

Transcript | Te Tohu a te Pirimia announcement

Kia ora koutou katoa,

It's my privilege to once again be part of Te Hāpai Hapori, the Spirit of Service Awards. These awards recognise outstanding public service in New Zealand, and the past few years have highlighted just how important this is. Throughout COVID-19 the Public Service has worked tirelessly to support New Zealanders, their families, and our wider communities. I know it hasn't been easy. But across the board the Public Service has stepped up to ensure New Zealanders are safe and supported.

I want to thank you for all of your efforts, providing essential services to support those that need it most is what the Public Service does, no one else can do that.

Tonight, I am here via video, to announce the overall winner for Te Tohu a te Pirimia, the Prime Minister's Award. Without further ado, it's my pleasure to announce that the winner is, the *Care in Community Welfare Response*, the joint agency response to COVID-19.

This was a true team effort and the result of the unified spirit of service that underpins our public service. This could not have happened without cross agency collaboration, and I would like to thank and congratulate the Ministry of Social Development, The Ministry of Health, The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, The Department of Internal Affairs, Kāinga Ora, the Ministry for Pacific Peoples, the Ministry for Education, MBIE, The Ministry for Ethnic Communities, the New Zealand Police, Oranga Tamariki, Te Arawhiti, and Te Puni Kōkiri. Thank you for working together across the system to deliver exceptional outcomes and for going above and beyond to make a difference.

Congratulations to all the finalists and winners of Te Hāpai Hapori, the Spirit of Service Awards 2022.

We are so grateful for what you do.

No reira,

Tena koutou,

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Tena koutou katoa.