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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.

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Future of Fresh Water: Law, Rangatiratanga and Governance - panel discussion

Saturday 18 April - Free
2 pm - Christchurch Art Gallery

Panel of Elizabeth Brown (Ngāi Tahu), Ngāi Tahu Ecan Councillor Laean Cranwell, Elizabeth MacPherson from the University of Canterbury Faculty of law and Politician Craig Pauling (Ngāi Tahu, Ngāi Mutunga) discuss the Ngāi Tahu wai māori legal claim.

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**State of the Pākehā Nation - 2026
Alex Barnes**

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commissioned annual reflections on the State of the Pākehā Nation since 2006. Founding member, the Rev. Joan Cook, died in 2009 and the essays since that time commemorate her pioneering Treaty and anti-racism work.

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The Honourable Kāwanatanga Wānanga Report

Here lies the Honourable Kāwanatanga wānanga Report. It was held on October 28, 2025, at Te Herenga Waka marae, our team convened a diverse group of 63 participants—including scholars, activists, and community leaders—to explore the values and structures necessary for a Te Tiriti-based future in Aotearoa. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Kāwanatanga Project, Be part of the project and fill in their survey [here](#). Download the report [here](#)

Te Tiriti-based Futures conference

Many readers will be aware that **Te Tiriti-Based futures was** held 21-26 March and comprised 26 webinars. Many of these free, innovative (inter)national, online events will be available to view. Keep an eye on their [YouTube channel](#) for when they became available or catch up on past sessions in the meantime.



Thirty years of the state of Māori rights

"... I notice it as they come through to the university. They're a different breed. They are very confident in who they are and where they're from, and they live comfortably in their own skin." - Professor Margaret Mutu on one obvious sign of Maori progress over the last 30 years. - [Read more](#)

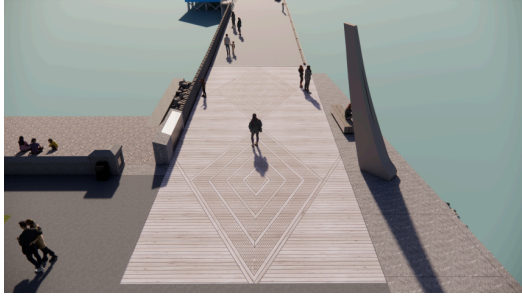


Image source: Christchurch City Council

New Akaroa Wharf design celebrates deep cultural and historic significance

Akaroa's bicultural history will be recognised and celebrated through designs featured on the community's new wharf, enhancing the experience for residents and visitors alike. - [Read more](#)

The Treaty isn't broken - we just can't agree what it is

Is te Tiriti a 'simple nullity', a living covenant, or an immovable mountain? Until Aotearoa answers that question, the argument will never end. - Alistair Reese
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(Source 1News)

What I learned from Julian Batchelor's defamation case against TVNZ

OPINION: Anti co-governance campaigner Julian Batchelor lost his defamation case against TVNZ. Te Aniwa Hurihanganui, the reporter at the centre of the case, explains why that matters. - [Read more](#)

Kia Tika, Kia Pono - For A Just Society Conference 16-18 April 2026

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](#):
(online livestream option + running transcript option available)



Watch Dr Melissa Derby's recent address at United Nations to the Committee on Eliminating Racial Discrimination on Aotearoa New Zealand's progress on reducing racial discrimination and promoting racial equality.

What happens when Māori have more control?

"It is one of the rare times that Māori have been less impacted by a disease than Europeans and provides a clear example of how much better Māori do when we are able to exercise self-determination and control our own lives." - Professor Margaret Mutu

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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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Tanith Wirihana Te Waitohioterangi wearing his rei mako. Photo: Supplied /Tanith Wirihana Te Waitohioterangi (RNZ)

'Shamed and embarrassed': Taonga taken at border sparks calls for awareness

A Māori researcher says being forced to remove his rei mako (traditional shark tooth earrings) at the New Zealand border felt like "a stripping of mana". - [Read more](#)

Taku Rau Tikumu Exhibition revitalises ancient practices

A new exhibition that explores ancient weaving techniques that utilise alpine flora in Te Waipounamu has opened at the Nelson Provincial Museum, exploring the deep cultural and practical significance of a mountain treasure that once sheltered travellers from the harshest elements. - [Read more](#)



Te Kahu Tikumu, reaserching alongside Museum Ethnographers Group in London. Photo: Hamuera Manihera Instagram (Te Ao News)

