

## **MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK 2017: FILM SCREENING OF 'THE DEAD LANDS'**

The ANU New Zealand Students' Society invites you to a free screening of the film 'The Dead Lands' in recognition of Māori Language Week (11-17 Sep 17). We would especially like to thank the assistance of the ANU Film Group and the New Zealand High Commission in Canberra for facilitating in the preparation of such an event.

To highlight the cultural significance and provide a brief historical aspect of the occasion, some remarks from a select representative of the New Zealand High Commission will be made as a precursor to the film commencing. **Time: 1900 – 1930 h**

### **What is Māori Language Week?**

Every year since 1975, New Zealand has marked Māori Language Week in order to celebrate Te Reo Māori (The Māori Language). The ANUNZ Students' society would like to further promote the history of Te Reo Māori to Australian (Canberra) communities and thus provide an informative and interesting experience through film in this instance. Therefore, we have chosen to screen a critically acclaimed New Zealand film based around Māori Culture (The Dead Lands – 2014).

### **Synopsis of Film:**

Set in pre-colonial New Zealand, 'The Dead Lands' brings Māori history to life in an epic, brutal experience. After his tribe is slaughtered through an act of treachery, the teenage son of a slain Māori chieftain (Hongi) looks to avenge his father's murder and bring peace and honour to the souls of his loved ones. Vastly outnumbered by a band of villains led by Wirepa, Hongi's only hope is to pass through the feared and forbidden Dead Lands and forge an uneasy alliance with the mysterious "Warrior", a ruthless fighter who has ruled the area for years. **Film Duration: 107min**

**When:** Monday 11 September 2017

**Where:** Coombs Theatre (Building 8a), Corner of Fellows and Garran Roads, ANU Acton, ACT 2601 (*Home to the ANUFG*)

**Timings:** 1900 – 2130 h (**Film will commence at 1930 h**).

This event is a **one-off and free to ANU Students, Staff and members of the ANUFG** however please note that attendance is on a first come first serve basis due to the limited number of seats available (**370 seats**) in the Coombs Theatre. For more information about the ANUNZ Students' Society, or upcoming events, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/anunz/>

### **Further Information:**

**Website:** <http://www.thedeadlandsmovie.com/>

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**\*\*No Alcohol and Food will be provided. Non-BYO Event\*\***

**Language:** Māori (with English Subtitles)

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