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

Please note, NWŌ is not aligned with any political party.

NWŌ does not necessarily agree with all of the content in some articles, but we include them because they are current and often just the best online resource we could find on particular topics; please feel free to direct us to better ones, including to books, articles, podcasts, etc.

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Being in Relationship - Te Tiriti in 2025

This free event on **5 February, 6-8pm in the Christchurch Art Gallery Auditorium** offers an opportunity to clarify and consider Te Tiriti values and relationships in 2025. Katherine Peet (**Network Waitangi Ōtautahi**) and Kirsty Glengarry (Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū) will lead this discussion which explores the NWŌ educational framework with links to artwork on display in He Kapuka OneOne - [Read more](#)

Select Committee Treaty Principles Bill submissions hearings begin

Read [here](#), watch [here](#)



Parliament's Justice Select Committee chair James Meager said the submissions on the Treaty Principles Bill said the Committee be treated like any other piece of proposed legislation, despite the fact it is destined not to pass its second reading. *"It is still, I think, worth having the conversation when it comes before us and treating it with the respect that you treat any other piece of legislation."* - [Read more](#)

Very clear distinction between Equality and Equity in Dame Marilyn Waring's oral submission to the select committee hearing on the Treaty Principles Bill - [Watch here](#)

Ōtautahi Waitangi Day Hīkoi - on the 50th anniversary of Dame Whina Cooper's Land March - will commence at 11:00am on Thursday 06 February, at Ko Tāne (cnr of Colombo Street & Oxford Terrace, opposite Victoria Square - 9km to New Brighton Pier). The final part of the march within New Brighton will be a silent hīkoi. It's appreciated that not everyone can walk the

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- Approx 11:35am: Latimer Square (Hereford Street side) - 8.3km
- Approx 11:50am: Fitzgerald Avenue (intersection of Hereford Street) - 7.6km
- Approx 11:50am: Linwood Ave (opposite Hereford Street) - 6km
- Approx 12:55pm/leave 1:25pm: Bromley Park (cnr Buckleys and Macgregors Roads) - 4.6km **Half Way**
- Approx 1:55pm: Ngā Hau e Whā Marae (footpath of Pages Road) - 3.2km
- Approx 2:05pm: Mobil Station (corner Pages & Breezes Roads) - 2.8km
- Approx 2:25pm: Bexley Reserve (Pages Road entrance) - 1.8km
- Approx 3:00pm: Sunshine Lane (Walkway next to Hawke Street, New Brighton) - 750m
- Approx 3:05pm: New Brighton Mall (Basketball Courts) - 300m **Silent Hīkoi from here to the Pier.**

Maps for these connection points are on the [Hīkoi's Facebook page](#), at the "Discussion" tab.

Pūrau burial ground set to return to hapū



An urupā (cemetery) in Canterbury's Banks Peninsula will be handed back to local iwi following more than a century of talks between hapū and local authorities. In a historic decision, community leaders voted unanimously to revoke the reserve status of the site at 177 Pūrau Avenue, and return it to Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke. - [Read here](#) and [here](#)

The Bluff community will be front and centre when manuhiri come from all over the world to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the marae this month - 7-9 February. The weekend was open to all, but visitors were asked to register via events@ngaitahu.iwi.nz for catering and health and safety purposes. Read more [here](#) and [here](#)

Connecting past, present and future at Te Rau Aroha Marae



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James Meager

James Meager, a National Party MP of Ngāi Tahu descent, has rocked the political landscape. Just a year into his first term in Parliament, he's picked up his first three ministerial portfolios - Youth, Hunting and Fishing, and surprisingly, the South Island Minister (surprising because it is a portfolio that did not exist until Meager was assigned it on Sunday. - [Read more](#)

Clean-out at the Waitangi Tribunal: Who's in and who's out?

There's been a major shake-up at the Waitangi Tribunal, with more than half of the current members, including some esteemed Māori academics, losing their places to make way for some controversial new appointments. - [Read more](#)

New poll highlights NZers support for Te Tiriti as founding document of belonging

The research highlighted that close to four out of five people in Aotearoa want to see respectful discussion of Te Tiriti and race relations, rather than political rhetoric, and a majority (71% of those surveyed) also believe it's important that Te Tiriti is protected within our laws. - [Read more here](#), listen [here](#)



Eru Kapa-Kingi: It's the system that's radical, not me

"The radical thing is the system that currently exists — a system that completely cuts across the truth that our tūpuna never ceded sovereignty. To me, that's the radical thing." — Eru Kapa-Kingi - [Read more](#)

The fate of Māori seats on councils lies with those who vote - [Read more](#)

Dr Ingrid Huygens was made *Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit*

Read more about her [here](#) and her published papers [here](#).





