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Kua kitea te kainga a te ahi i ngā tūri o te tangata.
The scorching effect of fire on the knees of man is seen.

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TE PŪRONGO NŌ NGĀ POU MATARUA
CO-DIRECTORS UPDATE

In last month's e-pānui we announced that Distinguished Professor Marcia Langton AO FASSA FTSE will be the opening keynote for our International Indigenous Research Conference to be held in Tāmaki from November 12 to 15. We are excited to confirm seven more keynote speakers for IIRC - each of them exceptional, each of them embodying our conference theme 'Whitiki Taua: Research Solidarities'. You can read more on them below, or check out the [IIRC website](#).

As a precursor to IIRC, we will also be holding an Indigenous Data Sovereignty Masterclass in Tāmaki on 11 November. Leading IDSoV mātaunga from Aotearoa and abroad will be sharing insights, tips and tools on their areas of IDSoV expertise. Places will be capped at 100 and registration will be via the IIRC website - keep an eye out for when it opens later this month! Masterclass participants will need to be registered for at least one day of IIRC.

Also, for those who are interested in the opportunities to collaborate through the Horizon Europe pillar 2 fund, please refer to our NPM Horizon Europe webinar which can be found on our website at: <https://www.maramatanga.ac.nz/index.php/video/horizon-europe>

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- Professor Tahu Kukutai
 - Professor Linda Waimarie Nikora

KAUPAPA MATUA



AJD has been travelling from Alaska to Whanganui like clockwork since 2008 and local photographer, Paul Gibson has published a book about the little bird with the military-like timing. Photo credit: Paul Gibson

Indigenous researchers from across oceans
combine forces on Kūaka project

By Cindy Simpkins-McQuade

An invisible yet indelible cord connects rivers and estuaries around Aotearoa to Alaska's Yukon and Kuskokwim Delta, and each year it reverberates with the beating wings of the Kūaka (Bar-tailed Godwit) on their staggering annual migrations.

As Alaskan autumn temperatures cool, Kūaka respond to a silent yet powerful karanga to leave their nesting sites and travel along the 11,000 km cord to Aotearoa. Kūaka fly here to feed on productive estuarine habitats around the motu between October and March. The evolutionary, physiological, and navigational wonder of the Kūaka's annual migration has captivated researchers from around the world who are working hard to understand them better.

Scientist Dr Billy van Uitregt (Ngā Rauu, Te Āhauunui-a-Pāpārangi, Tūhoe) and designer/artist Cecelia Kumeroa (Te Āhauunui-a-Pāpārangi) travelled to Alaska in 2023 to meet with First Nations Alaskans to explore a possible Kūaka research collaboration. They were met with resounding enthusiasm from the Native Village of Paimiut (a Yup'ik community) Tribal Council. Paimiut Yup'ik were already well underway building similar Indigenous collaborations with Australian First Nations communities, and were keen to build an Indigenous global network.

In March this year, Indigenous communities at either end of the Kūaka cord came together and gathered to collaborate on caring for our shared manu relations.

The meeting saw a delegation of Paimiut Yup'ik, along with representatives of Australian First Nations communities travel to Aotearoa to wānanga with a Whanganui hapū research group. Hosted at Te Ao Hou marae, the 10 days wānanga explored the connections between landscapes, rivers, and cultural narratives, through Kūaka.

Billy is a zoologist and works as a senior lecturer in geography at Victoria University. He says the project is looking at how Kūaka feature in Whanganui narratives, and the research group are enlivening those narratives and creating new ones to engage their community in the kaupapa.

"Through such narratives, we want people to understand that these manu are a very important tohu. They give us a very clear indication of not only the health of our system locally, but of the health of the global system. If we can embed them through our knowledge practices like composing waiata or whakatauki or through toi Māori, these narratives invoke a real sense of love and care for the manu and that drives us to act on climate change and look after their environment."

The wānanga was timed around the scheduled migration of one particular Kūaka that spends most of his year on the Whanganui River: 'AJD', as he is known, is a male Kūaka that was given a leg tag in 2008 and returns to the Whanganui estuary every year to feed from November to March. AJD is something of a celebrity with local bird enthusiasts, including Paul Gibson penned a book about AJD called *Feats beyond amazing: the life story of a bar tailed godwit*. In it, he highlights how AJD is a stickler for timing, departing Whanganui each year at around 5pm on March 25, with only minor deviations. However, this year things weren't quite right for AJD and he left four days late. The winds were against him and it would have been dangerous to use up so much energy battling the wind so early in a long migration. His late departure raises many questions: Will he make it on time to the staging areas? Will he find enough food if he's late? Is bad weather due to climate change going to make it harder and harder for him to make that long journey?

