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

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Network Waitangi Ōtautahi's AGM was held on 22 June - thank you to mana whenua  
and to those who attended. Morgan Godfery's conversation on "Co-governance:  
Future or threat?" followed the AGM and can be listened to [here](#)

*Morgan Godfery Te Pahipoto (Ngati Awa), Lalomanu (Samoa)  
Morgan Godfery is the Māori research partnerships manager at the University of Otago.  
Morgan is a former parliamentary staffer, trade unionist and working journalist. He  
graduated in law from Victoria University of Wellington in 2015.*

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Moana Jackson was our Māori Yoda, writes Moana Maniapoto. He “defined what Māori have constantly felt, yet struggled to articulate. He brought clarity to our struggle and wisdom to our kitchen tables, influencing generations of policymakers and jurists alike.” [Read and watch here](#)

## Right to switch between the Maori and general electoral rolls

Te Pāti Māori leader Rawiri Waititi's member's bill, the Electoral (Right to Switch Rolls Freely) Amendment Bill **was drawn from the tin yesterday**. The bill will allow Māori to change between the Māori and general electoral rolls at any time. Currently switching rolls can be done during a four-month window every five or six years.

Golriz Ghahraman's Electoral Strengthening Democracy Amendment Bill **was drawn in May**. It also proposes enabling Māori to switch electoral roles at any time.

Government making same proposal - Labour's justice minister Kris Faafoi **announced a proposal** to make it easier for Māori to change whether they vote for candidates in Māori or general electorate seats.

Change requires support from the National party. This change, which will be introduced to the house via a bill in the coming weeks, requires support from 75% of parliament meaning the National party needs to support it. The party's justice spokesperson **Paul Goldsmith said** they wouldn't support the proposal in its current form as it could be gamed. Goldsmith said people could switch rolls in a by-election or at the general election to vote in marginal seats. They are suggesting excluding roll switching three to four months before general and local government elections.

## MATARIKI 2022

Celebrating Matariki was discussed on Speak Up - Kōrerotia [listen here](#)

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## The Humble Superstar of Matariki

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*"When Te Pire mō te Hararei Tūmatanui o te Kāhui o Matariki/Te Kāhui o Matariki Public Holiday Bill was passed into law this April, it signified an acknowledgement of the importance of te ao Māori to Aotearoa's identity..."* [Read more](#)

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*"It's hard not to notice the difference between this year's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the first official Matariki holiday. Laura Walters asks what this says about us as a nation, and where we're headed."* [Read more](#)

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## Puanga the Keen Lover



In the week of Matariki, Airana Ngarewa pays tribute to Puanga. "Puanga (Rigel) is Taranaki's tohu of the new year. In our rohe, it is said to be the oldest star in the sky which is why she leads these celestial bodies into te tau hou." [Read more](#)

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## The Meaning of Mana

*"There are more cautionary notes in Māoridom dealing with mana than you could shake the proverbial stick at. It is a source of both personal and collective strength, pride and identity. Mishandled, it becomes the bearer of shame, ridicule and embarrassment. If mana allows us to walk tall, then it also casts a long shadow—humility."* [Read more](#)

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## He Tapuae: SMP

On the day they **heard the re-commitment** by Crown agencies to Tūhoe - Te Urewera lifestyles over the next five years. A Te Urewera lifestyle is a responsible one and looks forward to improving our systems and capability as we work through the Crown engagement protocols with Tūhoe.

*He Tapuae: SMP, making the imagined, real. One year on our shared work focus are being realised."*

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## A Landmark day for Māori health

*"As a Māori health activist, I'm thrilled by how far we've come. I'm also wise enough to know health inequities are far from solved"* writes Gabrielle Baker. [Read more](#)

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### Judge Heemi Taumaunu



"...just over 30 years ago when his dad persuaded him to give up his army career and turn to law, Heemi began taking steps that have been leading not just towards more fairness, especially in youth courts, but also to a growing feeling in a number of Māori communities that maybe they should abandon the belief that they shouldn't ever count on justice in our courts ...

*'I simply thought the system could be improved. That was the lesson I learned from my experience as a youth advocate, and I took that idea with me when I joined the bench. I was confident we could do something to improve the way that we dealt with young people in that court — and that's what has happened'."* [Read more](#)

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## Bringing tikanga to the board table: an indigenous approach to governance

More and more New Zealand organisations are finding success through embracing tikanga Māori... [Read more](#)

## Dr Hope Tupara: Stepping up again



As new president of the Māori Women's Welfare League Dr Hope comments:  
*"The League was really uplifting for us because we got to understand that we weren't alone. We got to hear of other women and how they managed to work through problems."* [Read more](#)

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## Human Rights scorecard reveals those most likely to suffer violations

*"Chief Human Rights Commissioner Paul Hunt says the government must improve outcomes for tangata whenua, disabled people, LGBTQIA+ and low-income earners, including homeless people, who all suffer high levels of human rights violations."*

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## Wahine Maori transforming a medical institution

*"In December the University of Otago appointed its first wahine Māori dean, then just months later appointed its second. We asked professors Suzanne Pitama and Joanne Baxter what this means for them, the university and Aotearoa."*

Writes Alice Webb-Liddall from The Spinoff [Read more](#)

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## Jackson not 'comfortable' with co-governance draft

Willie Jackson is delaying taking a draft United Nations' Declaration Plan to Cabinet because he knows ministers won't support it. [Read more](#)

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## Selling a racist paradise - A handbook from the dark origin story of colonialism

*"In November 1902, the travel agency Thomas Cook published a guide to what New*

*Edwardian era, and how this fledgling state wished to parade its attributes to overseas visitors."* writes Paul Moon. [Read more](#)

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## Cultural markers in Ōtautahi



Learning about the cultural heritage of Ōtautahi-Christchurch is about to get easier for residents and visitors alike. [Read more](#)

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## Time to unteach "race"

From beginning to end, Te Tiriti o Waitangi is a non-racial agreement, writes Dame Anne Salmond, but it has been recast as a partnership between races, and that has provoked racist reactions. [Read more](#)

[Click here](#) to read Tina Ngata's response.

*"Even if we can't live in a world where the opinions [like this article](#), where Dame Anne Salmond historically and cultural decontextualises Te Tiriti o Waitangi to her own ends, makes it to print, it would nonetheless be nice if that was not connected to a system which dehumanises and disadvantages our people at every turn..."*

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## The Execution of Arthur Wakefield

Dr Phillip Temple writes: *"It gleamed alone in the foyer of the National Library. A superb mere, pounamu, mounted inside a raised glass case. The label read, "Te Heketua. The mere used to kill Arthur Wakefield at the Wairau, 1843." I bent forward to look more closely but there was no suggestion of blood or brains on its finely polished edge. I wondered what this had to do with the adjacent exhibition about Rangiātea Church at Ōtaki, nearly 150 years old, which had been burned down by an arsonist the year before (1995)..."* [Read more](#)

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## Ihumātao governance group formed but lacking consensus

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political editor Jo Moir [Read more](#)

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## Recently appointed knighthoods



**Sir Buck Shelford**

**Rāwiri Paratene**

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## If New Zealanders won't listen to Māori maybe they'll listen to Prince Harry...

*"Anything that upholds mātauranga Māori as a solution to the many woes of the climate crisis is a positive, writes Te Kuru o te Marama Dewes. But the least the Duke of Sussex could've done was share his platform of influence with Māori."*

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