

Tui Tuia

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Kia ora koutou e ngā taura, ngā pouako, ngā kaiarahi katoa, tena koutou katoa. Greetings to you all. This issue features resources from near and far including ideas from a recent resource sharing workshop at a regional hui, learning New Zealand Sign Language, Poupou participation in research to improve participation and retention, research papers from the Adult Literacy Research Group at Massey University, stories for learners and tutor resources on teaching reading and writing.

Ngā Hui Heke

Two of the three Regional Hui have already taken place, in Levin and in Westport. The programme for Day One included National Office presentations on National and Poupou health; performance improvement; and how governing committees monitor achievement as well as equity and equivalence of outcomes. Participants provided suggestions for content for the re-development of the Quality Indicators of Te Poutama Painga. The aim is that the draft Quality Indicators will be circulated to Ngā Poupou in Pipiri (June) with a view to being ratified at Te Hui ā Tau (the AGM) in Hōngongoi (July). Protocols, procedures and reporting for 2010 were outlined and the group discussed the 'powhiri' process at a national and local level for inducting people into Literacy Aotearoa.

Te Hui Heke Tuarua (Region Two) was held at Matau Marae, in Levin. Day One of the hui concluded with a celebration dinner where the Hon. Tariana Turia presented the 'Certificate in Adult Literacy Tutoring' (CALT) to five **Arohamai Aotearoa Literacy** tutors.

The Day Two programme for each regional hui has a 'local flavour'. In Levin, there were three workshops on offer.

Sheena Penetito of **Adult Literacy Aotearoa (Kapiti) Inc.** spoke of the value of 'wordless picture books' as a resource to motivate learners to 'talk, write and read'. Participants worked in pairs with a wordless picture book, one as storyteller, the other as scribe. Later the written stories were shared with the group and the variety of storylines that emerged demonstrated how individual experiences and interpretations shape a story.

Michael Dally of **Horowhenua Adult Literacy** facilitated the 'Mine is Yours is Ours' workshop offering participants the opportunity to share successful tools, techniques and ideas. Michael was surprised, and pleased, at the reactions. "It turned out that we all have a 'little something' that once inspired a student, or an idea that has yet to fly. Natural enthusiasm just seemed to take over: once we got started all these great ideas just seemed to come tumbling out!"

Tutors from **Arohamai Aotearoa Literacy** offered a hands-on workshop with participants learning how to create a putiputi (flower) out of harakeke (flax).

[Ngā Hui Heke Tuatahi and Tuatoru will feature in the next issue of Tui Tuia]

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Te Hui Heke Tuarua - Levin





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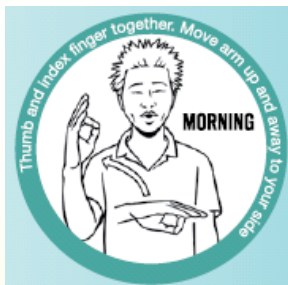
'Between the Lines', a newsletter from Adult Learning Support Nelson recently promoted New Zealand Sign Language Week and offered an opportunity to participate in a '45 minute taster class' in New Zealand Sign Language.

New Zealand Sign Language Week - Wiki o te Reo Rotarota o Aotearoa was held 2-8 Haratua (May) 2010.



"We are currently working on reading skills with two learners from the Deaf Community. It has been a great opportunity to challenge our own communication skills and learn new ways to engage with people. New Zealand Sign Language is an official language and another form of literacy that empowers people. It is also fun to learn."

Check out the website and download resources to share at your Poupou. <http://www.nzsign.co.nz/>
<http://www.nzsign.co.nz/r/d/fingerspellingAlphabet.pdf>



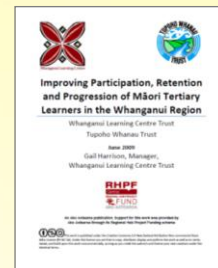
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'Improving Participation, Retention and Progression of Māori Tertiary Learners in the Whanganui Region.'

