

Ministerial Advisory Group on the Government Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry on the terrorist attack on Christchurch mosques

Kāpuia Pānui 2022/12

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Tēnā koutou and welcome to the 12th edition of Kāpuia Pānui for 2022.

Agency updates on the RCOI Response Work Programme

1. DPMC release summary of public engagement on developing RCOI Outcomes Framework

DPMC have released a summary of public engagement relating to their development of an RCOI Outcomes Framework. It summaries the more than 1,200 comments that were captured as part of the consultation workshops and provides an overview of the approach taken to involve communities in the development of the Framework. The summary can be found by clicking this <u>link</u>. DPMC say they will continue to work with agencies, Kāpuia and Māori to develop proposals for consideration by Cabinet.

2. Security Information in Proceedings Legislation Bill

The Security Information in Proceedings Legislation Bill was back in Parliament this week, for its second reading. As we previously advised, the Bill touches on important constitutional matters, such as the fundamental rights of people to open justice and a fair trial, the respective roles of the judiciary and the executive, protecting national security, and the principles of open government and democratic accountability. The Bill provides the courts with a clear and consistent process to manage national security information in both civil and criminal proceedings, rather the courts having establish a suitable process each time. The Bill relates to Recommendation 18 of the RCOI to review all legislation related to the counter-terrorism effort. You can find out more information about the Bill by clicking this <u>link</u>.

Other information

3. Christchurch Call initiative to create new technology to understand how internet algorithms affect online experiences

On 21 September, New Zealand, the USA, Twitter and Microsoft announced a US \$1.5 million investment to support the creation of new software tools to understand the impacts of internet algorithms on terrorist and violent extremist content online.

Working with open-source non-profit organisation OpenMined, the Algorithms Initiative will develop and test privacy-enhancing software infrastructure and give researchers better data to understand the role of online activity as a factor in radicalisation and how terrorist and violent extremist content spreads across platforms.

Christchurch Call supporters have committed to working together and with civil society to understand the outcomes of algorithms and other processes that may drive people towards terrorist and violent extremist content, to make changes where this occurs, and to develop effective interventions based on information sharing.

You can read the Prime Minister's full press release by clicking this <u>link</u>. You can also read the Co-Chair Statement from the Christchurch Call Leaders' Summit which took place in New York on 20 September by clicking this <u>link</u>.

In the community

4. Kāpuia member Claire Appleby-Phillips' attendance at Strong Cities Network

As part of her role at the Christchurch City Council, Kāpuia member Claire Appleby-Phillips recently attended the Strong Cities Network event in New York. The Strong Cities Network was launched in 2015 by the United Nations to mount a city-led response against hate, polarisation and extremism in all forms. Claire was on a panel with leaders from other cities who have responded to terrorist attacks and shootings. You can find out more information about Stronger Cities and the event by clicking this link.

5. Dates of significance

- 25 September to 1 October marks Chinese Language Week which is a New Zealand driven initiative launched in 2014 to increase Chinese language learning in Aotearoa.
- 25 September to 1 October also marks Tuvalu Language week which is dedicated to celebrating Tuvaluan culture and language.
- 26 September 5 October marks Navaratri (Hindu). The festival lasts for nine days and is a time when Hindus celebrate the goddess Durga for killing the demon, Mahishasura.
- 4-5 October marks Yom Kippur, which is also known as the Day of Atonement, it concludes the "10 days of repentance" that begin with Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year).

Noho ora mai

The Kāpuia Secretariat