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

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Welcome to the latest edition of SNIPPETS; Treaty news from around the
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Kawatea Okains Bay museum xmas tree

NWŌ Update re: Treaty Principles Bill **Submissions close 11.59 pm 7 January 2025**

Koekoeā - read more [here](#) and [here](#)

Tangata Tiriti - Treaty People

New Zealand Educational Institute Te Riu Roa **submission**

Taking on the Treaty Principles Bill - ActionStation upcoming events click [here](#)

Carwyn Jones: It's critical to submit on the principles bill



The Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill is now before the justice select committee, and open for submissions. The proposed law aims to redefine “the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi”, a concept that’s been used in New Zealand law and government since 1975. Here’s Carwyn Jones explaining what’s in the bill, what happens now it’s had a first reading, and how to make a submission.

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ECan speaks out against Treaty Principles Bill

Environment Canterbury (ECan) voted by 12-4 on Wednesday, 11 December, to make a submission to the Justice Select Committee, calling on the government to abandon the bill. - [Read more](#)

Did you know that there are hundreds of words in Māori for soil?



Different words reflect the origins and types of soil and are all ways of being in relation to soil or understanding it as part of an interconnected whole. When we stand in relationship with soil, we can care for it. Juanita Hepi (Kāi Tahu, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngātiwai, Ngāpuhi) shared with those gathered in Ōtautahi for one of the Te Pūtahi Conversations some of the ways that tangata whenua celebrate whenua. [Watch here](#)

Explainer: the history and implications of the Treaty Principles Bill

Activist/educator Tina Ngata has warned proposed changes to Treaty of Waitangi principles would undermine Māori sovereignty, rights, and protections, and risk corporate exploitation and environmental harm. - [Read more](#)

This was the title Denis O'Reilly chose when giving this year's Canterbury WEA Lincoln Efford Memorial Lecture. He presented a call to action, urged us all to honour the Treaty, to organise and counteract *with Activism!* Thanks to the wonderful team at Ōtautahi's access radio Plains FM it is now available through the CWEA as a podcast which you can [access here](#)

Tangata Tiriti - We've Got Your Back





The ‘dangerous’ bill flying under the radar

"They propose comprehensively changing the nation’s legislative and political environment by embedding rigid legal frameworks that prioritise individual and property rights, constrain regulatory powers, and reduce the government’s ability to implement environmental protections, social safeguards, and Tiriti-based initiatives." writes Melanie Nelson - [Read more](#)

Hīkoi mō Te Tiriti: Flags of hope

The hīkoi for Te Tiriti has given us something to be proud of, despite the ongoing struggle, writes Catherine Delahunty. - [Read more](#)

Takapūneke sits between Akaroa and Ōnuku in Akaroa Harbour and was an important centre for trade between Ngāi Tahu and European settlers. Events there prompted the British intervention in New Zealand that ultimately led to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. In 2002 the reserve was registered as Wāhi Tapu - [Read more](#)

Next stage of work to develop Takapūneke Reserve near Akaroa



Seymour’s principles of privatisation

“The real motive behind the bill is related to Act and its backers’ long-term strategy of deregulating business and opening up New Zealand to corporate investment, extraction, and exploitation.” — Ryan Ward - [Read more](#)

Anonymous donor buys Understanding Te Tiriti handbook for every secondary school in New Zealand

This handbook of basic facts about Te Tiriti o Waitangi by barrister Roimata Smail will be distributed up and down the nation..... *"I have empathy for my own generation who didn't get to learn*

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been lucky enough to learn over the course of my career as a lawyer,” said Smail. “You don’t have to get the 20-year education like I did,” she said. [The donor] read the book, was struck by how easy to understand it was and decided to help others discover it too. [Read more](#)

Z Energy renames stations with 'correct' kupu

Z Energy is swapping out street names for 'correct' kupu on fuel stops around the country, with the help of local hapū. - [Read more](#)

ACT Party leader David Seymour's acknowledgement that Ngāi Tahu have rangatiratanga over most of the South Island shows the inconsistency of his argument, says a legal expert.

Another says the "apparent concession" shows how "unworkable" his Treaty Principles Bill is. - [Read more](#)

Treaty Principles Bill: David Seymour's acknowledgement of rangatiratanga raises 'a whole lot of questions'



If they knew our history, they wouldn't be talking about parliament's 'dignity'

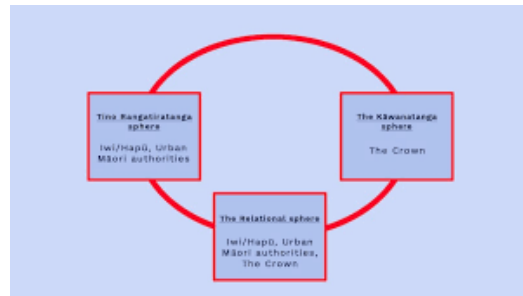


Suzanne Menzies-Culling, a Te Tiriti o Waitangi educator, wonders whether parliament can have any “dignity” left after 184 years of actively trampling on Te Tiriti o Waitangi. - [Read more](#)

proposal for a distinctly Māori body, Te Whare o te Rangatiratanga, to continue the momentum from Te Hīkoi mō te Tiriti, which saw more than 47,000 participants on its final day. A working group set up during the national hui earlier this year has proposed Te Whare o te Rangatiratanga to unite Māori. writes Te Aniwaniwani Paterson

