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ŌTAUTAHI

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**TREATY-BASED  
MULTICULTURAL  
FUTURE**

Understanding the Treaty as a framework  
for the future for all of us

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## INTRODUCTION

Network Waitangi Ōtautahi (NWO) is a Third Sector Organisation (TSO) whose members cover a wide range of expertise, including educational, scientific, technical, and sociological.

Our primary aim is to build understanding of the Treaty - meaning *Te Tiriti o Waitangi* - as a framework for the future for us all, and to model how it can be honoured at the micro level. All our work aims to support the restoration of Tino Rangatiratanga by Tangata Whenua and the establishment of honourable Kāwanatanga by the Crown. Te Tiriti o Waitangi is commonly seen as relating almost exclusively to Māori but in a Treaty-based future it will be understood as relevant to all of us, with all political relationships between Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti based on it. We understand this to be critical to social cohesion in this country.

For our sake and the sake of all who come after us we need to move beyond reliance on monocultural approaches inherited from the Westminster system of government during colonization, which rely on majoritarian decision-making. We believe a commitment to the restoration of Rangatiratanga as the context and the Treaty as the framework for the future will result in a shift to relational politics and to greater understanding of mutual dependence between people in this country as well as between people and the natural world. This will benefit us all.

In a speech in Wellington on 17 August 2006, Dr Pita Sharples referred to the words spoken by Captain William Hobson who signed Te Tiriti on behalf of the British Crown 'He iwi kotahi tātou' meaning 'Now we are one people'. Dr Sharples notes:

*"As Nelson Mandela had said, 'It is difficult to negotiate with those who do not share the same frame of reference'.*

*If we are able to recognise and come to have a shared view of this political document called the Treaty of Waitangi, as our shared frame of reference, then and only then, can we perhaps say – He iwi kotahi tātou".*

Because the intent and actual content of Te Tiriti o Waitangi are not well-known, let alone well-understood, we make our contribution through education to enhance understanding of the indigenous status of Tangata Whenua (people who whakapapa to a Māori ancestor) and the role of Tangata Tiriti (everyone else). We focus on what was happening both globally and locally in the period leading up to the signing of the Treaty and also on the importance of its five aspects – the Preamble and the four Articles.

**All 5 aspects** of the Treaty need to be taken together as a whole and as a follow-on to the 1835 Declaration of Independence – He Wakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni.

**Preamble:** Peace with justice for all

**Article 1:** Practising honourable KĀWANATANGA

**Article 2:** Promoting TINO RANGATIRATANGA by Tangata Whenua

**Article 3:** Maori participation in Kāwanatanga in ways determined by Māori in relation to tikanga

**Article 4:** Everybody's belief systems upheld

In this context we would make the point that we continue to address the results of the promotion of the many substitutes for the Treaty. We are clear that development based on the Treaty cannot be substituted by:

- Equal/equitable development
- Culture, cultural differences, cultural safety and intercultural development
- Biculturalism or bicultural development
- Just understanding history and colonisation alone
- Treaty “settlements”
- Any of the several sets of Principles of the Treaty e.g. Partnership, Protection and Participation
- The so-called ‘English Version’ (which was not present at Waitangi on 6 February 1840)

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED SINCE FEBRUARY 2020**

Particular opportunities to explore our thinking in the period since our last Report to the **2020 AGM** for the period 22 November 2018 to 28 February 2020 have arisen from: -

- Talia Ellison’s address to our 2020 AGM. This has been an ongoing resource in our work as we uphold our commitment to support the conclusions in the MATIKE MAI Report from the Iwi Leaders Working Group on Constitutional Transformation. We are also excited to read the recently released Report of the Working Group on a Plan to Realise the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Aotearoa New Zealand - HE PUAPUA.
- the government announcement that *NZ history is to be taught in all schools by 2022* refers to the need to include local histories. We are pleased that the NZ Teaching Council website puts this in context, noting that this inclusion has significant relevance in affirming Maori learners as tangata whenua and reflects a commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and addressing injustices caused by colonisation.
- Professor Margaret Mutu’s recent AKO seminar *Embedding Te Tiriti o Waitangi to address racism in the tertiary sector* highlighted the need to embed understanding Te Tiriti if we are to address racism.
- Dr Heather Came’s retrospective review of NZ’s Primary Health Care Strategy published in January 2020 which revealed how health policy from 2006-2016 is poorly aligned with the articles and provisions of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This affirms our advocacy of not substituting the Treaty with any set of “principles”.

