

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
To Celebrate,  
Support and  
Connect the  
Multicultural



# ETHNIGRAM



## President's Report

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## CONNECT AND UPDATE

As we approach the end of this year, I want to thank our volunteers, funders, visitors, clients and members for their great work, commitment and dedication, which have been integral to MMC success.

Reflecting on this past year in particular, it was such an exciting year because the board and staff completed a new strategic plan that will take MMC to a new direction, we have started drawing the main line of work and begin the implementation of the projects that are considered priorities for our center. Youth and women will be among our priorities, we are planning to deliver what workshops and projects to improve and develop more leadership among our multicultural communities.

There is still plenty to be achieved and I see next year lined up with more successes and great accomplishments.

Our membership numbers remained strong, our resources were in demand and we are working to increase communities understanding of the key roles that MMC play. Of course, we endeavor toward these efforts every year, so I'd like to share a few of many highlights which made this year unique :

- ◆ New executives on the board with new direction to implement new strategic plan
- ◆ Stepping up in more leadership role to support our cultural communities
- ◆ Delivery of women projects (Zumba, contemporary dance)
- ◆ A Successful "World on Stage"
- ◆ Joined many cultural communities to share their cultural celebrations
- ◆ Successful Egyptian, Palestinian and Iranian nights
- ◆ Participated in the monthly newcomer's sessions that was lunched last month

I also want to acknowledge our staff, Christine and Noorangi who have contributed and always going the extra mile to help our members, respond to their queries and provide advice when needed.

Together and with MMC staff and board, we promise to keep doing what we do best and will thrive always to learn more and challenge boundaries to support and empower our multicultural communities here in the city .

The office will close until 21 January, however all of the updates on events and happenings will be posted on our **Facebook** page so keep checking, there might be something you like to share or do during the holiday .

So, from all of us, we wish you a wonderful new year filled with abundance, joy, and treasured moments. We should be thankful for what we have, remember our loved ones and be grateful for the feeling of having them around and close.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year, filled with success, happiness and good health and will be looking forward to a successful 2019, keep safe and see you next year.

### Ethkik 2019

An annual Football tournament to promote social cohesion and community involvement is scheduled for 23 February 2019. Registrations for teams are open now on Sport Manawatu .org.nz ,more details refer to the last page

### Festival of cultures 2019

Registration for craft, art and food stalls are now open, hurry up and register your stall .

Online registration is available on <http://festivalofcultures.co.nz> or visit our office and MMC staff will help you.



## Acknowledgement

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Community Celebrations

Keren's Community Christmas Function



Chinese Community Christmas and Opening the new kitchen Function



## Centre Manager's Message

Time flies, it is the end of year 2018!!

We want to offer our heartfelt thanks to the many people whose work contributed to the Multicultural Centre's endeavour to celebrate, support and connect the Multicultural communities of our city.

To the Executives, a big thank you for your hard work and support.

The MMC can't do without our wonderful volunteers, thank you for your unwavering dedication. Your talents, skills and compassion make a difference in the lives of the migrants and former refugees who use the Centre's services. We are truly grateful for your enduring commitment.

To the many migrants and visitors who came to the Centre in the past year, it is always a great privilege to be part of your journey towards your settlement and integration into the community.

I can't think of a more satisfying job. Thank you and we look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Our best wishes for a safe, peaceful and relaxing holiday and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Christine.

Best wishes for the festive season from the Manawatu Multicultural Centre



Merry Christmas  
 圣诞快乐  
 ShengDanKuaiLe  
 Meri Kirihimete  
 Kia Orana  
 Krismas Njema  
 Sousatai Bon Noel  
 Nollaig Chrìdheil  
 Froehliche Weihnachten  
 Maligayang Pasko  
 Joyeux Noel  
 Prettige Kerstlagen  
 Buon Natale  
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 Noheli Nziza  
 Monnia Le Kirisimasi  
 Sawasdee Pee Mai  
 Namaste  
 Bara Din Mubarrak Ho  
 Marau Siga Ni Sucu  
 Boas Festas  
 Sawatdii Pimai  
 Sungtan Chukha  
 Feliz Navidad

The Multicultural Centre is now closed and will reopen on Tuesday 22nd of January 2019



### Allan Young Academic Scholarship

The Manawatu Multicultural Council is pleased to announce that the Allan Young Scholarship 2019, is now open and will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

This Academic scholarship of \$1500 each year, is for a child of a MMC financial member who would benefit from this scholarship for their tertiary education.

If you think you are eligible please send your application to Allan Young.

E-mail [allanyoung8@gmail.com](mailto:allanyoung8@gmail.com)

