

MIHI WHAKATAU TUESDAY MORNING

Registration will be available at the conference venue from 7.30am. Delegates are encouraged to complete registration before 8.15am so they are ready to enter the main lecture theatre and be seated ready for Mihi Whakatau.

Step 1: Manuhiri seated in main lecture theatre

Manuhiri (visitors, delegates) will be invited to take their seats inside the main lecture theatre at Rutherford house at 8.15. This indicates to the Tangata Whenua (people of the land – marae representatives) that you are ready. The Tangata Whenua group will be seated at the front of the theatre with PHA Kaumatua and representatives.

Step 2: Tangata Whenua Karakia and Mihi

The Kaumatua (elder) or directed speaker will say a karakia followed by a mihi (greeting speech) to the Manuhiri and will indicate when he is finished. The Tangata Whenua will stand to do a waiata tautoko (song of support) for his speech.

Step 3: Manuhiri Response

The male representative for the Manuhiri responds with a mihi (speech) to the Tangata Whenua. When he has finished please stand to sing the waiata to support him. The words will be projected on to the screen at the front of the theatre.

Step 4: Handover

The Tangata Whenua will indicate that the mihi is concluded and hand over to the conference organisers who will continue with conference proceedings. The formal welcome and reply protocol are now over and Tangata Whenua and Manuhiri merge as one to become the Whanau (family) for the occasion.