

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**TO CELEBRATE, SUPPORT AND CONNECT MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES OF MANAWATU**

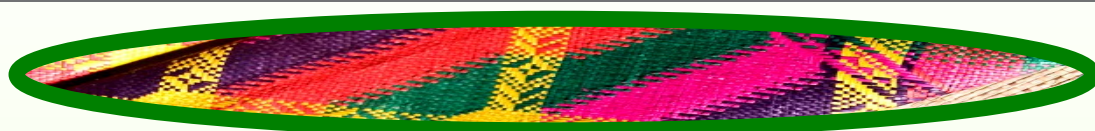


**Manawatu**  
Multicultural Council

**Multicultural Centre**



**Manawatu Newcomers Network**  
Connecting People



**President's Report**

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Hello everyone, I hope you are coping with the change of weather, from warm to cold and you have got your woolly clothes an umbrella and ready when you go out. The month of May has been a very busy month for all of the committee members and our office staff.

I would like to thank Ahmad, Lamiaa and their children from the Egyptian Community for putting on such informative and entertaining night, at their Egyptian Cultural Presentation on Friday 13th May. I would also like to thank their friends who supported them in helping with the show, some even made an effort to travel from Whanganui, it was a great success with 250 people in the audience. On May 17 I had a privilege of helping a Filipina girl write a story in Tagalog, along with the children from 23 nationalities who wrote a story in their mother language.

The First voice programme has been going for 17 years and we are happy to be partners with the Intermediate Normal School who started this project and also to the Library for hosting this project, this encourages migrant children to value and keep their mother tongue.

On May 18, the coffee morning had 45 people from 16 nationalities, meeting and greeting our Mayor despite the heavy rain. It was the same day that Philip Hastings from Settlement network visited our office. I am very thankful to Victoria Gaither who did an interview with the Mayor and Mayette Maling -Cope, in these ways we are able to promote Palmerston North outside our region.

The poor response for the Professionally speaking migrants workshop, scheduled for May 28, made us cancel this initiative at present. The committee and staff are dedicating their time in organising the World on Stage, which will be shown at the Regent on July 2 from 6:30 at night. We are thankful to the Creative New Zealand and generous businesses who have sponsored us for this event. Most of all I am thankful for all the ethnic groups giving their time to be part of this show.

Last month the potluck dinner once again brought new people to join us, I hope we will have more new ones joining us on Friday 24th June potluck dinner will be held at Te Manawa and aside from having sumptuous food we will be having a karaoke night, so if you are free on Friday 24th June, come and join us at Te Manawa and prepare your vocal chords and join us in singing.

Meriam Findlay  
President

**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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## Massey Expo

Among with numerous other Voluntary Organisations such as the Voluntary Resource Centre, Samaritans, Ca Society, Zilch, the Heart Foundation, St John's and many more and we, at the Multicultural Centre were part of the recent Expo at Massey University. Mayette and I represented the Centre. The Expo was situated in one of the canteens.

We were allocated an area which we decorated with our beautiful ethnic quilt and some of the Anzac Poppies which were both made by the Multicultural Women and the Ethnic Centre's Art and Craft group. Some of the Volunteer Agencies were giving out pens, lollies and chocolates----um !

Maybe next time we should give out something that our amazingly talented women have made at the Art and Craft group. Some ethnic food maybe ? Well it's a thought.

It was good to have a chance to talk to many of the under graduate and post graduate students and being able to tell them about the services available to them.

Some of our afternoon students from the MMC were there as well, and we really appreciated them taking the time to come.

In fact Joy He, our loyal Chinese student from the conversation class, was very helpful in standing in as an interpreter! As a result of the Expo a student we saw came to our Conversational English Class the following day.

We enjoyed the morning and it was good to meet many overseas students, as well as network with other Volunteer Groups. Our thanks go to John Ross from Massey for organising the Expo.

It was a great way to spread the word amongst the students showing them some of the organisations that are available to them and of course our very own Manawatu Multicultural Centre.

*Angela Joblin*



## Multicultural Women's Group

The women's group meet every second Friday of the month, held here at the Multicultural Centre 77-85 King Street from 1-3pm.

Women of all ages are welcome to attend, either on a casual or a regular basis to learn from each other, showcase each other's hidden talents and to experience something new and inspiring.

We offer a wide range of activities such as sewing, crocheting, embroidery, and painting. We also run classes on short and simple projects to enable women to gain enough suitable skills in arts & crafts that they can apply and use at home as well to enable them to start a small enterprise.

If you are not a craft-minded person, but have the time and the willingness to learn, then we can help you acquire these simple skills. We are fortunate to have Booranee Roskrige and Mayette Maling-Cope available and willing to help teach us.

*Noorangi*



## Suchada's Story

Sawasdee, is a word often spoken for a greeting or farewell in Thailand where I come from. My hometown is "Rayong" which is located on the east coast of the country. Rayong is a tourist attraction because there are beautiful islands, white sand beaches and interesting waterfalls. For these reasons I am quite familiar with foreign tourists. However, it does not make life easy to come and live in New Zealand.

About myself, I think I am a caring person, a good listener among my friends and family and very cheerful. My family background is quite interesting in my opinion. I was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> March in 1987. My mother was so young, 17 years old, when she gave birth to me who was her first child. I had been the cutest child for 4 years then my mother gave birth to my brother, without my permission. Anyway I love my brother and I found out he was a naughty boy sometimes. My mother is a housewife and my father works as a Pharmacist technician. My parents always take good care of their children as much as they can, I am almost happy with my childhood.

