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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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## **Mereana Mokikiwa Hutchen 1933 - 2025**



NWŌ acknowledges with great sadness the passing of "Aunty Kiwa".  
To learn about her incredible life of service click [here](#) and [here](#).

## NWŌ out and about



## Liam Rātana reports on four days of the Waitangi Tribunal's Mana Wāhine hearings

The Waitangi Tribunal's latest hearings delved into the historical and systemic marginalisation of Māori women – and the constitutional future their voices demand.

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## Rahera Shortland honoured for lifelong dedication to Māori Education

A story documenting her years of dedication to Māori education who has played a vital role in revitalising and strengthening the language through her work in Te Ataarangi.

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## TE TIRITI-BASED FUTURES + ANTI-RACISM

Save the date

21-26 MARCH 2026

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### Regulatory Standards Bill

#### Regulatory Standards Bill "misleading and ineffectual" says Commission

The Human Rights Commission has told the Finance and Expenditure Committee that the Regulatory Standards Bill 2025 is not fit for purpose - [Read more](#)

#### A bill of a different magnitude

"Aotearoa deserves a lawmaking system that reflects its people, landscapes, and histories, not one that repeats the exclusions of the past." Jodhi Warwick-Ponga on the Regulatory Standards Bill - [Read more](#)

RSB, the Bill that won't die: Lawyer Maia Te Hira, Sykes & Co - [Read more](#)

Tania Waikato's [oral submission](#)

Ani Mikaere's [oral submission](#)

David Small's [oral submission](#)

Asian's Supporting Tino Rangatiratanga [oral submission](#)

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Bush stood proudly as a 30-hectare remnant of the Canterbury Plains. In recent years, restoration has been underway to recreate the native forest. [Read more](#)

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### Why ACT's Dr Parmar is wrong about Te Tiriti rights

“The compulsory Te Tiriti education at the University of Auckland is not a burden. It’s a necessary starting point for migrants, especially for caste-privileged Indian migrants like Dr Parmar, to begin undoing the toxic ideologies we bring with us.” — Mohan Dutta. [Read more](#)

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**The fragile foundations of Pacific sovereignty** - New Zealand behaves less like a partner and more like a strategic guardian from whom the Cook Islands must seek permission. This power imbalance speaks to a deeper truth: Pacific nations are often treated as never fully ‘sovereign’.” — Sione Tekiteki - [Read more](#)



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### Tribunal hears what was lost when Te Aka Whai Ora was taken

Māori health leaders laid bare the consequences of the disestablishment Te Aka Whai Ora, reports Liam Rātana - [Read more](#)

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Professor Margaret Mutu joins Network Waitangi Whangārei to commemorate their 40th Anniversary with this special webinar on Constitutional Transformation.

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### Govt decision-less as court approves more coastline titles to Māori applicants

Judges continue to find in favour of Māori applicants for customary title along the coastline, as the Government reconsiders its law to restrict such rights. by Tim Murphy - [Read more](#)



### IPRA Conference 2025 - Peace: Resistance, Resilience and Reconciliation

The conference theme is “**Peace, Resistance and Reconciliation | Te Rongo i Tau, Te Riri i Tū and Te Ringa i Kotuia**” will gather inspiring thought leaders of activists, artists, community practitioners and researchers to reflect on the intersection of peace, resistance and reconciliation.- [Read more](#)

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### There is no ‘Māori problem’, there is a ‘white people problem’

“If Pākehā people want something different, or want an end to the ‘Māori problem’, it’s our white-centric social and economic structures that must change, and the way we view the world.” — Elizabeth Ann Cook. - [Read more](#)

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## In Transit: Many journeys of finding home

Dr Hafsa Ahmed shares heartfelt conversations with migrant women in Aotearoa about belonging, resilience and identity. - Listen [here](#)



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## Palm kernel and the colonial project

“We ignore the fact that our dependency on imported palm kernel expeller is hurting the environment and communities where it’s grown. It’s another form of colonisation: outsourcing environmental harm for the sake of cheap animal feed.” — Catherine Delahunty. - [Read more](#)

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## UPCOMING NWŌ 2-DAY OPPORTUNITY

### UNDERSTANDING THE TREATY IN 2025

Network Waitangi Ōtautahi

Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 September 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](http://www.nwo.org.nz)

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## *The Haka Party Incident*

*"From visionary director Katie Wolfe comes an unflinching documentary of a forgotten history retold from every side."* **Read and watch [here](#)**

## Māori, Pacific peoples, women left behind by Budget 2025

Our government must invest in human rights and Te Tiriti rights - **[Read more](#)**

## Keeping the taonga warm

"Much of Mina McKenzie's legacy is intangible. It exists in the way museums today work to keep taonga warm — by connecting with tangata whenua, and understanding that communities are as important as collections." — Tanja Rother - **[Read more](#)**



## Wellbeing provisions to be stripped from Public Finance Act

Six years after Labour launched New Zealand's first Wellbeing Budget, the Government is repealing the last vestiges of the framework - **[Read more](#)**

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**1840: Our Rangatira signed Te Tiriti - 2025: We walked again to protect it.**  
Ngāti Koata proudly shares this documentary honouring the 13 signatories who stood at Te Marua, Rangitoto ki te Tonga, 185 years ago — and our uri who continue to stand today.

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### **Govt cuts Māori research projects that don't fit with the 'growth agenda'**

New Māori research funding came alongside cuts to a pre-existing pathway, leaving the three projects already halfway through the process in the lurch. - [Read more](#)

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### **The \$53m cost of losing our reo**

*Can the cultural harm caused by language loss be quantified? Atawhai Tibble says the answer is yes. Here he explains how, and why, his iwi came up with a dollar figure.* - [Read more](#)



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### **Anne Salmond: Victim of the Day**

Dame Anne Salmond on a lame but personally intimidating campaign launched by Deputy Prime Minister David Seymour against academic critics of his Regulatory Standards Bill. - [Read more](#)

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**David Seymour  
debated at the  
prestigious Oxford  
Union, and lost.  
Here's what happened**  
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### **Marilyn Waring: Why I convened the people's select committee on pay equity**

When it became clear the government had chosen ideology over evidence in its rushed-through changes to the pay equity system, former National MP Marilyn Waring decided to do something about it.- [Read more](#)

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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  
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