## Potluck Dinner

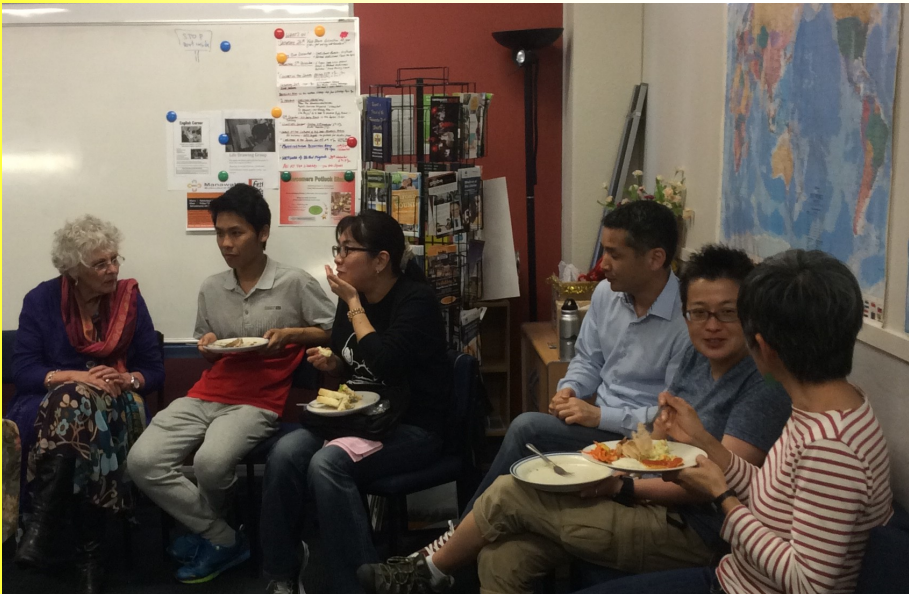
Leading to Christmas there are so many activities around the city, people have many activities to choose from. Our potluck dinner for November continue to attract and welcome new people in our city .We shared delicious food from different countries and different cuisines, all of which has a special story to tell and special taste that we all have enjoyed and some we have tasted for the first time.

This is a tradition we will continue to have at MMC and what makes it so special is all of members and new comers who make us feel like a big family in which we are indeed.

We will have more of these next year ,last Friday of each month is the date

Ka kite,

Meriam Findlay



## Centre Christmas Party

On Friday the 14th of December the Centre Christmas Party as usual attracted a lot of ethnic migrants and newcomers who are keen to share their Christmas spirit with the Centre staff and volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who brought with them their own ethnic food. Though we had intended to keep this year's Christmas Party on rather a low key, we were delightfully surprised to have so many people come along to share their festive spirit with us.

The highlight of the Christmas lunch was made interesting with the Christmas entertainment by one of our Chinese students playing Christmas carols on the piano. Our one and only Maria and Roger also entertained us with a variety of ethnic music, songs and dance.

The end of the year 2018 is approaching and we can only look ahead to what 2019 has in store for us.

May your Christmas be bright and sparkling, full of peace and joy and happiness.

Have a wonderful holiday.

Noorangi



## Ethnic Community Celebration

### Manawatu Malaysian Society Celebrates 10 Years

This year marked the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the formation of the Manawatu Malaysian Society.

The Society celebrated this milestone on 25 November with a luncheon served with traditional Malaysian foods accompanied by cultural performances by Massey University's Malaysian students, demonstration of ketupat (rice dumpling) flax weaving and playing of traditional games.

Dignitaries who were present at the event included the High Commissioner of Malaysia to New Zealand Her Excellency Nur Izzah Wong Mee Choo, Mayor Grant Smith, Deputy Mayor Tangi Utikere and Councillors Lew Findlay, Lorna Johnson and Susan Baty.

Guests were escorted into the hall with bunga manggar (decorative flower banner) accompanied by the sound of kompang (drums), followed by a traditional Malay martial art welcome – the silat. Rangitane elders Wiremu and Trieste Te Awe Awe also marked the opening of the function with a karakia and waiata.

The vision of the Manawatu Malaysian Society is to create a “home away from home” environment in the Manawatu, where people of Malaysian descents can share and celebrate the uniqueness of the Malaysian culture, and to support and unite all Malaysians in the community.

With the current Welcoming Communities pilot scheme in Palmerston North, the Manawatu Malaysian Society look forward to playing an active role in welcoming new Malaysians to Palmerston North and help to create a strong and positive community in Palmerston North and the wider region.

Kheng



Global Parents Support

Dear MMC committee and members,

Time flies. We about to say goodbye to 2018. Our group, **Global Parents Support** had a fruitful year. First in March, **Global Children Group** performed at Multicultural Fashion Parade to bring the message of “We are together”.

In July, we organized a **Global Festival** at the City Library with more than 30 volunteers from different ethnic and community groups. It was a very successful event. As the event drew to a close, the crowd was still there and eagerly participating.

**Global Passport** from August to September brought nearly 300 participants of all ages to learn different cultures.

We brought **School Based Global Festival** and Global Passport to some local schools. The school children loved the games and felt accomplished from doing Global Passport.

From organizing the new activities, **Language Explorers** and **Global Kid Club** in term 3 school holiday, we have found that many parents encourage their children to learn different languages and explore the world. The children are amazing learners. They enjoyed the fun educational activities so much.

We had so much fun cooking different dishes from different countries with the children and families at **Global Kitchen** in September and November. The children tried their hand at cooking and sampling different foods.

We would like to acknowledge MMC, PN City Council, PN City Library, local schools and community groups. We are truly thankful for your support. We hope to continue to receive your support to help us achieve our mission of cultural acceptance and strengthening the diversity of our amazing community.

Wish you all have a happy holiday and happy new year.

Global Parents Support



Multicultural Centre Activities & Events

Our office is closed and will reopen 22 January 2019

New updated pamphlet with activities and functions for 2019 will be available on our return.



Summer Unbox in the square

Palmerston North City Council starting UNBOX activities in the square from 7 Jan 19 –27 Jan 19 .There will be a container in the Square with furniture, games, sports equipment and magazines .

MMC as well as other community groups will be working with the Council to offer the community the opportunity to engage in activities or workshops each weekday, at varying times, mostly during the day.

MMC will participate in the last week starting 22 January so check our Facebook page for updates Keep an eye out for events and activations being run from The Unbox from 7 January 2019

EthKick



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