

Common Māoritanga decisions

Examples

- Matatini (Kapa haka festival) – does the person want to join a kapa haka group, be a volunteer with one, be a spectator?
- *Waka Ama (canoe racing) - does the person want to join a waka ama crew, be a volunteer with one, be a spectator?
- Tribal authority meetings, iwi, Runanga and marae – does the person want to regularly attend, receive panui (newsletters), share their ideas/questions at the hui
- *Maori language week – does the person want to participate in it?
- Annual Pokai at the invitation of the Maori Queen – does the person want to attend and who do they want to go with?
- *Elections and deciding whether to be on the Maori roll or the general roll
- Attending tangi (funeral), nehu (burial) and hura kohatu (unveiling)
- Decisions around keeping body parts following an amputation or birth of a child (the afterbirth)
- Deciding whether to be buried (and where) or cremated – generally Maori do not want to be cremated and their bones should ideally be buried on the land of their iwi
- Decisions about being a blood donor or organs donor (some Maori do not believe in donating organs for cultural reasons)
- *Decisions about speaking Maori or learning te reo Maori
- *Decisions about the use of mirimiri (Maori massage) and Rongoa (Maori medicine)

- Attending church, Ratana, Anglican, Ringatu or deciding what Maori spiritual practices are preferred
- *Matariki – does the person want to get involved in the celebrations in a big way or a smaller way?
- *Waitangi Day - does the person want to get involved in the celebrations in a big way or a smaller way?
- *Type of adornments to wear at specific times, e.g. pounamu (greenstone), korowai (cloak)
- Taa moko, deciding whether to get a tribal tattoo
- The importance of using pepeha and waiata at the appropriate times and places
- *Contributing to koha (donation or gift) at relevant functions and events
- *What daily cultural practices would the person like to be supported to make decisions about, e.g. how they might like to be washed, Maori start from the head down as the head is the home receiving most tapu (sacred) part of a person, how they would prefer not to have their head touched in a playful way, whether to have karakia or not
- *What daily cultural matters would they like to be observed by others where they live, e.g. don't sit on tables or pillows, having people who have never been to their a mihi whakatau (informal welcome), preferred types of food and meals

Key

- * whanau less likely to have to be involved