



Manawatu
Multicultural Council

**Multicultural
Centre**



**Manawatu
Newcomers Network**
Connecting People

MISSION STATEMENT

• TO CELEBRATE, TO SUPPORT
AND TO CONNECT THE MULTI-
CULTURAL COMMUNITIES OF
MANAWATU



ETHNIGRAM

President's Message

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Ethnic Greetings to everyone.

Another AGM has come and gone. I welcome Mayette Maling-Cope to the Executive as our new Treasurer and Angela Joblin, Booranee Roskruge and Kim Lang to the Executive Committee. Rukhshana Akhter, Mary Gaddam and myself have stayed on to keep this organization going.



The Manawatu Multicultural Council is in its 22nd year of existence so has seen a lot of faces of migrants that have come and gone in our City of Palmerston North.

As a home away from home to new migrants, the Multicultural Centre has continuously offered free English classes to migrants. It's been a place for cultural discovery without travelling, all you have to do is participate in the different activities that are offered.

Acknowledgement

- Ministry of Social Development
- PN City Council
- PN Community Services Council
- United Way
- Lottery Grant
- COGS
- Eastern & Central Community Trust
- DIA - Settling In
- Pub Charity

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Recently, we had a movie and dessert night, a new initiative in collaboration with the City Library. The first evening was on Friday 11th when a Filipino movie with English subtitles was shown. The story was very moving as it was about a Mother working in another country to help her children do better but they hadn't understood why she didn't stay with them so it moved most to tears. Everyone in the audience had their moments of crying as it was a moving story about what happens to children when the Mother is away.

So I encourage everyone who wants to share a movie with English subtitle to contact the office.

Coming back as President is a privilege but with privilege comes responsibilities. Our organisation has encountered a few hurdles in the last few months but with unity despite our differences we were able to move forward and carry out responsibilities that needed to take place.

Having no Centre Coordinator for the nine months put a lot of pressure on our staff and executives. I would like to thank Anne Odogwu who stepped up to the different roles in organising different activities for our service users to enjoy.

I would like to acknowledge Nirmala Nand who diligently assisted our past acting President Rukhshana Akhter to carry out her responsibilities. Also, for Nirmala's assistance to participate in the capability assessment required by the Ministry of Social Development with the current requirement from our funders focussing on outcomes.

It does not only require the amount of our time in organising activities but also requires the number of participants and benefits to participants that makes our organisation valid for funding. So I ask all our ethnic community members to pass on their ideas on how as members we can better serve our ethnic community.

Our success as organisation does not depend on us as executive but on all ethnic members who made a stand to ensure our voices are heard.

Meriam Findlay

The Manawatu Multicultural Council, MMC Executives, Centre Staff and Volunteers and Ethnic Members extend their sympathy to Noorangi Puleosi and family in the sad loss of a husband and father on the 22nd September. David was also a Council Member representing the Niue Community.

Noorangi has been a permanent worker at the MMC Centre for some years. I'm sure that anyone coming to the Centre in Noorangi's time has been made most welcome and will have been helped if they needed help.

In keeping with custom David was taken to Saint Michael's Marae on Friday, 25th September and family and friends stayed with David. Memories of family and friends were shared both at the Marae and the Emmanuel Church.

Noorangi's husband, David Puleosi, had served as an Assistant Pastor at the Emmanuel Church so a service was held there on Sunday 27th September. I'm sure that Noorangi and family must have been comforted by the powerful singing and that so many people were present.

The funeral service was held at the Lychway on Monday the 28th September and it was full of family and friends.

All our sympathy goes to Noorangi and family at this sad time as it was a sudden death and unexpected.

Anne Odogwu



GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND TE PAPA VISIT

On Friday 16th October there is a tour of Government House and Te Papa organised by the MMC. The first 40 to book by 12th October will go on the two tours. There will be two lots of 20 for each tour so in the afternoon the two groups will do the alternate tours to the ones made in the morning.