This has led to an emphasis on both the values-based and place-based nature of our work.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### INFORMATION SHARING

#### EDUCATIONAL POSTS

During the Lockdown period members of the Organising Group (OG) continued to develop Educational Posts to complement and expand on material in our *Treaty of Waitangi Questions and Answers* publication. These posts have been uploaded to both the NWO website and to our Facebook page.

#### NWO FACEBOOK PAGE

Just before our last AGM in January 2020, we launched the [NWO Facebook page](#). Our aim is to use this platform to connect with a wider audience to share educational resources. OG members manage this development.

#### PODCASTS

The podcasts are produced from our written stories of encounters between Maori and Europeans prior to the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. They have proved really popular and we have decided to broadcast the series biannually on Plains FM radio around Waitangi Day and October 28<sup>th</sup> (the day He Wakaputanga o te Rangatairatanga o Nu Tirenī (the Declaration of Independence) was signed).

#### SNIPPETS

This newsletter, in which we record recent developments impacting on a Treaty-based future, is available to NWO members and to Treaty workers around the country on request. Currently there are 96 such *Snippeteers*, 86 of whom are NWO members. Organising Group members contribute to and circulate *Snippets*.

#### NWO WEBSITE

Keeping the NWO website up to date and current

We continually update resources for our workshops and these updates are reflected in resources we make available to download from our website e.g. [Who are Tangata Tiriti?](#)

In the 14 months from February 2020 to March 2021 (inclusive), we had over 15000 visitors to our website and just under 33000 page views. Currently, the most visited page is the 'Report of Matike Mai Aotearoa – The Independent Working Group on Constitutional Transformation' followed by our 'Resources' page.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF HARD COPIES OF RESOURCES

Organising group members take responsibility for managing and distributing hard copies of the following resources: -

#### NWO Treaty Poster with the associated 1835 Declaration poster

We have been producing posters of the 1835 Declaration of Independence *He Wakaputanga o te Rangatairatanga o Nu Tirenī* and *Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the Treaty of Waitangi*, each with some comment and explanation, for well over 25 years. The posters are available to download from our website and in hard copy. To date we have produced 80,000 *He Wakaputanga o te Rangatairatanga o Nu Tirenī* posters and 87,000 *Te Tiriti o Waitangi* posters. They have also been distributed by the Dunedin and Christchurch City Councils for use in their citizenship ceremonies.

#### Decolonisation Posters

Two posters, one for tauīwi individuals and another for tauīwi-led organisations were added to our offerings in 2020. Tamaki Treaty Workers gifted us 3000 to distribute on the same koha basis as our other posters and we are about to reprint the version for tauīwi individuals, which is so far more popular than the version for organisations.

## The Treaty of Waitangi Questions and Answers Booklet

This handbook continues to be widely distributed. In addition to the many hundreds that have been downloaded, over 9280 hard copies have been distributed for \$5 each plus postage and packaging. A new edition will soon be undertaken, led by Moea Armstrong of Network Waitangi Whangārei (NWW), for which NWO has undertaken to begin the fundraising.

NWW began to print the Q&As booklets to supply its own workshops and events from mid-2019. To date they have printed 800 copies.

Examples of the distribution of Q&As, apart from those to participants in our own educational sessions and workshops referred to elsewhere in this report, include to a large number of interested individuals, and in bulk to Treaty educator colleagues in Tāmaki Makaurau, Treaty People (Ingrid Huygens) 536 for 16 workshops held around the country, Tauwi Solutions in Otepoti, Project Waitangi Palmerston North, Kūwaha in Lower Hutt, Pōneke Tiriti Action Collective, 70 to 3 Oranga Tamariki workshops, the Salvation Army 100, 20 to a workshop for Tangata Whenua at Waitangi 2021, 104 by Kuranui College/South Wairarapa Kahui Ako in Greytown/Carterton.

We also continue to supply the Auckland and Canterbury University Bookshops, All Books in Christchurch and Wheelers and Academy Books in Auckland, as they are all educational distributors. The Green Party sells them from its website. And of course, where Q&As are supplied, posters usually accompany them.

## **NETWORKING**

This involves local, regional and nationwide organisations in all three sectors – government, commercial and the third sector. Recognition of the third sector *within* the wider community can overcome confusion often created by the way this sector is misnamed the Community Sector – government and commercial sector organisations are also part of the wider community!

