



Snippets 2020, No.3

1 message

Network Waitangi Otautahi <organisers@nwo.org.nz>
Reply-To: Network Waitangi Otautahi <organisers@nwo.org.nz>
To: Network Waitangi <organisers@nwo.org.nz>

16 March 2020 at 15:52

[View this email in your browser](#)

NETWORK *Waitangi* OTAUTAHI

www.nwo.org.nz

**Kia ora Network Waitangi,
Welcome to the latest edition of SNIPPETS; Treaty news from around the
network.
Issue 2020, No. 3**



In this resource, we share information about current conversations and issues; local, national and sometimes international. Please note, NWO is not aligned with any political party.

NWO AGM

Here is an electronic link to the NWO **Report to the 2020 AGM for the period 20 November 2018 – 28 February 2020**

You should have received a copy of the minutes - **as mentioned we'd love any comments!**

Thank you to Plains FM who captured a recording of Talia's presentation, which can be

Te Tiriti based Futures:

Anti-racism 2020 (from 21-30 March 2020)

This major event is a Te Tiriti o Waitangi and decolonisation on-line open-access education event involving 10 days, 35+ open access webinars, 42 partner organisations and 50+ speakers from across Aotearoa, Australia, Rwanda, Canada etc.

It starts with a one-day hui on March 21, Race Relations Day hosted by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua in Tāmaki Makaurau, and run for 10 days. Webinar topics include institutional racism and anti-racism, decolonisation, building Tiriti-based futures and transforming our constitution. The open-access webinars will be posted on-line, where they will become permanent resources for anti-racist activism and Tiriti education.

Check out the diverse programme and help promote it if you can.

WAITANGI DAY



Tanya, Ingrid and Kate on the Treaty education stall at Te Tii Marae. It was an honour to accompany Ingrid Huygens and Kate Abel – both Treaty educators- to Waitangi this year, to help out on their stall on Te Tii Marae. The Treaty Education stall this year launched the Joan Macdonald Trust Fund, established [...]

Read on »

- from *EARTHTALK* 20 February 2020

Andrew Little's whaikōrero raises hopes for Treaty negotiations

The chair of Te Rūnanga Ā Iwi o Ngāpuhi says she has new hope and optimism about negotiations with the Crown following the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations whaikōrero yesterday.

The ways in which Māori communicate the discomfort of Waitangi Day is still subject to colonial distortion

Waitangi has always been, and remains, inherently political. It is a day that provokes reflection, and with that, a range of emotions.

Treaty of Waitangi: A legacy of colonialism, conflict and contradiction

For a country which had more than 300 years of experience in colonialism, the British decision to annex New Zealand in 1840 was a confused, contradictory, and rushed process that was far from perfect. It was, however, made with good intentions, and from it,

the modern nation we now call home emerged.

Where do Pasifika fit in the Treaty of Waitangi?

Waitangi Day conjures up different things for different people, but what does it mean for the thousands of Pasifika who live in Aotearoa?

Report and Recommendations from Māori-led Inquiry into Oranga Tamariki

In May 2019, the seriousness of ongoing issues with Oranga Tamariki (OT) – the Ministry for Children, was brought to the New Zealand public's attention by media reporting on the actions of the agency in Hawke's Bay.

The agency's sustained and concerted attempt to forcibly uplift a newborn infant from a young Māori mother still in hospital recovering from childbirth was documented by a well-known reporter, and elicited widespread outrage.

To read the report and other resources - [Click Here](#).

Constitutional Transformation is the New Black

a blog post by Dayle Takitimu, Te Wharepora Hou

We Are Not 'Fighting For Our Rights'; We Already Have Them

Notwithstanding the ongoing incursion of colonisation, Indigenous people have an existing and operable right to self-determination. That self-determination extends to include our right to self-government, and a suite of territorial rights in relation to our natural environment. The ongoing subordination of Indigenous law by the State, and the legal barriers compromising the ability of Indigenous populations to proactively protect our territories and our populations, is inconsistent with Te Tiriti and international law.

The union movement and the Te Tiriti

A feature article by Morgan Godfery about the relationship between the union movement and Te Tiriti. Excerpt:

"The relationship between Māori and unions reaches back to the turn of the twentieth century. In 1919 Bob Tūtaki, Ngāti Kahungunu, a shearer and union organiser, travelled the country urging Māori to support the formation of the New Zealand Workers' Union. "Let us stand up with one common mind ... stick together, everybody, remember that old Māori philosophy, "tatau tatau", meaning altogether," he would tell his fellow workers..."

READ FULL ARTICLE

Setting aside the Moriori myth

For more than 100 years, New Zealanders have been fed a myth.

The myth goes something like this: that once upon a time, Aotearoa was home to a race of people called the Moriori. That the Moriori were primitive, inferior folk. And that eventually, when Māori arrived on these shores, they massacred, ate, and completely wiped out the Moriori people.

The myth was busted decades ago - yet it has persisted for generations.

Why?

Read on

UNDERSTANDING THE ISSUES FROM IHUMATAO

If you would like to understand the issues surrounding Ihumaatao in more detail, we recommend these:

- **When worlds collide** by Leonie Hayden for *New Zealand Geographic*
- **The politics of Ihumātao** by Morgan Godfery for *Māui Street*
- **Our trail of tears: the story of Ihumātao** by Vincent O'Malley for *The Spinoff Ātea*
- **Taking a stand on stolen land: the past and future of the Ihumātao occupation** by Tina Ngata for *Overland*
- WATCH: **Ihumātao — 'Don't forget, the Crown caused this problem', Moana Jackson** for *Te Ao with Moana*

from ACTION STATION news *A Dose of Hope*:

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui (Be strong, be brave, be steadfast),

- Pania Newton

Ngāti Hikairo have spoken out about disrespectful trampers breaching the rāhui in place at Tongariro National Park, reports **Te Manu Korihi**.

- from *THE SPINOFF* 12 March 2020



JUDGMENT SOUGHT ON WATER RIGHTS

The Māori Council is the latest to announce that it is mounting a case for Māori water rights in the High Court. It comes after the Waitangi Tribunal recommended litigation **to get a definitive answer over who owns water once and for all**.

from *NZ Geographic* 7 March 2020

"To truly achieve climate justice, young people need to do two things:

1. [vote](#)
2. [vote in the interest of indigenous people."](#)

Mia Sutherland:

[nz/environment/119751558/what-pakeha-call-climate-activism-is-survival-for-indigenous-people](#)

Just Speak have released **research on racial bias in the Police**, adding further evidence to the fact that systemic racism within New Zealand's justice system is specifically targeting and profoundly harming Māori.

This was further reported on by RNZ '**Justice system called 'fundamentally racist' - new study shows Māori more likely to go to court'**

Just Speak call to action: *As Māori, Pasifika and tangata tiriti communities have been saying for a long, long time, fundamental systemic racism is the reason why Pākehā are less likely to be treated with suspicion and more likely to be given the benefit of the doubt by our Police. Our research shows unequivocally that this is true.*

But the good news is that we can fix this together... See their website for more details.

New book launched:

Justice and Race: campaigns against racism and abuse in Aotearoa New Zealand

by Oliver Sutherland

A Nelson author hopes his new book will shine a light on the "national shame" of child abuse and institutional racism during the 1960s and 1970s. [READ MORE](#)

This email was sent to organisers@nwo.org.nz

[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

Network Waitangi Otautahi · Christchurch Community House · [301 Tuam Street](#) · [Christchurch, Can 8011](#) · [New Zealand](#)