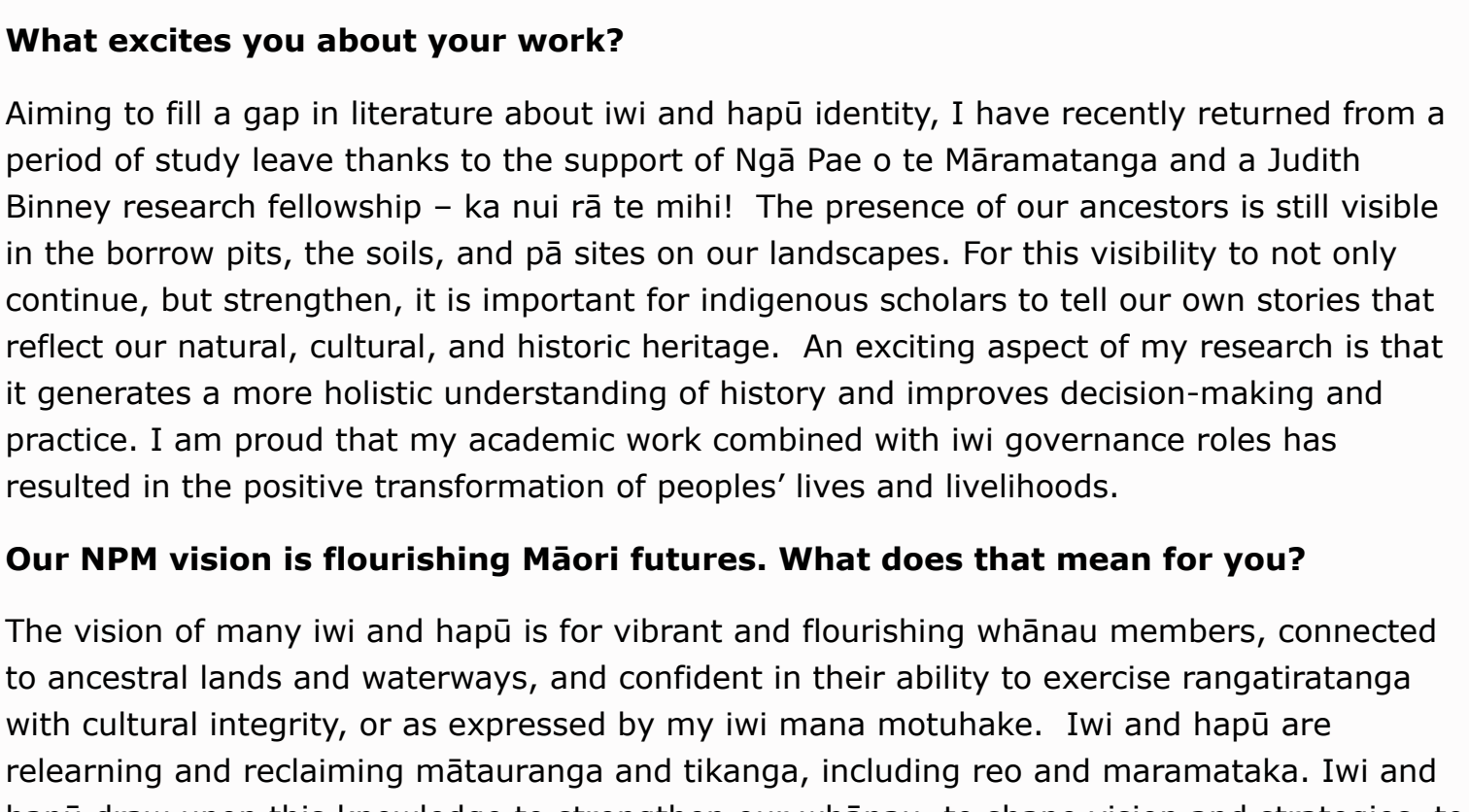
"This manu forces us to think globally. It's not just about our backyard, but how the flourishing of this bird is connected to another river in a distant part of the world. The Kūaka tells us that we are all part of nature's local and global rhythms," says Billy.

"We've done our best to wish AJD well on his journey and will now be focused locally and globally to ensure he and his species are better able to flourish into the future."

