



Annual Report

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**TREATY-BASED
MULTICULTURAL
FUTURE**

Understanding the Treaty as a framework
for the future for all of us

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Network Waitangi Ōtautahi (NWŌ) is a Third Sector Organisation (TSO) with members who cover a wide range of expertise, including educational, scientific, technical, ecological and sociological. A cornerstone of NWŌ is developing educational resources in response to current issues relating to honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi. To say the last thirteen months has been busy would be an understatement. The pace and extent of the current coalition government's approach to Te Tiriti, tangata whenua and social structures has seen a groundswell of response and resulted in pressure on many levels, including within NWŌ. Te Tiriti is effectively being undermined by the Crown/government, creating inherent strains in the Treaty relationships. The coalition government's withdrawal of government funding from public services has increased the workload of many local groups and Third Sector Organisations, creating more strain in the wider community. In addition, the coalition's continual focus on growth of the market economy alone directly sidelines how important it is to develop in-depth policies for the survival of future generations. The ability of groups to be able to address how decision-making in the wider community can become more Tiriti-based will address a longer term approach.

The non-formal support and mentoring aspects of NWŌ work have particularly increased through individual queries, and through interest from organisations wanting to increase knowledge of Te Tiriti and understand how they need to pivot to deepen their understanding. There have also been increased hui and events providing opportunities for NWŌ engagement which led to further dialogue and we continue to collaborate with other organisations.



Contrary to the government's statement in parliament last year that Māori ceded sovereignty, NWŌ supports restoration of Tino Rangatiratanga as the context for relational politics in this country. We are committed to supporting those taking responsibility to build honourable Kāwanatanga for our sake and the sake of all who come after us. Such a move beyond reliance on monocultural, majoritarian decision-making processes inherited from the Westminster system of government during colonisation requires a focus on building honourable Kāwanatanga. Nourished by our understandings of whanaungatanga, manaakitanga and kaitiakitanga we appreciate more clearly a shift from individual self-interest alone to a society based on generosity. Such a values-based, place/hapū-based society could enhance the collective and individual wellbeing for all.

Importantly, this shift to focus on what we value aligns with how we see Te Tiriti o Waitangi as fundamentally a covenant of peace with honour on both sides. As Rahui Papa of the Iwi Chairs Forum states, "*Te Tiriti o Waitangi is sacrosanct in our view*".

What follows in this Annual Report is a more detailed description of our work during this last period. We look forward to continued interaction with our members and the opportunities the year ahead brings.

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiora

As this whakataukī reminds us, it is important to keep connected, maintain relationships and dialogue so that we can keep moving forward together.

Archie Hunter, Fay Brorens, John Peet, Katherine O'Brien, Katherine Peet, Kelly Dorgan, Laura Muir, Victoria Elworthy, Erika Wilson, Barbara Brown and Jane Wade - the NWŌ Organising Group.

*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 [here](#).*

MANA WHENUA/TANGATA WHENUA

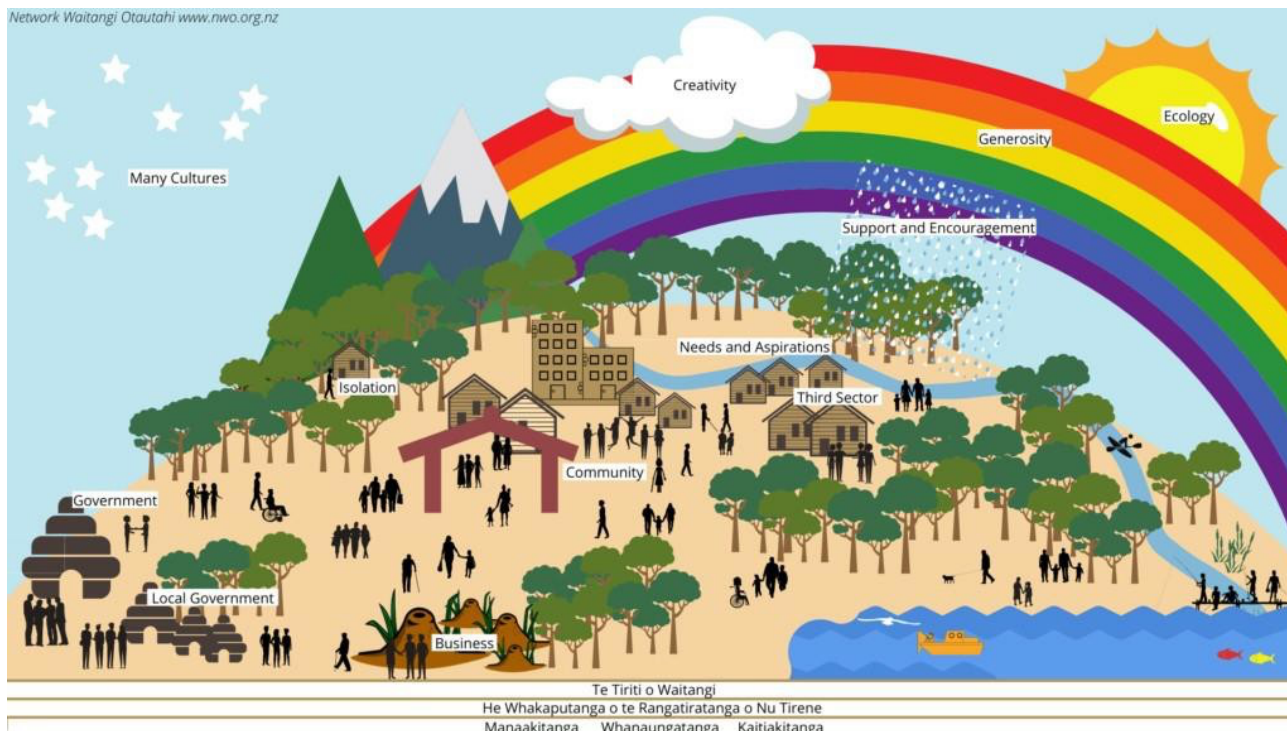
Since our inception in 1984 as Project Waitangi Ōtautahi, we have always had connections with and the support of mana whenua.

