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**Kia ora <<First Name>>,
Welcome to the latest edition of SNIPPETS; Treaty news from around the
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NWŌ AGM



Thank you to all those who attended the AGM on 14 August (and those who sent in apologies). We had an excellent talk from Professor Claire Charters (Rongomau

Te Raranga Networking Event

Guest Speaker: Chris Finlayson, Minister of Treaty Negotiations 2008-2017

Thursday 24 August, 5:30pm at Te Puna Wanaka whare

Ara Institute of Canterbury

"Christopher Finlayson gained unique insight into the elements of successful negotiations and was involved in developing legal innovations to reach settlements. He has valuable insights into the essential components of settlements, considering in particular themes such as natural resources, co-governance and legal personality."

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Parihaka hopeful drillers will be kept off historical lands

"Last month Parihaka Papakāinga Trust asked minister Megan Woods not to issue any exploration drilling permits on the Parihaka Block, a week before bids closed for the government's latest Permit Block Offer 2020."

Interesting discussion including the comment from Tuhi-Ao Bailey:

"We don't hold mana whenua: It's mana tikanga is how we talk about it, that we're kind've the political voice. The hapū have their own voices as well and the same with the iwi - but Parihaka is also made up of those iwi and those hapū".

[Read more](#)

Chris Hipkins on his commitment to te ao Māori

Moana Maniapoto sat down with the prime minister recently, and asked if he's committed to the things that matter most to te ao Māori. [Read more](#)



country who came together out of concern about the fear being encouraged over co-governance. A small group of us did the research, writing and technical stuff, checking in regularly with our wider group of Treaty educators and with various Māori groups. We have also checked in with all the people we have quoted to make sure that they are happy with their stories and views being used in this context." Sue Abel

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Moving past the Pākehā backlash

"Right now, there's an atmosphere that validates direct and damaging racist behaviour. The roots are deep and the attitudes bloom whenever social conditions allow. But the values we admire as Pākehā, of tenacity and courage, can be reframed to suit where we are now — the tenacity to unpack the past, the courage to embrace a different future." writes Catherine Delahunty - [read more](#)



Kia hūmārie tōu haere – come alongside us

In this conversation Taipuni Ruakere speaks with Alex Barnes about how schools and other organisations can come alongside tangata whenua in a way that supports hapū aspirations.

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UPCOMING NWŌ 2-DAY OPPORTUNITY UNDERSTANDING THE TREATY IN 2023 Network Waitangi Ōtautahi

Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 September 2023

9.30am - 4.30pm

\$70

Venue: CWEA, 59 Gloucester Street, Christchurch

Putting Pākehā in the shoes of a colonised people

"It's this belief — 'I am a good person and therefore incapable of wrongdoing' — that makes institutional racism almost impossible to combat. The reality is we are all capable of perpetuating harm against one group of people or another, despite how 'good' we perceive ourselves to be." writes Tihema Baker - [Read more](#)



This beautiful new season is a time for beginnings, a period of rejuvenation for the land, and an excuse to revisit the goals we set in January! Take this chance to see why so many people celebrate this season across the globe! Taste sweets as we observe the **spring equinox at exactly 6:50 pm**. Listen to music, win prizes to fun activities or sit back and enjoy a dance performance! To register (free) [click here](#)

- 🌸 Remember your **cash** for food!
- 🌸 Free **childcare**!
- 🌸 Free entry (**register now**)

Dr. Mahdis Azarmandi from the University of Canterbury examines racism and anti-racism

"What do we mean when we say racism? And how do we fight and challenge it? Dr. Mahdis Azarmandi discusses why it's difficult to talk about racism and how to make sense of the often-misunderstood idea of 'race'." [Read and listen here](#)

