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President's Report

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Maligayang Pasho sa inyong lahat. Merry Christmas Everyone.

Well I spent one month in the Philippines celebrating my mothers 75th birthday and remembering the death of my Father which was 40 years ago. It was also an opportunity to meet my nieces and nephews that I had never met before.



It was also a chance for my son to see something of my country and get to know more of my relations. For a short time my son was able to see a slice of my culture. He enjoyed meeting my nieces and nephews.

Back to reality, here we are rushing here and there to get things done before Christmas.

Funding applications have been sent out for next year. Hopefully 2017 will be more generous when it comes to receiving funding.

I am grateful to Christine and Noorangi for keeping the office working well, and to my Co-executive, thank you for your support in helping keep the organization function well.

Christmas parties are starting to fill our calendars, but, with so many commitments, we will just have to choose our priorities.

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- DIA- Settling In
- Pub Charity
- Hancock Community House
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Meriam and her mum in the Philippines



President's report continued:

The Centre's Christmas Party was held on Friday 16th December, and over 75 people attended. Apart from the delicious Ethnic food, many of the guests enjoyed the "party games" such as pass the parcel and a humorous elimination game.

On Wednesday evening of the 14th of December the executive and staff went to Bethany's Restaurant for an end of year mea



The Manawatu Multicultural Centre would like to say thank you to Whitcoulls for donating a box of teddy bears for us, to give to well deserving migrants and refugee families.

Recently I visited Maw Thet and her children after they received their five teddy bears. What a wonderful Christmas present from Whitcoulls



I hope that you find time to bond with your families this Christmas and I look forward to working with you all in 2017.

So have a very happy holiday.

Meriam Findlay

President



Meet Kenny Giovanni Watono

Volunteering Experience at Manawatu Multicultural Centre

By: Kenny Giovanni Watono

Going straight to a full-time job from being a full-time student can be quite a challenge for anyone including me. I officially finished my three year study in August 2016 at the Institute of the Pacific United (IPU) New Zealand, my qualification being a Bachelor of International Studies (Language Studies for Teaching) In addition I took the TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) course at the IPU. I clearly had no experience of teaching whatsoever at that time. I was looking for any teaching jobs for a while and was fortunate enough to find one at the MMC through Student Job Search. Eventually, I got a job as a voluntary English tutor. Although it is only a voluntary position, I think, it is still very important for me to have. At least, I can gain some valuable teaching experience which will prepare me for my future career.



I teach an Advanced Conversation class at MMC every Wednesday from 1pm-3pm. The number of students usually varies between 4-12. My first teaching session was a particularly challenging one. I only had 2 students and it was my first time teaching a two-hour class. Moreover, given the nature of the class, I could not exactly implement what I had learned at IPU.

I would like to thank the staff at MMC for supporting me during these and subsequent days. Their support helped me build my confidence in teaching and definitely made me feel comfortable here. One unique thing about MMC, that I find very interesting is, everyone knows everybody! It is as if we are one big family. MMC is such a nice workplace in my opinion.

The fact that there is such a facility in New Zealand makes me happy. I cannot recall anything like this in my home country of Indonesia or maybe not as good as this.

I am glad that I found this family and can contribute to the MMC by sharing my knowledge with others.



Kenny's graduation (second from left) Nov.2016.

White Ribbon Day

To mark the "White Ribbon Day" this year at the Council, I invited Maarten Bazuin, the *White Ribbon Bike Rider*, from IRD as the guest speaker to our Potluck Dinner evening.

Maarten explained what the 'White Ribbon Campaign' was all about. He spoke about the importance of everyone standing up to 'domestic violence against women' and stressing that our men need to change their attitude and take the pledge, which says:

" I promise never to commit, condone, or remain silent about violence towards women".

