



WELCOME/ WHAKATAŪ

WERO (5 min)

Greeted with a welcoming challenge by a Māori Warrior with Taiaha from the tangata whenua (people of the land). This is to acknowledge whenever the wedding party comes in peace.

WHAIKORERO (5 min)

Whaikorero is formal speech performed by men on a Marae or at events/ gatherings. The Whaikorero performed by WanaHaka is to acknowledge and thank the land, wharenui (house), our ancestors and people present and past.

HONGI (5 min)

The **Hongi (press noses)** is the traditional Māori greeting and is a sign of peace, life and well being and represents a connection between people and the Tangata Whenua (people of the land). The Hongi is a gentle pressing of noses which creates a connection and the "Ha" - the breath of life, between two people. **WanaHaka** embraces this Māori custom because we want you to experience the authenticity of Māori culture in New Zealand and Wanaka.

HAKA (10 min)

The Haka is a traditional Māori dance. Māori Haka are performed for various reasons, such as celebrating an achievement, welcoming distinguished guests, or as a pre-battle challenge. Contrary to popular belief, a haka is not always a war dance, and may be performed by both men and women. The cultural Haka performed at **WanaHaka®** is a specifically designed haka that pays respect to the Whenua (land) and Whanau (family/people) of the Wanaka, Queenstown and Central Otago region and is unique to this area so is very Tapu (sacred) and limited in its presentation. The opportunity is then provided to perform the Wanaka/Queenstown Haka dependant on time.



If you are looking to include New Zealand Māori culture and a Welcome Whakataū to your special day this 10-15 minute welcome is a unique and special memory to include in your very special wedding day in New Zealand. Ideally suited prior to the Bride, Groom entering the reception, or as a pre-wedding welcome e.g. the night or day before as a welcome.

The Bride and/or Groom get their own bone carving to acknowledge their connection to the land and the guests and wedding party get an experience they will remember in your wedding forever.

PRICING OPTIONS

Whakataū/Welcome by Maori Warrior with bone carving

\$250.00 + travel costs

(It is a fixed price regardless of number of guests)