We are involved in many third sector organisations particularly in order to build understanding of the Treaty. For the same reason we also have some peripheral links to organisations in both the commercial and statutory sectors. For an example of the latter see this link: [\*\*Network Waitangi Ōtautahi\*\*](#) now available on the Ministry of Culture and Heritage with the explanation: “*Teaching resources and ideas to support units of work relating to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.*”

## LINKS WITH THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS (TSOs)

### NATIONALLY

NWO is a member of HuiE! Community Aotearoa, the Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Research Centre (their webinars have been particularly useful), and ACE Aotearoa (ACEA) whose annual conference we attended, and which links with UNESCO and Asian South Pacific Basic and Adult education ASPBAE.

We have links with Action Station, Community Networks Aotearoa, NZ Council of Christian Social Services, Transparency International, Inclusive Aotearoa Collective, Tauwi mo Matike Mai, Asians for Tino Rangatiratanga, STIR, Protect Whānau Whenua – Pataua Whangarei, SOUL at Ihumātao, Environmental Defence Society, Environment and Conservation Organisations (ECO), Wise Response, Sustainable Energy Forum, Engineers for Social Responsibility, The Royal Society, Fabian Society seminars, Aotearoa Water Action, Community Law Centre’s manual chapter on Treaty Activism, Peace Movement Aotearoa, Parihaka Committee, United Nations Association, NZ Alternative, Alternative Aotearoa, Women’s Studies Association, Kotare Research and Education for Social Change, Federation of WEAs, Public Service Association seminars, Save West Papua campaign, Child Poverty Action Group, Living Wage campaign, Council of Trade Unions, Gen Zero, Arataiohi Youth Council

### ŌTAUTAHI CHRISTCHURCH

NWO is a local member of Sustainable Ōtautahi Christchurch (usually known as SOC), Enviro Hub, Social Equity and Wellbeing Network (formerly COSS, now known as SEWN).

We continue to support One Voice Te Reo Kotahi (OVTRK) and the OVTRK Organising Group. Their kaupapa is Tiriti-based and upholds the four wellbeings (environmental, social, economic and cultural) now reintroduced to the primary purpose of the Local Government Act. Their focus on developing strategy and policy for our Third Sector assists NWO's understanding as we work with others to advocating for TSO voices to be heard.

Other TSO Connections include Te Pūtahi (Christchurch Centre for Architecture and City Making), ECO Canterbury Network, 350.org, Ihutai Trust, Te Ahu Patiki, Avon Ōtākaro Network, Canterbury WEA Programme Advisory Committee and Council, Te Whare Roimata, Te Kete Koha (Time Banks collective), Phillipstown Hub, Project Lyttelton, Te Pūtahitanga (Commissioning Agency for Whānau Ora for Te Wai Pounamu), Christchurch Resettlement Services, Speak UP Koreroia, SHAKTI, Community Languages Information Network (CLING), Christchurch Multicultural Council, Canterbury Refugee Centre, Interfaith Council, Peace and Disarmament Centre, Women's Centre, The Howard League for Penal Reform, Tenants' Protection Association, Campaign Against Foreign Control in Aotearoa, Christian World Service, Christchurch ACE Network / Festival Adult Learning, U3A Pegasus, Public Health Association, Mount Pleasant, Redcliffs and Sumner Residents' Associations.

### CROSS SECTORAL LINKS

As mentioned above we have a close relationship with One Voice Te Reo Kotahi (OVTRK) - see [onevoicetereokotahi.blogspot.co.nz](http://onevoicetereokotahi.blogspot.co.nz). OVTRK has a *Relationship Agreement* with the Greater Christchurch Partnership (which comprises the 3 local authorities, the regional council, the District Health Board and the Land Transport Authority). These links with OVTRK have provided us with insights into both the limits and constraints as well as the possibilities of cross- sectoral work. Opportunities to make these links recently include CPH *Waka Toa Ora Healthy Christchurch* seminars, ECan *Networking For the Environment* seminars, AKO Aotearoa seminars, Landcare seminars including one on Water as a Commons, Office of Ethnic Communities forums, CCC project *In Common*, CCC *Interagency Network For Refugees and Migrants (INFORM)*, CCC *Culture Galore*, WDC *New Migrants Group*, SDC *Multicultural Festival*, *Otautahi Partnership to Strengthen Community Organisations (OPSCO)*, University of Canterbury *LINC programme*, *UN Sustainable Development Goals Summit in NZ* stakeholder group.