Nelson land case an example for other indigenous peoples

"In 1839 Maori landowners in the Nelson area sold 151-thousand acres to the New Zealand Company on the condition that ten percent of their land would be reserved for Maori in perpetuity. But that agreement was never honoured and soon the Wakatu Incorporation, which represents descendants of the original owners, will soon take their case in front of the High Court. Professor Claire Charters from Auckland University law school was involved with Wakatu's Supreme Court case in 2017 and she says Wakatu's efforts are an example for indigenous peoples worldwide to assert their rights and reclaim their cultural heritage." [Listen here](#)

Also on TVNZ [watch and read here](#)

'White anxiety' and the quest for power-sharing in Aotearoa

Professor Paul Spoonley thinks a lot of the fears that some New Zealanders have would actually in fact evaporate if they were able to see Co-Governance in practice. [Read more](#)

Whenua at stake

The 180-year legal case you might never have heard of goes before the High Court next month. by KERENSA JOHNSTON

On August 14, the longest-standing case against the Crown in New Zealand's history will start in the High Court at Wellington.

This is a case that has been going on in some form for more than 180 years – since the New Zealand Company bought land, about 151,000 acres, in Nelson and surrounding areas and agreed to retain 10% of it for the benefit of the customary Māori landowners. That land became known as the Nelson Tenth's Reserves.

This legally binding agreement was confirmed by Crown grant in 1845. But, like many of the land deals that were made in the mid-19th century, the promise was not upheld.

But this is not a Treaty of Waitangi claim, and that makes this case both unique and incredibly important.

The Proprietors of Wakatū and Others vs Attorney-General is being fought through the courts as a private law breach of trust case. It is a legal issue with legally binding consequences, completely outside the realm of political treaty settlements.

In 2017, in a landmark decision, the Supreme Court – New Zealand's highest court – ruled, by a majority of 4-1, that the Crown owes a fiduciary legal duty to the Māori customary owners of the Nelson Tenth's Reserves.

Barrister Karen Feint has called this the court's most important decision yet on Māori legal issues. "It seems to me that the true legacy of the Wakatū decision is that it represents a breakthrough in the courts' willingness to intervene (in the absence of legislation) and hold the Crown to account into what has hitherto largely been cast as a political relationship."

The Supreme Court sent the case back to the High Court to decide on the extent of the Crown's breaches, remedies and any defences the Crown may argue. This is the case that will be heard from August.

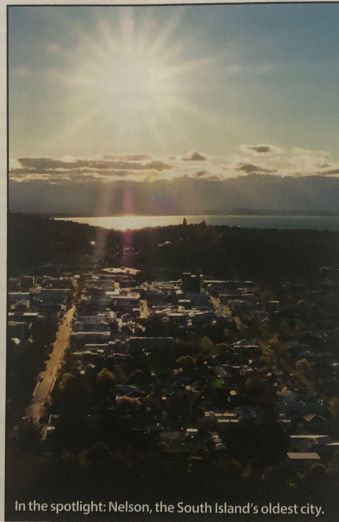
The decision will mark a seminal moment in the country's

legal history, and the implications extend beyond New Zealand's borders. Indigenous communities and legal academics worldwide will be watching, finding hope in our people's pursuit of justice.

The case has become a catalyst for discussions on indigenous rights and land restitution globally.

Professor Claire Charters, an international expert on indigenous rights, noted, "The Proprietors of Wakatū case has demonstrated the power of the law to correct historical injustices

and create a more equitable society. It offers a roadmap for indigenous peoples worldwide to assert their rights and reclaim their cultural heritage."



In the spotlight: Nelson, the South Island's oldest city.

"The case offers a roadmap for indigenous peoples worldwide to reclaim their cultural heritage."

At home in Te Taihū – the top of the South Island – less than 3000 acres of the promised 15,100 acres of the Nelson Tenth's Reserves was reserved, leaving a significant shortfall owed by the Crown. In addition, papakāinga, wāhi tapu and cultivation lands that should have been protected were not.

