

## MISSION STATEMENT

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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Kia ora, Namaste, Kamusta Kayong Lahat. Hello everyone.

It is only the second month of the year yet our calendars are fast filling with our schedules for meetings and activities. On the 20th of this month was our Ethkick and I am really pleased that Sports Manawatu, New Zealand Police and Palmerston North City Council organized this event as our city is becoming known as a Multicultural City.



The demands for English language classes continue to increase. I was delighted to attend the opening of the new premises for English Language Partners in King Street only this month which makes our organisation and the English Language Partners neighbors as both our organisations are in the same street now. It is always a delight to meet new people from different countries and proves to be the case in our Centre which continuously takes new people young and old to learn English.

My gratitude goes to our volunteers who faithfully come to the Centre and render their services in teaching new migrants and refugees English. This month is very interesting for our Friday Craft group as they met to make decorated lanterns for the Lantern Parade on Friday 4th March 2016. The Women's Day Parade and Picnic is on Tuesday the 8th March. From 12.noon there is a procession starting at Te Manawa, then a picnic with entertainment in the Square from 12.30pm. The hot weather makes all of us want to take a dip in the sea, but we must also take extra precautions especially for those who are not good swimmers. NZ Water Safety has issued new pamphlets on water safety .

Early next month is our Festival of Cultures which is scheduled for March the 4th to the 6th. Most cultural groups have registered to perform on March 5th the day when we meet guests from different embassies coming to our city. We also have the Fashion Parade at the City Library on Sunday 6th March at 2pm. Please come and see some truly beautiful ethnic clothes from many countries. The hectic nature of life for many people has reduced the number of food stalls available on the main festival day in the square, Saturday 5th March but, never the less it will be a great day with lots of entertainment, crafts and ethnic foods.

Meriam Findlay

MMC President

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## Selection of Ethkick Photos 2016



## Chinese New Year Celebration

Thursday 11th February the Beginners Class finished earlier celebrating the Chinese New Year, Year of The Money. The celebration begins with a Chinese Tea Ceremony by Cherry Chang served before the meal and shared by every one to drink with their meal.

According to the Chinese zodiac People born in the Year of the Monkey always have enviable abilities and wisdom. Their skills and smart ideas can be seen by others when they are very young.

A sharp foresight and a unique perspective promotes their development in every aspect. Other people are always amazed at their acute intuition and predictive powers. If there is an established goal, they apply strong actions to achieve it. A strong curiosity causes them to want to bravely try everything interesting. 'All bark and no bite' is not their lifestyle.





## Newcomer's Potluck Dinner

We celebrated our first Pot Luck Dinner of the year at the Multicultural Centre on Friday the 29th of January. About thirty people attended including MMC Members, Centre Staff, Volunteers and families and friends of the Centre.

The evening started with a welcoming speech by Noorangi followed by Angela who talked about "What is on in the Community"

Palmerston North has an amazing variety of things for all in Te Manawa and the Palmerston North City Library.

We are very lucky as we can enjoy many free activities such as talks, films, programmes for toddlers and children, monthly market and even book launches.

The Library has a great many foreign i.e. non- English language books both for children and adults, as well as DVDs.

All our students are encouraged to join the Library, and use the many resources that are available.

At the Pot Luck Dinners it is amazing that every one brings something different.

This time we feasted on Indian and Thai Curries, Roast Chicken ,Fried Rice and a variety of Noodles. Different types of Salads, a Dip and Crackers and Fresh Bread .

This was followed by a delicious Cinnamon Sticky Pudding and other desserts.

A thank you also to all those that helped clear up, as the saying goes "Many Hands Make Light Work" and when there are many people that certainly is true!

The next shared Dinner will be on Friday the 26th of February, ( it is always the last Friday in the month )so how about making a note in you diary or on your calendar now .

We are sure you will enjoy it.

*Noorangi Puleosi*





## Picnic In The Park

Those Lazy Hazy Days of Summer

What a great place The Victoria Esplanade in Palmerston North is.

A children's paddling pool and play area, a miniature train –that even adults are allowed to ride on, a world renown Rose Garden, an aviary, good free parking and even a place to buy ice cream in a Restaurant that used to be a Post Office.

With the addition of free BBQs what more does one want on a Balmy Palmy Summer Evening? Well maybe some people.

On Saturday the 13th of February a group of us, fourteen in fact met up in the Esplanade, by the Children's Paddling Pool and BBQs.

Organised by Eva and Hartono it was to say farewell to Sophia McDermott who is going back to Thailand for a couple of months.

As per usual when a group of people of different cultures meet up, out comes food from many different countries.

It was also good to see other families enjoying themselves, including a Palestinian Family of four generations, who knew of the MMC.

So before those Lazy Hazy days of Summer end and we are all moaning about the Winter, how about heading to the Esplanade with the family.

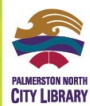
I took my Insect Repellent but surprise, we didn't hear or see any mosquitos.....great!

But, if you would like to sample some delicious Ethnic food, why not come to the next shared supper at the Centre, they always the last Friday of the month.

*Angela Joblín*







# Talk by Mai Chen

Chair of the Superdiversity centre for law, policy and business, and adjunct professor University of Auckland Law School

**Thursday 10 March**

Central Library / 6.45pm - 8pm

RSVP to [Jeremie.Corroenne@pncc.govt.nz](mailto:Jeremie.Corroenne@pncc.govt.nz)  
by Monday 7 March at 5pm

***"Why superdiversity matters  
to business, government  
and all New Zealanders."***



## Festival of Cultures

**WOMEN & CULTURE**

**March 2016**

SUPER  
DIVERSITY  
CENTRE



**CHENPALMER**  
NEW ZEALAND PUBLIC AND EMPLOYMENT LAW SPECIALISTS



## Women's Day Parade & Picnic

*Celebrate Share Laugh*

# WOMEN'S DAY PARADE & PICNIC

MARCH 8TH @ 12 NOON

12 NOON  
GATHERING AT  
TE MANAWA  
FOR PARADE

12.30PM  
PICNIC AND MASS  
DANCE AT  
THE SQUARE



BROUGHT TO YOU BY

**Te Manawa**  
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*Jennifer Moss*

*Celebrate Share Laugh*

# WOMEN'S DAY PARADE & PICNIC

MARCH 8TH @ 12 NOON

Gather at Noon: Te Manawa courtyard  
Parade with us to The Square, Te Marae o Hine  
Please bring a plate to share  
Entertainment & shared picnic  
Mass Dance inspired by One Billion Rising.

Mass dance rehearsals with Jennifer Moss. All welcome.  
1 hour at Te Manawa  
Tuesday 16th Feb 11am  
Thursday 3rd March 11am and 12.15  
Sunday 6th March 1pm

Big Girl workshops with REACT  
Open for public viewing at Te Manawa  
Tuesday 1, Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 March, 10am-4pm

Further information:  
Women's Day Parade and Picnic  
Te Manawa Website   
eventfinda



# WANTED

Has anyone a smallish

"Stand Alone Notice Board"

That you would like to give to the  
Multicultural Centre, for advertising

Please phone 354 1404

Angela Joblin MMC Committee

## Multicultural Book Club



# Multicultural Book Club

**Come and meet people from all walks of life**



**THURSDAY 12pm to 1pm**

4 & 18 February

3 & 17 & 31 March

14 & 28 April

**Palmerston North City Library**

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**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**