An opportunity to further explore the possibilities of increased cross sectoral understanding is through the Open Government Partnership workshops in the light of the Public Service Act passed in 2020. We are working with a number of other Third Sector Organisations including HuiE! to advocate for the co-creation of these possibilities.

### LINKS WITH TREATY EDUCATION GROUPS AROUND THE COUNTRY

We have really valued our intermittent contact with Treaty workers who order our resources (listed above).

It has been difficult during Covid-19 period to re-establish links we initiated before lockdown at the meeting of a local network of Treaty workers.

Beyond this local network and those who order our hard copies we continue to liaise closely with Network Waitangi Whangarei and most *Snippeteers* who live outside this city.

We participated in the

Interviews by Esme Hall in for her research topic: *Decolonising Sovereignty – Can Aotearoa New Zealand Balance Kawanatanga and Tino Rangatiratanga in its Constitution?*

*Treaty-based Futures: Antiracism 2020* webinars

*Planning to end racism* national gathering in March 2021

We have received the abstracts from the *Settler Responsibilities* conference in February 2021

### GOVERNMENT SUBMISSIONS / CORRESPONDENCE:

Local Government NZ - submission on their Reinvigorating Local Democracy report

Parliament - submissions on the

Public Service Legislation Bill

Education and Training Bill

Land Information NZ - submission on te reo place names proposals

Climate Change Commission Report – here is the link to [NWO submission to Climate Commission](#)

Minister of Education in support of new history framework

Te Arawhiti / Office of Maori Crown Relations re our concerns about the accuracy of references to Te Tiriti o Waitangi in various government publications.

As stated earlier, we are pleased to record in this Annual Report that there is a link to [Network Waitangi Ōtautahi](#) on the NZ History page of the Ministry of Culture and Heritage site.

## ORGANISING WORKSHOPS

The flow for any session / workshop is developed in consultation with the interested group according to time available, prior knowledge amongst the participants and desired outcomes. Workshops are designed to give everyone in the group the opportunity to learn from each other's experiences. They start from where people are and are non-confrontational. They are aimed at exploring what it means to live in this country, what te Tiriti o Waitangi says and how to think about and work toward the Treaty as a framework for the future.

General areas covered include:

- ancestry and culture, values, cultural difference and cultural safety
- what was happening before 1840, including the 1835 Declaration of Independence
- the Treaty documents
- post Treaty legislation and actions taken by Maori attempting to call the Crown to account
- monocultural / bicultural / bilateral / multicultural / partnership issues
- colonisation and decolonisation
- personal, cultural and institutional racism, social statistics and economic issues
- Treaty 'settlement' matters
- new ways of thinking, living and working
- models and possible actions for moving towards a Treaty based society, particularly in relation to a "strongly sustainable" future.

Participants are encouraged to develop a plan of action.

We do not set fees for our workshops but ask that our expenses be covered and invite [koha](#) in relation to provision of the education (receipts will be sent). Invitations to work outside Ōtautahi are considered.

## SOUND BITES TO SUMMARISE NWO APPROACH IN WORKSHOPS

- Our tagline *Understanding the Treaty as a framework for the future for all of us* is to assist profiling the Treaty as not just a Maori approach – our concern is always to accompany this message with recognition that for this to be the case it must be honoured and colonisation addressed.
- We take a [handshake approach](#) to the Treaty – the image of the five digits of the hand as the Preamble and the four articles – these are all connected and need a blood supply from understanding particularly the pre-Treaty story
- Understanding Tikanga, The Dclaration (and thus the form of authority that was retained in Te Tiriti) and Te Tiriti in all its five aspects provides an acronym TDT which we have created to counter the 3 Ps so often used to summarise approaches to Treaty work..... [from 3Ps to TDT](#) – this shift emphasises the need to understand what led to the signing of the Treaty and what the Treaty actually says.
- We emphasise that this is a values-based and place-based approach.

