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TO CELEBRATE,  
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Multicultural  
COMMUNITIES  
OF MANAWATU

# ETHNIGRAM



## President's Report

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Hard work and cooperation truly pays, that's what has happened in all our events and activities for the month of June. Our Potluck Dinner and Story Telling time on June 15, attracted a lot of participants, as well as a lot of talent and many interesting stories from the participants. Thank you Jenna Kelly from CentrePoint, for sharing this initiative with us.



Time and dedication were involved in writing our Strategic plan for 2019-2021. We have been very blessed to have Rana Naser work on this document, giving her time voluntarily, along with her expertise, in discussing comprehensively each objective and goal of the MMC for the future. I would also like to thank Christine, Ari, Manmit and Aidan who gave their time during 3 weekends in helping to write this plan.

The opportunity to network and listen to good speakers was presented to us at the Federation of Multicultural Councils AGM in Wellington on June 22- 24. I was privileged to meet new friends and connect with some agency representatives. Thank you to all our Executive Committee for organising such an informative meeting.



Our World on Stage on June 30, was a demonstration of unity among ethnic groups and a celebration of diversity in our city, Palmerston North. Thank you Tania Kopytko for putting the show together and to all the performers who willingly gave their time in making our show an extraordinary show and also to Mona Williams for connecting with the audience.



Truly it was a memorable event and was the highest attendance event this year.

Thank you everyone who gave their time in making this show a successful one. A big thank you to all members of the event team. July will be a quiet month as we prepare for our AGM on August 30.

**Acknowledgement**

- Palmerston North City Council
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## President's Report Continue

Later this month we will be asking for nominations for a new set of officers for the 2018-2019 period. Also we will be presenting our new Strategic Plan for 2019-2021. It is very important for those who are interested in standing for office, to consider their time and commitment, as they will be the ones responsible for putting these plans in place.

The success of our organisation relies on us, and our members to participate together. How we execute our objectives is crucial for our continued funding, from both new and from funders known to us. I urge you to carefully consider this, when putting your name for a position.

Also as a show of appreciation to our volunteers and recognising our networks, we will be having our annual dinner on August 18 at the Copthorne Hotel. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Nga mihi ,  
Meriam Findlay





World on Stage Celebration

World on Stage 2018 was a great success with 162 performers taking part and a full audience of 750.

We send a huge thank you to all the performers who took part and to the coordinator/Director Tania Kopytko and her stage crew (Val, Maria, Joy and Nick) who had the show running smoothly and quickly.

Not forgetting the WOS planning committee, Meriam, Christine, Angela, Anne, Mayette and Noorangi, for their voluntary hours to help make the show such a success.

The passion and energy in the show was truly amazing.

In the mean time how about getting more of your talented cultural groups ready for 2020 show.

Noorangi





## Volunteer Recognition Night

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June, the Volunteer Resources Centre, a charitable trust that supports and promotes volunteering in all forms, organised a wonderful evening to acknowledge the many volunteers who selflessly give their time and skills to the community. The event was held at the Convention Centre and was attended by many people from the community including Mayor Grant Smith and City councillors. MMC being one of the many community organisations that relies on volunteers to run programmes and events, nominated two of our wonderful volunteers:

### **Meriam Findlay for the Long Service Award.**

Meriam Findlay began her involvement with the Manawatu Multicultural Council (MMC) in 1993 being one of the audience at the International Day which later became the Festival of Cultures.

In 1997 Meriam was the representative of the Philippines Association (PCA), on the Manawatu Multicultural Council. In her involvement with MMC, Meriam met and helped people from all ethnicities overcome isolation, discrimination and lack of employment.

In 2004 Meriam became the President of MMC and in that year MMC became the host organisation for the Settlement Support Project, thanks to the successful application that Meriam and other Executive members of the MMC at that time submitted to Immigration NZ. After 2 years, Meriam stepped down as President to look after her growing family but continued to be involved as Immediate Past President and later on as a Committee Member. In 2015, Meriam came back to serve again as President.

Meriam is a great support to her husband who is a well-known in the Palmerston North community, as well as working as a part time carer and looking after her family. Meriam is well known to literally hundreds of people, both migrants, refugees and local people and is always spoken highly of.

Being the President of the Manawatu Multicultural Council, amongst her numerous duties, she also finds time to write a monthly report on the workings of the Council in the MMC's newsletter.

Somehow she finds time to attend an incredible amount of community events that she is invited to. Meriam is truly a community person willing to go the extra mile to help other people especially migrants and refugees settling in our city.

### **Eh Taw for the Migrants Sector Award.**

Being a young mum looking after her baby doesn't prevent EH Taw from helping her Karen Community. Her community is made of former refugees, originally from Myanmar.





