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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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NWŌ 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.

Covid-19 Strategy, Te Tiriti and Human Rights

15 December 1-2 pm (via Zoom) Click here to register



Paul Hunt will address the Te Tiriti o Waitangi and human rights implications of the Government's Covid-19 response in an upcoming webinar which be believes needs careful analysis.

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protection of people in Aotearoa New Zealand, while preserving the safeguards we have in place to avoid discrimination and a disproportionate limit on the rights and freedoms of groups or individuals."

"A tiriti and human rights-based approach supports these initiatives, and the Commission urges the Ministry of Health and district health boards to prioritise their work with iwi and hapū to increase vaccination rates among Māori," says Mr Hunt.

"Human rights are not just about rights. They are also about our responsibilities to each other, including the responsibility to do all we reasonably can to keep each other safe," This powerful concept is woven deeply into the fabric of our society. It is a feature of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It's common to all of Aotearoa New Zealand's communities. Read More Click here to register

Ngā Takahoa a Te Apārangito Companion - Dr Moana Jackson



DR MOANA JACKSON, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Porou, Rongomaiwahine, is among the most highly valued and respected lawyers in Aotearoa New Zealand. He is a specialist in Te Tiriti o Waitangi and constitutional issues.

He is recognised as one of four 2021 companions of Ngā Takahoa a Te Apārangi, the Royal Society of New Zealand. The companions are seen as "... outstanding individuals for leadership or eminent contributions to promoting and advancing humanities, science or technology in New Zealand."

New Zealand Made/Nā Nīu Tīreni, a Stuff project launched in 2018 helps expose some useful documentation about the Treaty and Māori land loss. This article discusses the unsettling truth about the treaty.

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An excellent, thought-provoking article by Dr Moana Jackson in light of the Waitangi Tribunal hearing this week brought by the Māori Council can be read here



Murray Kirkness from the NZ Herald writes: ... we are pleased to relaunch an updated version of this series under its original title **Beyond White Guilt**. It includes this introductory commentary by two of the featured interviewees, **Jen Margaret** and **Alex Hotere-Barnes**, who reflect on how much progress Aotearoa has made.

Read and watch more

Congratulations to Heather Came as the 2021 Kāhui Hauora Tūmatanui Public Health Champion Read more



Royal Society investigation into mātauranga Māori letter sparks academic debate

A debate over the role of Western science in colonisation has spiralled into a disciplinary process within an academic organisation, leading to claims of a chilling effect on academic freedoms

Two authors of a controversial letter on the scientific status of Māori knowledge may be expelled from a prestigious academic society, following several complaints.

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Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Human Rights - Plains FM

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Paul Hunt (Chief Commissioner, Human Rights Commission), Katherine Peet (Network Waitangi Otautahi) and Richard Tankersley (Ngai Tahu). Conversations on human rights in our country. **To listen, click on the "Te Tiriti o Waitangi" episode here**

Access to Māori vaccination data – Te Pou Matakana v Attorney-General

The High Court released its **decision** on a judicial review brought by Te Pou Matakana Limited (Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency) and its information systems provider, Whānau Tahi Limited. Here is the final point:

I conclude in relation to this limb of the applicants' claim that in exercising its discretion under r 11(2)(d) of the Code, the Ministry did not have adequate regard to Te Tiriti and its principles, as informed by tikanga.

Co-governance at heart of plans for Ōtākaro Avon river corridor. Read more

The Central Failure of Cop 26

New Zealand's latest pledge of a 50 percent net reduction in emissions by 2030, delivered many months late just before COP26 started, looks good at first glance. But it ranks us high among nations on the scale of fudges and empty promises, as **Carbon Action Tracker's analysis shows**. It estimates our actual cuts in domestic emissions could be as little as 25 percent.

We're beginning to understand that, particularly as more New Zealanders appreciate Te Ao Māori, the indigenous understanding of the natural world which ensures humans are in a right, symbiotic relationship with nature. Notably, the voice of such indigenous knowledge is growing in strength and impact at COPs and was a welcome development in Glasgow. Read More

A Wonderful Difficulty

While it seems to have been shuffled sideways for now, the weight of history and the reality of the present both support a view that we haven't heard the last of He Puapua, Tom McKinlay reports. **Read more**

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Stories from Tuhoe

The Tāneatua Village is back underway after pausing during the August-September lockdown. Whilst the Covid-19 situation has affected some access to supplies the team continues to work hard to keep things moving. For more stories form Tuhoe click here

Immigrants share stories of 'uprooting and planting' themselves in Aotearoa

Immigrant Journeys, is an idea that came out of a conversation Lady Khadija Trustees Hafsa Ahmed and her husband Razi Syed had with friends following the Christchurch terrorist attack on two mosques on March 15, 2019 and grew from an observation that "We felt that a lot of the immigrant stories are often the negative stories captured the most." Read more

Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor landing and bridge sites blessed Read more





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