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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.

Please note, NWO is not aligned with any political party.

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.

This course is now open for bookings, so register soon if you would like to attend because this course fills up quickly.

#### **UPCOMING NWO WORKSHOP:**

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

17th/18th December, 9.30am - 4.30pm \$60

This workshop will be run by Network Waitangi Otautahi 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.

#### **REGISTER HERE**

## **NEW BOOK: Imagining Decolonisation**

Contributors: Rebecca Kiddle, Bianca Elkington, Moana Jackson, Ocean Ripeka Mercier, Mike Ross, Jennie Smeaton and Amanda Thomas.

A excerpt from Chapter 5, Where to Next? Decolonisation and the Stories in the Land - Moana Jackson (page 149):

'Decolonisation' may not be the most appropriate word for that kind of remedy because, like colonisation, it came from somewhere else. Perhaps it could be replaced with the ethic of restoration. The use of this term would seek to replace colonisation not by merely deconstructing or culturally sensitising the attitudes and power structures that it has established, but by restoring a kawa that allows for balanced relationships based on the need for iwi and hapū independence upon which any meaningful interdependence must rest.

https://www.bwb.co.nz/books/imagining-decolonisation

#### NEW BOOK: This Pākehā Life: an unsettled memoir

By Alison Jones

A timely and perceptive memoir from award-winning author and academic Alison Jones. As questions of identity come to the fore once more in New Zealand, this frank and humane account of a life spent traversing Pakeha and Maori worlds offers important insights into our shared life on these islands.

https://www.bwb.co.nz/books/this-pakeha-life

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

The exhibition and celebration event on 27th September was very successful. Waimakariri Mayor, Dan Gordon contributed a story to the exhibition and was a speaker at the celebration event. As NWO was the adult education provider linked to his story, we were very pleased to see his story being so well received and particularly the way that he sees himself as a learner.





## Symbols of Injustice by Susan Healy

- written for the independent Catholic monthly magazine, Tui Motu.

#### **READ HERE**

## PODCAST: Exhibitions, anti-racism and allyship

Through discussion of the 1.5 Million Buttons Children's Holocaust Memorial and the Human Rights Commission's Voices of Racism campaign, Chris Harris (CEO, Holocaust Centre of New Zealand) and Meng Foon (Race Relations Commissioner) outline the ways in which exhibitions can address issues of racism, anti-racism and allyship, and encourage participants to take these messages with them into their everyday lives.

#### Listen here

### Tauiwi mō Matike Mai Aotearoa - Non-Māori for ending colonisation

A forum for building the movement of tauiwi (non-Māori) supporting treaty-based constitutional transformation as envisaged by Matike Mai Aotearoa:

https://nwo.org.nz/resources/report-of-matike-mai-aotearoa-the-independent-working-group-on-constitutional-transformation/

This group runs fortnightly Zoom study groups on the Matike Mai constitutional proposals.

We were impressed with the warm and relational way Tuhoe describe the roles in their employment opportunities ...



Be a part of shaping Tūhoe communities and lifestyles from within the valleys of Te Urewera. Working for Tūhoe is both challenging and rewarding. Renewed from Covid-19's demand for better community and resiliency we are seeking discipline and growth to quicken the achievement of these. We need experienced capability allied with instinct, passion and an extreme sense of duty to break impoverishment, while retaining strength of adversity; Te Urewera personality; and kindness for both the greater good and a generation that is coming.

# Receptionist (Full-Time, Permanent)

Reception provides the first point of contact many people have with Tühoe–Te Uru Taumatua. The successful person must express the values and cultural personality of the organisation. The role is responsible for providing professional and efficient service that delivers a credible and positive impression to all. You must be motivated togo over and beyond the call of duty to become the driving force behind the pulse of the organisation. Experience in office administration, customer service and Microsoft Office applications is essential.