As the global Indigenous collective grows, they're eager to connect with other local Indigenous initiatives focused on migratory birds. If your community is eager to collaborate or contribute to the collective, get in touch with Billy at billy.vanuitregt@vuw.ac.nz.

The project is funded by the Mātauranga Māori Research Fund at Te Herenga Waka, which aims to grow research partnerships with Māori hapū, iwi, communities, and organisations.

RANGAHAU | RESEARCH



Waratah travelled to Norway to present at NATSIA earlier this year

Research to support the creation of an ecosystem of kura

By Cindy Simpkins-McQuade

NPM PhD scholar Waratah Taogaga (Ngāti Whātua, Ngāpūhi, Barkingi (NSW), Ngāti Hāmoa) travelled to Norway in June to present her research at the NATSIA Indigenous Studies Conference.

Waratah's research, 'Hua o te Kawariki', explores how iwi mātauranga can help to develop knowledge to aid the establishment of Te Kura o Ngāti Whātua ki Tāmaki. The iwi hopes to eventually create an ecosystem of kura throughout the rohe and her PhD research supports this aim.

Waratah has been working to identify knowledge that Ngāti Whātua believes is important for the coming generations. Wānanga have been crucial to the gathering of this information and Waratah has interviewed multiple mātaunga from Ngāti Whātua on questions about mātauranga a iwi as well as specific intergenerational pedagogies of Ngāti Whātua.

She expects her findings will not only highlight the need for Ngāti Whātua kura, but also provide visible evidence, suggestions and groundwork that can actively contribute to the vision, design and creation of tribal curriculum. Once a kura has been established at Ōrākei, this will support the eventual creation of a wider ecosystem of tribal kura throughout Ngāti Whātua takiwā.

"We view an ecosystem as learning and growing with each other, whereby those kura reflect the identity of that takiwā," she says. Once these kura have been established, there is a vision that tāuira might travel between each takiwā (Ngāti Whātua have four in total) to learn about the unique mātauranga of each territory. For example, they might travel from Ōrākei to Kaipara, or Maungataniwha to learn about their environment and mātauranga reflective of those environments, whether it be ahu whenua driven, or moana based.

Waratah believes kura that are immersed in mātauranga specific to their hapū and iwi are important. "Kura that have our own mātauranga reinforce and support the spiritual, mental and physical wellbeing of our Tāmāriki, as well as teaching them the importance of whanaungatanga, ultimately contributing to their identity."

"My dream is that Ngāti Whātua uri will be standing proudly on our marae, being in roles of significance in addition to the marae, including being successful in their various spaces proudly knowing who they are and who they descend from as Ngāti Whātua."

KŌRERO WITH NPM RESEARCHERS

Each month we feature one of our NPM lead researchers. This month our kōrero is with Associate Professor Linda Te Aho who teaches at Te Piringa Faculty of Law, University of Waikato.

Ko wai tō ingoa, nō whea koe?

Ko Linda Te Aho tōku ingoa.
Nō te waka o Tainui, nō Ngāti Korokī Kahukura, nō Ngāti Mahuta, nō Waikato.

What are your areas of research?

On reflection, all my 'research roads' lead to aspirations for flourishing futures. There has been a focus on work that contributes to the honouring of promises embedded in Te Tiriti o Waitangi and improving practice, such as helping to develop Te Ture Whaimana, the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River, which draws upon tikanga and mātauranga to create better practice in the governance and management of our tupuna awa. Through weaving tikanga into legal education for more than 20 years, I have sought to develop innovative ways of thinking about key issues such as resource management, water law and policy, and Treaty settlements, and to influence new generations of legal professionals. This work has included exploring global movements that focus on environmental justice and living well with the Earth.

What excites you about your work?

Aiming to fill a gap in literature about iwi and hapū identity, I have recently returned from a period of study leave thanks to the support of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga and a Judith Binney research fellowship - ka nui rā te mihi. The presence of our ancestors is still visible in the borrow pits, the soils, and pā sites on our landscapes. For this visibility to not only continue, but strengthen, it is important for indigenous scholars to tell our own stories that reflect our natural, cultural, and historic heritage. An exciting aspect of my research is that it generates a more holistic understanding of history and improves decision-making and practice. I am proud that my academic work combined with iwi governance roles has resulted in the positive transformation of peoples' lives and livelihoods.

Our NPM vision is flourishing Māori futures. What does that mean for you?

