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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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Ngāti Irakehu celebrates Matariki at their ancient trading site, Takapūneke Reserve, an ancient place of trade for Ngāi Tahu.

Watch [here](#) (For those with a Press subscription read [here](#))

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Image Source: The Press

Māori word '**kaitiakitanga**' named world's most beautiful by language app

A Māori word describing the responsibility to care for the natural world has been named the world's most beautiful word by language-learning platform Babbel.

[Read more](#)

Unlikely Kin - Whales Rats & Kauri



Sunday 2 August

7.00 pm

Jack Mann Theatre Kōawa Studio

University of Canterbury - Ōtautahi

Unlikely Kin traverses six years in the lives of Hori Parata and his son Te Kaurinui Parata as they carry out cultural whale harvests, save native kiore and most importantly as Hori passes on his matakura Māori to his son Te Kaurinui for legacy and leadership. Watch the trailer [here](#). Purchase tickets [here](#).

The Enduring Question of Te Tiriti

"Te Tiriti is best understood as an ongoing agreement about coexistence, and one that covers the economy too", writes Morgan Godfery. - [Read more](#)



Image source: *The Press*

Ancient pā site returned to Ngāti Kurī after more than a century in private ownership

Ngāti Kurī have gained ownership of a significant ancestral pā site near the mouth of the Waiautoa (Clarence River), marking the return of 45 hectares of land to Ngāi Tahu after more than a century in private hands. - [Read more](#) [here](#) and watch [here](#)

Govt spends millions on unprecedented Waitangi Tribunal inquiries

The Government has spent well over \$4 million defending legal challenges by Māori since taking office, with the number of urgent inquiries by the Waitangi Tribunal soaring to record highs.- [Read more](#).

Tackling the questions in 'the too-hard basket'

Do you have questions about Te Tiriti that you're too shy or afraid to ask? Dr Heather Came, an antiracism educator, has a simple yet effective way to draw out those questions and open them up for discussion. She introduces Atakohu Middleton to the Too-Hard Basket. - [Read more](#)



Photo source: *E-Tangata*

Government chips in for first Ngāmotu marae in two centuries

TREATY-BASED FUTURES 2026 feedback



All the webinars for Te Tiriti Based Futures 2026 are now edited, reviewed and on the Te Tiriti-based futures + Antiracism **YouTube channel**.

The videos from the HC & A associated event on Tiriti-based organisational journeys are now also available **online**.

There were 2,980 registrations; 2,850 joined webinars and 1410 have watched recordings so far, with an average recording time of 37 minutes.

Government flip-flopped on Treaty's role in school curriculum

Documents show the government **cut the Treaty of Waitangi** as an overarching principle of its school curriculum rewrite two years ago but quickly back-tracked on the idea. - **Read more**

Launch of Hui ē! Together for The Vote

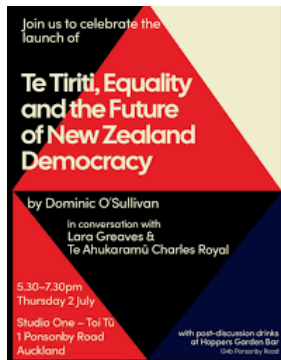
**Tuesday 28 July
7.30 pm - 8.40 pm**

Read more and register [here](#)



Major Treaty case over compulsory return of Crown land heads to top court

Māori near Gisborne are continuing a 34-year fight involving 'momentous' provisions for the forced return of Crown forest lands wrongly taken in breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi **Read more**

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Te Tiriti, Equality and the Future of New Zealand Democracy

Watch a presentation by Dominic O'Sullivan from 3 July on his new book at the New Zealand Fabian Society [here](#). Access the book [here](#)

Tāmaki Makaurau the heart of Matariki 2026 celebrations

A wahine who's spent over two decades helping shape celebrations says more New Zealanders are getting on board every year. - [Read more](#)

Watch the Hautapu Ceremony by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei at Takaparawhau from 10 July [here](#)



'I think she'd be pretty proud of her team.'