We supported Ngāi Tahu when they took their claim to the Waitangi Tribunal and were involved with the Hui Whakamana Tiriti which was established by the Ōtautahi Rūnaka in 1990 to provide opportunities to converse with people from many different organisations about key Treaty issues.

After Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) was established, we have valued ongoing relationships with them.

We have appreciated the regular updates through [Te Pānui Rūnaka](#) and [Te Karaka](#) from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT).

It is a privilege to keep in touch with Helen Brown, Co-Manager Ngāi Tahu Archive and to access their newsletters and resources on their website [Kareao](#). We enjoyed having our NWŌ display alongside the TRONT stall at Okains Bay on Waitangi Day.



RE-IMAGINING THE FUTURE

In support of Mana Whenua we attended The Welcoming of Strangers by Atholl Anderson at the WORD festival and have had regular attendance at Whakatata Mai: Getting to know Ngāi Tūāhuriri.

NWŌ is most grateful to Ngāi Tūāhuriri for their ongoing support of our mahi. The support and engagement with Amber Clarke, Lynne Te Aika and Te Maire Tau, who have provided wise guidance throughout an eventful and changing year, is pivotal. We continue to seek guidance on how best to maintain local relationships.

NWŌ is heartened by the Koroneihana of Kuini Nga wai hono i te po, the daughter of Kingi Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero who ushers in a new dawn of leadership within tangata whenua and the nation.

NWŌ notes the untimely passing of Takutai Moana Natasha Kemp in June 2025 and mourns the loss of Aunty Kiwa Hutchen and Tariana Turia.

NWŌ Activities

Network Waitangi Ōtautahi (NWŌ) continues to provide:

- Responses to email enquiries which are often from users of our website - detail of website usage is below*
- formal learning opportunities to institutions, organisations, groups and members of the public *Details of engagement are on our website. Our opportunities are designed for those with limited or no knowledge or as a refresh regarding current approaches and thinking.*
- hard copy resources for distribution around the motu, as well as for displays at events (see later list)
- on-line resources which are open access under the Creative Commons Attribution International 4.0 Licence
- support and mentoring to people wanting one-to-one support

- focus on the Treaty as a whole and as a framework for the future for us all
- support to organisations making Treaty-based changes to their policies and processes, establishing values-based, place-based approaches
- networking in organisations and in the wider community

New opportunities to connect and educate have included:

- Living wage story - book launch Scorpio; Tyrone Field re tangata whenua "How Universities Fail to Die
- Tangata Tiriti: We've got your back - WEA Lincoln Efford Lecture by Denis O'Reilly (TTA)
- The Fight for Fresh Water - Mike Joy
- Together for Humanity – Peace conversation
- Building a Wellbeing Economy from The City Up
- Environmental Network celebration
- CWEA Misinformation session
- Open Government Partnership (OGP) Civil Society groups Zoom re recommendation from Public Service Commissioner that this country withdraws from OGP
- West Papua Day on-line report ex Brian Turner
- University of the Third Age (Pegasus) History group presentation by Dr Greg Clydesdale
- WTO (Waka Toa Ora) Advisory group – OVTRK liaison – Greater Christchurch partnership and networks social cohesion presentation by Shamubeel Eaqub ex links with OVTRK
- Abraham Larsen + A O'Brien (library) re Christchurch City Council Social Inclusion
- Pathways Awarua at Hagley Literacy Centre
- Sam Woolf with Cheryl Doig - Ako Ōtautahi Learning City Christchurch – links with ACE, Tokona Te Raki, Thinking For The Future
- Hui Fono
- Ako Aotearoa regional summit, Links with Pathways Awarua