The tour of the Government House takes two hours and those at Te Papa will have two hours to look at the free sections of Te Papa. Those dropped at Te Papa in the morning will be picked up at 11.45am and taken to Government House where we will all meet up and eat our lunch in the Visitors' Centre. Then those going to Te Papa will be taken there whilst the other group will do their tour of Government House.

About 3.15pm the bus will arrive at Te Papa to pick up those people and then we will depart for Palmerston North. The cost of the trip is a total of \$25 for the bus as the others are free. It is best to bring something for your lunch as there will not be time to pick up lunch in Wellington.

Don't forget to book by 12th October and to pay for the trip.

Anne Odogwu

Event Convenor

Government House & Te Papa Tour

Friday 16 October 2015

From 7.30am

An opportunity to take a trip to the Government House and Te Papa in Wellington.

There will be a two hour tour of the Government House and at Te Papa there will be a 50 minutes tour .

We will have a picnic lunch by the sea near Te Papa at 12.15pm.

Don't miss the fun travelling on a bus with other migrants. First 40 to book their seats by the 12th of October will go because of limited seats on the bus. Please confirm your booking by calling the Centre on 358 1572 or e-mailing Christine at info@mmcnz.org.nz.



The trip will cost \$25 / person

The bus will leave the Centre at 7.30am and will be back at 6pm



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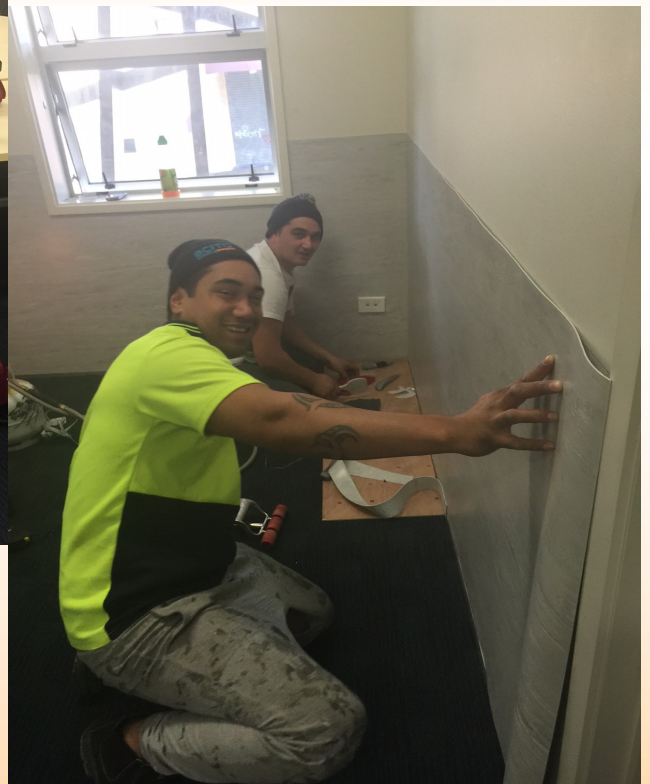
The Centre's New Look

In August the Centre was re-decorated thanks to our receiving a grant from Pub Charity. They are able to give this money thanks to the Royal Hotel, Hotel and the Willowpark Tavern in Palmerston North through their gaming machines.

I think most of you will have seen how great the Centre looks now. There were black marks along the walls where the chairs had rested and pitting so it was recommended that we have vinyl installed for the lower metre of the wall. I can't believe how much neater the walls look and it's very easy to care for the vinyl. The vinyl was installed by Rangitikei Floorings.



The painting was carried out by Towers Decorating 2012 Ltd. They carried out the painting over two weekends and just needed one Monday



morning to complete the work. Their builder installed two picture rails so that the photos of previous Presidents could be installed on one wall and the Certificates on another wall. The rails were painted the same colour as the walls so blend in.

We very much appreciate how clean and new the Centre now looks.

THANK YOU PUB CHARITY LTD, THE ROYAL HOTEL, MASONIC HOTEL and the WILLOWPARK TAVERN in Palmerston North.

