



Te Reo Wainene o Tua event at NLNZ

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E te iwi whanui, tena koutou katoa!

He mihi tenei kia koutou kei nga topito o te motu.

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.

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

Our storytellers include: Scotty & [Stacey Morrison](#), [Joe Harawira](#), [Tamati Waaka](#) & [Piripi Taylor](#).

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](#).

For further queries please email lee@trwot.org.nz or check out our [website](#) for more info.

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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.