

Nga Hau e Wha National Marae

Date: Wednesday 18 – Thursday 19 March, 2026

Time: Arrive by 9:30am Wednesday, finish by 2:30pm Thursday

Address: 250 Pages Road in Aranui, Christchurch

Website: [Home - Nga Hau e Wha Marae](#)

Nga Hau e Wha National Marae

Nga Hau e Wha National Marae is situated on approximately 14 acres of land located in the eastern suburbs of Christchurch. It is the largest National Marae in New Zealand.

The Nga Hau e Wha National Marae is for every New Zealander and the vision of the Marae is:

“Kia tū tēnei marae hei taonga mo ngā tāngata katoa, me te whakaōrite i ngā tikanga tino ātaahua o Aotearoa me ngā iwi ō ngā hau e whā.”

“To be a marae for all people and to share New Zealand’s unique cultural richness with the peoples of the four winds.”

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 situation.

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. A jacket, wrap, shawl, or something similar, that fits the formality of the situation.

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

- Please ensure you wait outside the waharoa (entry to the marae grounds).
- You may not be able to use the bathroom until the pōwhiri is completed, so please plan accordingly.
- 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 the marae as a group, with wāhine (women) at the front, and tāne (men)

