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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 network.
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local, national and sometimes international.**

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**Respected artist and political
activist Robyn Kahukiwa
dies, aged 87**



*"Her work has become an alternate
visual rendering of Aotearoa's history,
through the lens of a Māori woman.
The title Tohunga Mahi Toi is a form of
recognition and refers to Robyn's status
and expertise as an artist, valued here
and internationally. " - New Zealand
Portrait Gallery*

Renowned Māori lawyer Annette Sykes
acknowledged Kahukiwa as a close
friend and mentor, but also as a "truly
great leader in our movement". - Read
more [here](#) and [here](#)

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“Shane is one of the heroes of our tribe,” ... “It’s because of Shane we have a relativity clause, so that we could continue to build an asset base for future generations because of those long-term impacts — it’s because of him our future generations will be looked after.” - Chief Executive of Waikato-Tainui, Donna Flavell - [Read more](#)

Tā Te Kotahi Mahuta prodigy, Shane Solomon, passes



Regulatory Standards Bill

Resources available [here](#)

Melanie Nelson gave a very accessible presentation in April at Aldersgate Centre in Christchurch [here](#):

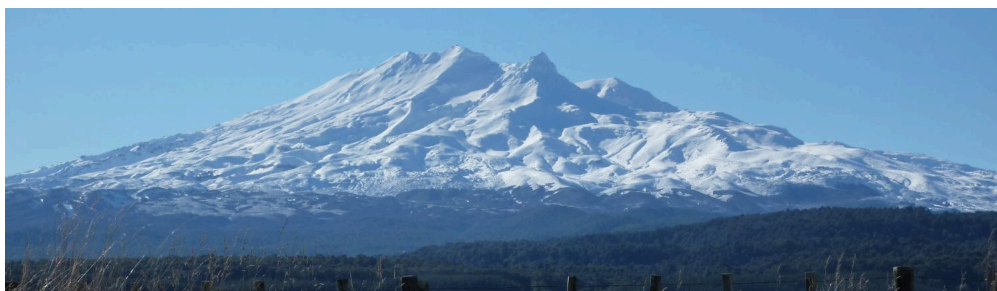
Melanie's submission on the proposed bill is on her substack [here](#)



Tangata Tiriti advocate honoured for her fight to honour Te Tiriti

Community psychologist and long-time Treaty educator Dr Ingrid Huygens has been recognised for her service to education and to Māori. - [Read more](#)

Paramount chief ceases agreement to ski fields on Ruapehu



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Crown's retreat from the maunga.- By Andrew Bevin - [Read more](#)

[The small regulatory shift that could have big impacts on mokopuna Māori](#)

The government plans to **remove the legal requirements** for the ECE sector to acknowledge Māori as tangata whenua, to support children's right to cultural confidence and teach about Te Tiriti o Waitangi. - [Read more](#)

[Māori leaders urge UN to act on NZ's 'regressive' policies](#)

Māori meet with high-level officials including UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous peoples

[Read more](#)



[Potaka launches review of Waitangi Tribunal](#)

NZ First MP and minister Shane Jones said the tribunal has become a 'litigator's paradise' but promised the review will be 'very independent' writes Mark Daalder

[Read more](#)



[The building blocks of constitutional change](#)

"The difficulty with starting from the institutions we have now and trying to think how they could be tweaked to better reflect Māori aspirations is that our current institutions are based on a particular way of understanding power."

— Carwyn Jones.- [Read more](#)

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Invercargill City Council rejects wish of rūnanga to obtain land

A piece of land with special significance to Māori will likely not be returned after Invercargill councillors voted to retain the status quo. - [Read more](#)

Why I've told my principal I will not teach the new proposed English curriculum

English teacher David Taylor on [why he told his principal he won't teach the new proposed curriculum](#) - his first of five main reasons is that the 2025 curriculum document enables systemic racism. - [Read more](#)

Mākereti Papakura, the first indigenous woman to study at the University of Oxford, will receive a posthumous degree from the institution nearly a hundred years after attending. - [Read and watch here](#)

Posthumous Oxford degree for Māori scholar Mākereti Papakura



**An In-Depth Review of the Whare Tapa Whā Model
and Comparative Scientific Literature
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concerning both western and Māori health models. The course begins by looking at the history of Health and Wellbeing, Mātauranga Māori, and the Whare Tapa Whā Model, followed by an exploration and definition of the four Pou of the Whare Tapa Whā Model - [Register here](#)



Reinstating a blanket ban on prisoners voting is retrograde and harmful

It is an unjustifiable limit on the electoral rights of New Zealand citizens that will disproportionately harm Māori, writes law lecturer Carwyn Jones. - Read more [here](#) and [here](#)

The 'good old days' of our education system weren't actually good

Education's not what it used to be in Aotearoa. That's something to be glad about, argues David Hill, who taught high school in the 60s.- [Read more](#)

"Māori exercised greater agency than other Indigenous peoples . . . They acted as independent suppliers of grapes to settler winemakers and even encouraged settlers to take up winemaking in order to expand their market." — Professor Adrian Shubert, Canadian historian - [Read more](#)

Whakapapa, whenua and wine



Assessment of Expert Advisory Group key points and related Cabinet recommendations: Phase 3 RMA reforms April 2025

[Read EDS's assessment](#)

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**.

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