Events that NWŌ have provided displays at over the past year include:

- Several Te Pūtahi Centre for Architecture and City Making events
- Many Voices 2024 – 30 November
- Christchurch Multicultural Festival – 30 November
- Carols at the Pā – 6 December
- Waitangi Day at Kaiapoi District Council event, Okains Bay, and-Victoria Square to New Brighton, Kaumātua tent
- Culture Galore - 8 March
- Matariki at Rehua – 28 June

SHARING NWŌ RESOURCES

NWŌ uses different channels to continue to resource people's aspirations to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a whole and as a framework for the future. Our implementation work recognises organisations' mahi in becoming Tangata Tiriti Organisations and that this will mean being an exemplar in taking responsibility for building honourable Kāwanatanga and respecting and acknowledging Tino Rangatiratanga of Tangata Whenua. Tangata Whenua involvement in the organisation supports and enables it to become a great organisation – thereby to support Tangata Tiriti to build honourable Kāwanatanga, where Māori succeed as Māori, Pacific peoples thrive, and relationships, lived experience and diversity guide our mahi.

SNIPPETS

In our NWŌ newsletter [Snippets](#), we share recent developments impacting on a Treaty-based future. Snippets is available to NWŌ members and to Treaty workers around the country on request. Currently there are 148 'Snippeteers', 120 of whom are NWŌ members. NWŌ Organising Group members contribute to and circulate *Snippets*, with 11 editions per year.

NWŌ FACEBOOK PAGE

In January 2020, the OG launched the [NWŌ Facebook page](#). Our aim has been to use this platform to connect with a wider audience to share educational resources. Facebook posts are now updated regularly with topical items throughout the year. We have increased our followers to 381, an increase of 40 from last year.

NWŌ WEBSITE

We continually update resources for our courses and shorter sessions and these updates are reflected in resources we make available to download from our website e.g. [Who are Tangata Tiriti?](#) In the 13 months from October 2024 to November 2025 we have had over 105,087 visitors to our website and 472,019 page views. The three most viewed resources are "Matike Mai", "Who are Tangata Tiriti?" and "What was Te Wakaminenga, the Confederation of Tribes?" All content on this website is subject to a [Creative Commons Attribution International 4.0 Licence](#).

We look forward to continuing to refine the NWŌ website update to provide a more user-friendly, new and improved home for these resources which we have obtained over the years and continue to do so.

Our website is constantly accessed and users will often make contact by email and phone to clarify a point or seek other ideas to address their learning needs. NWŌ has over 131 and opportunities

are provided to them to give feedback on NWŌ's work. We learn from these exchanges about updates needed and what new resources need to be created. We continue to receive a large volume of requests for courses, session, mentoring and resources (hardcopy and online).

HARD COPIES

Hard copies of some of the resources are available to order from NWŌ by sending an email to office@NWŌ.org.nz indicating how many are needed and supplying a postal address. These can also be collected by arrangement with NWŌ from Te Whakaruruhau ki Ōtautahi *Christchurch Community House*, 213 Lichfield Street, Christchurch 8011:

RESOURCES	PRINTED IN 2024/2025	PRINTED TO DATE ^a	COST TO ORDER
1835 Declaration poster	Nil	95,000	koha
NWO Te Tiriti and Treaty posters	5,000	97,000	koha
Decolonisation Poster – Tauīwi	Nil	3,500	koha
Decolonisation Poster – Tauīwi-Led Organisations	Nil	3,500	koha
NWO Question and Answer Booklet	1,000	14,080	\$5each + p&p
Briefing Paper on National Action Plan Against Racism	-	-	\$5each + p&p
UNDRIP (provided by HRC) ^b	-	-	Koha
South Island Signings of Treaty (provided by TRONT) ^b	-	-	Koha
Alternatives to Anti-Maori Themes in the Media ^b	100-	-	\$2each + p&p
Passage of Māori Land into Pākehā Ownership ^b	100	-	\$2each + p&p
QR code cards (link to resources on our website)	200		

^a Hard copies printed since distribution by NWŌ began

^b resources provided from other groups and available from NWŌ

Hard copies of posters and booklets are requested via email by individuals, businesses, community centres and of course Treaty workers. The majority posted go to the North Island. As well as arranged courses, we have stalls locally and many people are pleased to take a scroll with He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti home with them. Detail on some of these resources is outlined below:



NWŌ TE TIRITI, TREATY AND 1835 DECLARATION POSTER

NWŌ has been producing posters of the 1835 Declaration of Independence He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tirenī, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Treaty of Waitangi, each with some comment and explanation, for well over 29 years. The posters are also available to [download](#) from our website (and in hard copy, as above). For the record (as is on our website) the current (2018) 'expression' in English of the text of the Treaty in te reo Māori is the result of our receipt of input from te reo Māori speakers over many years and was worked on with Professor Margaret Mutu, Professor of Māori Studies at the University of Auckland.

