

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 1987

This is the first newsletter from Project Waitangi for 1987. The last two months have been taken up with Waitangi Day planning, a funding drive by the Project, planning for the Focus week, Christmas and New Year squeezed in there somewhere and we have contacted as many national organisations as we can about the aims and background to the Project.



CLIPPINGS If you have any clippings or newspaper files of Project Waitangi in the media, please can you send a copy to this office.

RESOURCES

Over the past two months we have sent out nearly one thousand Resource Kit Part One to groups and individuals around the country. At the moment we are waiting for another 500 to be printed of Part One and 1000 copies of Part Two. These will be ready in the middle of next week. We have heaps of orders already for these so if you want some more get in fast. The Pakeha Culture Kits have just been reprinted as well. We are filling existing orders for these and will have some left over.

If you wish to make comments on the Resource Kits, please send them to this office. It is intended at some later stage to print all the kits i.e. Parts One, Two, Three and Four in some final form when all changes that are necessary are made.

Please send in also material that you may have that would be relevant for the Resource kits. We are always looking for new material, articles, speeches etc., especially those dealing with organisations going through change in terms of Treaty, racism and Pakeha culture related issues.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?!?

Below is a list of contact names and a brief report on what is happening in different areas around the country. Some places I haven't heard anything from for a while or haven't been able to get hold of anyone. For more information contact the names below.

DUNEDIN Contact: Karina, 111 Moray Place, PHONE 773-362

Dunedin Project Waitangi are having a planning day on March 14 this year to organise priorities and activities for the year. They have invited many different organisations including churches, unions and community groups. They hope to form working groups to work in their own ways either study, action or other. They will also have representatives from these groups on a core group for Dunedin.

A networking meeting between Christchurch and Dunedin is being planned for March to evaluate Waitangi Day events and to work on priorities for the year.

Waitangi Day was a success with over one hundred people turning up for a Reclaim the Past walk around Dunedin city. The walk took all day with speeches, banners and many groups taking part. They visited many areas including Queen Victoria statue, John Wickliffe plaza - site of one of the 'tenths', and Maori Road which was built by prisoners from Parihaka.

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Rotorua have recently held a public meeting to form Project Waitangi Rotorua. Thirty people attended and they have appointed a coordinating committee of about nine people. They have decided that they need to educate themselves first about the issues surrounding Project Waitangi before they can talk to other groups. A few teachers are involved with the group and are doing some work in the schools in the Rotorua area. A meeting and discussion has been organised with the Judge of the Maori land court.

CHRISTCHURCH Marg Hewlett, PO Box 453, Phone 798-376.

Christchurch have a coordinating group who meet once a week. Marg Hewlett is the coordinator although she finishes work in four weeks time. At the moment, they are seeking funding for a part-time person to work on the Project. They are receiving requests from organisations schools and groups about Project Waitangi.

They are putting together a programme for groups to use the material in the Resource kit and from the Beyond Guilt series on radio.

Christchurch Project Waitangi also produce a newsletter for their area. If you would like to receive these write to Marg at the above address.

AUCKLAND Contact: Karina Way, PO Box 9573 Auckland, PH 505 499

Auckland have sent out information and background material about Project Waitangi to over 800 groups including churches, schools, service and community groups.

They have received many requests for speakers, workshops and more information and have begun to organise these in their area.

Over twenty Auckland people have got together to go through Resource Kit, No 1, to familiarise themselves with the issues involved, and to work out the best way of presenting this to groups. They divided into five groups to look after the five sections of the kit and now have a group of facilitators confident in presenting each part i.e. 1. Introduction to Project, 2. Treaty of Waitangi, 3. Pakeha Culture, 4. Racism, and 5. Ongoing issues.

Karina Way is working on a poster for the focus week that is relevant to Auckland people. She is also hoping to print a history timeline frieze of Aotearoa.

From the NCC Programme on Racism there is available: Exploring the Treaty of Waitangi - Suggestions for group work in parishes. Write to PO Box 9573, Auckland.

WELLINGTON Contact: Helen Walch, PO Box 6133, Wellington
Phone 847699

Wellington Project Waitangi have been formed. They held a two day workshop early this year to work out their priorities and resources. The group has started with a series of six education sessions on the Treaty of Waitangi. After that they hope to be able to offer themselves as speakers to organisations, a few of the group are interested in organising bus tours around the city to highlight the Pakeha history of certain street names etc., and they are beginning a letter to the editor writing campaign.

HAMILTON Contact Kate Abel, 233 River Road, Phone 394-213

Hamilton are sending out a questionnaire to local organisations informing them about the Project and asking whether they would like to receive a regular newsletter on activities and relevant issues within the Hamilton area. Alan Leadley, (Hamilton Methodist Bicultural Working Group) and Kate Abel (Hamilton City Council Community Worker) are involved with many networks in the Hamilton area including city council, CORSO, Peace groups, Housing Resource Centre, churches and anti-racism activities.

TAURANGA Contact Peter Hosking, Belk Road, RD I, Phone 410-946

The Tauranga Anti-Racism group have decided to work with Project Waitangi this year. They are hoping to launch the Project on or around March 12, and are inviting local city councillors, maybe the Mayor and others.

PALMERSTON NORTH Contact Chris Murphy, 2 Ashford Avenue, Phone 78666

Project Waitangi Manawatu formed a group early December 1986. This year they have had a meeting on February 1, and another is planned for March 1 where they will discuss the Treaty of Waitangi in the morning and plans for the focus week in the afternoon. They are attempting to get funding from the Palmerston North City Council for some of their activities which will include displays, film showing and speakers.

WHAKATANE Contact Clyde and Barbara Lambourn, 33 Seaview Rd, Phone 84199

Whakatane WARU are organising a series of four seminars in March on the Treaty of Waitangi.

NELSON Contact: Nelson Race Collective Peter Burton 59 Stanley Cres
Phone 82793

WANGANUI Contact: Hilary Wooding, 299 St Hill Street Wanganui

NEW PLYMOUTH Contact: Marlene Benson, 60 Ocean View Parade, New Plymouth

EAST COAST Contact Julie Mills, 5 Madeira Rd Napier
Julie Thompson 687 Aberdeen Rd Gisborne
Mandy Pentecost, Hawkes Bay Community College, Taradale.

WHANGAREI Contact: Don and Marion Ross. Box 363 Whangarei

We have been talking to some people involved with the media and they have suggested that during the focus week it might be a good idea for each region to have one of the days of the week as their day of most activity to highlight in the media. If we can spread the days around the country then media coverage will be wider. This would mean that each region chose the day that is most appropriate for your major event for the week. Other events can happen the rest of the week but to make the one day the main event.

It will also make it easier from this office as we can inform National media of the events and plans around the country for the week. Please write if you think this will work for your area.

Television

Negotiations are under way for there to be film documentaries screened every night during the focus week on television.

Radios

We have contacted Morning Report for coverage during the week and hope to have a few talkbacks going in local areas.

WEA

A series of lectures is organised at the Wellington WEA for the focus week.

POSTER

A poster is underway and will be sent to all regional groups.

EXPLODING MYTHS PICNIC

Bring your own myth and explode it with friends.

Lunch Time Lectures

We hope to get some well-known personalities to speak at lunch-time lectures.

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