Whanganui Learning Centre Trust
Tupoho Whanau Trust

(June 2009, 27 pages)

From Ako Aotearoa: "This recently completed collaborative project was funded by Ako Aotearoa's Central Hub. The project partners are Private Training Establishments (PTE) Tupoho Whānau Trust and The Whanganui Learning Centre Trust (WLCT). Specialising in foundation learning: literacy, language and numeracy in English and Te Reo, these two organisations share an interest in improving access to, and providing learning and education for, Māori in the Whanganui region. With a strong commitment to working with the most marginalized in the community both project partners work from the perspective of social justice, and are dedicated to advancing the development goals of Iwi and others within local communities. It was agreed that if individual strengths were shared, both parties could offer greater opportunities to foundation level learners."



[Click here to view](#) or go to <http://ako.aotearoa.ac.nz/ako-aotearoa-central-hub> and click on the link.



Adult Literacy Research - Massey University Adult Learning and Literacy Research Group

This website contains papers on four externally-funded research projects in adult learning and literacy undertaken by the ALLR group.

- (1) Ministry of Education-funded research which undertook a statistical analysis of demographic factors that predict low literacy proficiency;
- (2) Foundation for Research, Science and Technology-funded research into Adult Literacy and Employment;
- (3) Health Research Council of New Zealand and Ministry of Health-funded research into Health Literacy and Immunisation;
- (4) Tertiary Education Commission and Department of Labour-funded research into NZ Modern Apprentices' literacy learning.

<http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/research/research-projects/adult-learning-literacy-research-group/allr.cfm>

Resources for Learners



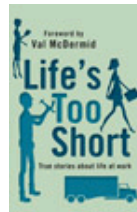
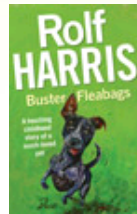
raw Quick Reads – UK

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/raw/words/quickreads/>

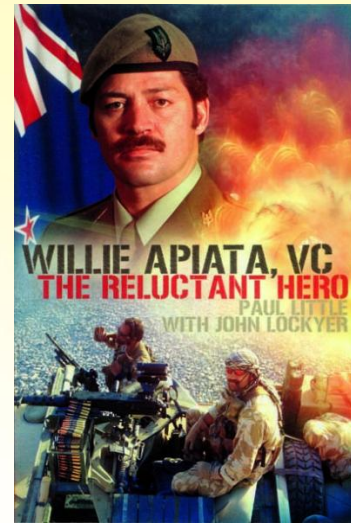
'Quick reads are bite-sized books by bestselling writers and celebrities. They're ideal for regular readers wanting a short, fast read, and for those who have lost the reading habit or find reading tough.'

On World Book Day 10 new books are being released. BBC raw brings you exclusive recordings of the first chapters and you can also download and preview the first chapters now. Books are available to buy, but don't forget to try your local library or workplace for copies to borrow for free.'

1. Buster Fleabags by Rolf Harris
2. Last Night Another Soldier... by Andy McNab
3. Doctor Who: Code of the Krillitanes by Justin Richards
4. Hello Mum by Bernardine Evaristo
5. Life's Too Short: True Stories of Life at Work.
Foreword by Val McDermid
6. Money Magic by Alvin Hall
7. The Perfect Holiday by Cathy Kelly
8. The Perfect Murder by Peter James
9. Traitors of the Tower by Alison Weir
10. We Won the Lottery! by Danny Buckland



An ordinary Kiwi bloke' – NZ



Willie Apiata, VC: The Reluctant Hero

by Paul Little & John Lockyer

Puffin Books

ISBN 978-0-14330-457-9 pb

<http://www.penguin.co.nz/>

"On a dark and cold Afghanistan hilltop, Lance Corporal Willie Apiata, a New Zealand Special Air Service Trooper, was trapped at the front of a major fire-fight with suspected Taliban fighters. One of his mates was bleeding to death and they were pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and rocket fire.

For Willie there was no choice. With the lives and safety of his mates his only priority, Willie performed an act of courage that has now become part of New Zealand history and saw him awarded the highest military honour for bravery in the Commonwealth – the Victoria Cross.

