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

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Treaty news from around the network.
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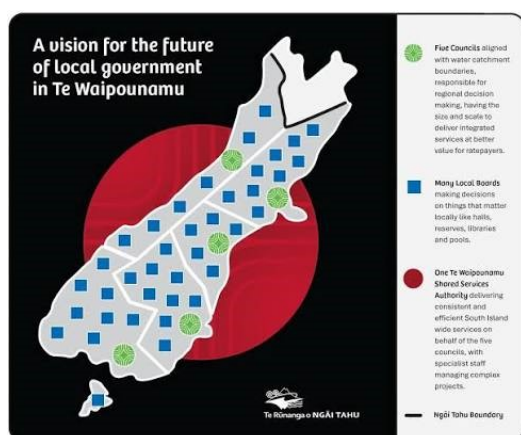


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Ngāi Tahu unveils South Island council boundary plan

Ngāi Tahu has unveiled a plan to reorganise the South Island's council boundaries, replacing the 24 councils within its rohe with five bigger ones aligned to major river catchments. Ngāi Tahu was not invited to submit a proposal, but kaiwhakahaere Justin Tipa said the conversation was too important to sit on the sidelines. - [Read more](#)

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The scrapping of Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreements, explained Liam Rātana

As part of its RMA reform, the government is telling councils to cut landmark deals with iwi authorities, replacing them with more narrow agreements. What does that mean for treaty settlements? - [Read more](#)

Ngāi Tahu Farming chosen to operate country's largest farm, Molesworth Station

Ngāi Tahu Farming has been chosen by the Department of Conservation to operate the country's largest farm. -

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We must name racism when it happens

“It is not impolite to name racism, to document it, or to organise against it. What is

New ferry names - Kupe and Cook



Photo sources: Wikipedia

"...the new names – Kupe, after the great explorer of Pacific and Māori tradition, and Cook, honouring the commander of three British Pacific expeditions from 1768 to 1779 – already mark a break with past naming traditions.

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Iwi proposal would reshape councils around mountains and rivers

A group of central North Island iwi has unveiled a proposal to reorganise local government around the region's mountains, river catchments and the communities connected to them. - [Read more](#)

Yale researcher studies impact of Whanganui River's legal personhood

Nearly a decade after Te Awa o Whanganui became the world's first river to be recognised as a legal person, the landmark legislation continues to attract international attention, with a Yale University researcher spending five months in Whanganui exploring how the Act has worked in practice.



Photo source: Te Ao News

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Tribunal finds Treaty reforms breach Te Tiriti principles, prejudice Māori, damage Māori-Crown relationship

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pieces of legislation, warning the changes would cause "significant prejudice" to Māori and further damage the Māori-Crown relationship. - [Read more](#)

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Whales, Rats and Kauri

"A young man learns the sacred rites of Māori whale harvests. But learning from Dad is as tough as the gruelling harvests for bone and oil that revive a traditional way of life." - Watch film [here](#)

Madi Williams: Finding reconnection through iwi history

"Even in my academic work, I try as much as possible to write in an accessible way, especially when you're dealing with iwi whānau histories, because even if it's for a PhD, it's really for whānau as well." — Ngāti Kuia historian Dr Madi Williams.

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'Unbelonging': When migrants refuse the bargain

"Rather than chasing the need to belong through assimilation and engaging in the 'model minority' myth, we migrants can choose 'unbelonging'. To unbelong is to deliberately reject the terms by which the settler state offers



**Te Aka Whai Ora may be shut down, writes Mataroria Lyndon,
but **Māori health leaders are continuing its work****



Photo source: Community Research

**In Between the Boxes:
Decolonising Research and Data
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Presentation by Annie Broughton to NWŌ

If you weren't able to attend Annie Broughton's talk on her thesis *Grappling with Belonging on Stolen Land: Towards Alternative Models of White Settler Identity* you

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Annie's research involved interviewing around 40 Pākehā/white settlers who were involved in Indigenous matters in a variety of ways in Aotearoa New Zealand and Turtle Island Canada. Taking a global lens Annie noted this group of people have a common history in the British Empire and talked about her findings, offering the concept of 'comfortable unease' - and much more....

Government scraps Mana Whakahono ā Rohe deals

Critics say removing the iwi agreements from RMA reforms will sideline Māori voices in environmental planning. - [Read more](#)



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Watch all videos from the Te Tiriti-based Futures
+ Antiracism conference
on their [YouTube channel](#).

Contested Empire - Tony Ballentyne

"Within Māori framings of the past, Cook has become one of the most potent symbols of empire and its bitter and enduring legacies." — Historian Tony Ballentyne, author of 'Captain Cook and the Unsettled Afterlives of Empire'

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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.

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