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plan to unite Māori for a stronger future



The biggest difference between Hīkoi mō te Tiriti and past hīkoi: More support from non-Māori

"...one of the biggest differences between this hīkoi and past Māori protest movements was the number of non-Māori supporting the cause. During the Foreshore and Seabed hīkoi of 2004 it was predominantly Māori who took part - and while the majority of marchers for Hīkoi mo te Tiriti were still Māori, the number of tangata Tiriti lending their voices of support where noticeable. The diversity of voices was also noticeable - from tangata moana to young immigrants to elderly Pākehā from the South Island.

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Hobson's actual pledges



Pākehā Treaty educators Drs Susan Healy, Tim McCreanor, and Ray Nairn challenge this interpretation of Hobson's words by drawing attention to the actual pledges Hobson made to rangatira before and after Te Tiriti was signed. Those pledges reveal a very different intention to the one Brash's group claims

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UPCOMING NWŌ 2-DAY OPPORTUNITY
UNDERSTANDING THE TREATY IN 2024
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Network Waitangi Ōtautahi www.nwo.org.nz****To register [click here](#)**

“Apirana Ngata’s views on the Treaty in 1922 are historically important. They speak to the dominant attitudes of Pākehā, and undoubtedly some Māori too. But his was not the only voice speaking for Māori.” — Historian Matthew Cunningham - [Read more](#)

In history, context is everything

A new interactive map from Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa, the Outdoor Access Commission, challenges colonial ideas of land ownership

See recently developed a [tangata whenua map](#) – from [Ātea](#) article [A new tool](#)

The Treaty Principles Bill is already straining social cohesion – a referendum could be worse

With no upper house, nor a written constitution, important laws can be fast-tracked or repealed by a simple majority of parliament. As constitutional lawyer and former prime minister [Geoffrey Palmer has argued](#) about the current government’s legislative style and speed, the country “is in danger of lurching towards constitutional impropriety”.

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“Pāpā Moana Jackson used to say that if you’re born Māori, you’re automatically political. It’s inherent in who we are and how we roll, irrespective of the careers or the paths that we take.” — Ria Hall (article written by Dale Husband)

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After the hīkoi, the challenge: the Treaty principles debate and an honest reckoning with history

"In 1840, the relationships among the various rangatira, hapū and indigenous inhabitants were defined by kinship, not “race” – a colonial concept with no scientific validity and a terrible history, associated with slavery, genocide and other atrocities." writes Anne Salmond - [Read more](#)

Education, organising and the Tiriti workers' movement Settlers against colonialism?

Dànaidh MacLeòid / Dani Pickering thesis is now published:
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Anne Salmond: Of treaties, cabbages and kings



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Treaty Principles Bill, David Seymour made a number of statements that are either disingenuous or ignorant. Early in his speech, he asked: 'Where in the world is it a good idea to give different rights based on ancestry? Where in the world has that approach been a success? One answer, at least, is obvious – the House of Lords in the UK, which has endured since the early 11th Century. - [Read more](#)



In light of Crown's appeal of Nelson Tenth's decision the Ngati Koata Working Group makes unanimous decision to cross-appeal one aspect of the High Court's decision: - Read more [here](#) and [here](#)

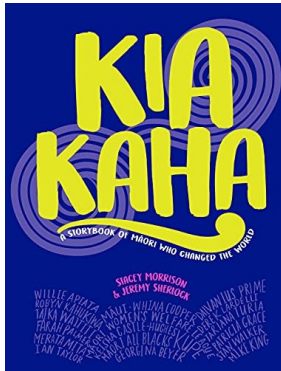


Hīkoi mō Te Tiriti: Walking into the future

There's a disconnect between the racism and exclusion that migrants to this country face personally, and their understanding of the ongoing colonial violence faced by Māori, writes Ara Alam-Simmons. - [Read more](#)

Māori lawyer goes viral for educating people on Treaty Principles Bill

Riana Te Ngahue (Ngāti Porou), a young Māori lawyer, started making TikToks for people like her uncles "who don't really care about the Treaty". But now her bite-sized breakdowns of complex Māori

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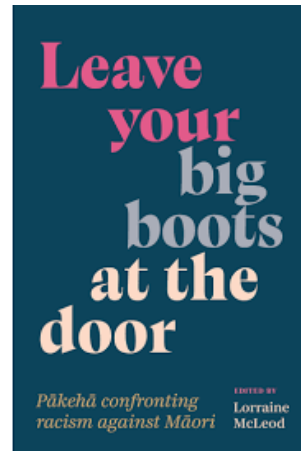
Kia kaha : a storybook of Māori who changed the world

Stacey Morrison and Jeremy Sherlock. -
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Leave your Big Boots at the Door

In the book, Leave Your Big Boots at the Door, seventeen Pākehā discuss the history of racism against Māori in Aotearoa, and explain what they have done, and are still doing, to prevent it.

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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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