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# AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND MUSLIM AFFAIRS

NEWS, EVENTS AND VIEWPOINTS





Asalaamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

Kia Ora and Greetings

FIANZ as the umbrella national Muslim organisation relies on volunteerism for the work that we do. This newsmagazine gives information on just a small range of the activities undertaken in recent months.

As a faith-based charitable organisation, we try to ensure that the key faith-service parameters are provided to the best of our ability and resources. We are continually trying to improve the quality of our services and seek your guidance and prayers so that we can fulfill our objectives.

As a national organisation we work with, and provide a coordination base for, local and regional Muslim organisations who need our assistance.

As the national Muslim advocacy organisation, we try and reflect the views and needs of our community to ensure that we have a safe and socially cohesive society in Aotearoa New Zealand.

As a community development organisation, our concerns and programmes are focused on the welfare and wellbeing of our diverse community.

The above along with the other multiplicity of roles, creates an enormous strain on our limited capacity and capability. That is why we are always seeking volunteers to help us. The door is open  
Wasalaam

Ibrar Sheikh  
President





## VIEWPOINT:

Abdur Razzaq, Chairperson, FIANZ Royal Commission

### The Social Cohesion Lens to National Security

Social cohesion is a complex construct and is not readily discussed in the context of national security. Diverse viewpoints and plethora of definitions with overlapping concepts is problematic, particularly for policymakers aiming to provide an aligned consensus for specific programme, or regulation or legislation. As a structurally corrective process, as envisaged by the Royal Commission, it empowers a value dimension which aims at reducing inequities and inequalities, socio-economic marginalisation and disparities. As a proactive programme process, as also envisaged by the Royal Commission, it fosters stronger inter-community relations, meaningful communication modes and access to opportunities. At a functional level, the importance of a social cohesion nexus with national security was well recognised by the Royal Commission. As an emphatic summation note, the Commissioners stated that “*fundamental to New Zealand’s future wellbeing and security is social cohesion.*”<sup>1</sup>

The Royal Commission also noted the axiomatic problem of the social cohesion and national security nexus at a functional level. For instance reference was made to the Department of Internal Affairs report which identified social cohesions’ “awkward fit” with counter terrorism at a community functional level.<sup>2</sup> The Council of Europe in their report on Security Through Social Cohesion, also noted such functional problems in that “cases could arise in which the wider frameworks clash with citizens’ demands”.<sup>3</sup> The solution, according to the Social Cohesion Development Division of the Council of Europe, lay in a combination political will and the need to support with resources that the community need.<sup>4</sup>

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- Royal Commission



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This is also precisely what the Royal Commission advocated in the NZ context. Political commitment and public sector leadership is pivotal in the social cohesion process. In this context, Minister Little's advocacy and support along with the DPMC-led machinery of government have been very forthright in engaging with the community. The 33 hui, led by Ministers Little and Radhakrishnan and the army of senior public sector officials were obvious testament to the political will and public sector commitment. However, what has been missing is the adequate resourcing of the community sector. A key lesson learned, as the Royal Commission noted, was that the failure of the social cohesion programmes in the past was partly due to the lack of resources of local communities. As such, pragmatism dictates that a social cohesion lens on national security requires both political support and providing Ad hoc grants for a variety social, cultural, and event promotion purpose through the Ministry for Ethnic Communities cannot substitute for planned capability support programmes for communities.

A targeted and contested budget to assist national umbrella ethnic and faith-based organisations to develop their capability would be tangible evidence of the government's commitment to social cohesion.

## FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

On 4 December 2021, FIANZ submitted the above to the Government

On 27 October 2022, *Te Korowai Whetū Social Cohesion* was released by Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan, which included a community fund supporting initiatives that bring out the best of our communities.

***We thank the Government for listening to flax-root community voices. The funding programme is a much-needed first step.***

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**FIANZ**

*Thanks*

**VOLUNTEERS**

**NELSON FLOODS**

Within 48 hours of our appeal to help with the recovery after the floods in the Nelson and Marlborough Region, FIANZ received more than forty volunteers. We thank those who offered to sacrifice their time to help others. FIANZ is now preparing for a Rapid Response Team, who we will arrange to be trained in Civil Defence, mass casualty and related areas to help in the case of such events in the future.

If you would like to volunteer, please send us your contact details to [info@fianz.com](mailto:info@fianz.com).