## SUMMARY OF WORKSHOPS AND FORMAL SESSIONS HELD SINCE LAST AGM

<b>WORKSHOPS 2020</b>	<b>HOURS</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
17 March	7	6	Christian World Service
22&24 September	14	19	Canterbury WEA (for public)
5 November	6	43	Early Start
9 &10 November	14	17	Human Rights Commission (Auckland)
24&25 November	14	31	Human Rights Commission (Wellington)
17&18 December	14	21	Canterbury WEA (for public)
<b><u>2021</u></b>			
25 February	5.5	10	Community Networks Aotearoa (national)
9 March	5.5	23	Red Cross Staff (in CHCH + few national)
20 March	6.5	7	Red Cross Volunteers (in CHCH)
8&9 April	14	19	Canterbury WEA (for public)
<b>Shorter but formal sessions 2020</b>			
18 February	1	60	Salvation Army South Island trainers
5 March	1	18	Statistics NZ Staff Christchurch
8&22 May	2.5	10	Canterbury WEA by Zoom (for public)
8 June	3	9	Osteopathic (national) Council
27 July	2	12	Great Scott Company
27 August	3	8	UC Postgrad Students, some on zoom
30 September	3.5	16	Skillwise
Sep/Nov	6	5	Burwood Academy of Independent Living
4 November	3	22	Hurunui District Council
<b><u>2021</u></b>			
15 January	3	25	Skillwise – formal follow up
12 April	2	8	Phillipstown Hub

## **FOLLOWING UP AFTER WORKSHOPS, INCLUDING ORGANISING IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOPS**

While time consuming this usually leads to organisations taking responsibility for their own action plans.



Our role is to respond to requests, review plans and suggest amendments to align with the Treaty as a framework for the future.

## **SUPPORTING THOSE DEVELOPING THEIR TREATY WORK**

### NON-FORMAL SESSIONS

Many of these sessions are unable to be named because they are with individuals and groups who seek advice from us as to what actions / resources we have to assist them in their mahi to increase understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a framework for the future for all of us in their organisation or workplace (those includes government departments as well as large TSOs which have not updated their understanding since the policy was first written).

### NWO MEMBERSHIP

Once a workshop has been completed, we offer membership to NWO. The current membership stands at 86. Members receive *Snippets*, our regular update with news and views on the Treaty referred to earlier in this Report.

### ORGANISING MEETINGS ON TOPICS OF INTEREST

Apart from our AGM, this past year has focused on supporting the forums and workshops with One Voice Te Reo Kotahi whose role is outlined above. Our time and energy are also expended in acting in solidarity with other organisations to assist in making visible a Treaty-based approach which better matches their formal commitment to the Treaty.

## **MAINTAINING A COMMITMENT TO ACCOUNTABILITY TO EACH OTHER AND TO MANA WHENUA**

### MANA WHENUA / TANGATA WHENUA

Our relationships with mana whenua / tangata whenua since we began in 1984 with Project Waitangi Ōtautahi (the five-year project which preceded the forming of NWŌ) have been pivotal for us. Being based in Ōtautahi has highlighted the importance of place and of being accountable to mana whenua in our work.

Initially our relationships were through Te RūnakaRūnaka ki Ōtautahi o Kāi Tahu, which was established in 1936. Their Upoko at the time we were established in the 1980s was Waha Stirling. Rev. Maurice Manawaroa Gray was passed the role as Upoko. It is with heavy hearts that we record the CCC Mayor's tribute to him:

Rev Maurice Manawaroa Gray MNZM., L.Th., MNZM, Upoko RūnakaRūnaka ki Ōtautahi o Kāi Tahu passed away on Tuesday 12 January 2021 aged 65 years. Maurice was of Kāi Tahu, Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu and Rangitane descent and a respected and loved Tohuḡa and Kaumātua who helped many throughout his life. I had the privilege of attending the service at Rāpaki Marae, before he was laid to rest at Koukourārata. He had a long association with the city council, and in August 2010 led the ceremony where he blessed the then new Christchurch Civil Building and naming it Te Hononga. He will be sadly missed by us all. May he rest in peace. Kua hinga te totara i te wao nui a Tane

We were blessed by being included in wānanga that Maurice led and his ongoing tutoring along with other members of the Ōtautahi Rūnaka with whom in some case we worked directly, Kiwa Hutchen, Murray Parsons, George Ehau, Elsie Roder, Elizabeth Cunningham, Jim Anglem and Rex Gibson. We supported Hui Whakamana Tiriti which was established by the Ōtautahi Rūnaka to provide opportunities to share information and to converse about key Treaty issues with people from many different organisations.

When Ngāi Tahu were taking their claim to the Waitangi Tribunal we supported Jim McAloon's work for the Claim and after Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) was established we informed the then Kaiwhakahaere Mark Solomon of our work.