The vision of many iwi and hapū is for vibrant and flourishing whānau members, connected to ancestral lands and waterways, and confident in their ability to exercise rangatiratanga with cultural integrity, or as expressed by my iwi mana motuhake. Iwi and hapū are relearning and reclaiming mātauranga and tikanga, including reo and maramataka. Iwi and hapū draw upon this knowledge to strengthen our whānau, to shape vision and strategies, to strengthen our kaitiaki work, and to inform business operations. To this end there is a resurgence of papakāinga housing on lands utilised by Māori for communal living.

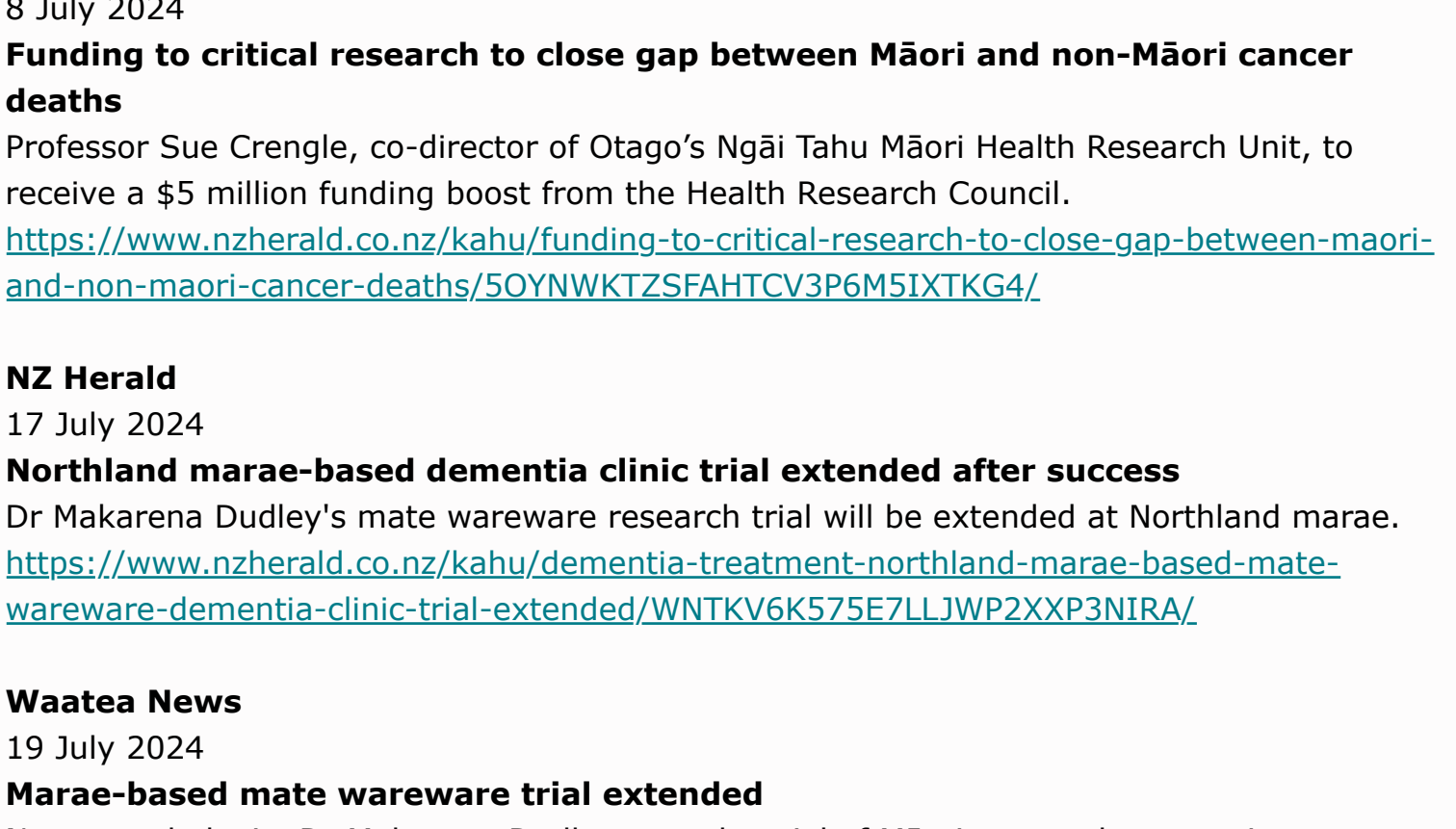
My research has found that home ownership is a super lever for rangatiratanga that connects whānau to their lands, waters, language, and culture. In the face of a confluence of crises that includes housing, cost of living, and climate, I have been privileged to help lead a movement to establish modern day papakāinga in the rohe of Ngāti Korokī Kahukura. This work has transformed the lives of hundreds of whānau members, providing healthy homes, financial stability and intergenerational whānau wealth through home ownership, and connection to whenua and whānau support.