# FIANZ SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2022

Each year FIANZ provides academic scholarships as part of our commitment to community development . We congratulate the following recipients for this year



Aishah Hussein



Anzar Chida



Ayeesha Samreen



Danish Irfan bin Ahmad  
Shahri



Faraz Hussain



Islam M M Abusaleeq



Maher Rezeq Sadeq  
Mustafa



Mohammad El Sayed  
Ahmad



Luneerah Makarani



Nur Balqis Khairudin



Rahma Iftikhar



Raiyan Azmi



Rozana Al Sharab



Saima Sarah Sakik



Sarah Yasmine Yusri



Zakaria Ibrahim



## EDUCATION MATTERS

# FIANZ INPUT INTO NEW HISTORIES CURRICULUM

As part of the national education sector engagement programme, FIANZ has been liaising with the Ministry of Education at a number of levels. These include submission and follow-up on the histories curriculum. We are pleased to note that the new histories curriculum launched by the **Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern** recently included many of our recommendations. Me mātai whakamuri, kia anga whakamua or 'To shape Aotearoa New Zealand's future, let's start with the past' is a welcome initiative which has been long overdue.

## INCLUSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE REFRESHED NZ CURRICULUM

As part of the engagement on Te Mātaiaho, the proposed working name for the framework which will weave all of the components of the curriculum together FIANZ has had a series of high-level conceptual discussion with **Julie Hook, Chief Adviser, Te Poutāhū (Curriculum Centre), Ministry of Education**.

It is most encouraging that the Ministry has extended its invitation to FIANZ to contribute to the national framework consultation. The New Zealand Curriculum is being refreshed in a phased approach over the next four years so that it honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and is inclusive, clear, and easy to use. The refreshed national curriculum will provide a greater sense of what progress looks like and the learning that matters. This is the first time, that the Muslims of NZ have had such an opportunity to help shape the framework. With approximately 20,000 Muslims in the education system, this type of engagement is pivotal to ensure long-term social cohesion and respect for diversity in Aotearoa New Zealand. We are pleased to advised that a specialized workshop is being organized which will bring together Muslim educators and stakeholders with the Ministry.



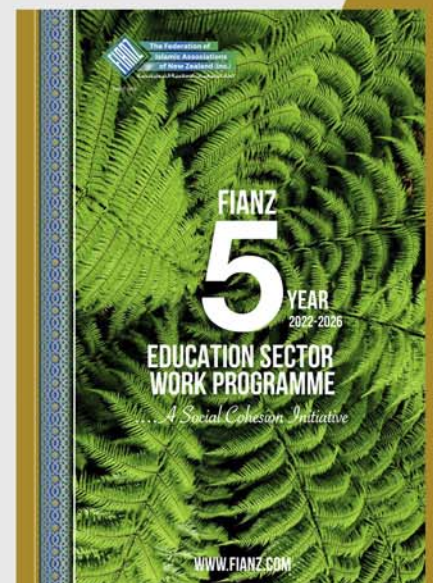


# FIANZ PART OF NATIONAL CURRICULUM VOICES GROUP

FIANZ is part of the Curriculum Voices Group (CVG) . This is a platform for diverse perspectives and feedback on design, development, and implementation of the refreshed curriculum, as well as on wider initiatives to support teaching and learning. It gives guidance and recommendations on the support teachers, leaders, learners and whānau will need. We are grateful to **Rose Carpenter, Change & Implementation Manager** for inviting FIANZ to join this august group of educationalist from all over the country.

## FIANZ STEPS-UP IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATION SECTOR FIVE YEAR PLAN

Alhamdulillah, we are pleased to announce that we have started the implementation of the Five-Year Plan for the Education Sector under the Social Cohesion framework. . This plan was developed in consultation with the wider community and is now being gradually implemented. If you are interested to know more or to volunteer your time , please send us an email at [info@fianz.com](mailto:info@fianz.com). This is an aspirational programme balanced with essential need-based outcomes. We acknowledge that change must be local community driven and where required FIANZ , as the national body, will provide national level coordination. The programme recognizes the diversity within the Muslim community and seeks to foster an inclusive path for the future.







# ADDRESSING SCHOOL-BASED ISLAMOPHOBIA



A series of recent traumatic events against our Muslim girls and boys at schools, prompted FIANZ and IWCNZ to raise this matter with the Ministry of Education. After a number of preliminary meetings including with Iona Holsted, Secretary for Education, a high-level working committee has been established to address issues impacting the welfare and wellbeing of our tamariki (children), rangatahi (youth) and whānau (families). The first FIANZ/IWCNZ and Ministry of Education workshop was organized on 7th August in Wellington. Prominent Muslim educationalists from all over NZ as well as some impacted parents, youth and students attended this day-long workshop to develop guidelines for ECE, primary and secondary school. In keeping with the Royal Commission findings, for an All-of-Government (AOG) approach, we also had senior officials from NZ Police including Gaylene Rogers who gave an overview of the Te Raranga. A particular highlight was the presence of Iona Holsted, Secretary for Education for part of the workshop. Rose Jamieson, National Director - Parent Information & Community Intelligence, Ministry of Education was Co-Chair of the workshop along with FIANZ.



