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## President's Report

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July is always a quieter month, with the school holidays and the fact that it is in the middle of winter.

Sometimes people take a short break as did my husband and I. This year we also took my Mother, who is visiting us from the Philippines and who has been here in Palmerston North with us for four months.

While in the South Island, with my Mother in the back seat, all I could hear were the words 'What a beautiful place.....' What a beautiful place!

Truly we are blessed to live in such a beautiful country. For me living in this country is a great privilege, and one not to be taken for granted.

This month there were some very successful events in our community. Such as the breakfast with the Myanmar students, our Mayor and the CEO. It is always good to network with some of the many people in the community.

The Bhutanese Community held their Language Week and the Global Community put on, at the Library, a very enjoyable afternoon primarily for children and parents, but it also attracted others that were passing by.

The Network of Skilled migrants also held their monthly meeting at the Library with Rana Naser as guest speaker

Last Friday we were very happy to welcome a previous member of the MMC as well as friends from the Filipino Christian Fellowship, to the Pot Luck Supper. Don't forget everyone are welcome to attend our monthly Pot Luck Dinner.

It's a very relaxed shared supper on the last Friday of the month. All you need to bring is a small plate of food to share and yourselves !

On Saturday we were privileged to be invited to the opening of the Tivaivai exhibition at our Museum, Te Manawa. Noorangi opened the exhibition and with her colleagues they looked truly beautiful in their national costumes. The exhibition is on for another 10 days so please take time to go and see it.



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## President's Report

The office at the MMC deals with many complex situations. Many migrants and refugees ask for assistance and we are grateful to all the networking agencies that are available and willing to assist with their concerns.

On Monday 6th of August at 6pm, we will have a music workshop here at the Centre. Please come and listen to music from different parts of the world.

Don't forget that our **Annual Dinner is on Saturday the 18 th of August.**

**This time we will be at the Copthorne Hotel.**

Tickets are selling fast and can be bought from the office in King Street or phone 06 358 1572

**The Annual General Meeting is on the 29th August.**

If you are considering standing for any of the positions, it is a commitment that takes time.



**This photo was taken at the July Pot Luck Dinner.**

A fond farewell was given to Meriam's mum who has now returned to the Philippine. She returned on Sunday the 29th of July.

During her stay in Palmerston North she met many people both at the centre and the various meetings that Meriam attends. She also travelled with Meriam and Lew to the South Island as well as being a regular and very cheerful person at the centre. We will miss you Nanay

From your friends at the Multicultural Centre.

**Please note: You are all invited to our next Pot Luck Dinner on Friday the 31st August 2018**

**To be held here at the Multicultural 6—8pm**

**Invite your own family and friends and bring a plate of food to share with others.**

## Birthday Celebration

For those who haven't yet met Rosana, she is a migrant from Colombia who came to Palmerston North joining her daughter Elizabeth who lives here. The Multicultural Centre came to know her through her best friend Maria Rivera who is also MMC member and long-time volunteer with MMC.

On a regular basis, Maria brought Rosana along to our monthly women's group and at least two times Rosana thought the women how to make cheese. She also loves music and as much as possible Rosana joined our fun dance sessions at the Multicultural Centre.

It was with great joy that friends and family of Rosana gathered at the Multicultural Centre on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of July to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and they brought along a variety of dishes to share.

Although Rosana is doing really well for her age, her movements are now limited. She really enjoyed meeting people she hasn't seen for a while. We all enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with her and the many friends who came to wish her a happy birthday.

Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday dear Rosana!!! Best wishes for many more happy and healthy years to come.

Christine.



## Friendship Event

On Monday the 16th July from 2-3pm, I attended the Friendship Club monthly event, held at the All Saints Church.

I went along to support Maria and her family, her husband Roger played the saxophone and her daughter Katrina sang a beautiful song "tears in heaven". I was delighted to see such a talented family, entertaining as guest artists, at this afternoon gathering.

As you can see in the background photo, "Senior citizens association keeping minds active, hearts young" For my own interest, it's nice to know that such place exists.

Looking around I think I had a fair idea, that the Friendship Centre is simply to interact and socialize with other people, and shows love and care for senior citizen and other disabled people.

After Maria finished her final item she freely mixed and mingled with the audience.

Noorangi



## Women's Dance Group

The Manawatu Multicultural Centre "**A Sense of Place**" creative community dance project for migrant and refugee women, is coming to its end.

To celebrate there will be a short informal studio showing and discussion about the project on **Friday August 17<sup>th</sup> 11am** at Dance works ground floor studio, 58 King Street, Palmerston North. Afterwards there will be light refreshments at Manawatu Multicultural Centre.



"A Sense of Place" started in October 2017 and two groups have met once a month since then. The project is led by dance tutor/choreographer Tania Kopytko. The aim of this experimental community project is to explore our different cultures and find some common new expression within language and movement diversity.

The project has been kindly funded by the *PNCC Creative Communities grant* and supported by English Language Partners (ELP) and Dance works Studio. There is limited audience space so if you wish to come along please let MMC know by 10 August.

**Our Place – A dance and arts project for the Multicultural Women, first session started 20th October 2017, unfortunately good things must come to an end.**

**Thank Tania Kopytko for inspiring the migrant and refugee women through dance and music and to explore their beautiful cultures.**

## Arts/Craft Poster

# Multicultural Arts/Craft Group



Tuna and Salad Wrap

Invites you to join us at the  
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**Friday 3rd August 2018 - 1–3pm**

Booranee Roskruge offer to show us basic  
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## Global Festival

About 50 volunteers aged from 6 to 60+ helped to host performances, exhibitions, games and food at the Global Festival on Saturday 21 July, 2018 in Palmerston North City Library.

The crowd was still there until the library was closed.

The volunteers worked together promoting different cultures.

### Global Passport: Free entry

From now to Friday 10th August 2018

Fill in the enrolment form and drop it to the City Libraries or on line enrolment:

[www.globalparentssupport.org](http://www.globalparentssupport.org)

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6 PM

MONDAY

August 6th, 2018

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<b>Featherston</b>	<b>17 August</b>
<b>Palmerston North</b>	<b>18 August</b>
<b>Blenheim</b>	<b>19 August</b>
<b>Queenstown</b>	<b>21 August</b>
<b>Invercargill</b>	<b>22 August</b>
<b>Christchurch</b>	<b>23 August</b>
<b>Wellington</b>	<b>25 &amp; 26 August</b>
<b>Rotorua</b>	<b>29 August</b>
<b>Howick</b>	<b>30 August</b>
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### Manawatu Multicultural Centre

#### Opening Hours: Monday–Friday 10am–4pm

- Practice your English
- Make new friends
- Share information
- Interacts with other migrants
- Use your interpersonal skills
- Work together with other community groups and organization
- Learn about New Zealand customs and culture

#### Weekly Activities

##### **Advanced English Conversation Groups:**

Monday morning 10am–11.30am

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 1pm–3pm

##### **English Beginner's Conversation Groups**

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

10am–11.30am

##### **Lunchtime Conversation—Shared Lunch**

Every Friday 12–1pm

##### **Women's Sewing Group**

Wednesday 12–2pm

##### **Arts & Craft Group**

1st & 2nd of the month Friday 1pm–3pm

#### Monthly Activities

##### **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

