

## Poroporoaki - Farewell

The Poroporoaki is the Farewell ceremony and is the conclusion of a hui. It is a chance for the manuhiri and the tangata whenua to express their thoughts, feelings and opinions of the hui.

Procedure:

### Speaking

In a poroporoaki the manuhiri usually speak first, asking for permission to leave, while the tangata wheuna speak last.

Some areas use a formal speaking system, similar to that of a powhiri, while other areas use a more informal system. As the speaking system for a powhiri is explained in that section, we will cover the informal system here.

Everyone gathers in the whare, with the manuhiri sitting together and the tangata whenua sitting together. Speaking goes around the room, starting with the manuhiri. When all of those who wish to speak have finished, the tangata whenua speak.

When the final speaker has finished, the tangata whenua stand up, forming a line to the door. The manuhiri start at the other end of the line for hongis and when they reach the last person by the door they keep going.

In some areas once the manuhiri have got into their vehicles the tangata wheuna sing items as they drive out.