## Above

Sister Huda, from Otago Girls school with Iona Holsted, Secretary of Education at the workshop.

## Top Right

A group photo of some of the participants and facilitators

## Bottom photos

Workshop discussing guidelines for schools.

All photos except bottom right Workshop discussing guidelines for schools.

## Bottom Right

Ministry of Education and NZ Police facilitators.



# FIANZ's Community Wellbeing Project

## Video: What is Psychological First Aid? (2.17m)

A video to educate the community about psychological first aid was developed and shared with the community on 20 May 2022. Psychological First Aid addresses basic needs and reduces psychological distress by providing a caring comforting presence, and education on common stress reactions. We received very good views and response from the community. This video was also shared as CWP is developing a Psychological/Mental Health First Aid free training programme with Kahui Tu Kaha, Te Pou and Mental Health Foundation for the community which will be available for the community soon.

## Series: Fruits of Heaven, Olives (Video: 4.35 m)

CWP has started a series of six videos about Fruits of Heaven and their physical and psychological benefits. The first video of this series was published on 29 April 2022 on the topic of Dates. The second video was published on 28 May 2022 on the topic of "Olives: The Relish Fruit".

## Organizations MOUs/Sign Up

CWP kept networking within community organizations to get them onboard. Fatimah Foundation & Kahui Tu Kaha are signed up with CWP whereas Alexander Lodge (Rest home) sign up is in process. CWP is getting in touch with various mainstream and Muslim social service providers for signup/MOUs. The number will increase in the future, Inshallah.





# FIANZ's Community Wellbeing Project



## Mental Health First Aid Community Training Program

CWP kept in touch with Kahui Tu Kaha to arrange the free training sessions. It has been decided to have two sessions to begin with. CWP is finalising the training schedule, printing of the training material and finalizing the cost with the trainers.



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Community Wellbeing Project

### Two Days Mental Health First Aid Workshop

About 1 in 5 New Zealand adults experience challenges with mental health in any year

This means that at some stage, everyone will have close contact with someone experiencing mental health challenges

**WOULD YOU KNOW HOW TO RESPOND?**

A Mental Health First Aid course will teach you how to provide initial support to adults who may be experiencing mental health challenges or mental health crises, until the crisis resolves, or specialist help is accessed using a practical evidence-based Action Plan.

**Mental Health crises covered:**

- Suicidal thoughts and behaviours
- Non-suicidal self-harm
- Panic attacks
- Traumatic events
- Severe psychotic states
- Severe effects from alcohol or other substance use
- Aggressive behaviour

**Mental Health challenges covered:**

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Psychosis
- Substance use problems

During this workshop, you will learn the ALGEE five step action plan:

- Approach, assess and assist any crisis
- Listen and communicate non-judgementally
- Give support and information
- Encourage professional help
- Encourage other supports



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**Community Wellbeing Project**



### Mental Health An Islamic Perspective

Muslims come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences and include immigrants, as well as converts to Islam and descendants of converts. The Kiwi Muslim identity is complex while encompassing and intersecting religion, gender, ethnicity, and language. This makes addressing mental health, which encompasses our emotional, psychological, and social well-being, very challenging. Because mental health does not only affect the way we think, feel, and act but also how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices.

**Muslim Community Wellbeing Project**

Our NZ Muslim community today is affected by a host of social issues and to name a few, there are family violence, drugs, alcohol and mental health. While facing these issues, Muslim community gets more vulnerable by the time as they find themselves in a lot regarding how to navigate around the support services available.

Building upon the meetings and consultations with the Muslim professionals on numerous occasions working in main stream social services and NGO sector, an invariable need has been identified to bring all the Muslim organizations together and create a nationwide Hub which would allow those organizations to support our Muslim community at their full capacity and would lead towards further growth through exploration of untapped potential of what those can offer to the community.

### Highlights of Project

**A Centralized Hub**

A centralized Hub has been created for the Muslim social service providers under the flag of FIANZ while connecting them to our vulnerable community. This hub will assist and encourage the collaboration in bringing the diverse skill set to the table to support our Muslim community. It would also encourage the professional and capacity growth of our valuable Muslim Service Providers.

**Research and Analysis of Vulnerability in NZ Muslim Community**

This project will further analyse the trends of vulnerability in our Muslim community and suggestions will be made to improve the situation.