But papakāinga cannot exist in a vacuum. It is my view that holistic sustainability of tāngata whenua communities such as this requires local employment and business opportunities, and this requires access to land, water and capital for development. Rural papakāinga models near ancestral marae demonstrate how the relationship between water, housing, and economic development can recognise rangatiratanga and satisfy requirements of sustainability and rehabilitation in development, and this in turn highlights the need for influencing decision-making at all levels: iwi organisations, local and central government.

Lastly, can you tell us something surprising about you?

As part of the research project to capture and share stories of Ngāti Korokī Kahukura, I recently travelled with a small group led by our iwi historian, Rahui Papa, to Tahiti and Ra'ātea to learn more about the journey of our waka, Tainui. We made a point of taking rangatahi with us. I had never been to Tahiti and the outer islands before, so it was a 'bucket list' trip hearing the history and walking in the footsteps of our tūpuna, soaking in the beautiful sights (and warmer weather), experiencing the waiura energy at Taputapuātea. The manaakitanga extended to us by our hosts was exceptional and we intend to reciprocate this when they next visit our shores. It was an explicit goal of the Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga funding to share our stories and knowledge in ways that might reach a wider audience, and the rangatahi who travelled with us are tasked with creating content for sharing via our social media platforms.

I am ever thankful for the support of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, the Judith Binney Trust, and the work of our iwi organisations such as Waikato-Tainui and Ngāti Korokī Kahukura Trust. Kia manawanui tātou i roto i ngā piki me ngā heke o te wā.



NGĀ MANAAKITANGA | OPPORTUNITIES

Eke Tangaroa

AUT is recruiting for lecturer appointments as part of Eke Tangaroa (Māori and Pacific Early Career Academic Programme). Various disciplines are being sought.
For further information: <https://careers.aut.ac.nz/jobdetails?jobid=B909070>

Fulbright | Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Scholar Award Applications Now Open

The Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Scholar Award is for a New Zealand academic, artist or professional to lecture and/or conduct research at a US institution in the field of Indigenous development. One award valued at up to US\$37,500 is granted each year, towards three to five months of lecturing and/or research.

Applications Close: October 1, 2024
For more information: <https://fulbright.org.nz/awards/nzscholar/fulbright-npmsscholar/>

Borrin Foundation | Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Postgraduate Scholarship

Māori law graduates who wish to obtain a postgraduate degree in law overseas or domestically are invited to apply for this scholarship.

Funding can be used for costs, such as course fees, living expenses, and economy class airfares. The funding pool available is \$80,000 and may be awarded to one scholar or split into two.

Scholarship applications open: 12 August, 2024
Applications Close: September 2024
For more information: <https://www.borrinfoundation.nz/fellowshipsawards/nga-pae-o-te-maramatanga-postgraduate-scholarship/>

Hine Kahukura | Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Research Awards

Applications are open for the Wāhine Ora Research Award. This award supports wāhine conducting research that benefits Māori women, girls and/or whānau in Aotearoa.

Award amount: \$10,000
Applications close: 23 August, 2024
For more information: www.newhorizonforwomen.org.nz

Keynotes Confirmed!!

We are proud to bring together extraordinary Indigenous voices for this year's IIRC keynote speaker lineup:

- Professor Marcia Langton (Yiman and Bidjara)
Dr Che Wilson (Ngāti Rangī-Whanganui, Tūwharetoa, Mōkai Pātea, Ngāti Apa, Ngā Rauau)
Kirkowhai Mikaere (Tōhourangi, Ngāti Whakaue)
Manu Caddie (Ngāti Pūkenga, Ngāti Hauā)
Abigail Echo-Hawk (Mekong Nation of Oklahoma)
Keynote Panel: Associate Professor Karyn Paringatal (Ngāti Porou), Maybelle McLeod (Singapore Marae) and Erin Gardiner (Singapore Marae)
For more information on our keynote speakers: <https://www.iirc.ac.nz/keynotes/>

