

## Privacy Foundation NZ Newsletter

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### Message from the Chair

Welcome to our first regular newsletter! We plan to have three or four of these during the year in addition to the ad hoc notifications you already receive. As the Foundation moves into its fourth year, 2020 promises to be auspicious as it is expected the legislation to update and replace the 26-year old Privacy Act will finally be passed. Although far from perfect, the Foundation believes it will be a step in the right direction.

Much more work will be needed, however, both to educate ourselves and the public on how to apply the new legislation as well as perhaps to improve upon it. We have become accustomed to the “sensationalism” of privacy and data breaches which seem to be occurring with tedious regularity. We should instead focus attention on the less glamorous but far more important daily slog of those who are privacy practitioners of one sort or another – of whom many of you will probably number – in the important work they do in the field to ensure privacy is safeguarded.

Some of this work is now being done by our working groups in their specialist areas. To give just one example, the group on children’s privacy is currently preparing a commentary to explain if parents can take pictures and videos of their own children that also feature other children and teachers and post these on social media – a question often asked by journalists and the public.

We hope to keep you informed of events during the year. Please remember you are all in the frontline as our privacy watchers and let us know if anything needs looking into. I hope you will find this newsletter informative and do give us your feedback on it whether negative or positive!

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### A word from the Newsletter Editor

Welcome to the first issue of the Foundation’s newsletter. The plan is to release several issues each year to keep members better informed as to the Foundation’s work. In future issues we hope to introduce Committee members and hear their thoughts on privacy and more about the activities of the working groups that they lead.



### The Foundation completes its third year

The Foundation was formally incorporated on 15 February 2017. We’re looking forward to new challenges in our fourth year.

### Committee meeting in December 2019

At its December meeting the Committee started planning for 2020 which promises to be an important year with the expected enactment of the Privacy Bill and the General Election.

The Committee received updates on, amongst other matters, Cybersmart Week, the Asian Privacy Scholars Network’s conference in Singapore (in which the Chair participated), an Amnesty International report on NZ intelligence legislation and the work of the Children’s Privacy Working Group. The Committee heard about the Contract for the Web (an initiative from Tim Berners-Lee) and authorised the International Working Group to promote discussion amongst the membership as to whether the Foundation should endorse it.



### Cyber Smart Week

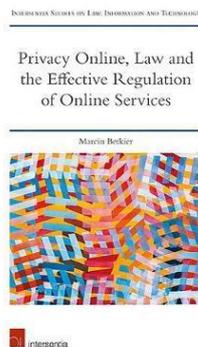
We became an official partner in the cert.nz cyber smart week campaign in October. This year there was insufficient time to organise an event but we featured the campaign’s messages on our twitter feed.

### Foundation media releases

The Foundation’s four most recent media releases were:

- August 2019: “Auckland Transport must take care in CCTV spend up” in response to reports that Auckland Transport had a \$4.5m plan to have 8000 cameras watching the city
- September 2019: “Individual access and transparency rights are increasingly vital in our digital age” to mark International Right to Know Day.
- October 2019: “Greater Transparency Needed Around Handling of Patient Data after Hack” in response to the on the Tū Ora Compass Health data hack.
- January 2010: “New Zealand is well overdue for new privacy law” to mark International Data Protection Day.

All media releases are available at: <https://www.privacyfoundation.nz/media-releases/>



### Privacy book by a member

The Committee is always excited to draw attention to new privacy books written by members. Congratulations to Committee member Marcin Betkier’s whose book *Privacy Online, Law and the Effective Regulation of Online Services* (Intersentia, Cambridge, 2019) was recently published.

Available wherever you buy your privacy books including, fittingly enough, online booksellers.