In the bitterly cold mornings at Amberley School, staff are leading the student “enviro team” to plant seedlings and vegetables this winter. The goal? To be able to provide all the kai for future Matariki hāngi, to give back to the community.

"The Good Settler" by Richard Shaw - opinion piece by Philip Temple

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now in farms or cities across the country was acquired by settlers, not by inheritance or for a fair price but by conquest, confiscation or ripoff deals that promised Māori a goodly share—or at least a fair price—but which were never honoured.- [Read more](#)

See Richard Shaw in his own words as part of the Te Tiriti-based Futures conference 2026 along with Glenn Colquhoun [here](#)

TOKONA TE RAKI

Tokona te Raki, recently shared their learnings, achievements and their thinking about what comes next:
[Read the report here](#)

Jones wants to strip fast-track powers from environmental regulator

The Government's fast-track consenting scheme is facing renewed scrutiny, and pressure to reshape how it operates. - [Read more](#)

Whatarangi Winiata: He taniwha hikuroa

"Whata was referred to as 'he taniwha hikuroa'. He truly was a taniwha of our times, with a long tail reaching into the future through our people." —

Tainui Stephens, farewelling Professor Whatarangi Winiata, a giant of the Māori world, who died early this month.

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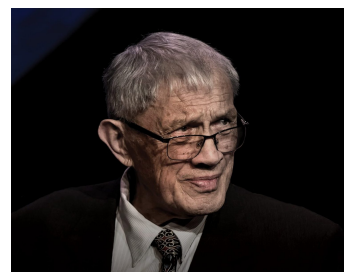


Image source: E-Tangata

UPCOMING NWŌ 2-DAY OPPORTUNITY

UNDERSTANDING THE TREATY IN 2026

8 and 15 October 2026

9.30am - 4.30pm

\$70

* [ancestry, cultural difference and cultural safety](#)

* [pre-Treaty and post-Treaty history](#)

To register click [here](#)

Review [here](#)

Decolonisation and Nuclear Free Pacific

The UN Special Committee on Decolonisation has heard renewed calls for action on New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Guam and Tokelau. *PINA* reports that the committee has heard from Pacific representatives, petitioners and administering powers debating the pace of self-determination and decolonisation in the territories.

Read more [here](#), listen [here](#)

The 200-year iwi alliance taking the Crown to court over Ruapehu concessions

Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Te Patutokotoko are in court this week alleging Ruapehu concession decisions failed to consider Te Tiriti. - [Read more](#)



Image source: Newsroom

How the government plans to 'unlock' papakāinga on Māori land

A raft of changes are being introduced with the aim of reducing cost and consent barriers to building on whenua Māori. - [Read more](#)

**Land where Captain Cook first made contact
has been handed back to Aboriginal Owners**

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Image source: *Te Ao News*

negotiations, more than 3000 hectares in and around Cooktown in far north Queensland have been returned to the Guugu Yimithirr people. -

[Read more](#)

Creative accounting: How officials kept a failed tech upgrade under the radar

Millions of dollars have been wasted and the integrity of public servants called into question over an Immigration NZ tech upgrade that went badly wrong following a directive from new Public Service Minister Paul Goldsmith. - [Read more](#)

Land of Memories The Photographs of Mark Adams Through an Archaeologist's Lens

As an archaeologist specialising in Māori rock art heritage I have been taken by the intertwining of three modern recognitions in international rock art and archaeological research -

[Read more](#)



Image source: *Christchurch Art Gallery*

It's not "our" reo if you're Pākehā

"I'm not arguing that Pākehā can't learn te reo Māori. Anyone can learn te reo Māori, speak te reo Māori, and have a relationship with te reo Māori. But only Māori can claim te reo as 'ours'." — Taea Staples - [Read more](#)

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Image source: The Spinoff

In the depths of suburban West Auckland, one rugby league club has supported 150 children to play in teams where te reo Māori is the norm. Ātea editor Liam Rātana went along to a game. - [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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