

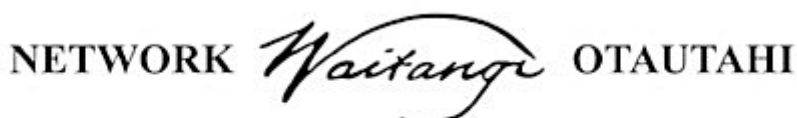
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Welcome to the latest edition of SNIPPETS; Treaty news from around the network.  
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There is a lot happening in the decolonisation and racism space at the moment and we are sure you would agree that Te Tiriti o Waitangi is what provides the foundation and way forward for many of the current issues we are facing.

One interesting development is the multi-centre initiative being planned by members of Tāmaki Treaty Workers called 'Purenga Ihomatua - He Ao Hou 2020/Decolonisation for a new world' for March 2020. We have been invited to contribute to this initiative and would like to, but we also want to hear from you, our members first. So, we are hosting a get-together in September of interested members and local Treaty workers and we would be delighted if you could attend. It will be an opportunity to meet others you may not know, share a little about what you have been doing and discuss the possibilities of what we could provide in Christchurch as part of Purenga Ihomatua.

The proposed format for the get-together is:

6.00-7.00pm - Introductions

7.00-7.30pm - Shared light meal (provided)

7.30-8.30pm - Discussion - Purenga Ihomatua

**We have two options for dates: Tuesday 3rd September or Monday 16th September.** It will be held at CWEA, 59 Gloucester St, Christchurch Central.

**Please let us know if you would be available to attend and your preferred date asap**, along with any other feedback you may like to contribute.

This invite has been sent out to NWO members along with Treaty workers Annie Gordon (also member), Aidan Harrison, Sharon Tipene (also member), Cathy Sweet (also member), Moana O Hinerangi, Debbie Tikao, Louise Tankersley and Lee Tuki. **If you know of anyone or any group doing Treaty work in Christchurch whose name isn't included in this list, please let us know and we will send them an invite!** (email [organisers@nwo.org.nz](mailto:organisers@nwo.org.nz) or leave a message on 365 5266)

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The Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Act 2019 was assented in May. This included the reinstatement of the the four well-beings. You can read the Act in full [HERE](#)

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**2019 Annual Graham Nuthall Lecture: The evolving passage of culturally responsive pedagogies: Restlessness, resoluteness, and reason**  
**Presented by: Professor Angus Hikairo Macfarlane**

The transcendental pathway of cultural responsiveness in education emerges out of deliberations from early thinkers' **restlessness**. These early thinkers pushed back on the cultural dominance of some and championed the assertion that education should be a liberating force, and empower the oppressed as central actors in their autonomy. Later, almost like a second wave, other scholars followed with a focus on culturally relevant and culturally responsive teaching, and more recently developed a vision for culturally sustaining pedagogy, an approach that takes into account the many ways learners' identity and culture evolve.

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**Ihumātao - 'The Crown will play divide and rule', Dr Margaret Mutu**

Dr Margaret Mutu says the Crown will likely play Māori off against each other in situations such as Ihumātao. The former treaty negotiator and Professor of Māori Studies at the University of Auckland says in cases like Ihumātao, where parties disagree and mobilise popular support, ultimately it is the people who will guide the

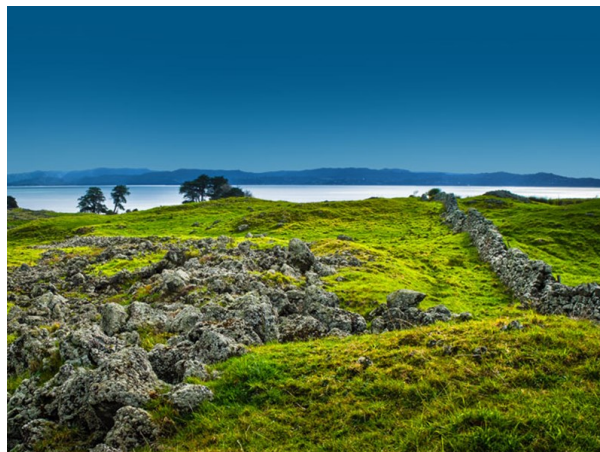
outcome. *"It's up to the people and they'd ask me that often and I'd say it's up to the people - I just take your instruction," she says.* Dr Mutu, who has interviewed more than 150 treaty negotiators and claimants in her work, says the Crown will be active in pushing for the outcome they want. *"But the Crown will get in there and actually pick out individuals who they think can do that and then deliberately play divide and rule there," she says.* [READ MORE](#)

### Human Rights Commissioners visit Ihumātao

Chief Human Rights Commissioner Paul Hunt and Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner Saunoamaali'i Karanina Sumeo visited Ihumātao on Friday 26 July. "We are here to respectfully look, listen and learn," Mr Hunt said. "The Human Rights Commission acknowledges the mamae felt by many and the historic injustices that have led to the protest at Ihumātao," he said. [READ MORE](#)