Our ongoing relationship with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) has recently been through Arihia Bennett particularly in relation to our feedback to the Iwi Chairs Forum call for contributions to *#Aotearoa2020vision*.

Our purpose in making our recent submission on the Climate Commission Report was to encourage the Commission to take greater account of the wisdom of and the world view of tangata whenua. We believe this shift along with a commitment to honour Te Tiriti is essential for a socially cohesive approach to the most pressing -“wicked”- problems facing this country, and the world. The climate crisis cannot be separated from prioritising mana whenua and supporting tangata whenua – indigenous people are in the front line.

We continue to value our subscription to TRONT publication Te Karaka and our receipt of Te Panui Rūnaka.

We record here our thanks to Ta Tipene O’Regan and Helen Brown (whose recent historical work on Aroha Poharama revived many memories for us). They have been generous in assisting us to access publications of the Ngai Tahu Archive team such as *Ka Huru Manu*, *Te Tiriti ki te Manuao Herara* and *Tangata Ngāi Tahu*.

We have continued to complement these relationships with several other Maori educators and commentators whenever possible as referred to elsewhere in this report. Helen Leahy at Te Pūtahitanga is always encouraging and our inclusion in the Ngāi Tūāhuriri workshop with Lynne Te Aika continually resources our work. We were pleased to deliver a banner to Ihumatao in support of their stand. Teina Boasa-Dean from Tuhoē research *An Indigenous View of Doughnut Economics from NZ* has been enlightening.

After the CCC established Te Hononga with the 6 Papatipu runaka in Greater Christchurch we valued the support of Gabrielle Huria of Ngāi Tūāhuriri and Kaharoa Manihera as well as of Manaia Cunningham when he was based at ECan.

We continually attempt to maintain connections with those 6 papatipu runaka, with Rehua marae and with Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd - a company owned by those six Rūnaka whose work after the 2011 earthquake has created a much less monocultural rebuild of the city.

We were pleased to respond to a request from Aroha Reriti-Crofts to present a session about the Treaty to participants at one of the Healthy Day at the Pa at **Tuahiwi marae** and were honoured to receive her invitation to the celebration there of her award as Dame Companion of the NZ Order of Merit. Connections made at our Waitangi Day stall organised by Dave Brennan of Ko Tane in Victoria Square have assisted our understanding the new developments in Ngai Tuahuriri. We are truly honoured by the presence of Te Maire Tau tonight.

An invitation from CCC to attend **Rāpaki marae** citizenship ceremony where NWO posters are distributed led to a new connection through Andrew Scott who introduced us to Ripeka Paraone who we were able to update about NWO resources for Te Pa o Rakaihautu School.

Helen Brown’s invitation to NWO to support on her work as an Okains Bay Trust on Waitangi Day again this year revived some connections with people of **Koukourarata marae**.

We have not been able to follow up our inclusion in the 2018 Waitangi Day **Wairewa marae** citizenship ceremony. That was our first connection there since the passing of Matua John Panirau. We are attempting to keep alive connections with people from **Taumutu marae** at the 2019 Welcoming Communities launch at Selwyn District Council. That connection re-established past links with Taumutu which we enjoyed when Taua Ruku Arahanga was living in Awhitu House. Similarly our links with **Ōnuku marae** through Debbie Tikao have been limited this year.

We will continue to seek guidance on how best to maintain these connections.

## NWO ORGANISING GROUP

2020 saw NWO member Annie Gordon join the Organising Group in March when previous OG member AC Hunter moved to Australia, and Kathryn Wilson joined us in April.

Our office base in Te Whakaruruhau ki Ōtautahi *Christchurch Community House* continues to be a vital resource for our work and we record with warmest thanks our appreciation of the willing assistance on so many fronts by Mike Asmussen and Jax Maguire. Their role as our reception desk is invaluable.

During the Covid-19 Lockdown the OG moved from holding fortnightly face to face meetings in Community House to holding meetings via Zoom. This presented a challenge for us in maintaining a collective approach to our mahi which we have worked hard to overcome. Since Lockdown ceased and the country moved back down through COVID alert levels we began holding every second meeting back at the Community House space, keeping alternate meetings as a zoom catch-up. We have upgraded our resources for publicity with a pull-up banner and new logos and we have established the use of Google Drive by the OG. We look forward to having the capacity to make the best use of these developments. This approach to our work together seems to be working well for us. Other challenges we have faced throughout the period on this report include pressure on OG members due to changed personal circumstances and associated time constraints meaning some of our projects, such as the work on educational posts, have been put on hold.

