

**MISSION STATEMENT**



**Manawatu**  
Multicultural Council

**TO CELEBRATE,  
SUPPORT AND  
CONNECT**

**Multicultural  
Centre**



**Manawatu  
Newcomers Network**  
Connecting People

**MULTICULTURAL  
COMMUNITIES  
OF MANAWATU**



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Happy New Year  
2016 promises to be a BIG Year for every one of us. We started this year with a celebration for Anne Odogwu's 70th birthday. Thank you Anne for every thing you have done for the Manawatu Multicultural Council over the years.



**70th Birthday  
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Most of our regular attendees at the different classes are still away on holiday. The afternoon English Conversation Classes will resume this month. Our first Newcomers Potluck Dinner for 2016 will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm. Please bring a plate of food to share.

**Ethkic  
Tournament  
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This year Ethkick will be on February the 20th at the Arena Manawatu 61 Pascal Street, starting at 8.30am. For families who are interested in participating, the Sports Manawatu is launching Junior Ethkick, for Juniors aged 4-12 from 11am- 1pm. We encourage you to dress up in the colours of your country of origin, and come along for a fun day with spot prices. For more information email: [sportmanawatu.org.nz/ethkick](http://sportmanawatu.org.nz/ethkick)

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**Acknowledgement**

**Ministry of Social  
Development**

This year's Festival of Cultures has been moved forward to the 4th 5th and 6th of March. Hope all the council members have made an effort to register the items they would be presenting that day and have registered their food stalls. The Multicultural committee in collaboration with the library staff is organizing a Fashion Show at the Library on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 1. pm, so if any of you, your children or grandchildren are interested in showing us your ethnic costumes please contact the office.

**PN City Council**

**PN Community Ser-  
vices Council**

The MMC event committee is also organizing for the World on Stage Show which will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 and will be held at the Regent on Broadway Avenue. We're still calling for participants to help stage their talents on this occasion. This is an amazing venue and we are very lucky to be able to present the 'World on Stage' at such a classical theatre. For your interest and more information contact our office on 358 1572.

**United Way**

**Lottery Grant**

**COGS**

**Eastern & Central  
Community Trust**

For our new migrants and refugees who have just arrived in our city, WELCOME. To feel at home in this city is a two way street, Palmerston North has a lot of places and activities that can cater for your different needs ,all you have to do is get out and join in these activities and if language is a barrier do not hesitate to ask for help , there are interpreting and language line services available. To our local people your smile is a doorway to a strangers heart, please carry a smile wherever you go.

**DIA- Settling In**

**Pub Charity**

**Location at Hancock  
Community House,  
77-85 King Street.  
Phone# 06 3581572**

**Giving, connects two people. The giver and the receiver, and this connection gives birth to a new sense of belonging**

**E-mail: in-  
fo@mmcnz.org.nz  
Website:  
ww.mmcnz.org.nz**

**( Deepak Chopra)**

Meriam Findlay

President (MMC)

## Anne Odogwu's 70th Birthday

### Many, Many Congratulations Anne.

Anne Odogwu, who is one of the longest serving members of Multicultural Council recently celebrated her 70th Birthday at a garden party in the historic home of Caccia Birch in Palmerston North.

After the somewhat unsettled weather of late, Anne was very lucky to have an absolutely beautiful sunny afternoon in a gorgeous setting for her celebration.

Will, Anne's son from Poland, who acted as MC gave a delightful speech about his Mum, and the great influence she had on him as a young man. Even now so many miles away by Skype, they discuss and mull over world events.

Friends and relations were invited for photos under an enormous tree in the grounds before a delightful delicious afternoon tea was served.

We were very lucky to be able to sit on the lawns that sloped down to the lagoon, on a perfect day in summer and celebrate Anne's day.

To a person who has given so much to the Multicultural Council and Centre over the years, as well as the wider community in general.

We send you Anne good wishes.