Education is the best thing in our life and my parents always supported me to study since I was a little kid until I graduated with a bachelor degree in nursing. While I was studying in university as a freshman, I was interested in the Japanese language. I had been studying Japanese for a year but unfortunately my teacher died. As a result I completely stopped. In addition, I also was interested to learn English and luckily my university pushed every student to study English hard. I got a nursing job instantly since I graduated. The first three years I worked as psychiatric nurse and later I decided to study more in terms of anesthetic nurse for a year.

It is complicated to move to New Zealand and I had known my husband for two years when I got married in 2015. I came to New Zealand on the 28<sup>th</sup> November in 2015 because my husband is a New Zealand citizen. At the end of April I have been in New Zealand for six months. Living here is more peaceful and secure in society but, one thing I am concerned about is the language barrier although I have been studying English for a long time. I feel it is hard to understand the Kiwi accent and likewise Kiwi friends get confused with my Thai accent. Nevertheless, I keep trying to improve my English; I keep practising.

I am a big believer in setting goals. My short term goals are to get fit, get a part time job and get IELTS 7 in all bands. Now I am a chubby girl who dreams of working as nurse in New Zealand. I have to get IELTS 7 in all bands to be a registered nurse here. In terms of long term of my goals, I intend to own a business as I want to be my own boss and living in a ten acre farm house. I believe in myself to make my dreams come true. As Henry Ford said: "whether you think you can or think you cannot" you are right".

*Suchada Gomes De Figueiredo*



# Karaoke Evening



Manawatu Multicultural Council

invites you to tune into their

## **KARAOKE STATION**

Coming to you live

Friday 24th June @ 6pm

At Te Manawa Museum

Bring a plate of food to share

**Your Dynamic Vocal  
Chords**

**And Stay tuned for the  
next bulletin**

## ANZAC Biscuits Recipe

### Ingredients

½ cup flour

½ cup sugar

¾ cup coconut

¾ cup rolled oats

75 grms butter

1 table spoon golden syrup

½ teaspoon baking soda

2 table spoons boiling water

### Method

Mix flour sugar coconut and rolled oats

Melt butter and golden syrup

Dissolve baking soda in the boiling water

Add to butter mixture and into dry ingredients

Place level tablespoons of mixture onto cold greased trays

Press out with a folk

Bake 180c for 15 minutes. Make 18 biscuits.



*Elizabeth Holder*

## Mayor Visit

Every once in a while we get the rare privilege of having the city executives come and visit the Manawatu Multicultural Centre (MMC). Last Wednesday we had His Worship Mayor Grant Smith visit us for a coffee morning and a chat with our centre clients.

Together with the Mayor, we had Phillip Hastings from Immigration Service mix and mingle with the audience. Also present was Victoria Gaither and Stu Frith from the International Connection Radio. Ms. Gaither sat down with Mayor Smith and interviewed him after the event. She also interviewed Mayette Maling-Cope, MMC Treasurer, to share her highlights as a volunteer of MMC.

With voices competing with the heavy downpour, the audience individually introduced themselves, sharing snippets of their rich New Zealand experiences after being welcomed by the MMC President Meriam Findlay. The Mayor was welcomed with a lei of flowers by MMC staff member Noorangi Puleosi, a Cook Island tradition. Christine Mukabalinda, also an MMC staff member, hosted the event.

At the end of the affair, Booranee Roskruge an MMC Executive Council member, gifted the Mayor with a handwoven basket she personally made.

The event was well attended and the Mayor promised he will make an effort to come and visit us at MMC more often.

Mayette Maling-Cope



## Citizenship Case Officers will be in Palmerston North on:

27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016

20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Case Officers will be available to look over your application and assess your eligibility before you apply, answer questions and discuss any problems you may have. Working with our Case Officers will make the application process easier and faster for you. There is no extra charge for this service.

You don't have to visit a Justice of the Peace or post your valuable documents – they will be returned to you at your appointment.

Payment must be made with your citizenship application. Payment can be made by personal cheque, bank cheque or credit card.

**To make your free appointment, or for more information, phone 0800 22 51 51.**

## Volunteers needed!!

### The Anglican Social Work Trust

Looking for Volunteer helpers for our:

#### English Language Class for Senior Refugees.

No experience is needed, just a willingness to help with these lovely people.

The Class runs every Tuesday (not in school holidays) from 9.30 to 11.30am at

All Saints Community Centre  
(parking available).

*If you think this is something  
you may be interested in*

*Please contact :*

*Theresa on 355-1204*

*Or email:*

*aswt@inspire.net.nz*



World on Stage Poster

# Manawatu Multicultural Council

proudly presents

# WORLD ON STAGE



**Regent Theatre**  
**Saturday 2 July 16**  
**from 6.30pm**

Adult	\$20
Family Pass (2 Adults & 2 Children under 16)	\$50
Seniors/Students/Children	\$15

A wonderful showcase from our international community. An explosion of lights, colour, dance and music.

The best of international performing art and great family entertainment.

The show will be directed by Pat Snoxell

Tickets available from TicketDirect  
[www.ticketdirect.co.nz](http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz)  
 357 9740 | 0800 224 224  
 Booking and service fees may apply



## Multicultural Centre Activities & Events

### Manawatu Multicultural Centre

Practice 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 Conversation Group

Monday , Tuesday, Wednesday

and Thursday from 1– 3pm

### Beginners Conversation Group

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10–12.noon

### 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

### Newcomer's Potluck Dinner

Last Friday of the month at 6pm