Disconnected from our whenua tuku iho, many of our whānau and hapū left Te Taihū, changing our political, social and cultural landscape forever. And, today, more than 180 years on, the Nelson Tenth's Reserves remain incomplete.

Many New Zealanders have never heard of the case. And many won't be aware that history will be made in Wellington in a few short weeks. As a nation, it is time to bring this case out into the open. We must all watch closely come August 14 to understand what's at stake and to ensure the Crown, represented by Attorney-General David Parker, restores its mana by finally pursuing a resolution. The world is watching. ■

Lawyer Kerensa Johnston (Ngāti Tama, Ngāruahine, Ngāti Whāwhakia) is chief executive of Wakatū Incorporation. She also chairs Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga – the Māori Centre of Research Excellence – and Ngāti Tama ki Te Taihū Charitable Trust.

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From Parihaka to He Puapua: it's time Pākehā New Zealanders faced their personal connections to the past

*"I can already feel the defensively minded scrabbling together the usual case for avoiding this uncomfortable history — eulogising hard-working settlers as the **backbone of the nation**, bemoaning the **creeping "separatism" of He Puapua**, "**woke**" **Pākehā**, and being made to feel **guilty for being a European** New Zealander.*

There's a lot of this about at the moment, but it needs to stop. It only enables the evasion of hard truths about the history and contemporary impacts of colonisation in this country — one of which is that for many Pākehā, me included, our time here

Maria Bargh: Changing the system one step at a time

Maria Bargh explains to Connie Buchanan why she decided to take part in a process that promises incremental rather than immediate, transformational change for Māori.

[Read more](#)

Julian Batchelor under investigation over anti-co-governance pamphlets

The Electoral Commission says the material could be considered election advertising, and may earn its author Julian Batchelor a hefty fine.

[Read and watch here](#)

Christchurch City Council citizenship ceremony



A citizenship ceremony in Christchurch at the Ngā Hau e Whā National Marae, presided by the city's mayor, Phil Mauer. Such ceremonies give new citizens an appreciation of the Māori world that New Zealand-born citizens miss out on, writes K Gurunathan. [Read more](#)

As election looms, can we have a safe campaign season for Māori?

"...might I suggest our leaders just imagine their audience is all Māori." writes Joel Maxwell. [Read more](#)

The organiser of a series of Taranaki talks about co-governance says he wants to dispel needless fears around the issue. The Super-Awesome Origin Story of Co-Governance will see four evening talks at Taranaki Cathedral's Te Whare Hononga, beginning in a fortnight. [Read more](#)



UN concerned at high rates of juvenile and Māori imprisonment

UN recommends urgent change in the criminal justice system to ensure human rights are upheld. [Read more](#)

How crime news harms us all

"Media coverage of the Auckland shooting amplifies the harm against communities most vulnerable to violence, writes criminologist Sara Salman. It cements misconceptions about crime generally and mass shootings specifically, with harmful consequences for the whole country." [Read more](#)

Māori place names

Meaning and mātauranga are embedded into Māori place names, and we are seeing a groundswell of public interest alongside Treaty settlements and statutory obligation to see them recognised and restored.

Guests: **Ruihana Smith** (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kuia Trust) and **Wendy Shaw** (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa New Zealand Geographic Board) - [Listen here](#)

Matariki is a mark of how far we have come, and how far we have to travel

"It requires a constitution that reflects our foundation in te Tiriti o Waitangi and our multi-cultural, multi-ethnic society. It requires a constitution established by law and

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The terrible emptiness of “Oppenheimer”

The blockbuster movie leaves out the real story’s main characters: New Mexicans.

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Ka Mua, Ka Muri: Understanding Te Tiriti Discussion Guide

This guide has been designed to support group discussions to deepen your understanding of Te Tiriti and develop actions for a just and flourishing

Aotearoa. [Read more](#)

The guide includes a set of five questions to deepen your connection to the people, places, history, and aspirations of Aotearoa. Find out more by visiting the [UToW workshop page](#):

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