



TE REO RAKATAHI KI OTAGO

Presenting a koha  
(Gift/money)

Normally the last speaker for the manuhiri(visitors) presents the koha after their concluding speech. A koha is usually an amount of money collected from the manuhiri before coming onto the marae. It is a token of love and respect to the tākata whenua for their impending hospitality. It is used to offset the cost of accommodation, food, electricity, breakages, etc. and for any further development the local people may wish to make on the marae.

The koha (in an envelope) is laid down in front of the takata whenua. A takata whenua representative will pick it up. This is often accompanied by a call of gratitude.