The White Ribbon campaign has been running for the whole month of November and the Bike Riders have travelled all over New Zealand, promoting the Day, holding public events, staying in Marae, and all the donations collected on the way have been given away to Women's Refuge. White Ribbon is supported by the Families Commission, NZ Police and the Defence Force and the campaign has been running for the past 6 years. Palmerston North also had an event at The Square on Saturday.

Nirmala thanked Maarten for his time and also acknowledged that the MMC has been supporting the White Ribbon Day promotion for the past 6 years and every year we try to bring in a speaker to enlighten and empower our ethnic, migrant and refugee communities in Palmerston North.

Nirmala Nand (Executive Committee Member)



MMC Fashion Parade Update

The Manawatu Multicultural Centre is holding a fashion parade in conjunction with the Festival of Cultures on Sunday the 5th of March 2017.

The Arts and Craft Women's Group are already busy planning and designing their costumes.

We would love to have your talents and enthusiasm for our next years Fashion Parade.

Therefore we are wondering if any of you would be interested in 30 seconds of fame on the catwalk at our Fashion parade.

Being a multicultural organisation we have 3 categories of clothing to display.

The first being National Clothing from various countries.

The second Something Old to Something New. Which is altered clothing to make it more fashionable and interesting.

The third category will be clothing made of Natural Fibres or Vegetation.

All the clothing can be as outlandish as one wants as we want to make this a truly FUN Fashion Parade for all ages. If any one has any flags from your countries that we can loan, we would be very grateful. This should make this a truly Multicultural event.

For more information please contact the Centre between 10—4pm Monday to Friday and speak to Noorangi or Christine on 06 3581572.

*Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
From the Multicultural Women's Arts & Craft Group.*

Angela Joblin



Booranee busy working on her flax costume

Meet Yoko Avci, MMC Newest Volunteer

It is always interesting working or volunteering at the Multicultural Centre. Each day can be different depending on who comes to the Centre. Our visitors may come from any country or continent and be of any age. Their understanding of English can also vary.

English classes for beginners are one of MMC's free programmes to help migrants and refugees manage everyday life in New Zealand with confidence. This programme is held on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 10am to 12noon. The class on Friday the 2nd of December had the highest attendance in many months.

A total of 18 students came, and while some were learners others came to help Yoko Avci, a young volunteer who just recently resettled in Palmerston North with her husband, who is a lecturer at Massey University.

Yoko came to the Centre looking to improve her social life by meeting other people and hopefully make friends. It didn't take long for her to meet good friends. At the same time she realised that she could share her teaching skills with the beginners group, which she did.

When she started, Yoko was a bit nervous, as she was not sure if she could meet the learners' expectations. Her performance was however so good, that she attracted a large number of learners.

Thank you very much Yoko for volunteering to help other migrants settle in our City by helping them improve their English language skills and offering friendship.

Christine



Profile about Monie Hansen

Monie Hansen, Centenarian Member of the Scandinavian Club of Manawatu Inc.

Monie's Grandfather was born in Orting and her Grandmother in Stilling. They met and married in København (Copenhagen) and later sailed on 22nd November 1873 sailed to New Zealand on the Invererne. Two days after arrival in Napier, their baby boy died. They were to lose 3 other children though 3 survived: Hannah, Mary and Thomas (Monie's Father). In a ballot they received a farm, consisting of standing bush, in Makaretu (near Norsewood). When their farm was burnt down the Grandfather borrowed 10 shillings (\$1) to replace the home.

Monie grew up in this area and on 28th May 1937 married Trevor Wilkinson. They moved to Auckland from Wairoa. She joined the Auckland Danish Society but was unable to attend meetings after the Second World War started, as Trevor was overseas and she had their children to look after.

Monie became an Actor and Wardrobe Mistress with the Little Dolphin Theatre (now Dolphin Theatre). This name was chosen after 2 dolphins appeared in the Onehunga Harbour and she played the title role in Lilliom at Orakei Auckland. The play became better known as the film Carousel in the 1950s and produced the song "You'll never walk alone" that the Liverpool football fans sing.