**Increased Awareness and Future Projects**

By facilitating the insight about vulnerability in Muslim community, current gaps in demand and services, will be highlighted, that will pave the way towards much needed further community wellbeing projects.



Muslim Community Wellbeing Focused  
Initiation-Cohesion-Support

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INITIATION-COHESION-SUPPORT

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# FIANZ's RESPECT FOR OUR TANGATA WHENUA

Kia tau ngā manaakitanga a te mea ngaro  
ki runga ki tēnā, ki tēnā o tātou  
Kia mahea te hua mākihikihi  
kia toi te kupu, toi te mana, toi te aroha, toi te  
Reo Māori  
kia tūturu, ka whakamaua kia tīna! Tīna!  
Hui e, Tāiki e!



Let the strength and life force of our ancestors  
Be with each and every one of us  
Freeing our path from obstruction  
So that our words, spiritual power, love, and  
language are upheld;  
Permanently fixed, established and understood!  
Forward together!





## NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY & FIANZ DISCUSS ISSUES OF OVERSEAS QUALIFICATION EQUIVALENCE

The issue of qualification equivalence for Muslims migrating from Asia, Africa, Central Asia and the Middle-East is very important both for further education, immigration and employment purposes. We are pleased that after raising this issue with **Dr Grant Klinkum, Chief Executive, NZQA** a working group has been established. The first meeting was most informative and FIANZ will be engaging further on this important matter. On another matter which FIANZ raised with Dr Klinkum, we are pleased to advise that NZQA is considering a proposal to produce a culturally contextualised video directed at Muslim parents to help them understand all key aspects of NCEA, including issues around subject choices and pathways. FIANZ considers this a very constructive suggestion, given many parents are not familiar with the NCEA. We applaud NZQA for such proactive initiative to foster social cohesion.



Dr. Grant Klinkum,  
Chief Executive, NZQA

## TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION KEEN ON SENIOR LEADERSHIP DIVERSITY

FIANZ had a very informative meeting with Tim Fowler, Chief Executive of the Tertiary Education Commission. A number of issues were covered, including a request for the need for diversity of background of the senior leadership of tertiary institutes. We are also pleased to advise that the TEC also invited us to nominate appropriately qualified and experienced persons. FIANZ have proposed a nominee and we are requesting our senior educators with governance experience to please send us your CV



Tim Fowler,  
Chief Executive,  
Tertiary Education Commission.



# HUMANITARIAN CRISIS OVERSEAS

## FIANZ DONATIONS & SUPPORT

### PAKISTAN FLOODS

The disastrous floods in Pakistan and the earlier floods in Bangladesh and Fiji resulted in immense hardship to the victims. FIANZ was able to send donations and we recognize that the respective communities here have been working tirelessly to provide humanitarian support. May Allah swt be pleased with the efforts of all the sisters, brothers and children who have volunteered their time to raise funds. It has been FIANZ policy to channel the funds through major international organisations like Red Crescent (Red Cross) and/or through the national organisations in Aotearoa NZ of the respective countries.



Our objective is to provide prompt and direct help to the needy .  
If you have suggestions of recognized humanitarian organisations who can help with such in different countries , please send their names and credentials to [info@fianz.com](mailto:info@fianz.com) for future consideration



# Some of the other places FIANZ has provided much need humanitarian help includes:

**HUMANITARIAN HELP TO THE FOLLOWING REGIONS**

FIANZ has been providing humanitarian help during times of crisis (flood, famine, refugees etc). We thank you for your generous donations. Our policy is to help the victims directly where possible.



FIJI FLOODS



KASHMIR



NIGERIA



ROHINGYA REFUGEES



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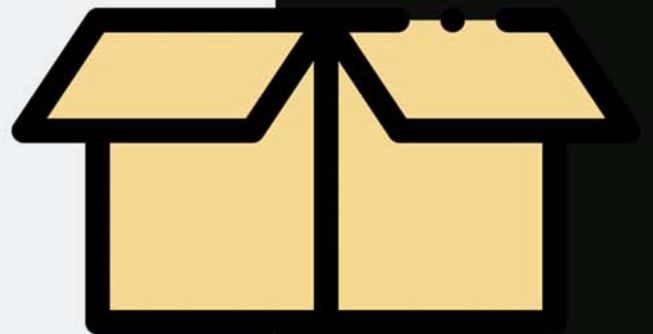




# FIANZ EMERGENCY RELIEF PROJECT SUPPORT VULNERABLE FAMILIES IN **GAZA PALESTINE** DURING RAMADHAN

For a number of years FIANZ has been supporting vulnerable families in Gaza- Palestine. To see our modest aid effort to help families with food and direct essentials.

