

Kia ora Network Waitangi,
Welcome to the latest edition of SNIPPETS; Treaty news from around the
network.
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In this resource, we share information about current conversations and issues;
local, national and sometimes international.

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Māori seek ideas on Aotearoa's future after pandemic

The Iwi Chairs Forum has launched a campaign today encouraging people to share their vision for New Zealand post-Covid-19. Ngāti Kahu leader Professor Margaret Mutu is leading the campaign and says the pandemic has given the country an opportunity to re-imagine its future.

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"That's about our constitution and constitutions should come out of communities not governments. Why would iwi leaders be interested in community vision? Iwi leaders have always worked with communities in creating future pathways as demonstrated in the 1835 Declaration of Independence and Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840."

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#Aotearoa2020vision: Iwi leaders plan for post-Covid-19 future

What's the vision post-Covid-19 for Aotearoa? That's a question the Iwi Chairs Forum is aiming to answer in their new campaign **#Aotearoa2020vision**. Ngāti Kahu leader Margaret Mutu is leading the campaign to ensure the vision is community-led. **SEE MORE**

From Peace Movement Aotearoa ..."Ngāti Kahu leader Professor Margaret Mutu is leading the campaign and says the pandemic has given the country an opportunity to re-imagine its future. "Covid-19 has given us the opportunity to pause and reflect on how we would like to be as a nation. We have a special chance to build a country based on our shared values," she said. **SEE MORE**

POEM: HAVE YOU HEARD

Michelle Levy, (29/04/2018) explaining why she was led to make a statement of claim about *Psychology in Aotearoa for Wai 2575 Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry*.

READ HERE: <https://100maorileaders.com/dr-michelle-levy>

COMMUNITY RESEARCH WEBINAR: Māori Recovery: Challenges and Opportunities – Perspectives for Covid-19

Dr Regan Potangaroa, Adrian Te Patu and Maire Kipa will present on the challenges and opportunities for Māori recovery from the Covid-19 situation, based on learnings from Otautahi and other indigenous disaster experiences.

MORE DETAILS AND BOOK HERE

The urge to return home and the connection to our land: Whenua - whakapapa - whānau

Shirley Simmons reflections during COVID19...

"When lockdown was announced, the urge to return home was strong for Shirley Simmons. Instead, her tūpuna line the back wall of the wharenuī and wait, just as the season's harvest goes uneaten..."

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Community checkpoints are an important and lawful part of NZ's Covid response

Communities, groups and individuals are making enormous contributions in all sorts of ways to the effectiveness of the measures to control Covid-19 in Aotearoa New Zealand. One contribution, however, has been singled out for strident criticism by National Party and ACT Members of Parliament, by Don Brash of Hobson's Pledge and by some broadcasters – Māori-led initiatives to set up community checkpoints in rural areas when the country moved to alert level 4.

In this Spinoff comment legal scholars Max Harris and David V Williams support those iwi/hapū checkpoints as lawful, informed by history, and in the spirit of the

Treaty of Waitangi:

<https://thespinoff.co.nz/society/10-05-2020/community-checkpoints-an-important-and-lawful-part-of-nzs-covid-response/>

<https://thespinoff.co.nz/author/maxharris-davidvwilliams/>

Tina Ngata talks about a Treaty-based relationship with police:

[LISTEN HERE \(3' 34"\)](#)

Protect the voices we are losing during times of crisis

Inclusive Aotearoa Collective Tāhono are currently hosting a number of online conversations.

This year, they began a project with the goal of talking to people across the country, from all walks of life – to hear first-hand about their sense of belonging in Aotearoa. With Covid-19, these conversations have been taken online.

They are asking to join them online to talk about what belonging feels like, what hinders this and what has to change.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

BURDENS of Belonging: Indigeneity and the re-founding of Aotearoa New Zealand

An article by Miranda Johnson from NZ Journal of History 2011.

'In this article, I examine how it is that a specific and local claim to a river by Whanganui Maori came to have such significance, in the Tribunal's account, for a nation at large'...

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Caring For Community To Beat Coronavirus Echoes Indigenous Ideas Of A Good Life

By KRUSHIL WATENE, MASSEY UNIVERSITY — April 28, 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us our own well-being is intimately connected to other people and our natural environment. [READ MORE](#)

Bypassing RMA could result in protest, years of court action

What do Ihumātao and the Kaikōura highway rebuild have in common?

They were consented using types of legislation designed to bypass public consultation in order to build houses and roads faster. The result: protest from

tangata whenua and the public over the desecration of wāhi tapu, and in the case of Ihumātao, years of court action culminating in the largest land occupation since Bastion Point.

Cabinet has **approved an amendment** to the Resource Management Act, due to be passed in June, which would take away the ability of the public and councils to have an input into large shovel ready projects the government wishes to fast-track to stimulate the economy.

There are more than 1800 project submissions currently before cabinet.

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Rediscovering Aotearoa: a decolonisation series

An 8-part bilingual short documentary, podcast and article series, made with the support of NZ on Air. The series travels Aotearoa meeting young Kiwis as they discuss the impacts of colonisation today, modern race relations and how they are decolonising themselves.

Each episode looks at a different kaupapa from the lens of a young person who is Māori and a young person who is tauwi, delving into the Māori and non-Māori world views around Taiao (Nature), Reo (Language), Takatāpui (LGBTQIA+), Mātauranga (Knowledge), Hauora (Health), Whānau (Family), Aroha (Love) and Manatika (Justice).

<https://www.renews.co.nz/rediscovering-aotearoa/>

UPDATE 2020: Network Waitangi Otautahi (NWO) <nwo.org.nz>

Our organisation has been working in this field of education since 1985. What follows is a recent update on our work.

*You may already be aware of the emphasis we place on the 2018 edition of the NWO Treaty poster which includes the new expression in English of the text in te reo, which has involved ongoing wide consultation over the many years that we have been producing these posters. We are pleased that that poster is highlighted in a recently established link by the **Ministry of Culture and Heritage** from their website to ours:*

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/classroom/conversations/network-waitangi-otautahi>

*As you will see, this link not only includes particular reference to the NWO Declaration of Independence and Treaty posters, the **5-minute pre-Treaty stories** and the updated **Questions and Answers booklet**, it also highlights our two **new** resources **Who are Tangata Tiriti** and **Recent Changes in the Social Context**.*

*You may also be interested that a current online NWO course **Understanding the Treaty in a Post-Lockdown Aotearoa** was oversubscribed.*

Finally, here is the link to our **Network Waitangi Otautahi Report to the 2020 AGM for the period 22 November 2018 to 28 February 2020**. This Report includes reference to NWO's support of the development of strategy and policy for the Third Sector with **One Voice Te Reo Kotahi (OVTRK)**, with whom we have close connections. For more about OVTRK see onevoicetereokotahi.blogspot.co.nz.

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