## Volunteer Recognition Night

Most of the refugees lived all their lives in refugee camps with no access to education until they came to NZ. As a consequence, resettlement not easy especially when it comes to finding jobs often without English. Eh Taw helps them with WINZ, Housing, the GP's, the hospital, shopping, schools, even babysitting when required. With her help out of nine families 7 secured employment.

For the other 2 families only the husbands found a job. A" pop shop "at the Library allowed the Karen women to show their weaving skills and gain some exposure. This allowed some women to find a full time job at the knitting mills.

The Karen Youth won the EthKick tournament for many years in raw and they went on to compete in the national tournament in Auckland.

The MMC is very grateful for all our volunteers for all your time, effort, hard work, helping migrants and refugees resettle in our City.

Christine.



## World Refugee Day 2018

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, Manawatu Refugee Voice and Red Cross celebrated World Refugee Day in style with speeches, songs, dance and food at the Convention Centre.

Manawatu Refugee Voice Chairman Jean Christophe Massimba said no-one had ever chosen to be a refugee, but nearly 50 million people found themselves with that status because of persecution, war and violence.

He highlighted the situation in Syria, Sudan, and Iraq as countries in conflict and where thousands of people faced difficult decisions about becoming displaced for a chance in a foreign country. Jean-Christophe welcomed the wonderful government decision to increase the refugee quota to 1000 for the first time since 1980.

Few minutes of silence were observed to remember the many refugees who suffer the consequences of war and conflicts or die trying to cross dangerous seas for a safe place.

Hon. Iain Les Galloway, Minister of Immigration in his speech he said: "This week the world has been celebrating former refugees who are contributing to their new communities in thousands of ways

On Wednesday we celebrated World Refugee Day at Parliament and today we did so here in Palmerston North. I feel incredibly privileged to be embraced by these wonderful people"





## World Refugee Day 2018

Mayor Grant Smith said Palmerston North is very proud of its multiculturalism which enriches our community.

There were also amazing success stories from former refugees who expressed their gratitude for the local community for welcoming them and supporting them on their journey to resettlement.

Kevin Morris representing Red Cross said that Red Cross feels privileged to be part of the welcoming committee for former refugees and is pleased that the local community has joined in providing a friendly welcome to their new neighbours.

Beautiful performances by former refugees were also on the programme followed by amazing culinary dishes from various cultures represented in the former refugee's community.

Christine



## Together-shared stories for the soul

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June there was a feast for the stomach and the soul as *'Together'* was held at the Manawatu Multicultural Council. The night started with a wonderful potluck dinner, followed by 5 unique stories and ending with cake to celebrate MMC President, Miriam Findlay's birthday. The theme of the night was celebration and it certainly felt like one!

Together is a story telling event that was created through inspiration from an American organisation called The Moth. The idea is to give anyone the opportunity to share a true personal story.

Guided by Meriam Findlay, we heard stories from Wibha about the changing of a tradition to include boys in a 'girls only' festival, and we heard Kevin and his wife's travel to Sumatrain Indonesia.

Former founder and president Ute Walker told us of her father's home town, and the joys of being able to visit, Priani celebrated her work successes and Meriam closed the night reflecting and celebrating the centre itself.

I created Together in hope to connect more people through stories and shared experiences. I certainly felt connected to everyone in the room as I was embraced and accepted into the community, as I heard from wonderful people and got to spend time with a group of exciting new friends.

Jenna Kelly





# MANAWATU MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL

Cordially invites you to its

## MID WINTER ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday 18th August 2018, Copthorne Hotel, 110 Fitzherbert Ave Palmerston North from 6—9pm

The evening includes entertainments and raffles

Presentations of certificates to MMC invaluable volunteers

Acknowledgments of community members, funders and stakeholders



**DINNER COST: \$29.00 PER PERSON**

Tickets are now available at the Centre

For further information contact the centre on 358 1572 or

Email: Christine on [info@mmcnz.org.nz](mailto:info@mmcnz.org.nz)



### Potluck Dinner Poster

# Newcomers Potluck Dinner

Friday 27th July 2018 @ 6pm



Join us for an evening of celebrations

Meet new arrivals to our city

Enjoy a shared meal with other migrants

Bring your family and friends

Bring a plate of food to share



For more information contact 3581572  
Email: [ask@mmcnz.org.nz](mailto:ask@mmcnz.org.nz)



## Women's Group Poster

# Multicultural Women's Group



For more information phone  
Centre: 351572, Email: [ask@mmcnz.org.nz](mailto:ask@mmcnz.org.nz)