Please see ( use this link)  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/12CbTSCYxumrNEj-kj8Do6pMlyGTKZ\\_Mv/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/12CbTSCYxumrNEj-kj8Do6pMlyGTKZ_Mv/view?usp=sharing)







## FREE FOOD PARCELS FOR WIDER COMMUNITY

During the COVID crisis , noting that many in the community were in dire need of food ,many of the local associations have set up food banks, food distribution and other means to help to those in the community. These have been available for anyone in the community. Some of the initiatives of the local Muslim associations have included:

**Otago Muslim Association** with their free grocery booth available for anyone in the community.



**NZMA** – In Auckland has been distributing food support packs to 100s of people across Auckland with nearly half of them being for children. It was noticeable that most requests came from single mother , families with 4-5 children, and youth . This service has been available to all in the wider community.





## HOSTING LYNNMALL ATTACK SURVIVORS

### Hosting LynMall attack survivors at Avondale Islamic Centre :



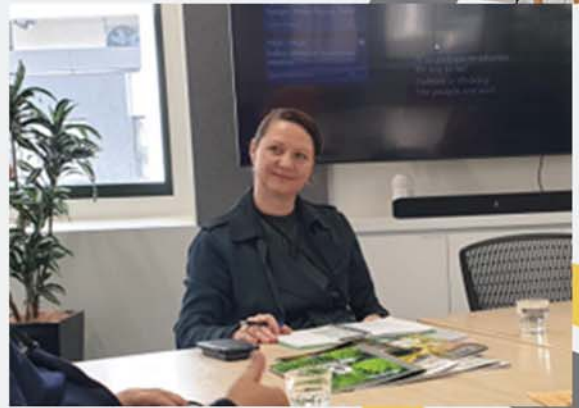
New Zealand Muslim Association (NZMA) in conjunction with The Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (FIANZ) hosted the survivors of the Lynnfield mall attack. The event was attended by 6 of the victims and their families/ supporters, members of the NZ Police and representatives of the Muslim community. This was the second time since the attack that all the survivors met each other in person. Br Ikhtlaq Kashkari – NZMA President, Br Ibrar Sheikh – FIANZ President, Maulana all Mohammed Shaakir Ismail – NZMA Religious advisor extended love and support to the survivors on behalf of the Muslim community, strongly disassociated Islam from the action of individuals and reiterated our mission as a nation to make New Zealand the safest country in the world. The funds collected by NZMA and the contribution made by FIANZ were given to the survivors. The survivors expressed their gratitude in being welcomed into our mosque and having the opportunity to meet and share their grief with our community. The event concluded with dinner and a tour of the masjid by Maulana Shaakir along with a brief introduction to the Islamic faith, after which many of them left the masjid with a copy of the Qur'an.



## MUSLIM ORAL HISTORY AND ISLAMIC ART & CULTURE EXHIBITION MINISTRY OF CULTURE & HERITAGE

FIANZ and the Ministry of Culture & Heritage are discussing two programmes – Oral History of Muslims in Aotearoa NZ and also cooperation of Islamic Arts and Culture Exhibition. The Ministry has extensive network who will be helpful in facilitating the above two programmes. Such initiatives are part of a social cohesion approach to highlight the rich diversity of history and culture of Aotearoa.

**Heather Baggott, Acting Chief Executive in meeting with FIANZ officials**



## MUSLIM YOUTH UNITE TO FORM STRATEGIC ADVOCACY NETWORK

Under the guidance of FIANZ, Muslim youth leaders from across the country have established THE Aotearoa Muslim Advocacy Network (AMAN). They are the future leaders of the community and have established a strategic approach to work on prioritised key issues impacting on our homeland. Some of the work they are focussing on includes:

- Addressing hate and Islamophobia
- Countering the Right Wing Extremist narrative
- Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Foreign Policy of Aotearoa NZ
- Local Body and National Political Engagement
- Education Programmes
- Muslim Business Council Facilitation
- Muslim Medical Council Facilitation
- Muslim Professional Bodies



If you wish to join AMAN please send your contact details to [george.lethbridge@fianz.com](mailto:george.lethbridge@fianz.com)



# AOTEAROA ISLAMIC THINKTANK (ANZITT)



FIANZ has facilitated the establishment of a Think Tank of noted Muslim academics and scientists from NZ Universities and Research Centres, This is an august body of highly qualified experts in their particular fields .

This is an independent, apolitical and multi-disciplinary civil society organisation with the role of stimulating discussion, and being a source of comprehensive research and analysis, and a catalyst for ideas that are aimed at strengthening policies and practices that bring benefit and wellbeing to our whānau, our community and our nation.

