

## New Zealand History from BWB

The BWB Publishing Trust is delighted to announce that a group of key BWB titles on New Zealand history are being distributed to all New Zealand secondary school libraries in August 2015. This donation has been made with the generous support of the Grace Memorial Trust, the Stout Trust (with the Friends of the Turnbull Library), and the family of Emeritus Professor Alan Ward.

The Books in School Libraries programme has been developed by the BWB Publishing Trust to support learning about New Zealand in secondary schools. We believe that high quality, contemporary books about New Zealand's past and present are important for young New Zealanders to gain an understanding of their country. These commitments have been acknowledged by the Grace Memorial Trust and the Stout Trust, both independent trusts established by New Zealanders with a strong commitment to the value of knowledge and education. The Ward family, supporting the distribution of *An Unsettled History* by the late Alan Ward, share these commitments.

We would like to acknowledge here the advice and support of Gillian Candler, Lara Hearn-Rollo, Bridget Schumann, and Mark Sheehan. And, not least, the contribution of history teachers from around the country who have read and selected history titles from the BWB list for the Books in School Libraries programme, and written Teacher Notes for each book in the programme. This has been invaluable in establishing the programme both with funders, and, we trust, within school libraries.

The BWB Publishing Trust and the donors would like to hear from you – teachers and librarians – about the Books in School Libraries programme. Please tell us whatever you would like to! Is this valuable? How will you and your students use these books? Is there anything we can do better? Please email your responses to Jo Scully, [jo@bwb.co.nz](mailto:jo@bwb.co.nz).

New Zealand history, as you will know, stands at the heart of BWB's publishing, and we hope that these books will find keen readers in your school libraries.

With good wishes,



Bridget Williams.  
For the BWB Publishing Trust

**BWB History Titles in August Distribution:** see [www.bwb.co.nz/bisl](http://www.bwb.co.nz/bisl)

**Teacher Notes:** see [www.bwb.co.nz/teacher-notes](http://www.bwb.co.nz/teacher-notes)

## Appendix: About Books in School Libraries and the BWB Publishing Trust

The programme has been developed over some years, with the distribution of Paul Monin's *Hauraki Contested* (supported by the Deane Endowment Trust), followed in 2013 by *The Concise Dictionary of New Zealand Sign Language* by Graeme Kennedy and *People of the Eye* by Rachel McKee (supported by the Stout Trust and the Oticon Foundation).

The current distribution marks a significant step forward in the programme's development. And we hope to make further distributions of selected BWB titles over the coming year; we are currently seeking funding for another group of history titles, including *Tangata Whenua: An Illustrated History*.

The Books in School Libraries programme is managed by the BWB Publishing Trust, and based on these principles: (a) selection by teacher focus groups of titles that are most useful in school libraries; (b) the provision by the BWB Publishing Trust of Teacher Notes for all titles distributed; (c) funding secured by the BWB Publishing Trust to enable the distribution; (d) distribution to all secondary school libraries (as per the Ministry of Education lists).

The BWB Publishing Trust was established in 2006 to support the writing, publishing and distribution of good New Zealand non-fiction by Bridget Williams Books Limited. See [www.bwbpublishingtrust.org.nz](http://www.bwbpublishingtrust.org.nz).