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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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**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.**

UPCOMING NWO 2-DAY WORKSHOP:
UNDERSTANDING THE TREATY IN 2021 - Network Waitangi Otautahi

8th/9th April, 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 2021 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](#)

Moana Jackson's Opening address to the Matike Mai Constitutional Convention February 3 2021

<https://tehiku.nz/te-hiku-radio/matike-mai-maori-constitutional-convention/16491/opening-address-dr-moana-jackson>

Why te Tiriti should place a limit on the supremacy of parliament

Jacinta Ruru and Jacobi Kohu-Morris imagine an alternative to New Zealand's constitutional framework that gives Te Tiriti o Waitangi the mana it deserves and Māori a meaningful seat at the table.... **READ MORE Why te Tiriti.....**

Governor General comments on the role of the Monarchy

This article highlights the role of the Crown in relation to the Treaty:

<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/governor-general-mounts-ill-advised-defence-of-monarchy>

A wish for Waitangi

The change this intensive care specialist is hoping for "would be nothing less than a restoration of sovereignty to Māori in the crucial area of healthcare. It will restore to Māori the power and ability to organise, purchase and deliver services in ways that are appropriate for them and which will ultimately improve their health outcomes in a similar way. This has to happen if we truly want to see better health outcomes for Māori.... **READ MORE** [Dr David Galler](#).

Marsden Cross - birthplace of a nation....

Hugh Rihari argues that while Waitangi is historically important for the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1835 and Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840, the birthplace of the nation is actually Marsden Cross on Purerua peninsular, north of Kerikeri:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/destinations/nz/northland/300205262/secret-nz-northlands-marsden-cross-takes-claim-as-birthplace-of-the-nation>

Ngāti Kahungunu has joined Ngāi Tahu in a court bid for rangatiratanga over freshwater, which would give rights, responsibilities and obligations.

This [Hawke's Bay Today](#) story focuses on what that would mean for the area, falling within the iwi rōhe. The key concern – shared by the regional council – is that progress to reverse degradation.

\$150m investment fund for Ngapuhi

Government sets aside \$150m for investment fund as Treaty negotiations with Ngapuhi drag on.....

A fair go for Maori Wards

On 2 February The Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta announced **she will introduce new legislation that will remove the ability to petition and block Māori wards on Councils who wish to have them.**

The legislation will be retrospective to allow the councils which have voted for a Māori ward in the last few months to not have to put it to a referendum. It will give other councils around Aotearoa until May to decide whether to introduce a Māori ward in time for the council elections in 2022. The Government hopes to pass this legislation by the end of February.

Voting in Māori wards

Local Government Council elections use the same electoral rolls as parliamentary elections. If you are on the Māori electoral roll, you would vote in both a Māori electorate and a Māori ward/constituency (if one exists).

Electors on the Māori electoral roll also vote for:

- The mayor
- Any members of a community board or local board
- Any councillors elected by the district as a whole (for example, as at Hutt City Council, which has a mixed system where some members are drawn from wards and some are elected at large)

NOTE:

Electors of Māori descent have the option of switching between the Māori and general electoral rolls during the Māori Electoral Option run by the Electoral Commission every 5-6 years (after the Census and before the drawing of Parliamentary electorate boundaries).

Keystone XL pipeline is CANCELLED!

On his first day in office, US President Joe Biden cancelled the Keystone XL pipeline, setting a precedent that all permitting decisions must pass a climate test and respect Indigenous rights - he is following through on his promises to protect people and the planet. [Watch this video.](#)

True equality, fairness shows no bias / favour

by Khylee Quince, 6 February 2021

See link:

[We conflate fairness with treating everyone the same](#)

Kiwi making Kiwi better off"

"For Kiwibank it's not about the financial return, it's about delivering on our purpose of making Kiwi better off. It's an essential part of being true to our vision statement. For me that speaks to what te ao Māori truly is and how we look at the impacts of what we're doing, not just on ourselves but the wider community, te **taiao**,

Papatūānuku and Ranginui." - Teahooterangi (Teaho) Pihama

Full article:

<https://thespinoff.co.nz/business/19-01-2021/the-man-with-a-mandate-to-change-the-way-kiwibank-thinks-about-maori/>

Aotearoa New Zealand's histories to be taught in schools.

As you may know, in September 2019 the Government announced that Aotearoa New Zealand's histories would be made explicit in the national curriculum. The Ministry of Education has developed a draft curriculum update for both *Te Marautanga o Aotearoa* and *The New Zealand Curriculum*.

The draft curriculum update is available online and open for public engagement until 31 May 2021:

[Aotearoa New Zealand's histories in our national curriculum – Education in New Zealand](#)

They want to hear from as many people as possible before public engagement closes

British kids are being taught some very dodgy things about Aotearoa

Ahead of Waitangi Day, UK schools and education companies tried to engage with Māori culture. But a string of examples, ranging from ignorant cultural appropriation to harmful and inaccurate depictions of history, show colonial attitudes remain entrenched. **[Read more](#)**

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