The kaupapa that underlies this collaboration of Muslim academics, researchers and scientists is to make a constructive contribution to enriching Aotearoa New Zealand through research, knowledge sharing and planned programmes. The underlying principle is the recognition that a knowledge-based solution is at the core of change.

**For more information and a list of the Think Tank fellows please write to [info@fianz.com](mailto:info@fianz.com)**



# BRIEFING POLITICAL PARTIES AT PARLIAMENT

As part of the FIANZ Advocacy programme , we have been briefing all the political parties in Parliament about the Muslim community . This also includes the follow up implementation of the Royal Commission Recommendations.



# OVERSEAS DIGNITARIES AND SCHOLARS VISITATION PROGRAMME

Delegation from the Kuwait Endowment Fund visiting the FIANZ Head Office, Wellington as well as the FIANZ Porchester Office in Auckland. . In Wellington , Br Tariq Saeed, President of IMAN welcomed the delegation.





# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF APEX BODY OF MUSLIMS

This year's AGM was held in the ultra-modern,, purpose built facilities at South Auckland Muslim Association ( SAMA). The AGM set the direction for the future with robust discussion and consensus decision making on matters of national interest for the Muslims of Aotearoa New Zealand. Our sister organization, Islamic Women's Council of NZ (IWCNZ) was also present.





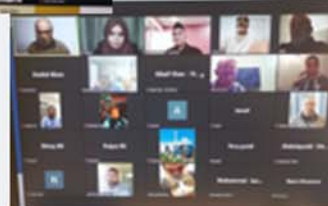
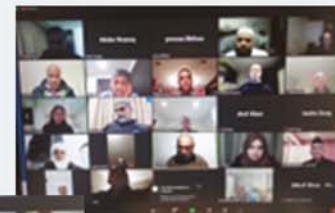
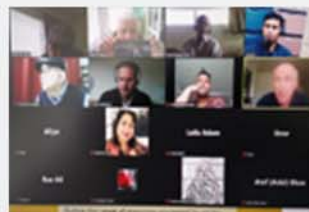
## FIANZ FAITH-CULTURE ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR PUBLIC SECTOR OFFICIALS

As part of our faith-culture social cohesion , FIANZ has been organising orientation programme for the senior leadership of public sector agencies . These have included officials from Treasury, NZ Security Intelligence Service, Ministry of Primary Industries ,NZ Police and many others.



## OVERCOMING THE COVID BARRIER WITH VIRTUAL MEETINGS WITH LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS , TRUSTS & ISLAMIC CENTRES

As part of the capability development programme for local and regional Muslim associations as well as trusts and Islamic centres, FIANZ organized a number of virtual meetings on such matters as sharing strategies for community funding ; education programmes, at national and local level and others.





## FIANZ DISCUSSING YOUTH STUDY VISITATION PROGRAMME WITH EMBASSY OF TÜRKIYE

FIANZ has initiated discussion for study visit by Muslim youth to as part of international cooperation and exchange . Her Excellency Ömür Ünsay, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye, was also very supportive of FIANZ and the long history of cooperation.

**Her Excellency Ömür Ünsay,  
Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye**



## FIANZ SIGNING OF MOU WITH NZ POLICE

FIANZ and the NZ Police signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which promotes greater cooperation and consultation . **Andrew Coster, Police Commissioner, Wally Haumaha Deputy Commissioner and Ibrahim Sheikh, President FIANZ and other senior dignitaries** were at the FIANZ Head Office to mark the occasion.



## FIANZ HONOURS ITS PIONEERS AND NOTABLE MUSLIMS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY

At a special function organized by FIANZ at the South Auckland Muslim association ( SAMA) , pioneers of FIANZ and other notable Muslims who have served the community were honoured with special awards.

**Ibrahim Omer, our Muslim Member of Parliament, was presented an Award by Ibrar Sheikh, President of FIANZ**







## INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY ACT REVIEW TEAM VISITS FIANZ OFFICE



The review is to determine whether improvements can be made to the Intelligence and Security Act 2017 (the Act) to ensure it continues to be effective, clear and fit for purpose. The review is being carried out by two reviewers, the Hon Sir Terence Arnold KNZM and Matanuku Mahuika. Dr Penelope Ridings MNZM is a special advisor to the review. Over a period of nearly four hours, the Reviewers held detailed discussions with FIANZ at its Head Office, followed by a visit to the adjoining Wellington Masjid. For a copy of the submission, please contact [info@fianz.com](mailto:info@fianz.com).