The Betrayal of our global standing on human rights

Our global reputation of fierce independence and unwavering commitment to Human Decency hasn't just been eroded but seriously betrayed over the past 2 years. Opinion - Gregory Fortuin - [Read more](#)

"...for local audiences here in Aotearoa, no scene comes close to the emotional climax of the film, when a choir of

How 'Pō Atarau' made it all the way to Ryan Gosling's Project Hail Mary

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and lyrics: "Pō atarau / E moea iho nei" - [Read more](#)



Cultural safety in nursing — brave but unsuccessful first steps

From her book Ngākaurua, Jacquie reflects on her last year of nursing training, which she undertook just as the profession was trying to come to grips with the idea that Māori concepts belong in nursing too.

"...we were told that a large number of our classmates had complained about being forced to sleep communally and subjected to learning things that they considered irrelevant to their nursing programme." - [Read more](#)



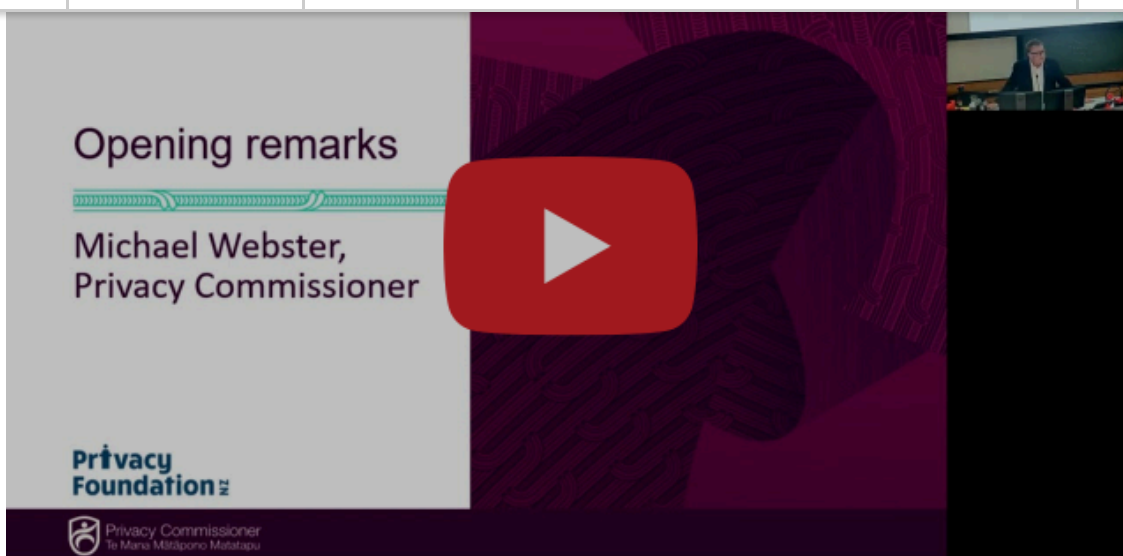
Joe Harawira being interviewed by Kimiora.

(source E-Tangata)

Tipene: A legacy reborn

"Tipene has such a rich history and legacy, and many of the old boys were upset when it closed in 2000. Its closure had left an unfinished chapter in the school's story." - Kimiora Kaire-Melbourne, director of the documentary "Tipene - A Legacy Reborn"

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The **video and speech** of the Sir Bruce Slane memorial lecture are now published on the **website**. The 2026 lecture was delivered by **Justice Christian Whata** (Ngāti Pikiao and Ngāti Tamateatūtahi - Kawiti of Te Arawa) examining the concept of privacy through a tikanga lens anchored to the longstanding tension between the right to privacy, and freedom of speech, and open justice.

Cultural Amnesia



"Our joint heritage must be valued. Efforts to properly name and protect local history—from stadium naming to post-earthquake recovery—have too often been neglected. The original name for Parekiore Recreation Sports Centre was Queen Elizabeth II. It was declined. This cultural amnesia must stop." - Te Maire Tau, upoko of Ngāi Tūāhuriri.

Click **here** to read in The Press or **here** if no Press subscription.

Culture wars or mission creep? Free Speech Union goes after NZ regulators

Is it about free speech or is it a culture war? Is it about being culturally appropriate or telling people how to think and feel? by Liam Rātana - **Read more**

Could harakeke be the key to removing 'forever chemicals' from our water?

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the University of Auckland has had promising early results using the plant to remove chemicals from water.

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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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