove your shoes before entering the wharenuī. While in the wharenuī you must not eat, drink or smoke.

- Once inside, tāne will sit in the front rows, with wāhine sitting behind.
- Please ensure you learn these waiata which will be sung by our group, after each of the speakers from our side.
  - E Hara i te Mea – [YouTube link](#)
  - Māku ra pea – [YouTube link](#)

### General

- Never sit on tables or pillows.
- A karakia (giving thanks) is said before eating.
- Only use a tea towel to wipe dishes (not to wipe hands).
- Check with the marae before you take photographs or make any visual or audio recordings.

### **Marae Specific Information**

The marae supplies mattresses. Please bring your own linen, sleeping bag or blanket, and pillow, as well as a towel, toiletries and any personal sleep aids(e.g. ear plugs may be helpful).

Children and babies are welcome on the marae as long as they are adequately supervised.

### **Location & Parking**

The waharoa is located on Ngātitoa St, at the blue line below. Please wait outside on the footpath on arrival.

Parking is available on the streets surrounding the marae.

