

**MISSION
STATEMENT**

TO CELEBRATE,
SUPPORT AND
CONNECT
MULTICULTURAL
COMMUNITIES OF
MANAWATU



ETHNIGRAM



President 's Report

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Message from the Centre Manager

The end of a year is a good time to look back, on ones achievements, and look forward to the coming year.

The success of the Manawatu Multicultural Centre is built on the efforts of our members, volunteers, clients, funders, partners and staff.

We take pride in the services the MMC has continued to provide to migrants, refugees and newcomers to Palmerston North. Throughout the year we have helped celebrate the rich cultural diversity in our City, supporting and connecting migrants and refugees to the community and vice versa. The MMC's invaluable volunteers and staff do their best to maintain a welcoming and relaxing atmosphere in the Centre and we are privileged to get to know the many migrants and refugees who come to our Centre and share their celebrations and challenges, on their path to resettlement in Palmerston North.

The diversity, skills and talents they bring to our community enrich and benefit our city, and we look forward for another year working with them. Although the Multicultural Centre is operating in a challenging funding environment, we are grateful for the support from all funders as well as the many community organisations and agencies, who have worked collaboratively with us over the past year.

A big thank you to the executives, and all the volunteers for your energy and wonderful efforts throughout the year in our endeavour to help migrants and refugees settle in our City. Your commitment to the Multicultural Centre's mission and activities and events, keep the centre going and make a difference in the life of the migrants and refugees using our services. Noorangi and I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a joyous and Happy New Year both to you and your families.

Please take care during this festive period.

Christine.



Ethnic Christmas Greetings

Best wishes for the festive season from the Manawatu Multicultural Centre



Merry Christmas

圣诞快乐
ShengDanKuaiLe

Krismas Njema

Meri Kirihimete

Kia Orana

Sousatai Bon Noel

Nollaig Chríde

Shubh Krismas Christmas

Froehliche Weihnachten

Prektige Kerstidagen

Maligayang Pasko

Buon Natale

Joyeux Noel

성탄을 축하합니다

Noheli Nziza

Monnia Le Kirisimasi

Sawasdee Pee Mal

メリークリスマス

Namaste

Bara Din Mubarrak Ho

Marau Siga Ni Sucu

Feliz Navidad

Boas Festas

Sawatdii Pimai

Sungtan Chukha

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The Multicultural Centre is now closed and
will reopen on Monday the 15th of
January 2018.



Manawatu
Multicultural Council



Young's Story

I came to Palmy at the end of January 2017. At that time I did not have any friends in Palmy. I was able to meet and make good friends at the MMC. Noorangi and Christine are very kind to us and always helped. Also the teachers of the English classes are also kind and friendly.

They helped us to improve our conversation in English. I have learned a lot about the Kiwi culture and every day I improved my English. I have met many people from many different countries at the MMC, not only in improving my English but also in making new friends. I feel very thankful to MMC and the friends I met at the MMC.

I volunteered at the MMC and helped with the Fashion Parade held on Sunday 5 March 2017. I am very fortunate as I have found a part time job at Massey working as a Casual Technician in the Biochemistry Department.

I always look forward going to the MMC when I'm free and not working. In the middle of September my husband and I returned to Korea for three weeks holiday to see our family and friends.

Although I come from Korea, I realise that Palmerston North is my home away from home.

Young



Good-will message

Thank you to all MMC Executives, Council Members, Centre Staff, Volunteers and Students. Also to all the migrants and refugees who gave their articles and wrote their life stories for our 2017 EthniGram.

We would also like to thank those people that have advertised in our newsletter this year. We look forward for your continued support in 2018.

Wishing you all Joy and Happiness for the Festive Season

And a Happy New Year

Noorangi



FREE English Class:

The summer holidays can be very lonely if you do not have family or friends in Palmerston North. **But, we can help you!**

We offer a FREE Beginner's conversation class in the New Year.

We have professional tutors, that are willing to help in a friendly atmosphere!

If you are interested please phone the centre on 358 1572



Karen Community Celebration

The Palmerston North Karen community is very proud of the Kaw Thoo Lei Brothers football team. Who recently took part in the National Ethkick tournament in Auckland.

