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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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Moe mai rā, Tā Tumu Te Heuheu

“The commitment that the next ariki
needs to have is a commitment... to
the wellbeing of our people
collectively,” said Tumu Te Heuheu. -
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Moana Maniapoto farewells Tā Tumu
Te Heuheu - watch [here](#)

Photo - Te Heuheu in 2015 Wikipedia



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Iwi, unions, and activists are calling on Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti to come together on the 28th of October for **Rā Whakamana**, a national day of solidarity to reaffirm the tino rangatiratanga of Tangata Whenua and protect the rights and wellbeing of all workers. Sign up [here](#)

NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU TAURA HERE INVITES YOU TO:

Dr Moana Jackson Memorial Wānanga

HE WHAKAPUTANGA: THE 1835 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

6.00-7.30pm, 28 October 2025

Victoria University
Law School, GBLT2
Te Whanganui-a-Tara

A wānanga to celebrate Moana's contribution to this kaupapa and to discuss He Whakaputanga and its relevance today.

Facilitated by Dr Carwyn Jones, Te Huia Bill Hamilton, Karlo Mila, Rhianna Morar.

Please register your attendance using the QR Code below.



28 OCTOBER 2025
RA WHAKAMANA
NATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY

Commemorative events for Parihaka Day

Ngā Manu Kōrihi Ōtautahi (Parihaka Network Christchurch) aim to highlight the historical events of 5 Nov 1881, the Crown invasion of the peaceful Taranaki village of Parihaka and its philosophy of peace and reconciliation through non-violence. The Peace Bell event on is outdoors, but the community-based events are informal, discussion-based, and beginner-friendly. No RSVPs. All welcome.

To whet your appetite for these coming events, you may like to [read this](#) old-but-good National Geographic article 'Why Wasn't I Told' by Kennedy Warne (Issue 42, Nov-Dec 2016)

Tues 28 Oct, 7.30pm – Sacred Heart Church, 70 Spencer St, Addington

Wed 29 Oct, 1pm – St Marks Opawa Church, Opawa

Wed 29 Oct, 7pm – Northcity Church, 95a Sawyers Arms Rd, Papanui

Thurs 30 Oct, 7pm – St Barnabas Church, 8 Tui St, Fendalton

Wed 5 Nov, 1pm - Parihaka Commemoration, World Peace Bell, Botanic Gardens

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generation had a different take on what is important in life, and they would have a different view of how things should be managed. Durie said despite the **"seismic shift" it had caused in New Zealand**, the tribunal had remained very much the same, because the kaupapa had been very clear from the beginning. - **[Read more](#)**

make their own decision'



Former High Court Judge Sir Taihākurei (Eddie) Durie speaking before the Waitangi Tribunal in June this year at

Raukawa Marae, Ōtaki.- Photo: Mark Papalii

Cannabinoid breakthrough recognised as science minister bankrolls Māori traditional knowledge

Shane Reti funds new Bioeconomy Science Institute \$42 million to work with iwi to commercialise New Zealand's 80,000 native species of plants, animals and fungi.

By Jonathan Milne | **[Read more](#)**



Kalei Delamere-Ririnui, Annette Sykes, Maia Te Hira, and

Te Maiora Rurehe (Photo: Supplied to The Spinoff)

Carrying hope: A young Māori lawyer on the future of the Waitangi Tribunal

From the descendants of rangatira to the frontlines of Tiriti justice, one Māori lawyer reflects on her journey through the Tribunal and what the future holds

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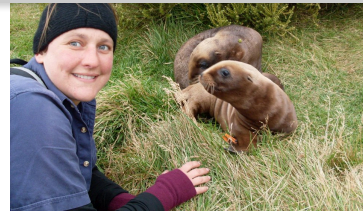
Hell hath no fury like an attorney-general scorned

Sir Geoffrey Palmer and Chris Finlayson offer praise for the Waitangi Tribunal – and damning criticism of the coalition Government. - **[Read more](#)**

Resisting the plunder in Pātea

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alive with the energy of our mountain and moana. They carry whakapapa. They are not for sale.” — Kate Paris in Pātea. [Read more](#)



Communities in Pātea “continue to insist that we protect papa moana, the seabed,” writes Kate Paris, pictured here with sea-lion pups on the Auckland Islands in 2013.
(Photo supplied to E-tangata)

Erasing Te Tiriti in Education

“We shoulder the burden of ensuring that Te Tiriti lives in our classrooms, even when government policy tries to erase it.” — Rongopai Kira, deputy principal of Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga. - [Read more](#)



Hosted by Leadership Lab in partnership with Christchurch City Council, this unconference is grounded in **Te Tiriti o Waitangi**. That means centring Te Ao Māori values, tikanga, and kawa in how we hold the day, and making sure the conversations we have reflect our shared responsibility for equity in Aotearoa. For more info and to register click [here](#)

Pacific voices urge experts to 'decolonise' adaptation at New Zealand's largest climate forum

