



Welcome

The two touring panels and original graphics were created for us following closure of the NLA's 2019 major exhibition '*Cook and the Pacific*', Canberra 2019

We warmly acknowledge the NLA's funding the re-design of the panels for transport. Using the panels as a basis for display, has enabled us to add local contextual material for the 2020 250th anniversary of Captain James Cook's exploration of the south coast of NSW.



Main Graphic

Cookie in Te Wai Pounamu Meets Cook Strait 2011

Michel Tuffery (b.1966)

acrylic on canvas

Courtesy of the artist and Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane

Artist Statement: 'Depicts Cookie when he realised Te Wai Pounamu (South Island) and Te Ika a Maui (North Island) weren't connected, the reason why it's named the 'Cook Strait'. The Ika* in his ears are a metaphor to Tupaia, an Arioi from Raiatea; there is no existing image of Tupaia. He was Cookie's constant guide and translator on his first voyage.'

***(noun)** fish, marine animal, aquatic animal - any creature that swims in fresh or salt water including marine mammals such as whales.

Banner graphic: Commission, Michel Tuffery, Wellington, Aotearoa, New Zealand, 2018