



Te Reo Wainene o Tua: Overview

Background:

[Te Reo Wainene o Tua](#) (The Sweet Story of Yester-year) is an innovative and exciting Te Reo Māori language event and “storytelling” kaupapa that brings together a collective of high profile Te Reo Māori advocates and parents. Our roopu deliver captivating and relevant stories about our history in [100% Te Reo Māori](#), to the tamariki and rangatahi of Aotearoa. In essence, Te Reo Wainene o Tua (TRWOT) is an anthology of pan-tribal stories that we present orally in a traditional storytelling method to our tamariki and the wider community.

TRWOT was formed in 2010 and is currently undergoing a transition to charitable trust status. This entirely reflects our commitment to maintaining the kaupapa as an ongoing entity that we hope will benefit future generations in Aotearoa.

Our purpose:

As a collective, we identified the requirement for a quality Te Reo Māori storytelling kaupapa for our tamariki and rangatahi. More importantly, we realize that with the passing of our kaumātua, sadly many of our ancestral stories pass with them.

We believe TRWOT directly contributes to the maintenance and retention of historical and cultural information through the medium of storytelling. It is our desire to maintain this traditional art form via multiple platforms both analogue and digital.

Our target audience:

Primary audience:

Tamariki (pre-school and primary school children) and rangatahi (adolescent) audiences, and their parents.

Secondary audiences:

- Bi-lingual (Māori & English) speaking Pre-school and primary school children, and their parents.

- Māori language learners of all ages.
- General public.

Our team:



- [Joe Harawira](#) (Ngāti Awa, Ngai Te Rangi, Ngāti Maniapoto), Lead Storyteller: arguably the most experienced and travelled Māori storyteller in the world today. Joe has been travelling the world and sharing our stories for the last several decades. Joe is responsible for mentoring our storytellers. He also shares his knowledge and experiences within the Māori storytelling workshops that we deliver. Joe is a founding member of TRWOT.



- [Scotty Morrison](#) (Ngāti Whakaue), Storyteller & Trustee: Scotty brings with him te reo and tikanga expertise, and an extensive background in television, radio and Māori media in general. Scotty is a founding member of TRWOT.



- [Stacey Morrison](#) (Ngāi Tahu, Te Arawa), TV Presenter, Radio Presenter, Writer, Wife, Mum – Stacey is a well-known television and radio celebrity, perhaps one of the most experienced and celebrated woman in NZ broadcasting at the moment. We were fortunate to have Stacey join our kaupapa in 2013.



- [Tamati Waaka](#) (Ngāti Pukeko, Te Whānau ā Apanui, Tuhoe), Storyteller: an expert orator in both English and te reo Maori, Tamati is a certified te reo translator. He has an extensive background in Maori radio, kapa haka, and is also an accomplished children's book author. Tamati is a founding member of TRWOT.
- [Lee Timutimu](#) (Ngāti Awa, Ngai Te Rangi, Tuhoe), Director & Trustee: extensive IT career (12+ years), experienced in Project Management of Māori language initiatives, an independent film maker and creative. Lee is a Director & founding member of TRWOT.
- [Hollie Tawhiao](#) (Tainui, Ngā Puhi), Creative Director & Trustee: with a BFA (Hons) from the prestigious Elam School of Fine Arts, Hollie has experience in most mediums of art, mahi whakairo (carving), digital illustration and graphic design. She is currently Creative Director for TRWOT and Morph Creative and has worked on a number of government funded Māori language initiatives. Hollie is a Director & founding member of TRWOT.

Our next event:

In 2013 we successfully delivered [our first storytelling event](#) in association with Tāmaki Libraries in Auckland. We now look forward to delivering our next storytelling event in Wellington, at the prestigious [National Library of NZ](#) from **Weds 26th to Sat 29th November 2014**. On each day of the event, we will be delivering morning sessions **from 9am to 12 midday**.

We're also excited to announce that we will be holding our first ever Maori storytellers workshop on the final day of the event - **Sat 29th November from 9am to 3pm**. This workshop will be facilitated by our Lead Storyteller, [Joe Harawira](#).

We are extending an invitation to all to attend our event. We'd be pleased to have you join us for one of our daily morning sessions, or perhaps the Saturday workshop, or both. There is no cost or entry fee to attend, but you must register to secure your place.

To register: simply go to our website www.trwot.org.nz and click on the "RSVP" link, or, [click here](#).

This event is proudly funded by Mā Te Reo & Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori.



Mā te Reo, Me te Reo, Mō te Reo

'Kia ita!'

Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori
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- For all enquiries directed at our host partner - The National Library of New Zealand - please check their website at www.natlib.govt.nz or email events.natlib@dia.govt.nz.