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Come and join us.  
Meet Tania Kopytko for an hour of fun.  
To explore dance and our cultures  
There's two session this month

**Friday 27th July 2018**

For English Language Beginners **10.30–12pm**  
For all Migrant Women. **1– 2pm**

## Women's Group Time table

### Our Place - Dance and arts project Timetable 2018 updated

Exploring our cultures through dance

Tutor/arts/dance coordinator Tania Kopytko

For the Manawatu Multicultural Centre Women's group

We may also need to meet on Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup> to prepare for the exhibition and showing

Friday October 20 <sup>th</sup> 1 to 3pm 2017	Dance and discussion; exploring our cultures
Friday November 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 to 3pm 2017	Exploring our cultures dance
Holiday break	Holiday break
Friday February 16 <sup>th</sup> 1 to 3pm 2018	Exploring our cultures through dance
Friday March 16 <sup>th</sup> 1 to 3pm 2018	Exploring our cultures through dance and language
Friday April 6 <sup>th</sup> (20 <sup>th</sup> is holidays) 10.30am to 12 and 1 to 2.30pm 2018	Exploring our cultures through dance and language
Friday May 18 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am to 12 and 1 to 2.30pm 2018	Exploring our cultures through dance and language
Friday June 8 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am to 12 and 1 to 2.30pm 2018	Exploring our cultures though dance and
Friday June 22 <sup>nd</sup> 10.30am to 12 and 1 to 2.30pm 2018	Exploring our cultures through dance and language
Friday July 27 <sup>th</sup> (20 <sup>th</sup> is the holidays) 10.30am to 12 and 1 to 2.30pm 2018	Exploring our cultures through dance and language
Friday August 10 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am to 12 and 1 to 2.30pm 2018	Rehearsal
Friday August 17 <sup>th</sup> 11am to 12noon	Exhibition and showing



# Invitation



NETWORK OF  
SKILLED MIGRANTS

## NETWORK FOR SUCCESS

When: **Thursday, 26 July 2018** at **6pm-7pm** in the **City Library**,  
Sound & Vision, Palmerston North.

### SPEAKER

Rana Naser was born and grew up in Kuwait, and then she moved to Jordan with her family after finishing high school. She has a BCS in Horticulture/Plant Science and worked in Jordan as a Landscape Architect. Rana moved to New Zealand 15 years ago with her husband and two little children. It was not possible to pursue her qualification as a Landscape Architect in New Zealand so she studied extramurally and gained a Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Health. She worked successfully for 10 years in local government and now she is working for Fonterra.

Rana will share her experience about how she overcame the obstacles in her search for employment and how she has achieved success in her working life. She contributes a lot of her free time to working in the community and developing different projects to support and empower women within the community, especially women from ethnic groups.

Nibbles are provided by the local migrant business Top Persian Foods  
There will be prizes to win

Please **RSVP** for catering purpose and for more information contact:  
**info@skilledmigrants.org | 028 401 4605**

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# Global Festival

Sat 21 July 2018 2-4pm

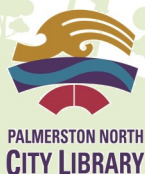
Events Central, Palmerston North Central Library

For all ages

Free to join



Travel around the world in a day. Welcome check in by Unity Singers and Global children. Follow by a pass to travel the world through different destinations including Home Show, World Wonders, World Facts, Selfie, VR Travel and Global Food Corner etc. Come to enjoy, explore, have fun and eat.



<http://www.citylibrary.pncc.govt.nz>





## Celebration of 204<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nepali Pioneer poet Bhanu Bhakta Acharya



### Global Bhutanese Literary Organisation Of New Zealand

Would like to cordially invite you to join us to celebrate our Nepali pioneer poet Bhanu Bhakta Acharya 204<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018

4PM to 6PM

Rangiora Community Hall

102 Rangiora Ave, Roslyn, Palmerston North

RSVP by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 at Gopal Poudyel e-mail: [poudyelgopal41@gmail.com](mailto:poudyelgopal41@gmail.com) mobile: 02040897628

## Items included



Poems/Gajals recites

Cultural dances

Cultural songs

Drama

**Organised by:** Global Bhutanese Literary Organisation, New Zealand

**Supported by:** Bhutanese Society of New Zealand, Palmerston North and Feilding  
Bhutanese Women Forum & Bhutanese Youth Group

**Note:** Refreshment will be served after program

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COLUMBIA PESO	MOROCCO DIRHAM	THAILAND BAHT
CROATIAN KUNA	NEW TAIWAN DOLLAR	TONGA PA'ANGA
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## Multicultural Centre Activities & Events

### 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

