

MISSION STATEMENT
To Celebrate, Support and
Connect the Multicultural
Communities of Manawatu

ETHNIGRAM



President's Report

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CONNECT AND UPDATE

- November was a busy month for Manawatu multicultural communities and I would like to acknowledge all the awesome work done to promote inclusion and community diversity. There have been community events and cultural celebrations that showcased the diverse, vibrant and inclusive community we have in Palmerston North. Congratulations to everyone involved! These were just few of many events in the region that represent our multiculturalism at its very best with communities coming together in harmony to share traditions, cultures, languages, food and customs.
- Our day in the local history week was a highlight for our old and new members, was privileged to meet those who built this organisation, listening to their journey more than 20 years ago and how hard it was to get recognised, MMC would never get that far without their work. From all of us new members thanks to the pioneers and promise to keep up the hard work

Grassroots Sports Awards 2018

These awards are a celebration of the community Sport Makers (Volunteers) in Manawatu. I was awarded a merit award for **All Rounder Volunteer of the year, special thanks for people who took time to put their nominations through.** Volunteers give so much to our community and we are grateful for their ongoing support. I was overwhelmed with the number of volunteers that we don't really know. If you know anyone within your community that is volunteering, watch the space for the next round of the awards and put their names through, they deserve it!



Festival of Cultures 2019 info Session

As promised, we are hosting an information session for festival of cultures 2019, Friday 7 December 2018 at the ground floor – City Library 5.30 pm-7 pm, event organisers will be attending so they answer your questions, listen to your needs, and attend to any queries you have. We encourage all our communities to join this session as we are willing to help our multicultural communities to showcase, celebrate and be proud of their cultures. Applications for stage performances and stalls (food, art and craft) already open and available online, if you are interested in being a part of this vibrant festival event, please visit www.festivalofcultures.co.nz, alternatively please visit our office so we can help you to fill those forms and remember if you are MMC member you get a fee discount.

Partnership with Other Organisations

We are working in collaboration with City library, Te Manawa and sport Manawatu to deliver suitable programmes and projects that suits our communities and meet their needs. We are in the process to planning for school holidays, as we have so many ideas and applying for few projects which is under discussion at the moment so keep tuned, it's all happening and will keep you posted.

Our Members

As we are approaching a new year, we have delivered the programmes for this year, we will take the time to reflect and review what we have delivered and the outcomes, we love to hear your feedback and comments. It's useful for us to know what we did good so we keep doing it, what things that were not up to expectations so we put more effort to improve, or that we have to stop doing something, please let us know. Our email and Facebook pages always welcome your comments so keep it coming.

If you think you have some time that you can spare next year, we have an exciting and busy year ahead of us and we surely need volunteers to assist in delivering those projects, so if you think that you can do it, please talk to us, we will love to have you in our team

Some photos of November's events and functions

Diwali Celebration at IPU



Local History Week at MMC



10 anniversary celebration for Manawatu Malaysian society



From Christine's Desk



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 31st 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

Women's Group Programme

Are you a person who enjoys tasting new dishes, but doesn't like cooking. I think I can help you by inviting you to our Women's Group monthly programme.

Unfortunately Friday 2nd November was our final programme for the year 2018.

On the first Friday of the month we learn basic cooking. We have migrant experts that knows how to make a quick and easy meal without even using the stove!

On Friday 2nd of November the Women's Group enjoyed learning how to make "Sybil's Sweet" with the help of Anne Odogwu.

Anne shared the following recipe for you to try at home. I guarantee that you will not be disappointed!

Sybil's Sweet Recipe

- 1 packet gingernut biscuits, crushed
- 80 grams melted butter
- Juice of three lemons and grated rind of 2
- 1 300ml bottle of cream
- 1 can of condensed milk

Methods:

Break gingernut biscuits roughly and then place in an electric machine to crush. When crushed, combine with melted butter and spread on a serving dish.

Whip cream and add condensed milk, stir to combine, then add lemon juice and the lemon rind.

When mixed ,spread over the gingernut biscuit mixture. ENJOY!

Please note: The lemons must be **Lisbon lemons** because they are very sour and when added to the cream and condensed milk the mixture remains thick. Other lemons make the mixture more liquid.

Noorangi



From us to you and your family

May your Christmas be bright and sparkling, and your homes filled with joy, peace and happiness

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

From

Manawatu Multicultural Women's Group



Volunteer's Story

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Cindy and I was born in Viet Nam. I have lived in New Zealand for 4 years and have a degree in Finance from Massey University, Palmerston North.

I decided to come and study in New Zealand because of its stunning landscape with rolling mountains and greenish lakes. While living and studying in a new country is exciting, there are also numerous challenges for a student who speaks English as a second language, like myself.

Fortunately, a friend of mine had told me about the Manawatu Multicultural Council (MMC). After I settled into my new flat, I sent an email to Christine who gave me a prompt and kindly response. After that, I arranged to attend the morning tea which made me extremely impressed by the warm and welcoming attitude of all members at the MMC. That was fantastic first impression that I had with the MMC.