Open Now Early-Bird Registration!!
Early-bird registration: \$700
Early-bird student registration: \$400
<https://www.aotearoanet.co.nz/en/international-indigenous-research-conference-tickets-929402718307>

Key Dates:
Early-bird registration closes: 1/9/24
All presenters registered for programme: 1/9/24
General registration closes: 1/11/24
IIRC 2024: 12-15 November, 2024
<https://www.iirc.ac.nz>

APRU | ROOTS AND BRIDGES INDIGENOUS CONNECTIONS SEMINAR SERIES

This seminar series gives academics and students from APRU member universities and other guest universities the opportunity to share works-in-progress, exchange insights and ideas and strategies, and explore relevant topics related to Indigenous Peoples and communities from the Asia-Pacific region. Researchers from a range of fields are presenting their work, insights, and methodologies to extend the possibilities for collaboration.

29/30 August | Prof. Fredy Grefa, Universidad San Francisco de Quito
26/27 September | Prof. Veronica Figueroa Huendto, Universidad de Chile
24/25 October | Prof. P'Ilani Ka'lofa, Associate Specialist, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
28/29 November | Prof. Kam Kaur, The University of Adelaide, and Prof. Welyne Jeffrey, University Malaya

For more information:
<https://www.apru.org/event/apru-indigenous-knowledges-seminar-series-2024/>

MĀORI RESEARCHERS HITTING THE HEADLINES

NZ Herald
8 July 2024
Funding to critical research to close gap between Māori and non-Māori cancer deaths
Professor Sue Crengle, co-director of Otago's Ngāi Tahu Māori Health Research Unit, to receive a \$5 million funding boost from the Health Research Council.
<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/kahu/funding-to-critical-research-to-close-gap-between-maori-and-non-maori-cancer-deaths/50YHWK7Z5FAHTC3P6M451XTG6/>

NZ Herald
17 July 2024
Northland marae-based dementia clinic trial extended after success
Dr Makarena Dudley's mate wareware research trial will be extended at Northland marae.
<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/kahu/dementia-treatment-northland-marae-based-mate-wareware-dementia-clinic-trial-extended/WNTRK6K57SE7L1WXPXXP3NBA/>

Waatea News
19 July 2024
Marae-based mate wareware trial extended
Neuropsychologist Dr Makarena Dudley says the trial of Māori approach to care is significantly different from Western models.
<https://waateanews.com/2024/07/19/marae-based-mate-wareware-trial-extended/>

NZ Herald
22 July 2024
Gang members want redress from abuse in state care.
Commentary on a joint submission from Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, All Rights Reserved.
<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/black-power-auckland-aotearoa-president-reflects-on-abuse-violence-in-state-care-ahead-of-royal-commission-of-inquiry-report/07VF3UXICZESVGQHEJVTMFVKUY/>

E-Tangata
22 July 2024
How racism plays out in public health
Dr Elana Curtis comments on how racism is perpetuated by daily workplace decisions in our public health organisations.
<https://e-tangata.co.nz/comment-and-analysis/how-racism-plays-out-in-public-health/>

E-Tangata
21 July 2024
The Treaty bill is an act of extreme bad faith
A good faith public discussion grounded in information would be helpful. This is not what is being proposed by the Treaty Principles Bill - commentary by Dr Carwyn Jones.
<https://e-tangata.co.nz/comment-and-analysis/carwyn-jones-the-treaty-bill-is-an-act-of-extreme-bad-faith/>

E-Tangata
21 July 2024
Schools mustn't wait for mandate to tackle racism
The voices of children dealing with racism are not heard according to Ana Alam-Simmons.
<https://e-tangata.co.nz/comment-and-analysis/schools-mustn-twait-for-mandate-to-tackle-racism/>

NZ Herald
22 July 2024
I got schooled at alcohol and other drug treatment
Dr Jarrod Gilbert went to court for a day and his mind was blown away with the cohesive approach that courts have towards offenders.
<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/news/02-schooled-at-alcohol-and-other-drug-treatment-court-jarrod-gilbert/IASDSUKGDBF77GIMIGNAG4276A/>

RNZ
20 July 2024
Waipapa Taumata Rau Auckland University's new ReoSpace
Kaisarah and PhD researcher Abigail McClutchie explains how the dedicated speaking space at Waipapa Taumata Rau works.
<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/maopua/audio/2018947658/waipapa-taumata-rau-auckland-university-s-new-reospace>

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