Monie is very proud of the fact that it only cost 4 shillings and 6 pence (45¢) for thread to adapt existing clothes for the play.

Sir Keith Parkes, a New Zealander, (Head of the Air Force in the UK in the War) and his wife always came to see the plays. When they did a play with soldiers she made sure to add an incorrect ribbon. There should always be a minor incorrect detail in a soldier's uniform in a play. Sir Keith Parkes noticed the ribbon and mentioned it to Monie.

Monie also did TV ads but she thought them downright silly even if they paid well. Monie became a paramedic in the St John Ambulance and was Superintendent for 3 days but then resigned when it was realised that she was 65 and thought to be "too old".

Monie is a serving sister and is still a member. She also served in the Civil Defence in Auckland and later in Feilding till Trevor died. Monie is an active member of the Spinning Club and also knits "Meet Cheeky, the Jeli Deli monkey" and "Nessie" to give away but she couldn't bear to.



Still more about Monie

Earlier Monie travelled to Scandinavia and Stewart Island with her sister. And later in 2014 to Stewart Island with again with Anne Odogwu. Monie travelled to China a few years ago when her son was working there.

I went with Monie to the Met Opera films at Cinema Gold and we thoroughly enjoyed them, but, now the Cinema Gold has closed we're both disappointed.

Monie then decided to move to Palmerston North as there was so much more happening. Monie has had only 3 birthday parties — her 6th or 7th; 90th and now her 100th which was celebrated in Perth with her son and his family. Monie enjoyed receiving the card from the Queen and has a lovely variety of cards which will be displayed at our Christmas Party where the Club will honour Monie's 100th birthday which was on 1st October 2016.

Monie also attended the MMC annual dinner after arriving back in New Zealand on the Monday!



**Belated Birthday Wishes
coming your way
Monie Hansen
Congratulations, and a
very happy 100th
birthday
From Manawatu
Multicultural Council**

Anne Odogwu

Waffle Recipe

Quick, fast and delicious— have it for breakfast, lunch and supper

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs
- 100g castor sugar
- 300g flour
- 1/2 litre milk
- 125g butter

Method:

Beat eggs and sugar, add flour and milk (gradually)

Melt butter and stir into mixture.

Cook in the waffle maker

Toppings:

Cheese, golden syrup,

Eunice Rodsjo



Farewell Lunch

For the past four months we have had some very welcome additions to our Conversation classes at the Centre.

Four young professional Chinese academics, who had been awarded scholarships by their Chinese Government, to study at Massey University, had somehow found us, through some of their host families.

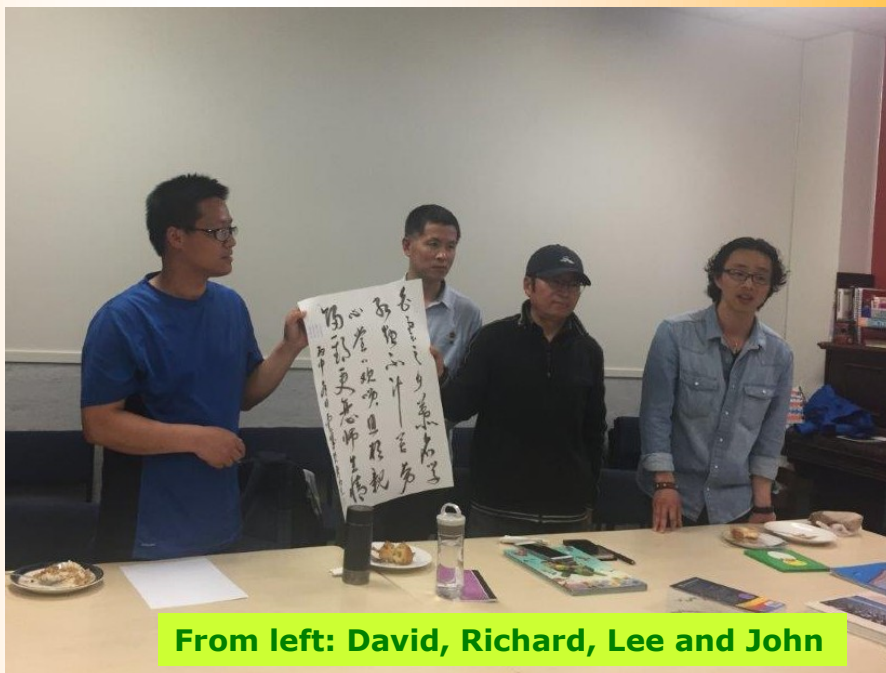
Some of our other students had never talked or laughed with Chinese people before, so it was great to see instant friendships developing. That sometimes unfathomable English Language can also be so much easier, with a little help from one's friends !