THE TREATY OF WAITANGI QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS BOOKLET

This handbook can also be [downloaded](#) from the website and continues to be widely distributed. The current edition is in the process of being revised and updated. This is a joint responsibility of the publishers - Network Waitangi Whangarei (NWW) and Network Waitangi Ōtautahi (NWŌ). We look forward to the new and improved edition which will add to the historical narrative and reflect the evolving landscape of what Te Tiriti/the Treaty means today and for our future. We are grateful for those who are working on the revised edition, including Moea Armstrong (Network Waitangi Whangarei) and Pauline McKay (NWŌ member).

DECOLONISATION POSTERS

The two decolonisation posters were originally gifted for distribution by Tāmaki Treaty Workers with a request that we distribute these on the same koha basis as our other posters. We carry on as requested and are pleased to report that they continue to be one of our most well-used resources. One of the posters offers a set of ideas for individuals and the other a set of ideas for organisations.

United Nations DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

We are really grateful for the currently ongoing supply from Human Rights Commission of hard copies of this United Nations Declaration.

NETWORKING

This involves local, regional, and nationwide organisations in all three sectors – government, commercial and the Third Sector and has been a dominant focus this year as groups have collaborated, and commentary on Treaty-related issues has heightened interest in learning more from both tangata Tiriti and tangata whenua alike.

LINKS WITH TREATY EDUCATION GROUPS AROUND THE COUNTRY

NWŌ acutely values our contact with, and generosity of, other Treaty workers around the country. Our ongoing relationship with [Network Waitangi Whangarei](#) remains strong, and we continue to value relationships with Treaty People and with Stop Institutional Racism (STIR).

These nationwide links provided many opportunities over the year to engage with fellow Treaty educators in response to government proposals and actions. These have become increasingly important due to the continuous changes in the political landscape throughout the past year. The [Exploring Co-governance](#) site (which is hosted on the TBF website) is another avenue that addresses the lack of information, misinformation and the fearmongering by some parties about how co-governance works. The [Tiriti Work and Activism Interactive Map](#) also provides a useful list of groups around the motu who provide Treaty education and resources.

There have been several on-line collaborations as well as hui of Treaty workers - for example,

Networking with National groups regarding Te Tiriti o Waitangi mahi included: with Hui E! meeting with the Māori Governance co-lead & EO; and their Community Constellation Te Tiriti Working Group; Action Station request to NWŌ and NWW + Susan Healey; Together for Te Tiriti (Action Station) BIPOC webinar; Kotahitanga webinar; and ActionStation Event Talking Te Tiriti.

Local Te Tiriti o Waitangi related events attended included: a two-day Treaty Based Equity Wānanga; EcuAction Canterbury 'The Treaty always speaks'; Treaty Principles Bill letter writing group; and visit from Ray Nairn (Mitzi's husband).

Te Tiriti o Waitangi online trainings: Network Waitangi Whangārei online session The Treaty Principles Bill and its Context – Values and Actions, Max Harris and Ngaire Rae; Ōnuku livestream at Akaroa Waitangi Day; and the Indigenous Resistance to Colonial Domination webinar - included Tina Ngata.

Submissions: Treaty Principles Bill submission preparation; and oral presentation of Treaty Principles Bill submission.

LINKS WITH THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS (TSOs)

National Links

Apart from the nationwide links with Treaty education groups around the country referred to above, NWŌ has links with several national TSOs.

We are a member of:

- HuiE! Community Aotearoa
- Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Research Centre which is often referred to as "Community Research"- their webinars have been particularly useful
- Adult and Community Education Aotearoa (ACEA) whose AGM we attended.

For readers' information, ACEA is the country member of the International Council of Adult Education (ICAE). ICAE links countries in Festival of Adult Learning each September. ICAE also has a regional presence – the Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE). In this country ACEA has been supported to run broader ACE events locally and nationally conferences by National Centre for Tertiary Teaching (known as Ako Aotearoa and based at Massey University). We record here our disappointment that their Government funding has ceased and that they are not able to continue.

In addition to Hui E!, Community Research and ACEA we have nationwide links through the general initiatives from ActionStation, Community Networks Aotearoa, Volunteering NZ, NZ Council of Christian Social Services, Transparency International, Inclusive Aotearoa Collective, Environmental Defence Society, Wise Response, Sustainable Energy Forum, Engineers for Social Responsibility, The Royal Society, Fabian Society, Institute of Policy Studies, Peace Movement Aotearoa, Parihaka Committee, United Nations Association, Kōtare Research and Education for Social Change, Federation of WEAs, Save West Papua campaign, Palestine Solidarity Network, Child Poverty Action Group, Living Wage campaign and Council of Trade Unions.

