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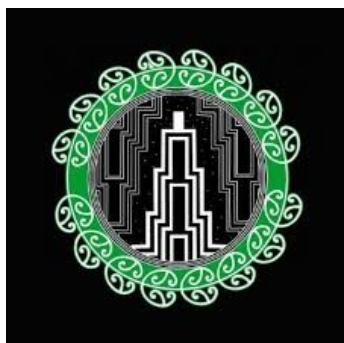
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The annual Waitangi political pōwhiri received a quieter reception than in recent years, but the most excoriating exchanges took place on the paepae. - Marc Daalder

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## Canterbury museum to mark 50 years hosting Waitangi Day commemorations

A world class museum on Canterbury's picturesque Banks Peninsula marked 50 years of hosting the South Island's biggest and longest-running Waitangi Day commemorations on 6 February. -

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## An Indigenous Diplomacy is Possible

“The alternative rules-based order could be crafted to open political spaces for substantive participation by Indigenous peoples as peoples of inherent agency. They could participate as shareholders in public authority, not as stakeholders to be consulted in someone else’s project.” — Dominic O’Sullivan. - [Read more](#)

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Prime Minister Christopher Luxon at Waitangi.

Photo: Mark Papalii/ RNZ)

## What the PM said at Waitangi was wrong

“When the prime minister spoke at Waitangi he set out a terribly distorted view of the country’s founding document.” -

Carwyn Jones. - [Read more](#)

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In 2006, Ngāi Tahu used part of its landmark treaty settlement to launch Whai Rawa, a reciprocal wealth-building scheme with a particular focus on children. Two decades later, Max Rashbrooke checks in on how it's going. - [Read more](#)

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### What is the 'fourth article' of te Tiriti and why is it being debated?

A spoken promise at Waitangi to 'tiaki' faith and ritenga Māori is now at the centre of a petition to parliament. Was it a binding Crown commitment, or a modern myth stitched onto history? Liam Rātana - [Read more](#)

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### Marlborough iwi Rangitāne o Wairau now responsible for Te Pokohiwi o Kupe

A Marlborough iwi now has responsibility for managing a historic coastal site including the area of the first Polynesian settlement in Aotearoa. - [Read more](#)



Wairau Bar. Photo: RNZ / Samantha Gee

### The Māori seats explained: Why they exist and why they're under threat

The Greens want to entrench them, NZ First wants to scrap them. Here's how the Māori electorates work – and why their future may hinge on coalition negotiations. - Liam Rātana - [Read more](#)

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This conference acknowledges the failure of the current economic model (an extractive machine for environmental destruction, poverty and inequality) and lays out new analyses and a new narrative of economic justice.

Contributors include **Matthew Scobie** (Ngai Tahu economist who wrote *The Economic Possibilities of Decolonisation*), **Marilyn Waring** and **Meihana Durie**.

Programme and registration on [this link](#):



*Photo Te Ao News Ngāti Ruapani Mai  
Waikaremoana*

### [Ngāti Ruapani, Crown sign \\$24m Treaty settlement at Waikaremoana](#)

Ngāti Ruapani mai Waikaremoana and the Crown have signed a Deed of Settlement for historical Treaty claims dating back to 1866, at Waikaremoana in Te Urewera. - [Read more](#)

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## **The Economic Possibilities of Decolonisation** by **Matthew Scobie** and **Anna Sturman** [Read more](#)

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### **One Māori in the room isn't enough**

Aroha Gilling has had enough of being the only brown face in the room. Here, she offers some advice to Pākehā employers who want to hire more Māori. - [Read more](#)

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### **Growing numbers of Pākehā seeking to understand Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

Network Waitangi Whangārei .. said membership enrolments have tripled in the last year, alongside increasing

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## **‘I can polish poo – but I can’t polish diarrhoea’: Māori blast RMA overhaul**

Iwi leaders, environmental experts and legal scholars warn the government’s new planning laws could weaken Treaty settlements and strip Māori of decision-making power over land and water. - [Read more](#)

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### **UPCOMING NWŌ 2-DAY OPPORTUNITY**

#### **UNDERSTANDING THE TREATY IN 2026**

**Network Waitangi Ōtautahi**

**25 April and 2 May 2026**

**9.30am - 4.30pm**

**\$70**

**Venue: CWEA, 59 Gloucester Street, Christchurch**

**This is organised by Canterbury WEA and will be run by  
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## **Breaking through the biggest barrier to learning te reo**

“When we’re feeling vulnerable, with negative self-chatter going round and round in our heads, the fear of making a mistake stills our tongues.” — Atakohu Middleton talks to Awanui Te Huia about how negative self-talk can undermine efforts to learn te reo. - [Read more](#)

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## Owners apologised for using a Māori word for their brand name

The owner of Australian activewear label AROHA has apologised after copping heat for using a Māori word to name the brand, saying they didn't do thorough research. *"Our intentions were never to offend any of you, it was purely based on the fact that we wanted our brand surrounded by love,"* owner Katie Burke said on TikTok.

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*Martin Fisher*

## A more critical history of Forest & Bird

A book commemorating the centenary of Forest & Bird skips lightly over its complex relationship with Māori — highlighting small positive interactions, but ignoring its fierce campaign against the Ngāi Tahu settlement deal in the 1990s, writes historian Martin Fisher. - [Read more](#)

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## How Captain Cook called the cops on me 250 years after his arrival in Aotearoa

Ben Fagan's essay was published on 15 February in The Spinoff after telling a colleague about an earlier poem he wrote which resulted in the police arriving at his home. It was described there as "a window into how police work when it comes to protest, but mostly it's a story about colonisation and the stories we tell ourselves." -

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### judgement against Greenpeace in pipeline case

This is a blatant attempt to erase Indigenous leadership at Standing Rock, and bankrupt a movement that stands up to corporate polluters. - Read more [here](#) and [here](#)



**Global SPIRIT** is an international collaboration led by the Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health and the LEGO Foundation, to create a shared digital home for Indigenous-led approaches to play and child development.

Working with 23 partners across Aotearoa, Australia, Canada and the United States, including **Te Hou Ora Whānau Services**, a co-design process grounded in listening, making and collective storytelling was used, centring Indigenous wisdom on intergenerational play. [Explore the Global SPIRIT website](#) to see how Indigenous-led knowledge, storytelling, and play come together in practice.



Treaty Talks, hosted by Kara Rickard, unpacks Te Tiriti o Waitangi, exploring its history, intent, and impacts. We hear from passionate voices working to restore the true intent of Te Tiriti. - [Watch here](#)

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Everyone's talking about immigrants and Māori. It must be an election year.

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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  
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