#### Assets Planner (Full-Time, Permanent)

Reporting to the Infrastructure Operations Manager regarding the care for Tühoe assets, the Asset Planner is responsible for developing and maintaining accurate and relevant systems to meet agreed asset standards, as well as supporting the planning and scheduling of work that is required to maintain, repair or replace assets. Experience in leading asset or management planning systems is desired. Ability to translate and communicate complex information into logical workflows is essential.

# Information and Technology (ICT) Advisor (Part-Time, Permanent)

The ICT Advisor is responsible for planning and organising the development, maintenance and use of ICT systems that support the efficient flow of policy and information. The successful applicant must have a relevant trade qualification. Advanced level of capability in ICT technology, server management, Office 365, SharePoint and IT security is required.

## Tiaki Pā Team Member (Full-Time, Permanent)

Reporting to the Property Maintenance Team Lead on the care and ongoing maintenance of Te Kura Whare building complex and the surrounding grounds. Amongst others, the Maintenance Team is responsible for protecting and preserving the use of Te Kura Whare for existing and future generations of Tūhoe. The desired person will hold practical experience in general property maintenance or a similar role. Some understanding of operating machinery and equipment is also desirable.



iwi.nz by 5pm, Thursday, 22 October 2020. Visit https://www.ngaituhoe.iwi.nz/vacancies for an application form and the position description.



Wellington City Council moves on mana whenua voting rights
Mana whenua voting rights around the Wellington City Council table have got
closer,reports the NZ Herald's Georgina Campbell. The council has voted to investigate the
concept, particularly the legal and logistical steps around it. The vote was unanimous, and mayor
Andy Foster was paraphrased as saying "the council has a legal obligation to provide
opportunities for Māori to contribute to decision making processes", it was just a matter of
figuring out how best to do that.

## Ngāti Raukawa's claim of Crown Treaty breach on freshwater

In the 7th October edition of Tieke Mike Joy summarises his findings in a report about Ngāti Raukawa's treaty claim in which he details the New Zealand Crown's failure to act as guardians of the freshwater systems in the lower western North Island.

Dr Joy has assessed losses of fisheries and wetlands in the lower North Island due to what he says are three main processes of Crown action or lack of action. He has a full report (see link **here**). Reporting in the 23 September 2020 newsletter of the Institute of Governance and Policy Studies of Victoria University he says:

"In summary there were three main processes by which the Crown reduced the availability of crucial inland waterway assets - that is wetlands, rivers, lakes and the fishes in them."

"The first was the consequence of the purchase of land by the Crown, whereby they controlled vast stretches of land alongside waterways, and thus, controlled access to these waterways."

"The second was the fundamental freshwater community changes brought about by the introduction of exotic fish species, and the initial actions of the organisations representing these fish wanting to remove indigenous eels because of perceived impacts on the introduced fish."

"Third was the degradation of waterways permitted and encouraged by the Crown, through a multitude of changes brought about by vegetation clearance, wetland drainage, building towns near rivers so that stop banking is required, and permitting the discharging of municipal and industrial waste into rivers and lakes. More recently, the Crown failed to protect freshwaters by allowing unlimited intensification of agriculture."

The full commentary is available online here.

## Racism is no laughing matter - NZ Race Relations Commissioner

Meng Foon didn't properly register that he was Chinese until he was eight years old. When children at his tiny Mākaraka primary school, west of Gisborne, started chanting, "Ching chong Chinaman", Foon joined in, not realising it was directed at him and his brother. "That's when Dad gave us a bit of whakapapa regarding who we are, why we're here and what we came here for."

Perhaps the other children thought it was just a harmless rhyme. But, a year into his new role as New Zealand's Race Relations Commissioner, one of Foon's primary messages has been that racism isn't a joking matter. *Keep reading...* 

#### **Reflections on Institutional Racism**

from EARTHTALK 20 September 2020

While we celebrate the progress being made in reclaiming te reo Maori, and the many exciting Maori projects which are enriching us all, we are also deeply concerned about the depth of institutional racism which undermines justice and equality in Aotearoa. The most recent public challenge to institutional racism has come from senior and [...]

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