Ōtautahi Christchurch Links

NWŌ is a member of Te Whakaruruhau ki Ōtautahi *Christchurch Community House* (CCH) Trust. We are also a tenant in CCH and have our office base there. This has been a vital resource for our work and we record with sadness the passing of Mike Asmussen, former manager of Community House and a strong supporter for NWŌ over a number of years.

Other local TSO connections are enhanced by our resourcing of six weekly One Voice Te Reo Kotahi (OVTRK) Organising Group meetings. They provide regular networking with Social Equity and Wellbeing (SEWN), Sustainable Ōtautahi Christchurch (SOC), EnviroHub, Te Pūtahi (Christchurch

Centre for Architecture and City Making), Citizens' Advice Bureau to highlight updates on the eco-system of our Third Sector.

We also regularly engage with Climate Action groups, the Canterbury WEA, local ACE/ACEA/ Ōtautahi Learning Cities initiatives, the local Palestine Solidarity Network and local Save West Papua campaign, EcuAction meetings, Christchurch Resettlement Services, Christchurch Multicultural Council, Kia Ora Academy and Shakti.

Recognition of the role of the Third Sector *within* the wider community is pivotal to enhancing informed conversation. Confusion is often created by the way this sector is referred to as the Community Sector – government and commercial sector organisations are also part of the wider community. The Third Sector comprises organisations (TSOs) that form around common interests, identities, issues, or places. According to Statistics NZ, there are well over 100,000 in this country and only 10% have any paid staff. These organisations are also referred to as NGOs, Civil Society Organisations, Non-Profit Organisations, Community-led groups. They complement and are not limited by statutory obligations or commercial imperatives and can be the source of wisdom and direction in troubled times.

Locally and together with One Voice Te Reo Kotahi (OVTRK), as referred to above, we advocate for connections across the Third Sector, based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This provides opportunities for people to connect in an organised, holistic way, working to align ecological and indigenous approaches. In this way, NWŌ continues to nurture connections between Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti, and across the Third Sector, with a focus on Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a unifying document.

While we are involved in many Third Sector Organisations (TSOs), particularly to build understanding of the Treaty in 2025, we also, for the same reason, maintain some links to organisations in both the commercial and statutory sectors.

We value support of the Christchurch City Council in their resourcing of the regular meetings of the Interagency Network for Refugees and Migrants (INFORM) and the Multicultural Recreation and Community Centre. We record here our appreciation of the resources from the INFORM associated Community Languages Information Network (CLING). Other interagency contacts are enhanced by representation of OVTRK the Waka Toa Ora (formerly referred to as Healthy Greater Christchurch) Advisory Group. We record here our regret at the recent large reduction of funding for Waka Toa Ora.

These interagency groups are also inter-sectoral in that they involve local, regional and central government as well as TSOs.

LINKS WITH GOVERNMENT

We are pleased that [this link](#) is still available on Te Akomanga and connects directly to the Ministry of Culture and Heritage website. Their encouragement, written in the introduction recommending access to our website, includes reference to: *“teaching resources and ideas to support units of work relating to Te Tiriti o Waitangi”*.

We encourage readers to note this recommendation so government agencies can be referred to the value of not using substitutes for the Treaty, as is still the case in some government departments. The “three Ps” still continue to be understood as the principles of the Treaty. Like other substitutes for the Treaty, as described in the [NWŌ Basic Summary](#), we seek to educate wherever possible that

substitutes detract from a focus on understanding Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a framework for the future for all of us. This issue remains front and centre in 2025 and NWŌ will continue to monitor developments and contribute where we have the opportunity.

ORGANISING COURSES AND SESSIONS

We focus on understanding Te Tiriti as a framework for the future for all of us – upholding a strongly sustainable multicultural future where the indigenous status of tangata whenua and the role of everyone else as tangata Tiriti is understood - everyone has a place to belong. Participants are encouraged to develop a plan of action based on understanding Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its closely-related precursor He Wakaputanga o Nu Tireni in the light of their historical context and relevance to the future.

We do not set fees for our courses and sessions, however ask that our expenses be covered and invite koha in relation to provision of the education (receipts will be sent). Invitations to work outside Ōtautahi are considered.

Feedback forms we provide to participants in our formal two-day courses and shorter sessions include very positive comment, both in terms of the process and the content, and in assisting participants to see the relevance of the Treaty to them and their organisations and wider society. Further unsolicited comment from participants include requests for more information and follow-up sessions. We offer ongoing support and mentoring along with the open access to online educational resources on our website.



