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Tikanga is the first law of Aotearoa

A senior lawyer has filed a complaint about tikanga becoming a required law school module. Law lecturer Carwyn Jones explains what he's getting wrong. Read more

Open Letter to Parliament: Honour Te Tiriti, honour Te Taiao -

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Repealing Ngāi Tahu representation is regressive

"The Government wants to repeal the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Act 2022. That is regressive and harmful to not just the iwi, but our region and country too." writes Dr Liz Brown. - Read more



Tīrama Mai is back this winter to celebrate Puaka-Matariki in the heart of Ōtautahi Christchurch. Read more

Treaty Principles Bill

How to Have a Conversation about the Treaty Principles - ActionStation webinar presented by Erin Matariki Carr and Max Harris - watch here

Makere Mutu presented her evidence on the second day of the **urgent Waitangi Tribunal** hearing into the Treaty Principles Bill



New doco dives into controversial 2004
Foreshore and Seabed Act

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Ngāti Kahu pen letter to King Charles over Te Tiriti O Waitangi

Ngāti Kahu has finished drafting a letter to King Charles III calling on him to stop what they say is a violent attack on Te Tiriti O Waitangi, a Māori academic and iwi chairperson says - Read more



"The striking report goes far beyond the proposed repeal of the Oranga Tamariki Act's Treaty of Waitangi provision, and its impact should be felt far beyond the unique circumstances of the claim it addresses." writes Luke Fitzmaurice-Brown - Read more

Tikanga Māori and the rights and obligations of free speech

The western liberal concept of freedom of speech isn't necessarily the best or only way to create an environment that promotes the free exchange of ideas and healthy debate. As Carwyn Jones argues here, tikanga Māori offers a more nuanced, less black and white way of thinking about the rights and obligations of free speech.
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Hui ā motu

Thousands attended the second national hui for unity at Omāhu Marae, in Hawke's Bay

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Ngāhuia Murphy: The mana and mātauranga of wāhine Māori

"Revolutionary doesn't come close to describing the impact that Ngāhuia Murphy's work is having on a generation of wāhine Māori." - Read more

Settler memory and Indigenous counter-memories: narrative struggles over the history of colonialism in Aotearoa New Zealand

In settler colonies – such as the United States, Canada, Australia, and Aotearoa New Zealand – collective remembering has long been dominated by singular Euro-centric narratives of the historical past that seek to erase the voices and histories of Indigenous peoples. - Read more

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Concerns for indigenous rights in Review of NZ's human rights record

Twenty-one countries made recommendations regarding the current NZ Government's backdown from the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and te Tiriti o Waitangi in Aotearoa.

Te Kāhui Tika Tangata Human Rights Commission's Tino Rangatiratanga shared leader Julia Whaipooti says:

- Aotearoa trails other democracies in realising Indigenous peoples' tino rangatiratanga (self-determination).
- There is a serious flaw in how readily Parliament can override human rights, and especially the rights of Indigenous peoples.
- There is a growing understanding that greater constitutional protection for Indigenous rights and te Tiriti o Waitangi is needed, as reflected by the recommendations.

In coming months, the Government will prepare a report outlining how it will respond to the recommendations. The final outcome report, which will include whether the Government accepts, or notes recommendations will be adopted at the 57th session of Human Rights Council, which is 9 Sept - 9 October 2024.

Note: Every five years New Zealand is reviewed on the global stage for its human rights record, through a process called the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), overseen by the United Nations Human Rights Council. The <u>full list of 259</u> recommendations made by member states has now been made public. For more information about the UPR, see the <u>Commission's webpage here.</u>

Fanning the flames beyond Matariki



Next month, we'll be celebrating Matariki as a nation for the third year, thanks in large part to the work of Māori astronomy scholar Dr Rangi Mātāmua. However, as Dr Mātāmua says here, Matariki is just the tip of an iceberg brimming with celebration and ceremony from te ao Māori. Read more

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A recording of the panel discussion facilitated by the Human Rights Commission's Principal Advisor to Human Rights Commissioners, Dr Kat Eghdamian, is available to watch online:

Panelists

Andre Afamasaga – Samoan, Christian and Rainbow. An ex-pastor, Andre is a leader and speaker on human rights and social cohesion.

Golriz Lucina Gundry – Iranian, Armenian and Baha'i. Golriz is a New York Times bestseller and co-founder of SoulPancake which uses the power of storytelling to connect hearts and create a shared vision for the future of humanity.

Tahirah Moton – Muslim, Ngāti Maniapoto, Pakistani. Tahirah has a background in public health and advocacy, and is passionate about Indigenous self-determination.

Encircling Pedagogies of Peace: Faculty for a Free Palestine -Read more

Ngāti Kahungunu the first iwi to urge support for a 'ceasefire in Palestine' - Read more



The Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa - An appeal to preserve the integrity of Te Tiriti o Waitangi - Read more

Catholic Congregational Leaders alarmed at Treaty politicking - Read more

UN human rights review a red flag for Government

Every five years, New Zealand's human rights record is scrutinised by the United Nations as part of its Universal Periodic Review (UPR). New Zealand's fourth review took place last month, in Geneva. **Read more**

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Ngai Tahu academic Matthew Scobie, 'the future of Aotearoa depends on how Māori engage with capitalism.' - Listen here

A love letter Tangata Tiriti honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi Toitū te Tiriti - Read more

The long struggle of the Kanak people

"They came with the Bible in front of them, in the hands of the Catholic missionaries, and the army behind them. And when we woke up, it was us with the Bible in our hand, and they had our land." — Kanak leader Susanna Ounei, who died in 2016 - Read more





The shrine at Uvanu in northern New Caledonia where a ceremony was held this weekend to mark the anniversary of the execution of 10 Kanaks resisting French colonial rule in 1868.

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Solidarity action group calls on NZ to support Kanak, Papuan independence - Read more

Pip Adam: It's too easy for Pākehā to do nothing

"Novelist Pip Adam took centre stage at the recent Ockham national book awards —

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Tangata Tiriti Aotearoa Free Thursday Lecture Series



Call for support of West Papua

The New Zealand government is called on to pressure Indonesia to do more to address ongoing human rights atrocities being committed by its security forces against indigenous peoples in West Papua......From Pacific Waves 18 May 2024 -Listen here

NWŌ recognises the text in te reo Māori as the Treaty. No English language version was signed at Waitangi on 6 February 1840. Any NWŌ references to the Treaty/Te Tiriti are to that text in te reo Māori. A modern, accurate expression in English of its text in te reo Māori is available on the NWO website.

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