TAUIWI TAUTOKO

Tauwi Tautoko trains *tauwi* (non-Māori) to *tautoko* (support) Te Tiriti transformation by challenging anti-Māori racism from within tauwi communities.

TAUIWI PĀKEHĀ TRAINING 12 FEB - 6 APR
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN NOW

LEARN HOW TO LOOK BEHIND SOCIETY AND HISTORICAL ONLINE COMMENTS

This free, public **8 week training** from **12 Feb to 6 April** is for tauwi Pākehā and is **all online**.

The next training for tauwi of the Global Majority (BIPOC) will start later in the year. For more information contact info@tauwitautoko.com

Judge grants Māori six more customary titles as Govt second-guesses coastline reform

A court has pressed ahead with granting Māori applicants customary title to stretches of the Wairarapa coast, as a Government law change to make that harder stalls. writes Tim Murphy - [Read more](#)

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on the future of the contentious Treaty Principles Bill, during speeches at Rātana. The Treaty Principles Bill is "dead in the water", New Zealand First leader Winston Peters said.

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UPCOMING NWŌ 2-DAY OPPORTUNITY

UNDERSTANDING THE TREATY IN 2025

Network Waitangi Ōtautahi

Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 April 2025

9.30am - 4.30pm

\$70

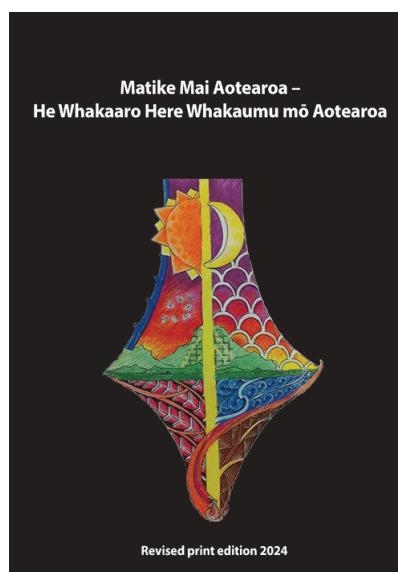
Venue: CWEA, 59 Gloucester Street, Christchurch

This is organised by Canterbury WEA and will be run by Network Waitangi Ōtautahi www.nwo.org.nz

To register [click here](#)

Matike Mai Aotearoa He Whakaaro Here Whakaumu mo Aotearoa

This is a new print edition of the original report launched on Waitangi Day in 2016. Commissioned by the Iwi Chairs' Forum in 2010, the Matike Mai Working Group held 252 hui between 2012 and 2015. Available [here](#)



The Cook Islands has used its first-ever appearance at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to advocate for the “decolonisation” of international law. - [Read more](#)

Taranaki Maunga bill: What creating 'legal personhood' means



A bill granting Taranaki Maunga and its associated peaks **legal personhood** is expected to pass into law tomorrow. **Te Pire Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua/Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress bill** will have its second and third readings in Parliament to officially recognise the peaks – Taranaki, Panitahi, Patuhā, Kaitake and Pouākai – as ancestral mountains who will jointly **become a legal person** under the name of Te Kāhui Tupua. - [Read here](#) and [here](#)

We underestimated the scale of the attack

“While we underestimated the coalition’s willingness to sacrifice life for profit, we also believe that the government has underestimated how potent a coalition of shared interests to defend Te Tiriti can be.” — Matthew Scobie and Anna Sturman.

[Read more](#)

Tangata Tiriti Aotearoa have collated events happening around the motu for Waitangi Day



- Look out for the TTA stall in **Whakatū Nelson**.
- TTA will also be at Waipureku Clive in **Te Matau-a-Māui Hawke’s Bay**.
- Kahungunu are hosting a whanau-fun day in **Heretaunga Hastings**.
- There’s a hīkoi in **Ōtautahi Christchurch**.
- Ngāi Tahu are hosting an event at **Ōnuku Marae, Akaroa**.
- **Tauranga Moana**
- **Rotorua**
- **Porirua**
- **Wellington**
- **Taranaki**

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Dame Marilyn Waring, Professor Jane Kelsey and Dr Vincent O'Malley's oral submissions to the Treaty principles bill select committee - [Watch 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 [NWŌ website](#).**

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