



Te Reo Wainene o Tua Māori storytelling at NLNZ

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E te iwi whanui, tena koutou katoa!

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 next event:

In 2013 we successfully delivered [our first storytelling event](#) in association with Tāmaki Libraries in Auckland. We 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 Wednesday and Thursday, we will be delivering morning and afternoon storytelling sessions from **9am to 1130am, then 1230pm to 3pm**. With the Friday session, we are offering a morning session from **9am to 12 midday**. Please see our talent line-up below.

Our storyteller line-up:

- **WEDS 26th & THURS 27th – 9am to 1130am, 1230pm to 3pm:** feat. TAMATI WAAKA



- [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.
- **FRIDAY 28th – 9am to 12pm:** featuring SCOTTY & STACEY MORRISON (& Whanau!)



- [Scotty Morrison](#) (Ngāti Whakaue), Storyteller: 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), Storyteller: 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.

We are pleased to extend an invitation to all to attend our event. Join us in one of our daily storytelling sessions during the week, or perhaps the [workshop on Saturday](#), or both. There is no cost or entry fee to attend, but you **must** register to secure your place as venue space is limited.

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
MĀORI LANGUAGE COMMISSION



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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.

