

Hi Network Waitangi,
Welcome to the latest edition of SNIPPETS; Treaty news from around the network.
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*Network Waitangi Otautahi sends warmest best wishes to you all at this horrific time, and especially we send deepest sympathies to any of you, and also those in your networks, who are directly affected.
Arohanui koutou.*

You are invited to the **2019 OVTRK Forum** on
Decision-making for the Wellbeing Budget

Monday 1 April 7 – 9pm

at Environment Canterbury, (car park access off St Asaph St)



We will gather at 7pm for light refreshments provided by koha from Christchurch City Council

The Forum will start promptly at 7.30pm

New Zealand is about to implement its first **Wellbeing Budget** in May, leading the world.

Adie Gray will talk about the work being done by Statistics NZ. This work has links to the Treasury's Living Standards Framework and the CDHB Canterbury Wellbeing Index.

Adie's particular role in the project is as Māori Partnership and Design Lead, tasked with ensuring Te Ao Māori perspectives are not tokenistic and are meaningfully applied within the project.

She will present for around 30 minutes on **Challenging tokenism toward decision-making for Wellbeing**. Participants will then break into the four wellbeings (social, environmental, cultural and economic) and workshop responses - including talk about who is at the table in deciding what wellbeing looks like. Adie will be available during the discussions.

We note that these developments are alongside the impending return of a primary purpose for local government to uphold the four wellbeings and hope there will be an update on this aspect by the time of the Forum.

For further information on

- the Forum - email tsovoices@gmail.com
- OVTRK - see onevoicetereokotahi.blogspot.co.nz

We are delighted to announce that the date now set for the postponed opportunity to hear **Morgan Godfery, journalist and author**, address the question:

Is the Government's co-design of Maori Crown partnerships Treaty-based?

Late last year, a family bereavement prevented Morgan speaking to the AGM of Network Waitangi Otautahi about the Coalition Government's announcement of the approval by Cabinet of the final scope of the Maori Crown portfolio and the establishment of a new agency – the Office for Maori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti. Details remain scarce.

In this talk, Morgan will explain the thinking behind the portfolio, where it is headed

and what should happen in order to help ensure that the 'partnership' is truly Treaty-based.

When: Thursday 02 May, 7.30pm

Where: Oxford Tce Baptist Church, corner Oxford Tce and Madras St, Christchurch



Morgan Godfery - Te Pahipoto (Ngāti Awa), Lalomanu (Samoa), is a writer and trade unionist. He is the editor of *The Interregnum*, published by Bridget Williams Books in 2016, was an election year columnist for *The Spinoff* and *VICE*, and was a non-fiction judge for last year's *Ockham New Zealand Book Awards* and the *Ngā Kupu Ora Awards: Celebrating Māori Books and Journalism*. Morgan also regularly appears on radio and television as a political commentator, has authored numerous academic chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles, and sits on the board of the Legal Issues Centre at the University of Otago Law School and is an associate at The Workshop, a public policy thinktank. Morgan is also a former staffer for the late Parekura Horomia, the former Minister of Māori Affairs. Morgan graduated in law at Victoria University in 2015.

Cultural Awareness and the Treaty of Waitangi

Thursday 18th April, 1 - 5pm

Quaker Centre, cnr Ferry Road and Nursery Road

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Race Relations Day 21 March 7-9pm - Whangarei event

... a free public event this Thursday featuring three speakers - Maualaivao Ueli Sasagi, Ray Nairn, and Nicki Wakefield. Wakefield was the claimant coordinator of the Whangārei Taiwhenua during the Waitangi Tribunal Inquiry into historical breaches of Te Tiriti within Ngāpuhi; Nairn set up Kupu Taea, a group that has monitored news media for cultural bias for several years; and Maualaivao Ueli Sasagi is a Samoan high chief and principal planner with the Kaipara District Council.

(From the Northern Advocate, 16 Mar,2019)

Entrenching the Maori seats

Parliament's Māori Affairs Select Committee is currently hearing submissions on a private member's bill to entrench the Māori seats.

Te Tai Tonga MP Rino Tirikatene, the bill's sponsor and the committee chair, stated in his personal submission that "*The Māori seats "guarantee kaupapa Māori representation"*."

Morgan Godfery further comments that "*They aren't a concession to 'diversity' or to an 'oppressed minority', as if Māori were just another deficit group to be catered to and courted. Instead the seats are the bare minimum, like quite literally the absolute least, that a country founded on a power-sharing agreement between hapū/iwi and the Crown can do.*" Morgan continues by inviting us to think about it this way - "*the Treaty guarantees hapū and iwi retain their 'rangatiratanga', and out of that constitutional power the signing chiefs establish kāwanatanga, the Crown's power to govern. The chiefs do so on the condition hapū and iwi can wholly participate in that kāwanatanga. The Māori seats are our exceedingly small stake in it.*"

Protect Ihumatao

You are probably already aware of campaign led by mana whenua members whose families have resided in Ihumaatao for many generations to protect and conserve the whenua (land) at Ihumaatao from Fletcher Building Limited's plans to build a high-cost housing development there.

