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**Kia ora <<First Name>>,
Welcome to the latest edition of SNIPPETS; Treaty news from around the
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**In this resource, we share information about current conversations and issues;
local, national and sometimes international.**

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to books, articles, podcasts, etc.**

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[Open letter to Christopher Luxon: Stop the Treaty Principles Bill](#)

In an open letter to PM Christopher Luxon, over 150 community groups and civil society organisations have asked for an immediate stop to ACT's Treaty Principles Bill. Signatories say the Bill is **constitutionally destructive** and should not be dignified with a select committee hearing. **[Read more](#)**

David Seymour's response letter - **[read more](#)**

Carwyn Jones: The Treaty bill is an act of extreme bad faith

*"A good faith public
discussion grounded in
good information would
be helpful. This is not
what is being proposed*

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Jones.

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Te Pāti Māori proposing new law to make Waitangi Tribunal recommendations binding on the Crown

The party said if the coalition Government could not be trusted to honour Te Tiriti on its own accord, then such legislation was needed to “keep them in line”. Te Tai Tonga MP Tākuta Ferris submitted the member’s bill today. He said the Treaty of Waitangi (Empowerment of Waitangi Tribunal) Amendment Bill would also allow the Tribunal to consider all proposed legislation to ensure consistency with Te Tiriti o Waitangi. - [Read more](#)

New Zealand’s commitment to Indigenous rights under international spotlight



Te Kāhui Tika Tangata Human Rights Commission’s (the Commission) Tatau-Urutahi shared leader, Julia Whaipooti, appeared before the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) at the United Nations in Geneva. EMRIP provides the Human Rights Council with expertise and advice on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and helps member States, like New Zealand, to achieve the goals set out in UNDRIP. Watch and read [here](#)

Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Manuhiri walk out of Iwi Chairs Forum hui with ministers

Te Rūnanga ā Iwi o Ngāpuhi and the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust have walked out of an Iwi Chairs Forum hui with government ministers, including

Ngāpuhi members protest at Parliament against Section 7AA repeal

More than 200 people including from Aotearoa's largest iwi, Ngāpuhi, gathered outside Parliament in Wellington on Monday to oppose the

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Iwi o Ngāpuhi, said he refused to sit there longer and listen to the government's rhetoric.

Read and watch [here](#)



Uncertain Relationships: Indigenous law in Settler States

Come and hear UC Professor Kirsty Gover talk about domestic and international settler law affecting Indigenous peoples. Her recent research addresses the legal and political theory of legal pluralism in 'settler states'. - [Read more](#)

Date: Wednesday 14th August 2024.

Time: 5 to 6.30pm.

Location: University of Canterbury Faculty of Law.

Cost: FREE.



**Saturday 10 August
1 pm, Latimer Square**

Palestine Solidarity Network are leading a network comprising Toitū te Tiriti, climate change groups, School Strike for Climate, unions, NGOs and numerous environmental groups in organising a major combined rally on 10 August. The kaupapa is to call for a safe and healthy future for our children. This will be a family friendly event. There will be puppets and other exciting items from a variety of artists plus haka and waiata. Posters (see image above) will be available for leafleters to put up, or print your own from [here](#). [Read more](#)

Network Waitangi Ōtautahi members have been invited to meet at the Bridge of Remembrance. Please wear a tangata Tiriti t-shirt if you have one.

The pain of perpetual leases



Our next intake for Tauwi Tautoko training is being readied. The 10 sessions for **Tauwi Pākehā** will run from **14 Aug to 20 Oct** entirely **online**.

Te Tiriti transformation by challenging anti-Māori racism from within tauwi communities. Volunteers will learn and practise a set of proven strategies from the anti-racist toolkit to 'call in' racist comments and gently challenge and change racist views. *The aim of this training is **to grow a community of practice**, not just offer learning for its own sake.* [Register here](#)

Ngāti Whātua rūnanga taking Govt to court over customary marine title plans

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua is taking the Government to court over its plan to amend the Marine and Coastal Area Act, a move it says will make it harder for Māori to get customary rights recognised over the foreshore and seabed. Last week, Treaty Negotiations Minister **Paul Goldsmith announced** the Bill would overturn a recent Court of Appeal decision the Government believed significantly lowered the threshold for customary marine title.- [Read more](#)

There's no end to the photographs that have been taken of all things Māori — images from the outside looking in. But what does it mean to photograph from within te ao Māori? To decolonise the camera and try to capture what can't be easily seen? That's something photographer Dr Rodrigo Hill has been working on with Tainui rangatira Dr Tom Roa. [Read more](#)

