

**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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could find on particular topics; please feel free to direct us to better ones, including
to books, articles, podcasts, etc.**

**This course has only a few spaces left - can
you help us promote so we can fill?**

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.

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Glenys Daley of **Tika Check Editing and Indexing** has created an index for Matike Mai. You can access it **HERE**

Ngāi Tahu Claim - Wai Māori

Ngāi Tahu have just lodged a claim in the high court for Crown recognition of Rangatiratanga of Wai Maori within the takiwa of Ngāi Tahu Whānui - **Ngāi Tahu, Statement of Claim - Wai Māori**

Its statement of claim is to address the ongoing degradation of rivers and lakes of the region caused by environmental mismanagement. Further to Te Tiriti, the claim lays hold of the acknowledgement of Ngāi Tahu rangatiratanga within the apology made by the Crown in the Ngāi Tahu settlement (both Deed and Act):

“The Crown apologises to Ngāi Tahu for its past failures to acknowledge Ngāi Tahu rangatiratanga and mana over the South Island lands within its boundaries, and, in fulfilment of its Treaty obligations the Crown recognises Ngāi Tahu as the tāngata whenua of, and as holding rangatiratanga within, the Takiwā of Ngāi Tahu Whānui.”

- The Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 (Apology by the Crown to Ngāi Tahu – Part 1, Section 6(7)).

In the article **Ngāi Tahu court case 'good starting point' for healing South Island rivers, lakes**, Freshwater ecologist Mike Joy says Māori rangatiratanga will ensure the “river comes first”.

Statistics NZ addresses problems with 2018 census for iwi

The **Mana Ōrite Relationship Agreement** was signed between Stats NZ and the DILG of the National Iwi Chairs Forum (NICF) in October 2019.

The relationship is supported by a funding agreement and the work programme for 2020 includes a key workstream to examine and develop ways to address the disproportionate negative effects for iwi of the lack of data from the 2018 Census results.

Members of the DILG are leaders representing tribes from around Aotearoa, supported by iwi data technicians who are specialists working across the data system.

From from Victorious newsletter, Victoria University Wellington:

The power of te ao Māori

Justice Sir Joe Williams (Ngāti Pūkenga, Te Arawa) was a first-year student when Te Herenga Waka Marae was established in an old university villa. Forty years on, he is excited to be an ambassador for the redevelopment of the marae precinct into a Living Pā.

[Read more](#)

Bicultural view at Te Papa

Courtney Johnston, who holds a Master's in Art History, is the youngest ever tumu whakarae (chief executive) of Te Papa Tongarewa.

[Read more](#)

Pre-colonial understanding of wāhine in Te Ao Māori

- excerpt from Pānui wāhine, published by the [Ministry for Women](#)

The roopū attended a Judicial Conference before the Waitangi Tribunal panel hearing for the Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry on 5 October 2020. The purpose of these hearings is to commence the inquiry with an exploration of the tikanga of mana wāhine and the pre-colonial understanding of wāhine in Te Ao Māori. [You can find more information on their website.](#)

Reflections on Westminster-style democracy

from EARTH TALK 20 Oct

Our government structures are based on those of England, unsurprisingly. Early settlers from England, Scotland and Ireland assumed their right to install the systems of government they were used to. After the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840, they flooded the country with immigrants (historian James Belich describes the settlement process as a tsunami...

[Read on](#)

From Speak Up Korerotia November 2020

"Exhibitions, anti-racism and allyship"

with Meng Foon (Race Relations Commissioner) and Chris Harris (CEO, Holocaust Memorial NZ)

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An update from Laura O'Connell Rapira of Action Station who is taking up a new role in Australia ...

Kia ora e te ActionStation whānau

One of the things I love most about ActionStation is that we are powered by people. Our community set the course for our work in many different ways:

- Regular online surveys to shape consensus
- Voting members with governance oversight of our Board and constitution
- A majority member-funded financial model so that we are beholden to the community and not corporations, lotteries or government

In 2017, I loved helping to coordinate Kai and Kōrero, a nationwide distributed consultation process where ActionStation members came together in homes, cafés, community halls and even a McDonalds to discuss and imagine the future of Aotearoa New Zealand in 2040.

We chose 2040 because it will be 200 years since Te Tiriti o Waitangi was first signed and because we wanted to invite the kind of imaginative thinking that can happen when thinking long-term. More than 500 people participated in those conversations and more than 4,000 people participated in the corresponding online survey.

Our staff team then took those insights to a panel of independent policy experts and Indigenous leaders to ask: What are the policies you recommend in the 2017 - 2020 electoral cycle that will help achieve these outcomes by 2040?

We put it all together and created what's called *Te Ira Tāngata* - or the human blueprint - a crowdsourced living vision for Aotearoa in 2040, the values we need to get us there and some policy ideas to make it happen. Our plan then was to organise

ourselves and our community to work together in new and creative ways to bring that vision and those policies to life.

Today, I'm proud to share a people-powered progress report on how we as a progressive movement are tracking. With the help of some incredible volunteers, we've analysed the government's progress on all 51 of our policy recommendations which you can read about in more detail here:

Read our progress report

The victories and progress within this report do not belong to the ActionStation community alone. The wins have been achieved by many organisations and people working together over many, many years to make progressive change possible. I am grateful to every single person who takes action - big and small - for a fair and flourishing Aotearoa New Zealand and I hope reading this progress report brings you hope.

I also have some big life news to share which is that I have been offered the role of Executive Director of Capacity Building at the Foundation for Young Australians and have decided to accept.

My role will be in supporting young leaders and youth movements to unleash their power to change Australia and the world. I wasn't actively looking for a new job and was approached by the new CEO to apply. After sitting with the decision, speaking with my tūpuna in silent meditation by the ocean and discussing it at length with my whānau - I have decided it's the right thing to do.

From my perspective, Australia needs more allies for Indigenous and climate justice. When I was thinking about applying for the role, I saw a news story about a mining corporation blowing up a 46,000-year-old sacred Indigenous site. More recently we've seen the destruction of Djab Wurrung birthing trees. These stories break my heart and my ambition over time is to better connect young leaders and youth movements across Aotearoa, Australia and the Pacific so that we all benefit.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve the ActionStation movement over the past (almost) seven years. I have loved being a part of, and nurturing, this broad-based community working for Indigenous sovereignty, a distributive economy, whānau wellbeing, a healthy planet and restorative justice. We have had some incredible wins, I've made some lifelong friends and learned so much along the way.

I'll be sad to leave the ActionStation team and the opportunity this new government presents for transformative change, but I know that I leave the work in capable and determined hands.

Our progress report is proof.

With love and hope,

Laura

P.S. We are looking for a new Director! If you are interested in applying for the role or you know anybody who would be brilliant at it, you can **find out more here**.

