

The Violence Free Network Wairarapa invites you to a  
NZIFF FEATURE FILM

# Waru 2017

“When a child is killed every five weeks there is no other way to tackle abuse other than confronting it, head on.”

- *Mihingarangi Forbes*

*Directed by Briar Grace-Smith, Casey Kaa, Ainsley Gardiner, Katie Wolfe, Chelsea Cohen, Renae Maihi, Paula Jones, Awanui Simich-Pene Aotearoa*

**Eight Māori female directors have each contributed a sequence to this powerful and challenging feature which unfolds around the tangi of a small boy who died at the hands of his caregiver.**

A sisterhood of Māori female directors bravely share their insights into the complexity of child abuse, in a sequence of eight short films that seamlessly become one. At the centre of their stories is Waru, a boy killed at the hands of a caregiver. His tangi, set on a small rural marae, is the centrepiece of the film, but there is an underlying disturbance of heavy themes touching on culture, custom and shame.

We see a single death through the differing lenses of the extended family, community, and in one sharp sequence, national media too. *Waru* weaves multiple reactions and offers a glimpse into the events that ensue upon the killing of a child and the conflict created among loved ones.

**For a community that has had it's fair share of tragedies this film explores the impact on individuals, families/whanau and the wider community. "It's a film everyone in the family should see and talk about." — Mihingarangi Forbes Māori Issues Correspondent, *RNZ/The Hui***

## When:

19<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
Movie starts at 8.00pm.  
Drinks and nibbles from  
7.30pm

## Where:

Regent three Cinema  
Masterton

## Cost:

\$20 per person, includes  
ticket, drinks & nibbles

Tickets are limited

## For more information or to purchase tickets

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