



## Malcolm Mulholland

*Beneath the Māori Moon: An illustrated history of Māori Rugby;  
Issues involved in writing the book and themes that emerge as a result*

Beneath the Māori Moon (Huia Publishers) is an extensive history about the New Zealand Māori Men's Rugby Team, from their humble beginnings to becoming an internationally respected and recognised sporting team. It won the sports and recreation section of this year's inaugural Massey University Ngā Kupu Ora Māori Book Awards. The sources contained within the book come from interviews with former players, newspaper accounts of games, diaries of players who went on tour with the team, and is accompanied by an array of photographs that have been sourced from all over the globe. Malcolm will speak about what challenges compiling the book represented, as well as themes that emerge from the book that could require further academic research.

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