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**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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include them because they are current and often just the best online resource we  
could find on particular topics; please feel free to direct us to better ones, including  
to books, articles, podcasts, etc.**

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## **CAN YOU HELP US PROMOTE THIS!**

**UPCOMING NWO WORKSHOP:**

**UNDERSTANDING THE TREATY IN 2020 - Network Waitangi Otautahi**

**22nd and 24th September, 9.30am - 4.30pm**

**\$60**

This workshop will be run by Network Waitangi Otautahi [www.nwo.org.nz](http://www.nwo.org.nz) and starts where people are. It is non-confrontational. This opportunity is not only introductory, it is designed to refresh your understanding and clarify what the Treaty means today. It will explore: ancestry, cultural difference and cultural safety; pre-Treaty and post-Treaty history; colonisation and social statistics, and new ways of thinking, living and

working. Models and possible actions in 2020 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 (2019)* 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.

TO REGISTER CONTACT CWEA: [admin@cwea.org.nz](mailto:admin@cwea.org.nz)

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## Understanding Systemic Racism in our Own Land - 11 July

<https://www.facebook.com/events/195066211897483/>

Have you ever thought about the way racism is ingrained in the fabric of the systems of New Zealand? If not, it's likely that that's because those systems don't impact you the way they do for many on a daily basis.

Come and hear from [Sir Mark Solomon](#) as he shares thoughts on systemic racism in Aotearoa from his experience on dealing with it personally and professionally, as he has worked both within and against the systems in question.

Free event.

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In May, we wrote to the Prime Minister in relation to the Government's announcement that New Zealand history will be taught here by 2022. Our message was to implore, please do not allow this work to be another breach of Te Tiriti.

We have received a letter from Chris Hipkins in response, giving us assurance that the Ministry of Education is committed to a Treaty-based approach for including our histories in the national curriculum.

We will watch as this work develops.

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## **The 2020 Joan Cook Memorial State of the Pākehā Nation Essay is now available.**

This essay is published annually by Network Waitangi Whanagarei and this year it has been written by Tim McCreanor.

A senior researcher at Whāriki Research Group, Tim is a Pākehā social scientist who has been studying Pākehā discourse for several decades analysing the role talk and texts play in maintaining colonial power relations of Aotearoa so that these can be critiqued and challenged.

[READ IT HERE](#)

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Our congratulations to **Jennifer Leahy** who has been named '**Educator of the year Tangata Tiriti**' in the **ACE Aotearoa annual awards**. Jennifer has long-standing experience as an adult educator working within a wide variety of areas within the sector. She is a passionate educator who is always trying to fine-tune her delivery approach and thrives on continuously improving.

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## IHUMATAO

A report from RNZ (23 June):

### **Potential Ihumātao decision: How we got here**

With the possibility of a decision on the future of disputed land at Ihumātao coming as soon next week, here's how the situation got to this point. **Keep reading**

and from NZ Geographic (26 June):

### **Will the fate of Ihumātao be decided soon?**

A ruling on the future of Ihumātao may take place as early as next week, **reports RNZ**. The land has been a site of protest for several years, and now, the government may buy it under the Housing Act.

Ihumātao is Auckland's oldest settlement. This is where the Tainui waka arrived more than 800 years ago, and their descendants farmed the rich volcanic soil and built pā on the volcanic cones.

What remains today are lava beds and low walls that crisscross the green reserve. Pukeiti, the smallest cone in Auckland's volcanic field, stands guard near the entrance to the reserve. Outcroppings of scoria and basalt rise jagged through the landscape as it slopes gently north-west into the sea. It's a haunting place, a portal to Auckland's volcanic past and its first people.

Beside the reserve is a 32-hectare piece of farmland that has been owned by the Wallace family for more than 150 years. In December 2016, it was bought by Fletcher Residential for the development of 480 new homes.

One group has been fighting the project since it was first proposed, and its battle goes back to 1863. **Keep reading...**

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From the SPINOFF 11 June 2020

## **The Māori Party has called for an inquiry into whether colonial monuments that symbolise racism and oppression should be changed or removed.**

Co-leader Debbie Ngarewa-Packer was given a challenging interview on the subject by **Newstalk ZB's** Heather du Plessis-Allen, who put up counter arguments such as why it should be limited simply to the colonial era, rather than encompassing all potentially problematic monuments. The response was that as tangata whenua, Māori can and should speak about what happened here during that era, but should not try and speak for other people. It is also important to stress that what is being proposed is that statues would be moved peacefully, rather than torn down. As to which particular statues should be looked at, **The Spinoff** has asked a group of people for their views.

## **An interesting story from South Wairarapa about the place and purpose of the Council's Māori Standing Committee:**

Arthur Hawkes at the **Times-Age** reports the chairman of this group has resigned, over a perception that the relationship with the Council had been put "back to square one" since the local body elections last year. In particular, the outgoing chairman expressed the view that the District Council "wanted to exert control over us, or didn't trust us".

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## **No portraits exist of one of the most important people in Pacific history**

Tupaia was a man of many talents: high priest, artist, diplomat, politician, orator and celestial navigator.

After fleeing conflict on his home island of Ra'iātea for Tahiti, he befriended botanist Joseph Banks, and joined the onward voyage of James Cook's Endeavour. Arriving in New Zealand in 1769, Tupaia discovered he could converse with Māori. He became an interpreter, cultural advisor and bringer of news from islands that some of the ancestors of the Māori had left long ago.

250 years on, we are barely beginning to know who he was. **Keep reading...**

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## **New Zealand gets its first flag**

On March 20, 1834, a large and oddly mixed group of people gathered at the modest Waitangi home of James Busby.

They included missionaries and settlers, as well as 25 Far North chiefs and their peoples and the commanders of 13 British and American ships.

Busby, the recently arrived British Resident, had called the chiefs together to choose a national flag from three designs he laid out. **Keep reading...**