From his amazing childhood growing up on New Zealand's East Coast, to his favourite pig-hunting adventures and the people that inspired him along the way, this is the story of Willie Apiata, VC – an ordinary Kiwi bloke, a very reluctant hero."



My Story – UK

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mystory/>

Everyone has a story to tell. What's yours?

'My Story' was a competition for ordinary people with EXTRAordinary true stories. The competition has now closed and the stories can be read online or downloaded and printed. There are 13 themes and more than 3000 stories with a 1500 word limit. Browse stories by theme:

- [Achievement](#) [792] Accomplishing goals, against the odds.
- [Adventure](#) [404] Amazing exploits across the world and closer to home.
- [Bravery](#) [147] Heroic acts of courage, overcoming fear and danger.
- [Celebration](#) [164] Heart -warming, happy times.
- [Charity](#) [55] Acts of kindness, amazing money raising feats.
- [Discovery](#) [475] Finding new places and ideas.
- [Family & friends](#) [672] Human relationships, close friends and relatives.
- [Humour](#) [328] Amusing, funny tales of japes and high jinks.
- [Romance](#) [155] Affection, first love and relationships.
- [Sadness](#) [316] Sorrow, sadness and disappointment.
- [Survival](#) [952] Surviving disaster and life threatening situations.
- [The outdoors](#) [58] The sublime and picturesque wilds and countryside.
- [Tragedy](#) [279] Loss, pain, suffering and regret.

Tutor Resources

The Writing Site - USA

The Writing Site
TheWritingSite.org

<http://www.thewritingsite.org/resources/default.asp>

This website has many resources for tutors to learn more about writing, and to encourage learners to write. There are definitions of a number of writing genres including prompts for learners for each genre.

Writing Genres	Writing Prompts
http://www.thewritingsite.org/resources/genre/default.asp	http://www.thewritingsite.org/resources/prompts/default.asp
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• descriptive• expository• narrative• persuasive• technical	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• primary tips• intermediate tips• secondary tips

Teaching Reading to Adults Handbook – Scotland

<http://www.aloscotland.com/alo/viewresource.htm?id=2001>

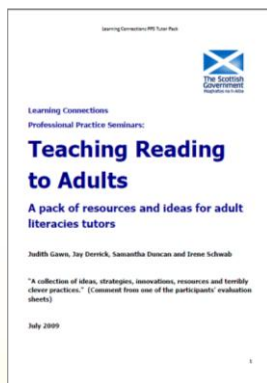
(150 pages, Resource 1 of 3)

“A collection of ideas, strategies, innovations, resources and terribly clever practices.

The pack introduces some key concepts on the teaching of reading to adults including phonics, effective teaching and learning, and working with mixed ability groups. It is a rich resource for professional development uses as well as for individual tutors who are looking for inspiration.”

The handbook has been created through an action research process carried out by ‘adult literacies’ tutors who attended Continuing Professional Development seminars in Glasgow and Edinburgh and from inputs delivered by researchers and professional experts from NIACE and the Institute of Education, London.

The handbook includes questions and answers, case studies and resources for tutors to read and contemplate their practice.



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Upcoming Events...

Pipiri (June)

3rd Annual ACE Professional Development Hui/Fono for Māori and Pasifika ACE Practitioners

9-11 Pipiri (June) 2010, Wellington

<http://www.aceaotearoa.org.nz/>

ACE Sector Conference

11-13 Pipiri (June) 2010

Rutherford House, Victoria University of Wellington

<http://www.aceaotearoa.org.nz/>

Matariki

14 Pipiri (June) 2010

Hōngongoi (July)

Literacy Aotearoa Te Hui ā Tau and National Planning Hui

Hōngongoi (July) 2010, Otautahi / Christchurch

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori - Māori Language Week

26 Hōngongoi (July) - 1 Here turi kōkā (August) 2010

<http://www.korero.maori.nz/news/mlw>

ALPA Conference

29-31 Hōngongoi (July) 2010

James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, Wellington

www.alpa.org.nz/