

Hi Network Waitangi,
Welcome to the latest edition of SNIPPETS; Treaty news from around the network.
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WORKSHOP: UNDERSTANDING THE TREATY IN 2019



We are delighted to be running a 2-day workshop organised by Canterbury WEA.
When: 29 June and 6 July, 9.30am - 4.30pm (enrolment is for both Saturdays)
Cost: \$58
To enrol:

- Visit <https://cwea.arlo.co/courses/408-understanding-the-treaty-in-2019>
- Pop into the CWEA office at 59 Gloucester Street between 9.30am and 3pm
- Give them a call on 03-3660285

This workshop starts where people are and is non-confrontational. It is an opportunity to clarify what the Treaty means today and will explore ancestry, cultural difference and cultural safety; pre-Treaty and post-Treaty history; colonisation and social statistics; new ways of thinking living and working. Models and possible actions for moving towards a Treaty-based society will also be considered. A handbook of resources is provided so note-taking is not necessary. In addition to the handouts a booklet titled *The Treaty of Waitangi Questions and Answers* (2018) will be available to purchase for \$5 – please bring cash on the day for this. Tea and Coffee provided but please bring your own lunch. *CWEA does not want the fee to this course to be a barrier to anyone who wants to attend, so please feel free to contact the admin staff to discuss possible discounts and scholarships.*

You can download a publicity flyer [HERE](#)

Network Waitangi Ōtautahi has expressed our concern and condemnation at the increase in the removal of Māori children from their whānau in Aotearoa. This is in direct contravention of Māori rights to self determination to care for their tamariki, as guaranteed by Te Tiriti, as well as the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We have contacted Hon. Tracey Martin, Minister for Children, to call for accountability from Oranga Tamariki and significant change and restructure in the department to enact Treaty based relationships with Tangata Whenua. We encourage members to also contact **Minister Tracey** (and sent copies to MPs **Marama Davidson** and **Jan Logie**, and **Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern**). More details of recent Oranga Tamariki issues can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/TeKotahiResearchInstitute/posts/1233338196821494>

MacMillan Brown lecture series:

Dilemmas of our time: Unconscious (implicit) bias and race relations

By Dr Benjamin Reese Jr

Vice President, Institutional Equity and Duke Hospital System, Duke University

US race relations expert and internationally-renown speaker

In spite of our best efforts to treat others in an equitable and fair manner, as humans, we are prone to unconscious racial bias. Life experiences, the media, the influence of peers, etc. can contribute to the development of unconscious and unintended bias. We are often surprised when we exhibit behaviors reflective of negative biases ... behaviors that can differ from our conscious, or explicit attitudes. Focused and deliberate strategies hold promise for managing the expression of negative implicit racial biases.

What are some critical lessons for us in the aftermath of Christchurch 15/3?

Venue: A3 Lecture theatre

Time: 6-8pm, Thurs 26 July 2019

Refreshments will be served

ALL WELCOME

About Dr Benjamin Reese Jr

Clinical psychologist and Vice President for Institutional Equity at Duke University and Head of Duke Hospital System.

Immediate past president of the US National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education (NADOHE). Represented both International Council of Psychologists and the World Federation for Mental Health at the United Nations. In 2016, the North Carolina Business Journal awarded him their Lifetime Diversity Achievement Award in recognition of almost 50 years of leadership of issues of race relations and diversity. Specialize in implicit bias, race relations, diversity/inclusion training, and conflict resolution. More than 45 years experience in race relations and diversity and is a highly sought after national and international speaker, workshop facilitator and consultant to higher education, not-for-profit organizations, and the corporate environment.

ARTICLE: Vincent O'Malley: Why we need to open up about past Māori and Pākehā conflict

by Sally Blundell / 26 May, 2019 - Noted

Calls are growing for us to take a more honest look at our past, particularly the wars over land and power that shaped the country.

... says O'Malley. "This is our story, our history. It happened here, in this place, relatively recently, and it had profound consequences for what New Zealand would become. These were defining conflicts of New Zealand history and, as a nation, we need to take ownership of them."

Read full article [HERE](#)

FILM REVIEW

There is something particularly powerful about the voices of Merata Mita's whānau as they share the story of the life and works of in the documentary **Merata: How Mum Decolonised the Screen**. Director Heperi Mita (Merata's youngest son) takes us through a whānau journey that brings to the fore the many experiences that both shaped and motivated his mother's life and work.

See full review [HERE](#)

(By Leonie Pihama, Spinoff 12 May 2019)

New Zealand has a new Supreme Court judge, reports Law Points. Justice Joseph Victor Williams has been appointed, after a vacancy was left by Supreme Court judge Justice Sir William Young being named as chair of the inquiry into the Christchurch attacks. Justice Williams is the first Māori person to be appointed to the role. Meanwhile David Goddard QC is now a Judge of the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

The Māori Affairs select committee is raising the alarm about a range of Māori organisations being on the brink with funding concerns, reports Māui St.

Comments: They range from media organisations, to land management organisations, to Te Puni Kōkiri. There has been something of a trend under this government for funding to be used for universal measures, rather than targeted towards specific Māori-focused measures.

ARTICLE: Knight star: Sir Hec Busby on his extraordinary life

by Clare de Lore, Noted, 17 February, 2019

Master carver, navigator and bridge builder Sir Hec Busby died on Saturday 11 May. Back in February, Clare de Lore talked to the Northland kaumātua who had hoped for "no fuss"

when he accepted a knighthood – at least a thousand people attended his investiture at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

Read full article [HERE](#)

An introduction to the work of **CARE (Centre for Culture-Centered Approach to Research and Evaluation)** by Professor Mohan Dutta. Mohan talked about the work he and his colleagues are doing in several parts of Aotearoa NZ and around the world at the frontiers of academic and community-based research and organising.

- from Kotare news 29 April 2019

The International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) is a unique worldwide, independent and professional association of individuals and organisations committed to improving the health and wellbeing of the people through education, community action and the development of healthy public policy.

Here are the final documents from the IUHPE Conference recently held in Rotorua:

- **Rotorua Statement. WAIORA: Promoting Planetary Health and Sustainable Development for All**
 - **Waiora - Indigenous Peoples' Statement for Planetary Health and Sustainable Development**
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Iwi leaders are urging parliament to declare a climate emergency, reports **Radio NZ**.

It follows a similar campaign in Britain, whereby a non-legally binding emergency was declared following pressure from groups including Extinction Rebellion. Iwi Chairs Forum climate change spokesman Mike Smith says such a declaration would highlight the scale of the issue, as the biggest currently faced by humanity. A range of Māori organisations have also formed a network to focus on climate issues.

ARTICLE: Tensions have erupted at an anti-racism hui at Auckland University reports *Alice Webb-Liddall, The Spinoff, 01 May 2019*

The campus has been plagued by persistent reports of an upswing of racism in recent months, and the hui was aimed at bringing those concerns to light. However, everything disintegrated after a speech was made by someone described by other attendees as a neo-Nazi. Read Full article [HERE](#)