Known by their English names as David, John, Richard and Lee they had all very different personalities. One was a born comedian, one a more serious academic, one a traveller and explorer, and one just nice! Some of the four took full advantage of everything that Palmerston North had to offer. From travelling solo round New Zealand to asking a fellow bus passenger, with a full facial Moko (tattoo) if he could be photographed. The answer being Yes. All the Centre are sad to see them go.

On Friday the 9th of December we had a shared lunch at the Centre, where we were unexpectedly presented with a hand written scroll, in Chinese, which we will be very proud to display. So from us all at the Manawatu Multicultural Centre we wish you all the very best.

Arohanui and a safe journey back to your families and friends in China and we are very pleased you found us !

Angela Joblin



From left: David, Richard, Lee and John



Ethkick Poster



ETHKICK 2017

SATURDAY 25TH FEB 2017

Ethkick is an ethnic football tournament promoting a positive image of friendship through football and diversity.

- 6-ASIDE FOOTBALL
- ARENA MANAWATU
- JUNIOR ETHKICK

- FREE TO ENTER
- FOOD AND DRINK
- FUN FOR ALL

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Centre Xmas Greetings

Many best wishes for the festive season from the Manawatu Multicultural Centre



Merry Christmas

圣诞快乐
ShengDanKuaiLe

Meri Kirihimete

Krismas Njema

Kia Orana

Sousandai Bon Noel

Nollaig Chrídeil

Stroh Kerwagen Christmas

Froehliche Weihnachten

Prettige Kerstlagen

Maligayang Pasko

Buon Natale

Joyeux Noel

성탄을 축하합니다

Noheli Nziza

Bara Din Mubarrak Ho

Nonnia Le Kirisimasi

Sawasdee Pee Mai

メリークリスマス

Namaste

Boas Festas

Sawatdii Pimai

Sungtan Chukha

Feliz Navidad



The Multicultural Centre will close on
Friday the 16th of December and will
reopen on Monday the 16th of January 2017.



Manawatu
Multicultural Council

Centre Coming Events

Marae Visit

23rd February 2017

Newcomers Potluck Dinner

Friday 24th February 2017

Festival of Cultures

3rd-5th March 2017

Registration closes 13th February 2017

Multi-Clothes for Multi-People Fashion Parade

Sunday 5th March 2017

For more information contact the Centre on 358 1572

Multicultural Centre Activities & Events

Manawatu Multicultural Centre

- Practice your English
- Make new friends
- Interact with others
- Use your interpersonal skills
- Learn about New Zealand custom and cultures
- Work together with other community groups and organizations

Opening Hours:

- 9.30am—4pm

English Advanced Conversation Group:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday— 1pm-3pm
- Monday Morning—10am-12noon

English Beginners Group:

- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—10am-12noon

Arts & Craft Sewing Group:

- Every Friday—1pm-3pm

Multicultural Women's Group:

- Second Friday of the month—1pm-3pm

Newcomers Morning Tea:

- Third Wednesday of the month—10am-12noon

Potluck Dinner:

- Last Friday of the month—6pm-8pm

Lunch Time Shared Lunch:

- Every Friday—12noon-1pm