We are grateful for the support of the PNCC Mayor, Grant Smith and the money raised from the Give a little Page.

This made it possible for the team to travel to Auckland and play in the National tournament.

This was the second time the team has participated in the National Tournament after being the winners of the Palmerston North Ethkick Tournament.

The team are very motivated and extremely grateful for the support from the community and the PNCC Mayor.

The team are proud to represent Palmerston North at a National level. All the team members are former refugees, but they have embraced their new country, their new homes and their many new opportunities.

Kind Regards

Ehtaw Sa



Kaw Thoo Lei Brothers football team

Karen New Year Festival



Karen New Year Festival (2757)
2017
Organised by New Zealand Karen Association

ALL INVITED!!!

Palmerston North
29TH & 30TH DEC

29/12/2017: Soccer Kick off at 8.30am
7-a-side men at Bill Brown Park—23 Havelock Avenue.
30/12/2017: Ceremony Starts at 11 am—Samoan Church Hall,
39 Havelock Avenue- Followed by family games and activities

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL
Manawatu Multicultural Council Inc.

EVENT INFO | nzka.palmerstonnorth@gmail.com or 021 02377239 | 021 0261 6335

Multicultural Women's Group

The Multicultural Women's provides an opportunity for ethnic women to interact with other migrants and refugees, make new friends, learn and enjoy each others company.

It's an opportunity to learn and create a better understanding among the different cultural groups that belong to the very large multi-cultural community of Palmerston North. We are very fortunate to have Tania Kopytko a professional Dance/Art Tutor, who is running a dance workshop for the Multicultural Women's group

Unfortunately her final session for this year was Friday 17th November. However the following dates are for you to pencil in your own busy schedules for the year 2018.

Friday February 16th 1 to 3pm 2018 Exploring our cultures' dance and art/craft

Friday April 6th (20th is holidays) 1 to 3pm 2018 Exploring our cultures, dance and poetry

Friday May 18th 1 to 3pm 2018 Exploring our cultures' dance and art/craft

Friday June 8th 1 to 3pm 2018

Friday June 22nd 1 to 3pm 2018 Exploring our cultures' dance and art/craft

Friday July 27th (20th is the holidays) 1 to 3pm 2018
Exploring our cultures' dance and art/craft

Friday August 10th Rehearsal and arts completion

Friday August 17th Exhibition and showing



Shree Dance Academy

Open Day - Free Entry

Bollywood and Indian Dance



Open day for all age groups and ethnicities to try Bollywood and Kathak dance. Come All, to Square Edge on Saturday the 3rd February 2018 at 11 AM

Express yourself through the art of Indian dance

For more info email-
dancingfeet15@gmail.com
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SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2018

AN ETHNIC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT TO PROMOTE SOCIAL COHESION, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR THE MANY ETHNIC GROUPS IN THE PALMERSTON NORTH

- ❖ **6-ASIDE FOOTBALL**
- ❖ **JUNIOR ETHKICK FOR UNDER 13'S**
- ❖ **LIMITED TO 40 TEAMS**
- ❖ **FOOD AND DRINK**
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Multicultural Centre Activities & Events

Manawatu Multicultural Centre

Opening Hours: Monday—Friday 9.30am—4.pm

- Practice your English
- Make new friends
- Share information
- Interact with other migrant
- Use your interpersonal skills
- Work together with other community groups and organization
- Learn about New Zealand customs & cultures



Advanced English Conversation Groups:

Morning

Monday 10am—11.30am

Afternoon

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 1pm—3pm

English Beginner's Conversation Groups

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

10am—11.30am

Lunchtime Conversation—Shared Lunch

Every Friday 12—1pm

Women's Sewing Group

Wednesday 12—2pm

Arts & Craft Group

1st & 2nd Friday of the month 1pm—3pm

Newcomers Morning Tea

3rd Wednesday of the month

10am—12noon

Multicultural Women's Group

3rd Friday of the month 1-3pm

Newcomers Potluck Dinner

Last Friday of the month

6pm— 8.30pm

