

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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



**Manawatu Multicultural Council**

**Multicultural Centre**



**Manawatu Newcomers Network**  
Connecting People



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*President's Report*

June is considered to be the Volunteer Recognition month. Manawatu Multicultural council exists because of the dedication and commitment of the volunteers that made this organisation what it is today. Our paid staff voluntarily work beyond their required hours to keep to the demands of our services.



This year we recognised our volunteers by nominating them for different awards that were initiated both nationally and locally. In February this year Anne Odogwu received a local hero of the year certificate for years of service to the Manawatu Multicultural Centre, Arthritis Society and the Scandinavian community,

This month Angel Carambas from the Filipino community will be receiving his long service award in the migrant category, while Angela Joblin will be recognised for her service to migrants as an English Tutor and volunteer in the Centre. This award is given by the Volunteer Resource Centre Nationally; our Federation of Multicultural Councils recognises the effort of the Manawatu Multicultural Council's founding President Ramon Herrera, for his services to the Ethnic and Filipino communities. He was the founding President, also of the Philippine Central Association and serves as a Justice of Peace for the ethnic communities. Isabelle Poff Pencole of Alliance Francaise, and our long time volunteer Gael Donoghue, from the English Conversation Class, received the community service award.



I am very privileged to have known a lot of generous people through my years of being involved with the Multicultural Centre. Through watching and working with other people so willingly giving their time, has fuelled me to keep going as a volunteer. On the last Friday of the month we will be having our Potluck Dinner at Te Manawa with Karaoke entertainment.



Two of our local MPs have accepted our invitation to come and join us for this occasion. I would like to invite all of you to come and join us. On June 24-26 is our Federation of Multicultural Council AGM.

## President report continues

Four of us from Palmerston North will be travelling to Auckland to attend this function.

The Federation meeting is always interesting where one can observe what other regions are doing in their own communities.

Part of my role as President is to network with other agencies and funders and I was happy to be invited by Futurisk Insurance at their 5th anniversary

On July 2nd, we will be presenting the World on Stage, which will showcase, Palmerston North's cultural richness through dance and music. It will be a true explosion of colour and music. This show is also a true demonstration of the spirit of volunteering. At present most of the executive involved in the World on Stage are doing everything to promote the show, as well as being involved in the staging of the show.

I would like to ask our council members to contribute by helping sell the tickets to their members.

I am very grateful to all our funders, namely, the Palmerston North city Council,

Pub Charity, Amandrian Folk Dancers, Broadway Dental, Futurisk Insurance and the Rotary Clubs of Terrace End, Palmerston North and Fielding for all their contributions to the staging of this show,

Meriam Findlay

President



## Our coming event

# Parliament Visit 2016



**The Multicultural Centre Annual Parliament visit will be **Wednesday 24th August 2016****

**It is a good opportunity for new arrivals to our city to experience New Zealand's Parliamentary protocol.**

**We will travel to Wellington on a bus and will leave from Hancock Community House at 8.30am and return at 6pm**

**The cost of the trip is \$20.00**

**For more information contact Noorangi on 358 1572 or email: [ask@mmenz.org.nz](mailto:ask@mmenz.org.nz)**

## *From shops to a City Library*

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> six of us from the Multicultural Centre braved atrocious weather to walk a short distance to the City Library.

With intermittent stops to shelter from the torrential rain we arrived at the City Library for a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary speech about the Library having moved from the other side of the Square.

The City Library known as the "Living Room of the City" contains not only books of all kinds but, DVDs and magazines, newspapers and computers all for public use. The latest are electronic resources to build with, there is even a piano, and computers for genealogical searches. All being free to anyone living in Palmerston North, regular talks, lectures and public viewing of art and foreign films are a regular feature as well as a Mobile Library Service with large pictures of migrants on the side. It was an interesting hour, we also learnt that where the Library is now, was where Palmerston North's first general store was in 1871.



Over the years the site has seen many shops and department stores. In 1954 CM Ross and Co-a department store hosted Queen Elizabeth 11 and her husband the Duke of Edinburgh to a very regal dinner. The chairs they sat on still being housed in the Library. Some of the building owner's were Milne and Choise of Auckland in 1959, DIC Ltd of Wellington which employed up to 1200 staff at one time, and Arthur Barnett Ltd of Dunedin in 1987.

In 1928 the Rosco department store opened a tea room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. It was a world unto itself with 2 lifts and a wide array of goods for all occasions. Wrap around window displays were also very popular, with illuminated displays into the night for potential customers to browse and an afternoon tea service where a Ladies Trio entertained the dining guests who were served high tea by uniformed waitresses.

In 1992 things changed and Arthur Barnett Ltd was bought by PNCC for \$1.65 million costing a further \$16.9million to renovate. The result being our "Living Room" of the city. A great place to browse, check out DVDs and books, read the daily newspaper and even have a shower.

*Angela Joblin*



## Joy's Story

My name is Joy He, I come from China. I am honored to have this privilege to give my thanks to the Manawatu Multi culture Center, to all the staff and teachers, especially to the people and organizations who have made lots of contributions to support MMC with their kindness.

