



## PRODUCTION NOTES FOR BROKEN THE MOVIE

*(A modern retelling of the true NZ story of “Tarore and her Book” made popular by beloved author Joy Cowley)*

Rating: M Violence

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**Starring** Josh Calles, Wayne Hapi, Jol Sparks, Ruby Grubb, Loupua “Lops” Lavulo Ma’a Brian Sagala and Katy Beasley

**Written, Directed and Produced** by Tarry Mortlock **Produced and Managed** by Sammi Teagle

**Director of Photography:** Josh Campbell **Original Music Score** by Samuel Lucas **Sound Design** by Dick Reade and David Liversidge **Executive Producers** Peter and Beverly Mortlock **Associate**

**Producers** Josh Campbell, Carlene Managh and Augie Davis **Stunt Coordinator:** Augie Davis

**Cultural Advisers** – Norm Mcleod, Lance Rickard, Meredith Akahata- Brown **Casting** by Tarry Mortlock and Sammi Teagle



## **Inspired by the true New Zealand story “Tārore and her Book”**

“Broken” is inspired by the true New Zealand story of Tārore, a Māori girl who was murdered in the mid 1800’s by a marauding tribe. Tārore always carried with her the Gospel of Luke which was stolen by her murderer. Incredibly, in a time when utu (revenge) was so prevalent, her father decided not to seek revenge for her murder, but instead to follow the message of the book and forgive. When the Gospel was eventually read to Tārore’s murderer, he was so filled with remorse that he sought out Tārore’s father and asked him for forgiveness. Because of this, peace was made between their two warring tribes and subsequently spread throughout many parts of New Zealand.

## **Synopsis for Broken the Movie**

“Broken” is a modern-day retelling of the true NZ story “Tārore and her Book”, made popular by the beloved New Zealand author Joy Cowley.

Logan, an ex-gang leader has left the gang life to raise his daughter Tori. When Tori is murdered by an opposing gang in town, a gang war is inevitable and Logan must choose between revenge or forgiveness as things escalate quickly.

## **Quotes From People Who Have Viewed The Trailer**

(Over 3 million views across social media platforms)

*“Another fantastic New Zealand movie ... got a lump in my throat, proud kiwi right here!”*

*“I just got goosebumps watching that, powerful stuff!”*

*“This looks so good, I can’t wait!”*

*“I HAVE to see this movie”*

*“I’d go to New Zealand just to see this movie!”*

## **About The Production**

This remarkable true New Zealand story of “Tārore” displays “forgiveness against all odds” and spoke to the film’s director and writer Tarry Mortlock and it has since been a dream of his to bring it to

screen. Tarry, along with producer / production manager Sammi Teagle and director of photography / producer Josh Campbell and their small core crew of eight, have managed to create a powerful and impacting film.

The film's producer Sammi confirms that, "this project would never have been possible without the invaluable assistance of so many talented and generous individuals, who not only gave of their time, but their energy and resource. A great deal of 'number 8 wire' kiwi ingenuity and creative 'can do' attitude went into creating this film. We are so grateful to everyone who helped along the way. This is their movie."

## **Locations, props, clothes and cars**

Predominantly shot on the East Coast of New Zealand, the film features sweeping drone shots showcasing the iconic coastal landscape.

To pull together a project of significantly greater quality than the small budget it had would suggest, many volunteer hours, resources and expertise were donated both from City Impact Church people, members of the Gisborne community and House of Breakthrough Church. Members of the Gisborne community were particularly involved in the project providing actors, extras, cars, locations and even some of the catering. The realistic gang patches were what drew in extras from many walks of life.

## **Casting**

Aside from Wayne Hapi who debuted in the New Zealand film "The Dark Horse", Katy Beasley from the classic New Zealand children's television show "Playschool" and Ma'a Brian Sagala who is a Pacific breakfast radio host on Radio 513pi, the cast is made up of unknown actors. The actors in the film volunteered their time and engaged in the process to gain experience and be part of a project with a message.

### **Josh Calles** Logan

Josh has served his hometown of Gisborne as part of the New Zealand police force for 5 years. His experience in the police has helped him bring understanding, passion and intensity to his role as Logan.

**Wayne Hapi Cruz**

Wayne made his feature film debut as Ariki in the New Zealand film 'The Dark Horse'. He is an accomplished musician and spends much of his time assisting initiatives to help the homeless and people from disadvantaged backgrounds rehabilitate into the community.

**Jol Sparks Murphy**

Jol is a passionate drama teacher at Campion College in Gisborne and has enjoyed creating a number of short films for 48 hour film festivals.

**Ma'a Brian Sagala Coop**

Ma's Brian is best known for his role as a breakfast host on Radio 531pi and has extensive training and experience in both performance arts and public speaking.

**Loupua "Lops" Lavulo Axe**

Lops is a crane driver by trade and has many life experiences to draw from to bring the colourful character of Axe to life.

**Ruby Grubb Tori**

Ruby is currently finishing her final year of studying law at the University of Auckland. She is also a member of PILSA (Pacific Island Law Students Association) dedicated to advancing the issues surrounding Pacific Island people and the law.

**Katy Beasley Rose**

Katy is a seasoned actress best known for her role in "Playschool," a treasured New Zealand children's programme. She is also a talented writer, director and producer.

**Key Crew Information****Tarry Mortlock – Director / Writer / Producer**

Tarry has a passion for telling New Zealand stories, so writing and directing this film has been a dream realised. Tarry has many years of experience in advertising and television production, now residing in Canada with his family.

**Sammi Teagle – Producer / Production Manager**

Sammi is a contract producer with experience in advertising while also working part time for her husband in their real estate business. She has a degree in Media Studies and English from Massey University. Her passion is bringing everyday people together and providing them with opportunities.

**Josh Campbell – Director of Photography / Associate Producer**

Josh trained at South Seas Film and television and has since become a creative director, producing engaging and entertaining media that encourages and inspires.

**Augie Davis – Associate Producer / Stunt Coordinator**

Augie, brings a wealth of knowledge to the project with over 20 years in the film industry. He has worked as a stunt coordinator on many big budget films including 'The Lord of the Rings' franchise, 'Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon' and the 'Adventures of Tin Tin'.