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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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In this resource, we share information about current conversations and issues; local, national and sometimes international.

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The queen speaks

E-tangata - [read more](#)

John Campbell: The Māori Queen speaks and it's a new, vital voice for NZ - [Read more](#)

Māori Queen launches two economic initiatives during her first national address - RNZ - [watch here](#)



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**Derending Maori health
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'Leaks', 'mould' and sewage: The kura in Christchurch still waiting for permanent site

Te Pā o Rākaihautū is the South Island's first kura-ā-iwi, a state school mandated by local hapū or iwi. [Read more](#)



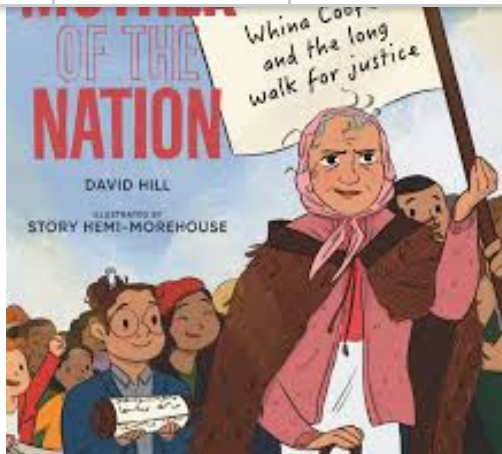
High Court affirms Ruapuke whānau Customary Marine Title as Government plans to tighten laws

High Court rules Ruapuke Island whānau hold Customary Marine Title to surrounding waters under the Takutai Moana Act - [Read more](#)

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori celebrates 50 years

Sunday marked the start of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori and, this year, the kaupapa celebrates its 50th anniversary. Aotearoa celebrated its first Māori Language Day in 1972, following a petition signed by more than 30,000 people calling for te reo Māori to be taught in schools. - Read [here](#) and watch [here](#)



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50 years since the Māori land march

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Dame Whina Cooper's hīkoi for Māori land rights. Stacey Morrison and David Hill talk about the experience of creating a book to commemorate it.

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Waitangi Treaty, Māori dropped from new English, maths curriculums, teachers say

Teachers and principals warn the government is scrubbing Māori words and ideas from education documents.

At an urgently convened conference in Wellington this week, educators said mention of the Treaty of Waitangi and Māori words were being dropped from new English and maths curriculums, and from key documents that provided guidelines for schools. -

[Read more](#)

Iwi renews calls for return of Tongariro National Park

The ariki of Tūwharetoa, Sir Tumu Te Heuheu Tūkino VIII, is calling for the return of Tongariro National Park and other taonga to Māori.

Read more [here](#) and [here](#)



Two takes on Tākuta

Te Pāti Māori MP Tākuta Ferris's recent social media post — criticising the involvement of "Indians, Asians, Black, and Pākehā" in Labour's campaign for the Tāmaki Makaurau by-election — sparked fierce debate last week. Denis O'Reilly (Pākehā) and Mohan Dutta (Indian-born) weigh in. - [Read more](#)



The blue coat and scientific hope

In an inaugural lecture, newly-minted professors often talk about their journey. But Te Pūnaha Matatini Co-Director Priscilla Wehi used hers to challenge us to reimagine who we are as New Zealanders, and how that relates to the work we do as researchers and scientists. - [Watch here](#)

Former Attorney-General criticises Marine and Coastal Areas Act changes

The National Attorney-General when the law on customary maritime rights for Māori was enacted through Parliament criticises planned coalition Govt restrictions as 'foolish' and 'extremely harmful' - [Read more](#)

In this one-hour online session, Dr Taiuru will share insights from his ACE Conference presentation, unpacking the opportunities and risks AI poses for Māori communities. He will also provide practical steps for safeguarding mātauranga Māori and show how tikanga and Te Tiriti principles can guide ethical AI use. Register [here](#)

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presentation + 15-minute Q&A)

Where: Online via Zoom

Cost: Fully funded



Māori coastal rights Supreme Court decision could set precedent - lawyer

A Treaty lawyer says today's Supreme Court judgement on Māori coastal rights could set a precedent for more Māori customary rights claims over riverbeds. The court found **riverbeds deemed to be part of the marine area**, such as river mouths, can be included in Māori customary marine title orders, if other legal tests are met.

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'Act of racism': Education Ministry cans children's school book for too many Māori words. [Read more](#)

UPCOMING NWŌ 2-DAY OPPORTUNITY

UNDERSTANDING THE TREATY IN 2025

Network Waitangi Ōtautahi

Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 September 2025

9.30am - 4.30pm

This is organised by Canterbury WEA and will be run by
Network Waitangi Ōtautahi www.nwo.org.nz
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Ngāpuhi call for return of He Whakaputanga as MOTAT exhibition opens

A rare 1837 print copy of *He Whakaputanga* is on show in a new exhibition at Auckland's Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT).

Tō Ao ki Tōku Ao – A Meeting of Worlds opens on Monday, September 1, showcasing taonga that capture the first encounters between Māori and Pākehā on the printed page. The original copy, signed by northern rangatira in 1835, affirms hapū sovereignty. - [Read more](#)



Matariki has come and gone for another year, but the melody still shimmers. I'm referring in particular to a song released for the 2025 Māori new year: **Matariki Hunga Nui – Calling Me Home**, by Rob Ruha, Troy Kingi and Kaylee Bell. - [Read more](#)

Māori Ward Referendums

Common Grace Aotearoa has developed some resources on Māori Wards. Watch [here](#).

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recognised on the world stage at the prestigious Septimius Awards 2025, winning Best Oceanian Film. Lead actress Hinerangi Harawira-Nicholas also took home the award for Best Oceanian Actress, a testament to her incredible performance. - [Read more](#)

Oriini Kaipara decisively wins Tāmaki Makaurau by-election

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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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