Like other newcomers, while I was impressed by the peace and harmony here in Palmerston North two years ago, the lack of my ability to communicate in English made it extremely difficult to adapt quickly into the new environment. Thanks for the universal internet, "MMC" popped into my eyes one day. Here, it not only provides free English classes for us, but also it has a lot of activities to help people who are from different countries to familiarize themselves with the new lifestyle here, that is exactly what I need. Teachers and staff here are friendly and welcoming, I am always touched by their enthusiasm.

With their encouragement my English skills have improved dramatically, now I am able to communicate with people in English with confidence. In addition to this, I have made many friends from different countries and I am fascinated by the diverse cultures. I am hoping that I can make my contribution to the society one day.

Thank you MMC, thank you my lovely teachers and staff.

I love you!

*Joy He*



## *Manawatu Refugee Voice*

**Jean Christophe Massimba's speech as Chairman of World Refugee Day- June 18th 2016**

**His speech has been summarized for the Ethnigram in a shortened form.**

Tena koutou, Tena koutou, tena koutou, katoa.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome to everyone, and especially for our official guest Iain Lees-Galloway, the MP for Palmerston who always support refugees in our city Palmerston North and in Manawatu region. We are so grateful for what he has done in the past and on what he is doing for the refugee's interest in Manawatu region and for New-Zealand as Spokesperson for Workplace Relations and Safety Spokesperson for Immigration.

I would like also to welcome Afghan refugee community for their first and active participation at the celebration of the world refugee Day.

Here in Palmerston North, we have chosen to celebrate this event today 18th June, in order to allow all former refugees to be together sharing the diversity of our culture through songs, dances, testimonies and traditional foods.



## Manawatu Refugee Voice continues

This year is really a year dedicated to youth. The recent National Refugee Resettlement Forum that was held in Wellington from 26-27<sup>th</sup> May testifies my assertion. For this celebration, the chosen theme is: **"Stand in their shoes: Celebrating young Kiwis from refugee backgrounds"**

It is true that the situation is not the same from one country to another or from one continent to another, but the description given by António Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Refugees gives us an overview of the refugee. He declares that: *"Leave everything behind, all of which was dear and precious to refugee, that is to say, to project into an uncertain future in a foreign environment. Could you represent the courage it takes to live with the prospect of having to spend months, years, perhaps a lifetime in exile?"*

Despite the economic challenges facing by the country, in terms of refugee, New Zealand is doing better in comparison to some countries with enormous resources to help those in need. Recently, on 13 June, 2016, the Government announced that it will increase the size of the Refugee Quota from 750 to 1000 places per year from 2018.

Finally, a word for youth: Whatever the way taken by us to come in New Zealand, since from our home countries or from the camps of refugee; whatever the pains and penalties incurred, losses that cannot count, I beg you to keep hope and focus in the future. Don't forget, hope gives a meaning to our life. You are the future and painful past events must be likely transformed into a glorious present and future. Hope should be a special weapon for youth and for all refugees. All things are possible to one who believes and to one who has faith. I wish you a happy 2016 Celebration of the World Refugee Day.

May God bless New-Zealand, may God bless you.

Thank you!

Jean Christophe Massimba

*Chairman*

Manawatu Refugee Voice



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

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.**

## Shingles Prevention with Zostavax

**It is estimated that by 85 years of age, 50% of individuals will have experienced an episode of shingles.**

Shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox.

After your chickenpox blisters heal, the virus that caused them stays in your body in nerve cells.

The virus may be there for many years and not cause a problem. Sometimes, though, it becomes active again.

If this happens it can cause a blistering and painful rash, usually appearing on one side of your body in a specific area.

Because the nerves along the path become inflamed, shingles can be painful. The pain last for months after the blisters have healed is called post herpetic neuralgia (PHN).

Patients have described PHN as burning, throbbing, stabbing, shooting and/or sharp pain. For some people this pain can be severe and long lasting

**Zostavax is an Injectable Live Virus Vaccine. To help prevent shingles.**

For further information see your doctor or discuss with your doctor's nurse.

# Manawatu Multicultural Council

proudly presents

# WORLD ON STAGE



**Regent Theatre**  
**Saturday 2 July 16**  
**from 7pm**

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

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

Tickets available from TicketDirect  
[www.ticketdirect.co.nz](http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz)  
 357 9740 | 0800 224 224  
 Booking and service fees may apply  
 Tickets are also available at the Multicultural Centre  
 Please call the Centre on 06 3581572 or Mayette on 021 026 44736



**Amandrian Folk Dancers**

Terrace End  
 Palmerston North  
 Feilding



*Manawatu Multicultural Centre Activities & Events*

**Manawatu Multicultural Centre**

**Practice your English**

**Make new friends**

**Share information**

**Learn about New Zealand and other culture**

**Use your interpersonal skills**

**Opening Hours**

**Monday—Friday 9.30am—4pm**

**Advanced English Conversation**

**Mon , Tues, Wed & Thu. from 1– 3p**

**Beginners Conversation**

**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**