Anne Odogwu

Anne Odogwu, a Passionate Volunteer!!!.

If you ever saw a person whose passion for volunteering is far and beyond her call, then Anne Odogwu is that person.

Anne is the immediate past treasurer of the Manawatu Multicultural Council. She has also served as the vice-president from 2009 to 2013, a co-opted member for 2013-2014 but her involvement with us started in 1998. It was as the representative of the Scandinavian Club of Manawatu then and served on the Centre's committee before it became the Executive Council.

Anne's involvement with MMC is quite varied and very valuable. To date she serves as the convenor of the Many People – Many Songs concert (formerly Rainbow Praise) which is held every other year. In the same breath, Anne is actively involved in organising World on Stage, a highly-participated showcase of multi-cultural talents held every two years.

The annual dinner is never complete without Anne's helping hands, especially in organising the event and making sure that the people do come and have an enjoyable time. She doesn't seem to get tired doing the legwork and contacting people.

Currently Anne is the President, Treasurer and Editor of the Scandinavian Club here in Palmerston North. She is also the Secretary-Treasurer of the Palmerston North Arthritis Support Group. I am pretty sure she does more for these clubs to keep them going.



This year Anne has decided to throw in the hat and limit her involvement with the Council. Having said this, Anne is quick to be on her feet when she gets called in to relieve for English classes or do favours or errands for us. She believes she deserves to now enjoy the remaining days of her life not necessarily outside of volunteering.

Anne has a son Will who resides in Poland. Very soon she will experience the joys of being a grandma. Meanwhile Anne has booked herself to the "From the Mountains to the Sea" tour with Intercity on 5-9 October.

Surely we shall miss Anne's active involvement in our Centre...meanwhile we shall savour our time with her in the times that she comes around to our rescue when we most need her.

Mayette Maling-Cope

MMC Treasurer

Movie & Dessert Night Premiere

The Manawatu Multicultural Centre is looking for new and exciting things!!! September 11 saw a new initiative by the MMC come into being ... we hosted the first Movie and Dessert night at the City Library.

In collaboration with Jeremie Corroenne who is the library's multicultural point-person, this event introduced a new MMC undertaking. The aim of this activity is to show films from the different ethnic groups involved and associated with the centre. This will help the community understand the cultural background of each group.

The film "Anak" (The Child) got the ball-rolling. This film depicted the consequences of a mother going overseas (Hongkong) to work (as a domestic helper) in the belief that doing so she will be able to lift her family's economic status.



The Filipino Christian Ukelele group rendered musical numbers which started with the national anthems of both New Zealand and the Philippines, followed by a

lively combination of traditional songs. The group is under the tutelage of Ms. Brenda Hoare.



It was like a usual movie night with popcorn, finger food and drinks available as the audience viewed the film. Everybody enjoyed the evening even though there was a tear shed here and there especially towards the end of the film when there was an emotional confrontation between the mother and her children.

So watch out for the next movie and dessert night. Can you guess which country the film will come from next? We hope to see you all there! And thank you to those who came and supported this event.



Multicultural Book Club

Come and meet people from all walks of life



THURSDAY 12pm - 1pm

8 October

22 October

5 November

Palmerston North City Library

with



See www.citylibrary.pncc.govt.nz for updates or changes
For more information or booking contact 06 351 4100

Manawatu Multicultural Centre

- Practise your English
- Make new friends
- Share information
- Learn about New Zealand and other cultures
- Use your interpersonal skills

Opening Hours:

Monday-Friday 9.30am-4pm

Advanced English Group

**Monday , Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday from 1– 3pm**

Beginners Group

Tuesday & Thursday 10am - 12.00pm

Multicultural Arts & Crafts Group

Friday 1-3pm

Shared lunch at the Centre:

Friday 12-1pm

Multicultural Women 's Group

2nd Friday of the month 1-3pm

Newcomers' Coffee Morning

3rd Wednesday of the month 10-12noon

Newcomers' Potluck Dinner

Last Friday of the month at 6pm