SUMMARY OF COURSES AND FORMAL SESSIONS HELD SINCE LAST AGM

Date	Hours	Participants	Organisation
2024			
05/11/24	7	13	The Salvation Army Emergency Housing 1 day course
21/11/24	1.5	9	EnviroHubs National Executive 2nd session on their journey to become a TTO, follows ChCh Hub 1 day course
9&10/12/24	14	10	Canterbury Workers Educational Association-organised two day Treaty course, open to the public
Courses 2025			
27/01/25	1	2	CEO of St John of God national executive with Māori lead Henare Te Karu re Treaty Implementation
3/02/25	1.5	90	Ernst and Young nationwide session 1 - questions
4/02/25	1.5	70	Ernst and Young nationwide session 2 - questions
5/02/25	2.5	12	Te Puna o Waiwhetu tailored session Te Tiriti "Being in Relationship – Te Tiriti in 2025"
25/02/25	.5	1	Hui E! Community Constellation – day long hui in Wellington Te Tiriti session – follow-up with HuiE! Treaty Working Group
4/3/25	1.5	9	NZ Beautification Trust on-line tailored session
13/3/25	1.5	8	Ernst and Young Audit Team on-line tailored session
7&8/4/25	14	22	Canterbury Workers Educational Association-organised two day Treaty course, open to the public
30/5/25	1	8	Te Mana Raupō Kāhui Ako Across Schools for teachers – tailored session
7/7/25	1.5	7	St John of God national executive tailored session (a follow up after 2024)
12/8/25	6	11	The Salvation Army Emergency Housing 1 day course tailored re their policy
25/9/25	~1	14	Repair Aotearoa nationwide hui – participating/advisory role re Treaty - day long

SUPPORTING THOSE DEVELOPING THEIR TREATY WORK

NON-FORMAL SESSIONS

This year, probably because of the changes in the social context, there has been a noticeable increase in sessions which are not formal or informal but are structured (i.e. non-formal) to meet the need for mentoring of and support. Some participants have participated earlier in NWŌ courses and session – many have not. We note here how useful the simplicity of our ‘handshake model’ is in summarising the Treaty as a whole, i.e. all five aspects (preamble, fourth article, and then articles one, two and three). This non-formal mahi often leads to sessions on exploring the implementation of the Treaty and developing what Dr Pita Sharples referred to in 2006 as *“a shared view of this political document called the Treaty of Waitangi, as our shared frame of reference, then and only then, can we perhaps say he iwi kotahi tātou.*

A collaborative approach is taken with these tailored education sessions often involving both educators and planners. This work may be in the third sector, commerce, government or in groups formed just for that purpose. It is inappropriate in the current social context to report on the specifics of this work as this is a publicly available document. Members are welcome to be in touch.

There are also numerous times where members of NWŌ working with other people in non-formal mentoring relationships has led to those people taking a more active role themselves in promoting Treaty work within their spaces. Often these connections are ongoing over many years, and the changes may be seen well after first involvement with NWŌ, reflecting our focus on the importance of relationality, long-term thinking, advocacy for Te Tiriti to be centered as the framework for a safe, inclusive and non-racist future in this country in order to expose the monocultural dominance, exposure of the effects of colonisation particularly on tangata whenua, emphasis on the way decision-making based only on majority-thinking often contributes to oppression and silences minorities and encouragement of relationships that help address the effects on those experiencing multiple dimensions of oppression.

NWŌ MEMBERSHIP

Once a course or session has been completed, we offer membership to NWŌ. The current membership stands at 148, an increase of 24 from last year. Members receive *Snippets*, our regular update with news and views on the Treaty referred to earlier in this Report. New applicants can now complete a membership application electronically via a [Google form online](#). We record here our appreciation of input from members.

NWŌ ORGANISING GROUP UPDATE

Regular fortnightly OG meetings have been alternately held in person at Te Whakaruruhau ki Ōtautahi Christchurch Community House or via Zoom. These are a combination of discussing the issues of the moment, of which there have been plenty in a fast-moving political and social environment over the past year, plus dealing with the matters at hand in relation to attending events, networking, practical issues such as legislative changes and educational work.

It has been a challenging year. Katherine Peet stepped back as Convenor and Archie Hunter stepped in as Acting Convenor in July. Katherine remains as the lead Educator and Organising Group (OG) member, and invaluable pou for our organisation. She continues a four decade long run leading introductory workshops and providing mentorship to organisations working towards honouring Te Tiriti.

Fay Brorens sent off thousands of hard copy resources to people up and down the country. Victoria Elworthy

brought us through the process of changing banks with much determination and patience. Katherine O'Brien compiled Snippets to keep members abreast of developments. Erika Wilson did a brilliant job coordinating our presence in the community with displays and stalls. Archie was kept busy making agendas and facilitating meetings, as well as coordinating our efforts to update the constitution. We worked on an update of our website (one of our most crucial and well used education tools) which is almost finished, but on hold as we scrambled to cover more pressing tasks.

