



## Te Reo Wainene o Tua Māori Storytelling Workshop 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](#) and [Tamati Waaka](#).

#### **Our next event:**

In 2013 we successfully delivered [our first storytelling event](#) in association with Tāmaki Libraries in Auckland.

We're excited to announce that we will be holding our first ever Maori storytellers workshop in Wellington, at the prestigious [National Library of NZ](#) on **Saturday 29th November from 9am to 3pm**. This workshop will be facilitated by our Lead Storyteller, [Joe Harawira](#), with a special guest appearance by [Te Ahukaramū Charles Royal](#).

## Our Team:



- [Joe Harawira](#) (Ngāti Awa, Ngai Te Rangī, Ngāti Maniapoto), Lead Storyteller & Workshop Director: 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 is also a founding member of TRWOT.



- [Te Ahukaramū Charles Royal](#) (Marutūahu, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngā Puhī), Te Ahukaramū Charles Royal is a passionate advocate for 'indigenous creativity' which he pursues through composing and performing music, and researching and teaching iwi histories and traditions and indigenous knowledge. We are pleased to have him join us this year to share his experiences and knowledge.

We are extending an invitation to all to attend our event. We'd be pleased to have you join us for our Saturday workshop, or perhaps one of our [daily storytelling sessions during the week](#) (Weds 26<sup>th</sup> to Fri 28<sup>th</sup>), 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](http://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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