<https://www.protectihumatao.com/>

There are many opportunities to support his campaign, such as signing the petition:

https://our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/toitu-te-whenua-protectihumatao?fbclid=IwAR3k-1KnMANjC_RKuT50viX8ZyJ7nt_DuDBI-gA4mC0QT7QqXVRciZGHXfw

or writing to your local MP and the Prime Minister asking for Government intervention to stop the development.

Free Public Lecture: 6:30pm, 3 April 2019 - Auckland Central City Library, 44 Lorne Street.

The Rightness of Whiteness? The myths and realities

Presenter: Suzanne Menzies-Culling

Colonisation has affected the way we see ourselves and others, and also the way we see the world and our place in it. Here in Aotearoa we are constantly reminded that there is another story waiting to be told, but this knowing evokes fear and guilt within so many of us. How are we to move past that? Let's start to explore some of these things.

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Suzanne Menzies-Culling is a Dunedin activist who has worked as a community organiser and educator since the 1980s. She is the author of the Joan Cook Memorial Essay for 2018 on "The State of the Pākehā Nation" and was invited to speak in the Forum tent at Te Tii Marae, this year at Waitangi.

NEW BOOK AVAILABLE



Listening to the People of the Land

This book looks at Christianity, colonisation and the path to redemption for Aotearoa New Zealand. It addresses how we must face our colonial history and how that is a challenge for us all.

Contributors to this book include Helen Bergin, Mary Betz, Mark Brett, Barry Jones, Peter McDermott, Jen Margaret, Mitzi Nairn, Arapera Ngaha, Anselm Laurence Prior, Adrienne Puckey, Mike Riddell, Steve Taylor and Kennedy Warne.

Edited by Susan Healy who has a PhD in Maori Studies from the University of Auckland.

Work on installing Victoria Square's newest art work, Mana Motuhake, will begin later this month.

Mana Motuhake has been created by Ngāi Tahu master carver Fayne Robinson and is made up of two upright waka that will stand 4.75 metres tall and feature carved figures inside.

See full article: [HERE](#)

Colouring In the White Spaces - Ann Milne's Presentation at Hagley

See how Hagley High School teachers respond to Ann Milne's opening keynote to staff at the beginning of the year, challenging them to recognise the cultural identity of Māori learners – and also the cultures of learners from the diverse ethnicities welcomed at Hagley.

See full article: [HERE](#)

Māori and Pasifika leaders report racism in government health advisory groups

By Heather Carne, Tom McCreanor and Maria Haenga Collins, March 7, 2019

Interviewed Māori and Pasifika public health leaders, with a century of collective experience between them, and found that their knowledge was often devalued. They experienced tokenistic engagement and racism. Some indicated that it took considerable effort to establish credibility, be heard and make an impact.

Five ways identified that racism manifests in health advisory groups:

1. Navigating the room
2. Battle for evidence
3. Working with government officials
4. Suspicions of tokenism
5. Witnessing and experiencing racism

The researchers consider that it is the government's obligation to engage with Māori to fulfil obligations under the te Tiriti o Waitangi. But institutional racism within the policy process fails to create meaningful engagement and consultation.

See full article [HERE](#)

Just released research into fluent Pākehā reo Māori speakers

Undertaken by Melanie Nelson, and commissioned by Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori.

From the exec. summary:

This research aimed to understand in depth the experiences of fluent Pākehā speakers of te reo Māori. It found many commonalities across this group, despite its diverse composition. The findings were complex and may appear paradoxical. These people have found ways to carry our colonial past, our complicated present, and our aspirations for the future, through their words and their actions. Their experiences can help to inform us about the multitude of challenges and advantages involved in becoming bilingual Pākehā citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Fourteen Pākehā who are fluent in te reo Māori were interviewed for this research and four key aspects of their experiences were explored and discussed in relation to te reo Māori revitalisation and re-normalisation: 1) motivations for learning te reo; 2) challenges on the path; 3) ways they navigated through these challenges; and 4) the value of te reo Māori for them.

See research in full: [HERE](#)

Alcohol harm: Impact on Māori taken to Tribunal

by Radio NZ, 08 March 2019

Māori warden, David Ratu, has filed an urgent claim with the Waitangi Tribunal arguing laws around the sale and supply of alcohol disproportionately impact Māori. His application recommends that the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act be amended to ensure Māori are included in bodies that decide whether an alcohol licence is granted.

It also calls for the Act reflect the principles of active protection, consultation and good faith and ensure proper recognition of the Treaty of Waitangi.

See full article: [HERE](#)