Despite the challenges, we have got through a little battle weary but determined to keep the kaupapa going. We have learnt to ask for help, and NWŌ members have been generous with offers of support. Pauline McKay has taken on being our representative working on the new edition of the Q&A book with Network Waitangi Whangarei. AW Peet and Dave Evans have been our talented tech experts. Barbara Brown (who had earlier supported our submission writing efforts) along with Jane Wade both agreed to be co-opted onto the OG in September and have played an important role in helping get us through. They, along with Jessica Halliday, were our "team rescue" and provided us with a way forward when things were particularly tough.

Special thanks to other OG members who have given their time and expertise over the year: Fiona Deehan, Laura Muir, Kelly Duncan and Victoria Elworthy. Annie Broughton joined us as a post graduate student and we appreciate her support and insights. We were lucky to have Jane Mountier working with us briefly as Admin support in the first part of 2025. The retirement of John Peet from the OG marks a significant departure for our group, his expertise in ecological economics and organisational knowledge has been an incredible asset for decades.

This AGM is a turning point for NWŌ. All going well, we will be adopting a new primary aim that focuses on building honourable Kāwanatanga. The Organising Group will have a refresh and a reset, with existing members Katherine Peet and Katherine O'Brien working with an otherwise all new group. They will be supported by our new Admin support person Teresa von der Heiden and bookkeeper Jackie Ward. The work we do is necessary and appreciated, and we are determined to find a way to hold fast to our kaupapa as we step into the future.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The changes to the [Incorporated Societies Act 2022](#) and the [Charities Amendment Act 2023](#) have required NWŌ to make changes to its constitution. As already circulated to our members, such a revision gives us the opportunity to include a refined primary aim which better reflects the essence of the work of NWŌ.

At the moment our primary aim reads:

"To provide educational opportunities to work, as part of a wider network of groups and individuals, towards a society based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi, with a particular focus on Pakeha responsibility under Te Tiriti."

The NWŌ Organising Group has drafted this proposal for a new primary aim:

"To promote, encourage and provide educational opportunities to work, as part of a wider network of groups and individuals, towards a society based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi with a particular focus on the responsibility for building honourable Kāwanatanga."

In September 2024, we engaged Parry Fields Lawyers to work on the changes to our constitution, however put the work on hold due to lack of capacity on the OG in December. We picked it again in April this year and by October had a new constitution ready for consideration by this AGM. We worked on the premise that we would stick to our original constitution unless we were required to change it to comply with the new legislation.

Parry Field Lawyers have written a memo explaining what those changes are. Many thanks to our lawyers Annemarie Mora and Ai Li Yueh who put many hours in working on the proposed new constitution, with support from Yang Su and Steven Moe.

This AGM also addresses minor technical changes to remove the need for a formal audit of accounts while maintaining external oversight of our finances, as recommended by our Accountant *Community Capacity Accounting*.

NWŌ has been very fortunate with both koha and funding grants this year. Special thanks go to the organisations who gifted koha. These very much appreciated and have allowed NWŌ to continue its multi-faceted mahi, especially in such important times.

NWŌ is also extremely grateful to the Rātā Foundation for its ongoing support including grants and staff time. We are most grateful for the respite this support provides. It is invaluable.

CONCLUSION

As we have reflected on the past thirteen months and turned our attention to the future, we are encouraged by the way more people have been looking to the past in order to understand the present and build a better future for all - where Māori succeed as Māori, Pacific peoples thrive, and relationships, lived experience and diversity guide our mahi.

The creation of an Aotearoa in which decision-making is Tiriti-based will be key to long-term, strong sustainability of our country and its peoples and NWŌ fully supports the Moana Jackson-inspired momentum for constitutional transformation by 2040.

As a TSO without party-political affiliation, NWŌ continues to advocate for the restoration of Tino Rangatiratanga and building *honourable* Kāwanatanga. Our work continues to be underpinned by the report of [Matike Mai Aotearoa](#) with its approach to an inclusive Aotearoa based on tikanga and kawa, He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tirenī of 1835, Te Tiriti o Waitangi of 1840, and other Indigenous human rights instruments which enjoy a wide degree of international recognition.

We are committed to supporting the growing strength of kotahitanga and building connections with those who are taking responsibility to build honourable Kāwanatanga. Contributing to this understanding will, we believe, lead to a better future for all who live in this land and beyond and for all who are to come. The challenge is strong for Tangata Tiriti – to be brave, to step up, be open to the potential to make mistakes, and stand strong in support of, to use Helmut Modlik's words, "strengthening democracy by repelling its unjustly tilted foundations, resume our journey of truth and reconciliation that has been attempted to be reversed over the past year" and courageously move into the future.

