

READERS' LETTERS

High regard

Wanganui
Chonle
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It's extremely interesting for an outside historian to observe the vigour of the debate over the spelling of Wanganui/Whanganui. And testimony to the fact that history is alive and well in the city — usually a good thing.

Maybe it's also worth such an outsider confirming that the work of Diana Beaglehole, the historian commissioned by the mayor to report on the history of the naming of the city, is held in very high regard by her historian peers throughout New Zealand.

It's clear to me, having read the report, that that regard would only be reinforced by the thoroughness and also impartiality with which she has researched this subject.

And, indeed, her findings can be used to support both sides of the argument.

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