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

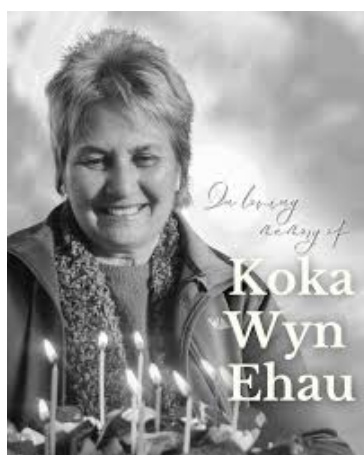
**Kia ora <<First Name>>,
Welcome to the latest edition of SNIPPETS
Treaty news from around the network.
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In this resource, we share information about current conversations and issues; local, national and sometimes international.

Please note, NWŌ is not aligned with any political party or religious affiliation.

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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NWŌ acknowledges with sadness the passing of the beautiful Wyn Ehau

"She was the one who made people feel like they belonged. The one whose quiet, steady presence made Wai-Ora feel like home." - **Rick Ehau**

NWŌ also acknowledges with sadness the passing of Sidney Ashton

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Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, he is credited by many with helping set the iwi on its path to success following settlement

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Te Pāti Māori wants to abolish prisons. The idea is not just a fantasy

This week, Te Pāti Māori announced its policy of dismantling New Zealand’s prison system and replacing it with Māori-led justice. Critics say it’s impossible, but, writes Liam Rātana, evidence suggests otherwise - Liam Rātana. - [Read more](#)

Watch a talk by Tracy McIntosh on the case for abolishing prisons at the Te Tiriti-based Futures Conference 2024 [here](#)

Matike Mai and the Spheres of Solidarity



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"I share this as a guide for clarifying the different roles, responsibilities, and boundaries in this work.

I share this to prepare us for the upcoming election year and beyond, to strategise how we can bring our various communities in alignment with Matike Mai to achieve constitutional transformation by 2040." -

Mengzhu Fu - [Read more](#)



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A panel of speakers will share their experiences of contributing to projects where land has successfully been returned to mana whenua.

The kōrero will be followed by an optional workshop for those currently (or hoping to be) involved in further #LandBack projects across the motu.

Livestream link available upon registration (panel only)

Both coloniser and colonised: reckoning with my family history

It took me a while to come to terms with this discovery. On one side, I am a descendant of people who fought against the British and colonisation of Aotearoa, while on the other, I am descended from the very people they were battling. I know I am not alone, but I haven't really seen much discussion on how to deal with this dilemma

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**Te Tiriti-based Futures conference
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Tauiwi Tautoko cohort

For tauiwi pākehā - starting soon - on 1 March 2026: [Training calendar for the March tauiwi pākehā cohort](#) - this will be run fully online. To request for information or register click [here](#)

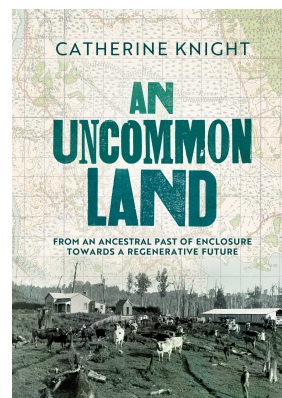
For tauiwi of the global majority (BIPOC)* - later in the year. Date to be confirmed.

** "Global Majority is a collective term that first and foremost speaks to and encourages those so-called, to think of themselves as belonging to the majority on planet earth. It refers to people who are Black, African, Asian, Brown, dual-heritage,*

An Uncommon Land

Exploring enclosure, colonisation and denaturing through an ancestral past, towards the possibilities of a re-commoned future. - [Read more](#)

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Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

One of the most damning and detailed assessments of New Zealand's failings by any human rights treaty monitoring body is contained in the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination's Concluding Observations on New Zealand's (lack of) compliance with the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination - [Read more](#)

What Rātana means to a child of the church

Raised mōrehu, lawyer **Maia Te Hira** reflects on **Te Haahi Rātana** as lived faith – its legacy of healing and politics, and why it still matters in a changing Māori world. - [Read more](#)



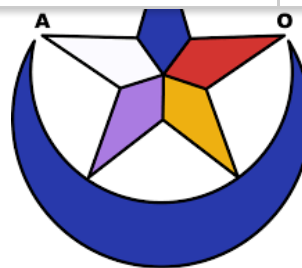
Shane Jones' \$10m Rātana surprise

Extreme weather elsewhere and rising inflation threatened to overshadow Rātana, but Shane Jones fought back. By Marc Daalder | [Read more](#)

Te Pāti Māori: Rātana not the time to negotiate

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“The treaty is going to be an absolute bottom line for everything,” Ngarewa-Packer said [Read more](#)



Nearly 40% of voters think Te Tiriti o Waitangi has too much influence on government decisions, according to the latest RNZ-Reid Research poll. (RNZ)

How an old Māori song became the anthem of the Pacific

While the exact origins of the song are debated, it's commonly accepted that 'E Papa' is an **“old river song”** from the Whanganui area. According to some, it was composed in the late 19th century following **the battle of Moutoa** on May 14, 1864. [Read more](#)

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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