

**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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**NWO does not necessarily agree with all of the content in some articles, but we  
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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## **THIS WORKSHOP IS NOW FULL - A SECOND WORKSHOP ORGANISED FOR 17/18 DECEMBER!**

**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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In May 2020, the Iwi Chairs Forum put out a call encouraging people to share their vision in re-imagining the future for New Zealand post-Covid-19.

You see NWO's contribution on our website: <https://nwo.org.nz/resources/re-imagining-the-future/>

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In a video series **Otautahi City Voices**, Jessica Halliday, Director of **Te Pūtahi** Christchurch Centre for Architecture and City-Making, interviews city makers and community leaders about what they discovered during the lockdown, what they have learnt through the pandemic and how this has influenced or galvanised their vision for Otautahi Christchurch.

In this interview, **our very own Katherine Peet** shares about her hopes, including the value of generosity and gift relationships, the value of time and its connection to collective wisdom, relational politics and building not only on what really matters to people but what really matters to us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NoBNXulz9Y&authuser=0>

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### **Christchurch agencies set sights on 2050 vision**

A new initiative is underway to develop a long-term vision and plan for the Greater Christchurch area, driven by a partnership of local councils, Ngāi Tahu, the district health board and government agencies.

**READ MORE**

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## **2020 Ahurei Ākonga Festival of Adult Learning** **Portraits of Learning Exhibition**

New date for celebration of learners event:  
17 September, 5:30-7:00pm

TSB Space,  
Hapori Level 1, Tūranga,  
60 Cathedral Square, Christchurch.

Exhibition photos and associated stories will be displayed at Tūranga  
from 5th - 20th September  
If postponed again, event will be virtual  
RSVP by Friday Monday 14 September, 2020 [RSVP](#)

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### **A clear statement about colonisation**

As an organisation that looks to use education as a tool for change, we are always on the look out for simple words of understanding. The following statement on colonisation was found in the [School leavers' toolkit: Practical skills for life](#) by John Hall. Transparency International news ( August 2020) stated that the Ministry of Education recently released this School Leavers' Toolkit to guide our secondary school students for the next phase of their lives.

### **Colonisation in Aotearoa New Zealand**

**"In modern Aotearoa New Zealand, racial discrimination, or racism, is grounded in our history of colonisation. When settlers arrived from Europe, many thought that they were better than the Māori already living here, and used this to justify some pretty awful things. Some of these ideas still affect Aotearoa New Zealand today".**

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### **R&R With Eru and K'Lee - Episode: Trick or Treaty (26 July)**

In this episode of R&R With Eru and K'Lee, special guests Mere Mangu and Matthew Tukaki discuss what does the future look like now we are discussing the end of Treaty settlements.

<https://www.threenow.co.nz/shows/r%2526r-with-eru-%2526-k%2527lee/season-4%253A-trick-or-treaty/S2098-345/M39352-490>

or podcast:

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/podcasts/r-and-r.html>

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## Art of Maori navigating:

Craig Pauling at the dedication of the new Pou at the Time Ball Station in Lyttelton, explained that it was a highly complex process.

**Navigators had to learn the patterns of the stars and the skills involved were wide ranging. “It took twenty to thirty years for people to learn the skills to navigate. A navigator used birds and fish, the sun, stars, the taste / smell of the water, the temperature, the wind, the swell to chart their course. Each navigator would need to know around 150-star maps for navigation” he said.**

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## 75th Anniversary Of The Atomic Bombings Of Hiroshima And Nagasaki

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A special service was held on 9th August at the World Peace Bell. Peace is also what the preamble of the Treaty is about.

<https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO2007/S00192/75th-anniversary-of-the-atomic-bombings-of-hiroshima-and-nagasaki.htm>

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## Marking 9 August as International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples UN Chief highlights resilience of indigenous people in face of the pandemic

*“Throughout history, indigenous peoples have been decimated by diseases brought from elsewhere, to which they had no immunity,” said the Secretary-General.*

*While indigenous peoples already faced deep-rooted inequalities, stigmatization and discrimination prior to the current pandemic, inadequate access to healthcare, clean water and sanitation increases their vulnerability, he added.*

*That said, indigenous peoples’ traditional practices and knowledge also offer solutions that can be replicated elsewhere.”*

Read the rest of the Secretary-General's comments [here](#).

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ALTERNATIVE AOTEAROA seminar 25 July 2020

– the full video of the seminar is now at <https://chchpn.blogspot.com/> - and transcripts will be available.

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Emma Espiner's new podcast - Getting Better - on the experiences of a Māori med school student.

**What's it like to work in a system that doesn't do right by your own people?**

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/programmes/getting-better>

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### **Call to change the discriminatory law that enables referenda on Māori wards**

Currently, councils can vote to create more wards (e.g. Māori, rural, location-based) during a representation review, which is mandated to take place every six years. These reviews are a way to make sure our elected councillors represent the diversity of the communities they come from. If people don't like the council's decision they can appeal to the Local Government Commission.

But for Māori wards, a different standard applies. After councils vote to create a Māori ward five percent of voters can petition for a referendum to block it. It is *only* Māori wards that can be challenged in this way - rural and location-based wards are safe. And once the results of the referendum are in, the relevant council is bound by that decision for at least the next two elections

A petition is now set up to address this matter:

[https://our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/change-the-discriminatory-law-that-enabled-the-maori-wards-referenda?bucket=blast2105&share=80613e35-18cb-4fb8-867e-402079cd81ee&utm\\_campaign=blast2105](https://our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/change-the-discriminatory-law-that-enabled-the-maori-wards-referenda?bucket=blast2105&share=80613e35-18cb-4fb8-867e-402079cd81ee&utm_campaign=blast2105)

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**The Waikato Regional Council will return Lake Taupō water quality monitoring to the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board, in what is a significant first for local government.**

**Radio NZ** reports that never before has a regional council officially transferred some of its functions to an iwi group. The move is being made partly as a bid to localise the work more, and partly to recognise the ancestral connection between the lake and Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

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