

MIHI FOR STARTING A HUI

AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TE REO MĀORI CAN BE USED TO OPEN A MEETING



Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Nei te mihi maioha ki a tātou katoa e hui tahi nei i tēnei rā

E aro hoki nei ki ngā kaupapa o te rā.

Tae tonu atu ki te whakataukī...

*[*insert whakataukī/proverb]*

Kia ora everyone

And warm greetings to all of us present today

As we begin our meeting we reflect on the things that bring us together.

Including the insights contained in the saying...

*[*insert whakataukī/proverb]*

EXAMPLES OF USEFUL WHAKATAUKĪ INCLUDE:

Kākaho kotahi, ka whati; Kākaho kāpuia, e kore e whati.

A single reed is easily broken; But a bundle of reeds cannot be bent.

He waka kōtuia, e kore e tukua ngā mimira.

A waka that is expertly lashed together will not come undone in rough seas.

Ko te manu kai miro, nōna te ngāhere; Ko te manu kai mātauranga, nōna te ao.

The bird who eats only from the miro tree will know only of the forest; But the bird who feasts from the pools of knowledge will know the whole environment.

*Noting that people can extend their knowledge of whakatauki and keep adding to the list.