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Kia ora <<First Name>>, Welcome to the latest edition of SNIPPETS Treaty news from around the network. Issue 2025, No. 5

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

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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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MATARIKI EVENTS



Live TV broadcast Ohakune - [Read more](#)

Ōtautahi - Lots on offer at Tīrama Mai 2025 - "New venues, offerings and artworks will keep things fresh at this year's Tīrama Mai event" - [Read more](#)

Ōtepoti - [Read more](#)

Whanganui - [Read more](#) - featuring Linda Tuhiwai Smith 11 June

Te Whanganui-a-Tara - [Read more](#)

Tamaki Makaurau - [Read more](#)



Due to the recent unfortunate flooding event at Ōnuku, we had to postpone NWŌ's 40th Anniversary event. We are still planning to mark the celebration at a future as yet undetermined date.

Barney Thomas, who represented the eight Te Taihu iwi making the gift, said it was originally intended for Te Arikunui's grandmother, to acknowledge the support her grandmother, Dame Te Atairangikaahu, had shown Te Taihu iwi, particularly in the establishment of Whakatū Marae. - [Read more](#)

Māori Queen emotionally gifted whale jawbone at Nelson marae



David Seymour to participate in Oxford Union debate

Seymour, who will take on the deputy prime minister role this week, will take part in the famous debate on June 5. The moot is "no one can be illegal on stolen land," which Seymour will oppose. - [Read more](#)



WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THE REGULATORY STANDARDS BILL

Melanie has been at the forefront of informing New Zealanders about the dangers of the ACT sponsored, dull sounding but incredibly important, Regulatory Standards Bill. The Bill is now before Select Committee and Submissions regarding the Bill are due 23 June, 2025. Click [here](#) to join an online webinar with her on: **16 June at 7 pm**

Regulatory Standards Bill

Resources - helping you understand the Regulatory Standards Bill and how to have your say - a collection of resouces - [Read more](#)

The 'dangerous' bill has been updated, but how?

"The ACT Party has tried to pass a version of this legislation three times since 2007 and has failed each time. Now it's forcing the bill through as part of the coalition agreement." — Melanie Nelson on the Regulatory Standards Bill - [Read more](#)

The wisdom is in the contrast

"One approach is about truth, evidence, and accountability. The other is about control, efficiency, and convenience." — Lawyer Roimata Smail, comparing the Waitangi Tribunal and the Regulatory Standards Board proposed in ACT's new bill. - [Read more](#)

Resist the Regulatory Stanards bill webinar 5 June - [read more](#)

Information for making a submission on the RSB can be found at the bottom of [this article](#)

Making Matike Mai happen

"The need for these discussions is urgent. We have perhaps not progressed the conversation as far as we ought to have in the nearly 10 years since the publication of the Matike Mai report." — Carwyn Jones. - [read more](#)

Ruataniwha dam developer faces fast-track stigma

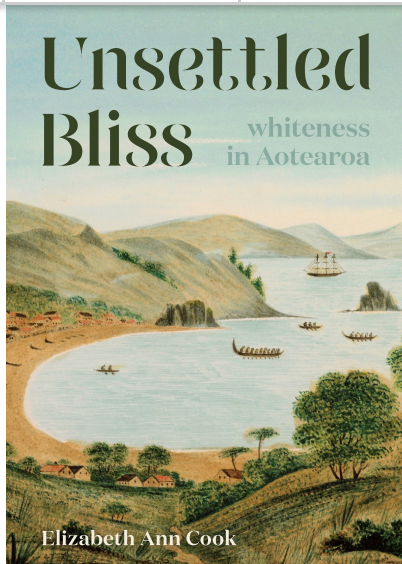
Resurrecting the Ruataniwha dam has been a 'frustrating' process, says the project's lead. - [Read more](#)

**Network Waitangi Whangarei
State of the Pākehā Nation Address 2025**

Lillian Murray

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[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**Aotearoa - Elizabeth Ann Cook**

A powerful new book confronts whiteness in Aotearoa – its history, its consequences, and the responsibilities it demands. If you do not know the history of Aotearoa after the 1835 Declaration of Independence and Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840, *Unsettled Bliss* offers a clear explanation of settler occupation, its impact on indigenous land in Aotearoa, and the lasting consequences.

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

Action Station recently circulated a **great guide** for talking about Te Tiriti, which can be used for other issues too. If this is your cup of tea, **become a volunteer with Tauwi Tautoko** who run trainings and more.

[Read more](#)

Inclusive Aotearoa Collective Tāhono SASS (systems change group) are offering range of pre-recorded webinars:- [Read more](#)

Parliament takes 'nuclear option' to kill off tikanga regulation

A decision to overturn law school regulation has

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UPCOMING NWŌ 2-DAY OPPORTUNITY

UNDERSTANDING THE TREATY IN 2025

Network Waitangi Ōtautahi

Thursday 26 and Friday 27 June 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

Click [here](#) to register

Kīngi Tūheitia Portraiture Award winner Jazmin Paget-Knebel is reframing the Māori image

The young East Coast photographer is turning her lens toward whakapapa, whenua and the future of Māori portraiture. - [Read more](#)



Māori, Pacific peoples, women left behind by Budget 2025

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

New Zealand MPs who performed haka in parliament given unprecedented punishment

Te Pāti Māori co-leaders and youngest member to be temporarily suspended from parliament after performance protesting controversial bill -

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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](#)

Steve Solomon

**Celebrated carver
proud to be part of te
ao Māori revitalisation**

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Audacious incompetence

“Of the 150 government departments, state-owned entities and councils in the audit, not one had fulfilled all its obligations.” — Tainui Stephens on the failure to meet Treaty settlement obligations. - [Read more](#)

Reading the lost diary of the first indigenous woman to study at Oxford

A hundred years ago, the formidable guide, scholar and cultural authority **Mākereti Papakura** was documenting village life, politics and high-society visits in Whakarewarewa. Now, her whanaunga **June Northcroft-Grant** revisits those diary pages with fresh eyes.- [Read more](#)

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Act takes a victory lap as Waitangi Tribunal faces government review

The government says its review will help the tribunal navigate the coming decades. Critics say it's an ideological attack in disguise, writes Catherine McGregor in today's extract from The Bulletin.- [Read more](#)

How MP Hana-Rawhiti Maipi-Clarke ended up in Stan Walker's latest music video 'Mō Āke Tonu'
[Read more](#)



An 'uncle's' Māori-driven rugby camp taking the world by storm

From Aotearoa to Mozambique, Troy Nathan has been touring the world for the past decade taking Haka Rugby Global to aspiring children of all different cultures.
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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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