Pacific leaders believe climate experts are missing an opportunity to incorporate indigenous knowledge into adaptation measures. - [Read more](#)

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rights and decolonization issues in the Pacific. [Read more](#)



Te Pāti Māori MP Hana-Rawhiti Maipi-Clarke at the opening of Parliament. Photo: RNZ / Samuel Rillstone

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Te Pāti Māori MP Hana-Rawhiti Maipi-Clarke named by *Time* as one of the world's 'most influential rising stars'

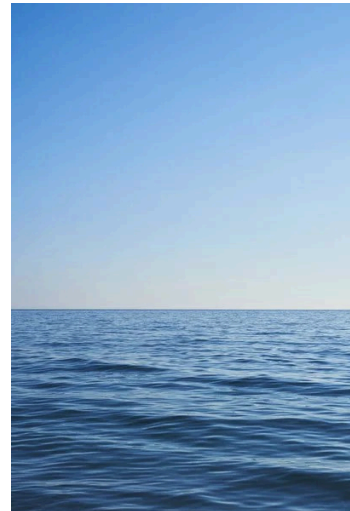
Influential news magazine *Time* said she followed in the footsteps of ancestors who sustained Māori language, traditions and culture.

Understanding Environmental Racism through the Marine and Coastal Area Amendment Bill, Tina Ngata - [Read more](#)

Former Attorney-General criticises Marine and Coastal Areas Act changes - [Read more](#)

'Mean-spirited': Māori lawyer joins calls to stop marine and coastal rights law changes - [Read more](#)

Māori coastal rights Supreme Court decision could set precedent - lawyer - [Read more](#)



Toitū Te Reo 2025!

Toitū Te Reo, Aotearoa's Māori language festival, celebrating language, culture, and the identity of Māori and wider New Zealand in the heart of Heretaunga, in the Hastings CBD on **November 13-14 2025** - [Read more](#)

Māori Queen leads kiwifruit grower delegation in Dubai

"For us, it's not just about trade - it's about forging long-term relationships



Walking the talk: Signed deed cements Waitākere Ranges partnership

Seventeen years after the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act was signed, a new agreement "gives practical effect" to the rights of tangata whenua laid out in the 2008 legislation. - [Read more](#)



Tāmaki Makaurau MP Oriini Kaipara at Parliament,
delivering her maiden speech.

Photo: VNP/Phil Smith - RNZ

Oriini Kaipara's maiden statement: 'A product of Māori resilience'

Oriini Kaipara's maiden speech was overshadowed a little by celebration of it, but what did Tāmaki Makaurau's new MP actually say? - [Read more](#)

How local election rules discriminate against Māori

"For Māori, the strongest interest isn't usually in the suburb where we rent or own a house — it's in the rohe of our awa, marae, whenua, and the decisions made there that most deeply affect us." — Mike Smith. - [Read more](#)



**Environmental
Defence
Society**

**Perseverance of mana whenua
respectfully recognised by Environmental
Defence Society with the passage of Hauraki Gulf
/ Tikapa Moana Marine Protection Bill**
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Chinese New Zealander Mengzhu Fu reflects on how to practice solidarity with Māori. - [Read more](#)



The foreshore near Ōpōtiki, the shoreline area which is the subject of a major Court of Appeal and Supreme Court ruling - and Government repeal.

Photo: Lynn Grieveson.- Newsroom

Govt doubled down on limiting Māori coastline rights despite advice

Officials repeatedly warned the Government its planned retrospective block on Māori customary rights cases could cost \$20m and sour relations further - [Read more](#)

Justice Minister warns government will legislate 'over the top' of court decisions to create clarity and certainty (from The Spinoff Bulletin)

Paul Goldsmith has warned the judiciary at a Law Association event that the government will legislate "over the top" of decisions involving concepts such as tikanga and treaty obligations if action is needed to retain legal clarity in New Zealand, [reports Neil Sands for Law News](#).

Goldsmith's comments were in response to a question from the floor calling parliament to "restore appropriate boundaries and legal certainty" after the [Supreme Court posthumously exonerated Peter Ellis](#), citing tikanga Māori as being considered when allowing Ellis's case to continue after death – under tikanga, the dead maintain the right to re-establish their mana.

Goldsmith also warned such "unique" features in the legal system could cost the country investment. In response to that, former attorney general Chris Finlayson [told RNZ](#) Goldsmith was being "a bit melodramatic".

"I should hardly think that some would-be investor in New Zealand is going to be put off investing because of some treaty clause in a piece of legislation."

The mindful Māori: Finding calm in everyday chaos

"Our tūpuna navigated vast oceans with no modern instruments, guided by

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of the Pacific, surely, we can find it in the uncertainty of our inboxes and calendars.” — Nathan Hira. [Read more](#)



Hira Nathan: “Often, the most growth or healing can be found in those small moments. I’ve also noticed that the things that steal my sleep are usually not the big things — they’re just lots of little things.” (Photo supplied) - E-tangata



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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