Last year our AGM recorded the resignation of long-term member of the OG Eileen Shewan due to changes in her personal circumstances and we have just recently received with sadness the unexpected resignation of another long-term member Averil Williams.

As Averil is not with us this evening we want to place on record tonight our warm appreciation of her part in our development work over more than 30 years. Her sharp intellect, organisational knowledge, expertise and commitment have been so valuable. In particular we record here our thanks for the well-ordered legacy from her role as Treasurer.

## **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

The Financial and Service Statements tabled at this meeting and our financial indicators since balance date are within acceptable ranges and we do not see any large changes on the horizon that would cause alarm as far as finances go.

At the end of March 2021, we were holding \$1466 of the \$3500 2020 COGS grant towards operating costs, \$701 of the \$1000 2020 Quakers Peace grant towards rebroadcasting the pre-Treaty story podcasts and \$1691 of the \$6350 2019 Rata Foundation donation towards operating and podcast costs (the first two were received in the 2020-21 year so will appear in the 2021 accounts).

As we had \$35,510 in total in the bank at the end of March this year (which includes \$9138 grants and funders' donations moneys remaining and the \$800 insurance money mentioned above), there is nothing in the finances to cause concern at the moment.

Further COGS applications open next month, and we will apply.

As mentioned above we had not replaced our flimsy broken gazebo by the end of 2019-20 but have since spent \$800 on a stronger one and another \$398 on accessories such as a trolley for the gazebo, a flag spike and a new banner.

We printed 5000 Dols in January 2021 (which will appear in the 2021 accounts of course). The reason for this was that we discovered that all the outdated Dol posters had not been discarded as we had intended. When those new ones arrived, we dumped the last 1500 of the outdated ones.

We still had 3620 Dols, 2700 ToWs, 1800 decol posters and 380 Q&As on hand at March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.

We will continue the subscription to Zoom which enables us to have every other OG meeting online and will decrease OG members' mileage and parking costs, though only minimally.

At some stage we will need to address a continuing somewhat disturbing long-term trend in outside funding which is the slowly reducing amount we are able to attract from the main sources we traditionally apply to, due to both increasing competition and shrinking funds. However, while we have long had a policy of not applying to funders who receive their funds directly and solely from gambling such as Lotteries and the gaming trusts, which reduces our opportunities of course, we have not yet come to the point of needing to change that policy.

NWO is in excellent heart financially

The Government's reviews of the Charities Act and the Incorporated Societies Act could well bring changes that would affect us so we will be sure to keep an eye out for those and possibly make submissions.

Finally, as noted at previous AGMs, OG members come and go and the amount of time that individuals can put into NWO changes. We record here that we have a policy of willingly paying for workshop leaders' contact time at Ara's casual teaching rates and of reimbursing costs incurred in doing NWO work. We currently meet in the evenings (twice a month for 2 hours each time). We called for offers from our members to be involved in the work of the OG in the notice for this AGM. Any feedback to the OG about people who can already lead educational opportunities or want to learn, and / or people who can administer a Third Sector Organisation or want to learn will be appreciated. We will value your time, passion, networks, skills and effort and invite expressions of interest at any time.

## **CONCLUSION**

Te Tiriti o Waitangi was and is an invitation to Tangata Tiriti to belong in this land IF the Treaty is honoured. It is the basis of the developing culture of Tangata Tiriti and of their nationhood. Acceptance of the Treaty as a shared frame of reference for bilateral Tangata Whenua - Tangata Tiriti relationships, along with the recognition of the indigenous status of Tangata Whenua as outlined in the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* can assist settlers as Tangata Tiriti to identify their appropriate role in establishing an honourable Kawanatanga - the one promised in the Treaty.

As mentioned in the introduction, we are heartened by shifts in wider society reliance on majoritarianism alone. Consensual politics and values-based, place-based approaches are sought by many Third Sector Organisations. Organising these independent voices in the context of all 5 aspects of the Treaty framework could have a critical role to play, alongside academics who have a statutory responsibility to be critic and conscience of society in encouraging relational politics based on the Treaty of Waitangi.

NWO's particular emphasis is on education to encourage those who do not have Maori ancestry to understand and commit to the Treaty as a framework for a multicultural, strongly sustainable future while synthesising a socially cohesive future. We are aware of the need to address both White Fragility and White Paralysis from analysis. There is much to be done!

Kia kaha koutou

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