### COVER OF FIANZ OFFICIAL SUBMISSION DOCUMENT



## NATIONAL SECURITY, PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND THE ROLE OF NZSIS

FIANZ in association with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) and the NZ Security Intelligence Service organized a hui focusing on a Strategic Framework For Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) in Aotearoa New Zealand. This is a key piece of policy and strategy work in the counter-terrorism work area. It's forward-looking and seeks to develop what our national approach should be to early intervention, risk reduction and prevention of radicalisation and building resilience to violent extremism. There was also a Q/A session with the NZSIS.



Copy of the Final Report



FIANZ Muslim Engagement With the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on National Security and Countering Violent Extremism.



## FIANZ DEVELOPS TEMPLATE COMMUNITY LED TOOLKIT ON DERADICALISATION

FIANZ participated in a MEC organised specialized workshop on Deradicalisation, with officials from the NZSIS, NZ Police, Ministry of Health, GCSB and DPMC also present. FIANZ presented its framework approach and the proposed toolkit. For a copy of the FIANZ document, please write to [info@fianz.com](mailto:info@fianz.com)

### FIANZ FRAMEWORK APPROACH AND TOOLKIT



## ORGANISATION FOR ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC) AMBASSADORS MEETING WITH FIANZ

As part of a biannual programme, FIANZ has meetings with the OIC Ambassadors at the FIANZ Head Office in Wellington. Matters of international and national interest are discussed. At the last meeting, FIANZ briefed the Ambassadors and High Commissioners on the developments after the Royal Commission of Inquiry Report.



## FIANZ AND ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FORGING A COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture: ICCIA, is an International Non-Governmental Organization, affiliated to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and represents the private sector of 57 member Islamic Countries via their Apex Chambers of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture bodies.





# AN INNOVATIVE INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF FUNERAL

*FIANZ was provided the following information of an initiative started by a Muslim Trust. We are providing this information for those may be interested. Please contact the Trust directly. We received the following from the Trust.*

Death is a phenomenon that sometimes we choose to forget, be it out of fear or out of love of this world. However, it is an indisputable reality that death is something that is going to come to every soul. Like cost of living, the cost of burial of a deceased person is significant and, on the rise, as well. This can be an additional worry for a family who is already going through the grief because of human loss.

Funeral support program aimed to help ease the financial hardship confronted by the Muslim community in meeting the funeral costs. This is to relieve some worries at the time of human loss. Our goal is to provide a platform through which members help members in paying burial expenses so the family should not feel helpless because of uncertain circumstances created by financial burden.

## How does it work?

**First**, you become a registered member of the funeral support program by paying a membership fee of \$100 and \$25 for each dependent (spouse & children under 22). This is a one-off fee for life - not an annual fee.

**Second**, when someone (either a registered member or a dependent) passes away, trust will pay the funeral expenses (up to \$8000).

**Third**, trust will take an equal amount to cover the cost of the funeral from all registered members. If you need more information about this program, please contact us at [unitedcaretrust1@gmail.com](mailto:unitedcaretrust1@gmail.com) or visit us at [www.unitedcare.org.nz](http://www.unitedcare.org.nz)



## MUSLIM LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS, ISLAMIC CENTRES AND TRUSTS IN LOWER SOUTH ISLAND MEET IN AL HUDA MOSQUE IN DUNEDIN

FIANZ organized a meeting of all the local associations, Trusts and Islamic centers in the lower half of the South Island. The meeting was held at Masjid Al Huda in Dunedin. The agenda included reviewing the security of the masjid and centres. There was also an opportunity to share information between the various organization and also the pivotal role of FIANZ as the umbrella national organization.





## A VERY SPECIAL RUGBY TEAM

Photos of the participation of New Zealand-based Afghani rugby players who represented Afghanistan at the Asian Rugby Sevens games in Indonesia in August - it is an inspirational story of two Afghani families (Slaimankhel and Safi) based in Auckland and Christchurch who lost their family members in the Christchurch mosque shooting and a bomb blast in Kabul, Afghanistan three years ago. Representing their motherland in sports has contributed to the healing of their personal grief and is also a sense of pride for players, families and communities. Despite their personal losses with encouragement and support from their families' members the opportunity to represent Afghanistan was welcomed with great pride. Jubilant celebrations on the achievements of the team and its players was held in Afghanistan, New Zealand and the Afghani diaspora globally.

The Slaimankhel and Safi families extend their sincere gratitude to Afghanistan Rugby Federation Executive, members of the Afghani community in New Zealand and in the diaspora and friends for the encouragement and support provide to the team. .