### What Ihumātao reveals about NZ's protection of Māori heritage sites

As the Ihumātao protests continue in Auckland, a *Listener* article by Sally Blundell, from earlier this year, looks at how Māori heritage sites have been lost through wilful ignorance and a steamroller mentality. [READ MORE](#)



### WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE

Ihumātao, a west-facing peninsula on the shore of Auckland's Manukau Harbour, is the city's oldest settlement. In 1863, the land was illegally confiscated from Māori. Sacred hills were quarried, 800-year-old burial sites were demolished, archaeological remains were destroyed, a sewage-treatment plant was built over traditional fishing grounds, and a dye spill killed the local creek. Now Ihumātao has been designated a Special Housing Area, without public consultation, and a development of nearly 500 houses is in progress. But for some tangata whenua, enough is enough. [READ MORE](#)

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### Organisers talk about the 'Hands Off Our Tamariki' hikoi, and what has caused it

Te Kōtahi Institute's Leonie Pihama and Laura O'Connell Rapira of ActionStation talk to TVNZ Breakfast

## **United Nations Indigenous Experts release report on New Zealand**

The United Nations (UN) has released its advice to support New Zealand's implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Advisory Note was produced by a UN expert body on Indigenous Peoples' rights, known as the EMRIP, to help New Zealand develop an action plan to implement the UN Declaration. The advice follows a visit to New Zealand by the UN experts in April, when they met with various organisations, experts and Government, and attended community hui in Auckland and Wellington. **READ MORE**

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## **Treaty valued in speeches in response to the events of 15 March**

*Paul Hunt (new Human Rights Commission Chief Commissioner) and Kate Gilmore (United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights)*

**Read here: Human rights following atrocity**

- reprinted from



### **From Paul Hunt, Chief Human Rights Commissioner**

I'm pleased to welcome the appointment of a new Race Relations Commissioner, announced today by Justice Minister Andrew Little.

### **Outgoing Gisborne Mayor Meng Foon has been appointed the Race Relations Commissioner, and he expects to take up his new position in late August.**

Mr Foon will join the Commission after 18 years as Mayor of Gisborne. He is fluent in te reo Māori, Seyip, Cantonese and English, and is learning Mandarin. He has a degree in Iwi Environmental Management, which he says has enhanced his understanding of the Māori world-view.

We are thrilled to have someone of Meng's experience joining the Commission in this role. His background in working across cultures in business and at the community level will be a boost to improving race relations in this country.

**We are all looking forward to working with Meng to help create the fairer, more**

harmonious society so many people have been calling for, particularly in the wake of the terrible events in Christchurch.

Mr Foon has told me that he considers it an honour to have been appointed and that he is looking forward to working with the diverse communities that make up this country to get that work done.

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<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/114142328/race-relations-commissioner-announced-as-meng-foon>

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### Opening of the Christchurch Arts Festival on Friday 26 July

At the Powhiri led by Ngai Tuahuriri, Sara Templeton spoke on the behalf of the CCC Mayor - [READ HERE](#)

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### SELF-GUIDED WALK:

#### Nga Whariki Manaaki: Woven mats of welcome

‘Ngā Whāriki Manaaki’ is a series of 13 weaving patterns that feature within Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct. Positioned near the river, each Whāriki is an arrangement of natural stone pavers of varying shades and colours. In sequence, they reference the whakamanuhiri process of welcome for all peoples visiting Christchurch and support the guiding principle of the rebuild for Ngāi Tahu, ‘Kia atawhai ki te iwi’, Care for your people.

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**Dual heritage shared future**

## Local Heritage, Shared Future

This year, New Zealand will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the first onshore encounters between Māori and non-Māori, and the feats of Polynesian navigators and explorers who reached and settled in Aotearoa New Zealand many years earlier.

The Tuia Mātauranga 2019 national education programme supports teaching and learning, highlighting local people, places and events that shaped their history as a context in the development of their local curriculum. The programme is aimed at inspiring children and young people to explore their own stories of who they are and where they come from, to develop a sense of whakapapa and identity. It will include a roadshow for children, young people, and their families in communities across the country from October to December this year. The programme will be delivered in a way that encourages children and young people to take a leading role in their own education and in their communities. [READ MORE](#)

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### IWI LEADER SUIING OVER CLIMATE CHANGE



Mike Smith, from Ngā Puhi and Ngāti Kuri, announced he was taking the government to court over its “failure” to act fast enough on climate change. [Read here](#)

*NZ Geographic, 20 July 2019*

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**Dame Anne Salmond has weighed in on the billion trees programme**, saying it is being 'rorted' in an opinion piece on [Newsroom](#). It's a strong intervention from the leading academic, over a plan that appears to be focused more on quantity rather than quality outputs. Despite targets of two-thirds native trees, 88% of seedlings planted so far have been exotic species like pinus radiata. That's not as good as it could be for fighting climate change, biodiversity, or even particularly good as a commodity product due to oversupply in the market.

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### Once were Anzacs: The epic history of Māori soldiers in WWI

The role of Māori soldiers in World War I has long been relegated to footnotes, but a major new work by historian Monty Soutar re-examines their service at Gallipoli and the Western Front. [READ HERE](#)

*NZ Listener 13 July 2019*

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