The whakapapa of a photograph



Can the courts measure mana? How Māori tikanga is challenging the justice system

created a **remarkable precedent**. As well as overturning the convictions, the court was unanimous that tikanga has been, and will continue to be, recognised in the development of the common law of Aotearoa New Zealand in cases where it is relevant. [Read more](#)

Reimagining Aotearoa Together



Forum details (via Zoom)

Good Work – Tuesday 13 August
Rebuilding Aotearoa – Tuesday 20 August
Ending Inequality – Tuesday 27 August
Securing our Future – Tuesday 3 September

For too long successive governments have been repeating the same mistakes, and as a result so many people are struggling just to get by. It's time for a new approach, to change how we do things in Aotearoa New Zealand. That's why over the past few months, we have been working on creating a positive vision for the future, as part of our **Reimagining Aotearoa Together** project.

'Māori are not a footnote, Mr Seymour'

Dr Anthony Jordan (Ngāti Wai) resigned from Pharmac's board of directors last week, in response to a letter of expectation from the associate health minister David Seymour. In the letter, Seymour dismissed an existing expectation for Pharmac to embed Te Tiriti o Waitangi in its work. "Once you've seen the reality of considering ethnicity and the impact that can be made when we consider it, that's not something easily unlearned. You can try to ignore the evidence, but you can't deny its existence." - [Read more](#)



something to bolster your confidence that Aotearoa's future is in good hands, watch the video of these young(ish) people. There are many gems there. To pick just one, listen out for Henry Lyons' suggestion that we could think of Te Tiriti as a musical instrument. Or there's an insightful sharing of views in answer to a question about being manuhiri. And much more. [Watch here](#)

Going backwards on Māori wards

“Māori wards are a tangible step for councils to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi... But this week, the coalition government reversed the legislation that makes Māori wards the same as all other wards.” — Kassie Hartendorp. - [Read more](#)

From Asians for Tino Rangatiratanga
When right-wing politicians use terms like "multiculturalism" and "multiethnic", our spidey-sense tingles. In colonisers' minds, "multiculturalism" is nothing more than a political tool to continue disregarding tino rangatiratanga.

[Read more](#)



Reflections from a Tangata Tiriti

Joseph's reflections on Facebook sparked a movement from tangata Tiriti in support of Māori, and in opposition to the proposed Treaty Principles Bill from the new coalition Government in late 2023. [Listen here.](#)

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Becoming Tangata Tiriti brings together twelve non-Māori voices – dedicated professionals, activists and everyday individuals – who have engaged with te ao Māori and have attempted to bring te Tiriti to life in their work. In stories of missteps, hard-earned victories and journeys through the complexities of cross-cultural relationships, *Becoming Tangata Tiriti* is a book of lessons learned.- [Read more](#)

“To an extent, other Indigenous peoples have looked to us for direction, because they see Māori as being pioneers in advocating for our rights. And we have been, but we can do a lot more.” — Professor Valmaine Toki, chair of the UN Expert Mechanism for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. -

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Valmaine Toki: A leading light in Indigenous rights



Learning te reo

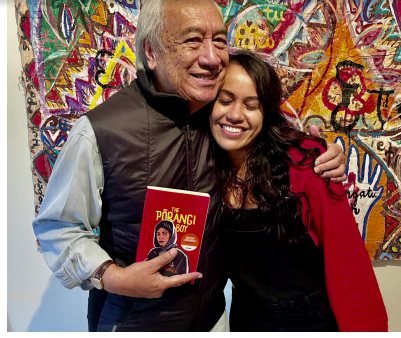
Michael Grawe at Pathways Awarua has provided this YouTube clip to guide anyone to join [Pathways Awarua](#) for free to use the Te Reo Māori WordFit module. This is a great way to learn 100 te reo words using a variety of repetitive learning techniques. [Watch here](#)

Shilo Kino: Writing my way to peace

“I wanted to show what colonisation is like today, because a lot of people seem to think of it as a one-time historical event. But it’s actually an ongoing process that has seeped into our everyday lives — and this applies

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Know. - [Read more](#)



Government still spending thousands on ‘white privilege’ workshops

The Government is continuing to spend tens of thousands of dollars on contracted workshops for public servants despite two of the governing parties rallying against them in opposition and saying they were about “white privilege”. The Taxpayers’ Union said the workshops needed to be “on the chopping block” and every government department needed to look at its “wasteful spending”. - [Read more](#)

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 [NWŌ website](#).

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