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Tēnā koutou and welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Kāpuia Pānui for 2023.

## **Agency updates on the RCOI Response Work Programme**

### **1. New Zealand Police launch the new firearms registry**

The New Zealand Police launched the new firearms registry on 24 June 2023. The new registry will help to create a comprehensive picture of all lawfully held firearms and arms items in New Zealand linked to each individual firearms licence holder and will give Police a tool to disrupt the diversion of firearms. In addition, Police advises that the registry will in turn make it harder for gangs and criminals to acquire guns. The registry has been through multiple security assessments by Government approved independent security experts, and the privacy protections of licence holders' information is in line with government communication security standards. The full release on the firearms registry can be found by clicking this [link](#).

### **2. United Nations Statement on Multistakeholder Engagement in Countering Terrorism**

The New Zealand Ambassador for Counter Terrorism delivered a statement to the United Nations on multistakeholder engagement in countering terrorism while ensuring compliance with human rights and the rule of law. In this statement, the ambassador referenced the terrorist attack on 15 March 2019 and the subsequent Royal Commission of Inquiry report and recommendations. The ambassador noted the importance of diverse voices in New Zealand's counter terrorism response, and acknowledged the work the Government has made to date on ensuring this and other recommendations are upheld. The full statement from the ambassador can be found by clicking this [link](#).

### **3. Public consultation on the sixth session of the United Nations Cybercrime Convention**

The sixth session of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies will take place from 21 August – 1 September 2023. Ahead of this session, the Chair has drafted text for the convention, and has requested your views. The draft text and further information on the convention and consultation required can be found in the document attached.

## **Other information**

### **4. Expressions of Interest sought for the Ethnic Communities Development Fund Panel**

The Ministry for Ethnic Communities is seeking Expressions of Interest to fill one vacancy on the Ethnic Communities Development Fund Panel from 1 September 2023. The Panel makes recommendations on the distribution of grants in line with the purpose, priorities and criteria of the Fund, and consists of a Chair and up to six external members. The deadline for submitting

expressions of interest is 14 July 2023. More information on the Fund, Panel and eligibility to apply can be found by clicking this [link](#).

## 5. Applications open for the Allen and Clarke Pro Bono Programme

Applications are now open for the Allen and Clarke Pro Bono Programme, which offers free expert consulting services to organisations to help them to accelerate their impact in their communities. Each chosen applicant may receive up to 250 hours for their project, which could be used to support the completion of an entire, smaller project or provide pro bono time as part of a large project. Some groups you work with in communities may be interested in this programme, so please feel free to share the information on the programme, including how to apply, found by clicking this [link](#).

### In the community

## 6. Upcoming dates of significance

- **28 June to 2 July** – Eid al adha – The feast of Sacrifice is the second and the larger of the two main holidays celebrated in Islam. Honours the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son Ishmael as an act of obedience to God’s command.
- **3 July** – Asalha Puja (Dhamma Day) – The day when Buddha chose his first disciple Kondanna. The day commemorates the first sermon delivered by Buddha after his enlightenment to the five ascetics at a forest near Caranasi.
- **14 July** – Matariki – The celebration of the first rising of the Matariki star cluster.
- **14 July** – International Non-Binary People’s Day.

Noho ora mai

**The Kāpuia Secretariat**