*E hara taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini – success is not as an individual,
but as a collective*

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The following two pages are a key part of NWŌ's work and flowed from Ka Puta Ka Ora Emerge Aotearoa's presentation at the 2024 AGM.

[]'s aspiration is to become a **Tangata Tiriti Organisation** and honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a whole. This will mean being an exemplar in taking responsibility for building honourable Kāwanatanga and respecting and acknowledging Tino Rangatiratanga of Tangata Whenua. Tangata Whenua involved in the organisation support and enable it to become a great organisation - there to support Tangata Tiriti to build honourable Kāwanatanga, where Māori succeed as Māori, Pacific peoples thrive, and relationships, lived experience and diversity guide our mahi.

TREATY OF WAITANGI - implementation

The Preamble and 4 Articles need to be taken together as a whole and as a follow-on to the 1835 Declaration

Values-based, place-based relationships	Preamble: Peace with justice for all	Article 1: Practising honourable KĀWANATANGA	Article 2: Promoting TINO RANGATIRATANGA by tangata whenua	Article 3: Māori participation in Kāwanatanga in ways determined by Māori in relation to tikanga	Article 4: Everybody's belief systems upheld
How are each of the 5 aspects relevant to [] today?					
What next?					
Who with?					
How will we know when it's done?					

Developed in collaboration with

Who are Tangata Tiriti?

At Waitangi in 1839 when he was chair of the Waitangi Tribunal, Sir Edward Taihakurei Durie, referred to non-Māori as Tangata Tiriti: those who belong to this land by right of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi. He noted that without the Treaty, they would have no lawful presence in such numbers, nor any legitimate political role in this part of the Pacific. Put another way, in the Treaty there were Tangata Whenua - people of the land - and Tangata Tiriti - people of the Treaty. (Tangata Tiriti includes everyone who do not whakapapa to a Māori ancestor, not just white people from Britain, it is a political rather than an ethnic term).

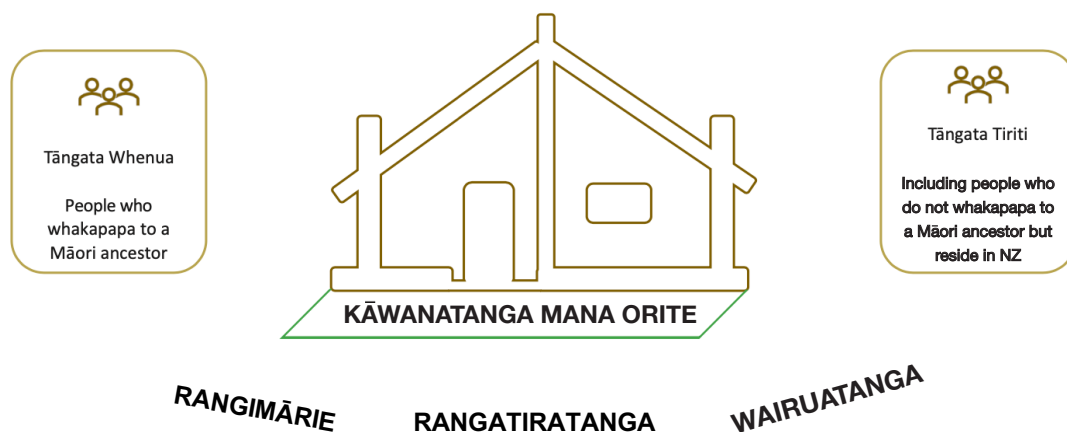
In Te Tiriti, the Crown undertook to respect and uphold the tino rangatiratanga of the many independent hapū, in exchange for the right to govern its own subjects within the boundaries of the land granted to them. Those same subjects, or citizens as we say now, were therefore also bound to recognise the independent authority of their local hapū with all their powers of tino rangatiratanga. However, the Crown ('Kāwanatanga' in Te Tiriti) quickly got out of control, unilaterally taking to itself the power to govern the whole country and all its citizens. Now that Tangata Tiriti have at last begun to understand the Treaty, they have begun to accept the responsibility to promote the establishment of an honourable Kāwanatanga - the one promised in the Treaty.

**The Treaty was and is an invitation to Tangata Tiriti to belong in this land
IF the Treaty is honoured.**

It is the basis of the developing culture of Tangata Tiriti and of their Statehood.

A Treaty-based way of working towards a Treaty-based future within organisations

A Tangata Tiriti Organisation approach



There may need to be many occasions to caucus (and sub-caucus) as per the above diagram before the bilateral Tangata Whenua:Tangata Tiriti relationships are explored in the combined meeting space. This is because relationships within the caucuses have to be sorted out first, and both the ramifications of the indigenous status of Tangata Whenua and the appropriate role for Tangata Tiriti have to be fully understood by everyone.