Angela Joblin & Noorangi Puleosi



President of MMC Meriam Findlay and Noorangi Puleosi



MMC members and Karen Jones



Anne Odogwu, front right, with Kam Lim  
Back row left to right Meriam Findlay, Mary Jones-Gaddam, Angela Joblin and Noorangi Puleosi



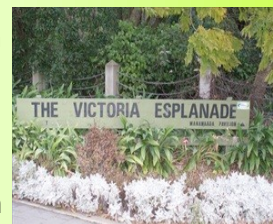
**'WHAT'S ON 2016'**

**(more information can be obtained from the i Site in the square)**

Christmas is over but, there are still a lot of things to look forward to in Palmerston North and they are **ALL FREE**.

**The sounds of Summer Esplanade Concerts Sunday 24 January 2–5pm.**

- These weekly concerts are an enjoyable way to spend a couple of hours in beautiful surroundings opposite the children's pond at the Esplanade.
- These free concerts covering a variety of musical genres and musicians are from 2-5pm.
- Car parking is free so bring a mat or some thing to sit on.
- Buy the family an ice cream at the Esplanade Café or bring a picnic and relax



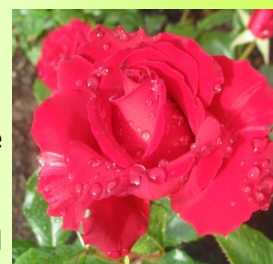
**Esplanade Day Sun 21 February from 10am–4pm– Victoria Esplanade**

- Entertainment, and music on various stages. Food & craft stalls, community stalls and lots of activities for all ages.
- In beautiful surroundings with free parking in the Esplanade or on Park Road.



**Waitangi Day at Te Manawa Saturday 6 February 10am–4pm**

- This is New Zealand's National Day commemorating the anniversary of the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Bring all the family to Te Manawa
- Come, enjoy and have fun. Learn through educational activities. Food and music will be available.



**Concert in the Square Sunday 28 February 2-6pm**

- Free Concert for ALL. Bring a picnic, family and friends and enjoy the concert.
- A major act will feature, as yet the name is not revealed.



**Festival of Cultures 4–6th March 2016**

- For many years the Festival of Cultures has been a great draw card for Palmerston North attracting not only the local people but many others from all over the North Island. Many Ambassadors and MPs also attend.
- Friday 4th March at 6-9pm come and celebrate the year of the Monkey with a lantern parade around the square.
- Saturday 5th March, a day for eating various ethnic food with free entertainment. A great family day out.
- Sunday 6th March, City Library from 1pm. Come and enjoy beautiful people wearing beautiful clothes from their own countries.



Angela Joblin

# Ethkick 2016

EVERYONE ACTIVE EVERYDAY



## ETHKICK 2016

Friendship through Football

Ethkick 16 is an ethnic 7-a-side football tournament promoting a positive image of friendship through football and diversity. Forty teams will be taking part in the event this year in Palmerston North, making it the biggest ethnic football tournament New Zealand has seen!

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Saturday 20 February 2016

8.30am- first match kicking off at 9.00am!

Arena Manawatu, 61 Pascal Street, Palmerston North

Register at [sportmanawatu.org.nz/ethkick](http://sportmanawatu.org.nz/ethkick)

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**Manawatu**  
Multicultural Council



**RICOH**

FREE EVENT

FOOD & DRINK STALLS

LIMITED SPACES



## Junior Ethkick 2016

EVERYONE ACTIVE EVERYDAY



## JUNIOR ETHKICK 2016

Friendship through Football

Does your child love kicking a ball around? Bring them along to Junior Ethkick! Dress up in the colours of your country of origin and come along for a fun filled day at Arena Manawatu. Awesome spot prizes up for grabs!

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FREE skills and small sided game sessions  
for children aged 4-12 years old

Saturday 20 February 2016

11.00am- 1.00pm

Arena Manawatu, 61 Pascal Street, Palmerston North

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**RICOH**

For more information - [sportmanawatu.org.nz/ethkick](http://sportmanawatu.org.nz/ethkick)

**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**

**Newcomers Potluck Dinner**

**Last Friday of the month at 6pm**