# COMMUNITY FUNDING AND DIGITAL SAFETY (DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS- DIA)

Paul James, Secretary for Internal Affairs and CEO of the Department of Internal Affairs was appraised of the limited community funding sources for Muslim organisations, We can not use lottery or other such funds . DIA is aware of this limitation and other sources of funds were under consideration. FIANZ also praised the pioneering Digital Safety programme of DIA and the recent Report, Understanding the New Zealand Online Extremist Ecosystem. FIANZ also has a nascent digital safety programme and we are seeking collaboration with the DIA .



Paul James , CEO of DIA ,  
with the FIANZ submission on Digital Safety





## FIANZ PORCHESTER ROAD DEVELOPMENT FOCUS ON MEETING THE NEEDS OF A GROWING COMMUNITY

*A social and educational investment which underscores the long term community development focus of FIANZ.*

An Aerial View of the Property



## Porchester Islamic Centre



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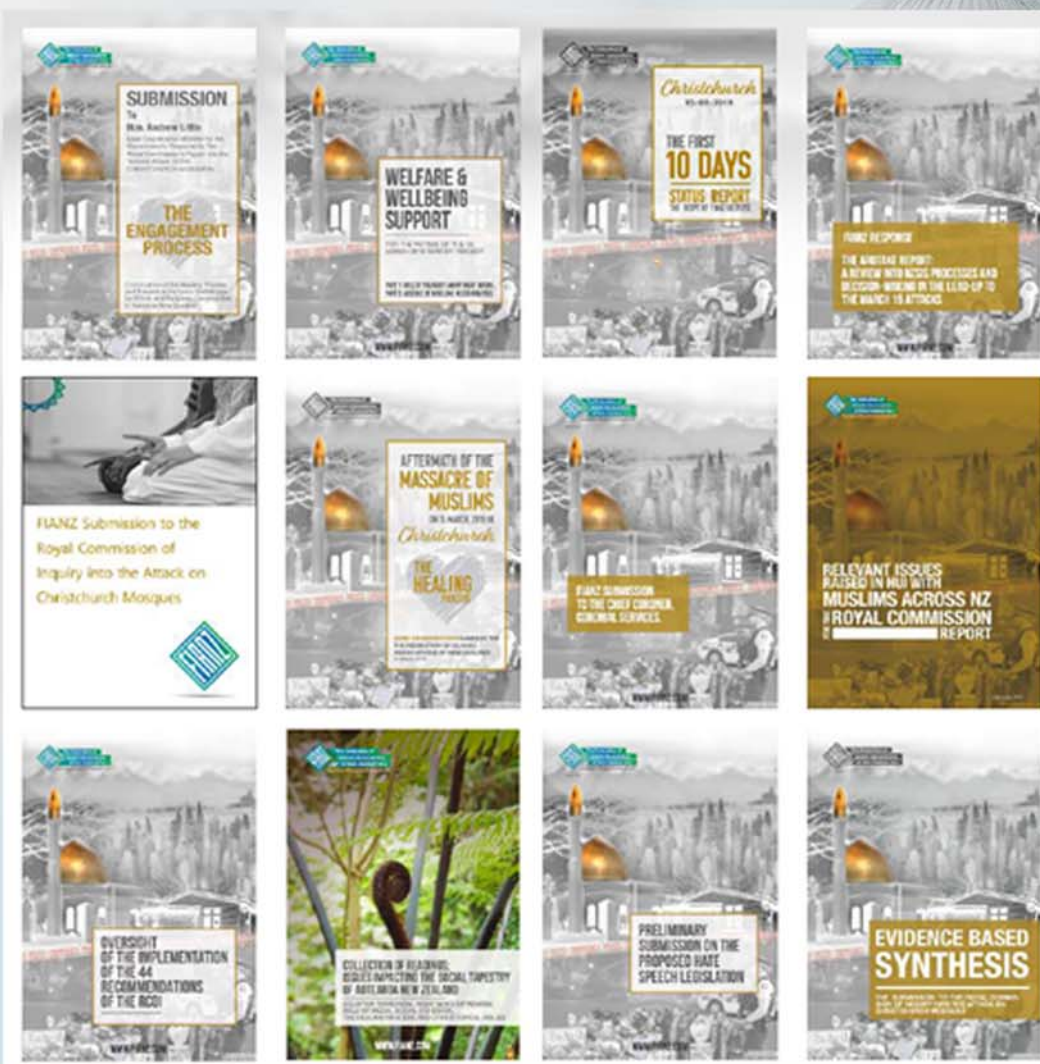




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As a community organisation, FIANZ has a keen interest in contributing to our nation's development through evidence-based research, making submissions to government and actively participating in civic, societal and environmental development platforms . If you would receive copies of any of the following or assist FIANZ, please write to [info@FIANZ.com](mailto:info@FIANZ.com)

## SOME OF OUR PUBLICATIONS





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