The MMC is always a supportive place when I need advice and it provides an abundant stream of information about the community. I have found that the MMC is an interesting place to exchange information with people from diverse backgrounds. Additionally, there are a wide variety of classes and programs which are being offered by the MMC. Particularly I have attended many activities such as: cooking classes, English classes, dance classes, women group and potluck dinners.

I completed my work at a Finance Company in Christchurch, and I relocated back to Palmerston North to live with my husband whom I met five months into my studies at Massey University. I revisited the MMC and realized that it is my chance to contribute back to the MMC where I teach English for beginners. Looking at the valuable support that the MMC has provided, it has genuinely played a significant part in our community.

I would like to thank all members of the MMC and the contributors who have supported and made great efforts in maintaining the diversity of cultures and a welcoming place for our community. Special thanks to Christine, Noorangi, Booranee, Angela and Meriam for being exceptionally supportive and inspiring people.

Ngā mihi,

Cindy



Benefits of Participating in MMC's Activities and Programme

- ⇒ Practice your English
- ⇒ Make new friends
- ⇒ Interacts with other migrants
- ⇒ Use your interpersonal skills
- ⇒ Work together with other community groups and organizations
- ⇒ Learn about New Zealand's customs and culture
- ⇒ Learn new skills and get to know your region
- ⇒ Engage with discussions on subjects that matters
- ⇒ Broaden your knowledge by knowing other migrants cultures



Upcoming sessions at the center

- **Centre Christmas Party 14th December 12—1pm:** Thank you to all our family and friends for your on going support, and please join us for our annual Christmas Party. Bring some festive food and a cheerful spirit along with your family and friends.
- **Fun Contemporary Women's Dance: Friday 7th December 1—2pm:** Wear comfortable clothing and join us for some dancing to relax by, and have lots of fun. Also meet new friends and explore our beautiful cultures, with dance tutor Tania Kopytko.

Local Week History at the MMC

On the 2nd of November the Manawatu Multicultural Council participated in the Local History week organized by the Palmerston North City Library. MMC, being 25 years old this year took the chance of opening the files to remember it's past.

It was also a day of honouring our founding members and teachers. Considering what our leaders had to go through to obtain funding and to start programmes for the Multicultural Communities, it was of great interest to everyone.

For 25 years our organization has helped many migrants and refugees settle here in Palmerston North and become involved with many different activities

To many migrants MMC has been a place to chat, to learn and to get to know more people. Our staff and our very dedicated volunteers have also been instrumental in helping people with employment.

Meriam Findlay




Ramon Herrera was the first MMC President
1994 –1995



Table display of 25 years of MMC history

Skilled Migrants and Chinese Association Poster.

Invitation



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION WITH NSMM AND SUPPORTERS

When: Thursday, 6 December 2018 at 6-7 pm
@ Sound & Vision area, City Library, Palmerston North

Key connections make the world go around! Come and celebrate NSMM's success in connecting skilled migrants with local business

Success stories and personal experiences of migrants and business owners

Networking in a relaxed atmosphere

Cultural performances: Egyptian Drum, Indian Dance and much more

Delicious food & Bingo prizes

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

Funded by Palmerston North City Council



Opening of the Manawatu Chinese Association New Kitchen

come and celebrate

THE OPENING of the NEW MCA KITCHEN, FUNCTION ROOMS and HALL UPGRADE

at MCA HALL, 98 NAPIER ROAD
on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th at 5pm

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afterwards, PLEASE JOIN
MCA / PNCS FOR A COMBINED
christmas potluck dinner

christmas ham, kiln-fired roast pork, chow mein, curry chicken,
rice, sausages will be provided **please bring a plate to supplement this**

What's on in Palmerston North

With the school Christmas Holiday's coming up,
Here are a few things that you might be interested in

Christmas Parade: Sunday 2nd 12pm to 4 pm.

In the Square from 2 pm over 60 decorated floats will drive slowly round the Square.

The Great Christmas Run/walk: Wednesday the 5th of December

Come at 6.30pm and see well known people all dressed up as Father Christmas! for this **Fund Raising Event** round the Square.

Christmas in the Square: On Saturday the 15th of December from 4.45pm to 9.15pm **Free To All** Community concert . Children's activities- prizes- giveaways. Night Market and Food Trucks. Well known entertainers Roger Fox Big Band, Erna Ferry, Ray Woolf, Amy McKenna and many more. **Bring a chair or blanket!**

Esplanade Train: Saturday the 15th and Sunday the 16th of December from 12md to 4 pm, 3.8 km of bush clad track in the Victoria Esplanade \$3 for a special Christmas Journey with Father and Mother Christmas ! Ask at i site for all other running times

Te Manawa: On Main Street Santa's Cave is now open for all ages, not just children. With a display of moveable puppets, some being 100 years old, a real Father Christmas and a roundabout.

It's a place of wonder for all. Then how about staying and spending time in the FREE Museum and Art Gallery and amazing Rugby Museum.

For additional activities take a leaflet from the Library or go to the i site on the Square.

NZ Army Band in The Square: Tuesday 4th December 12.00—1pm.

The band will perform a wide range of music including swing, jazz, pop and rock.

Unity Singers – Carols at the Cathedral of the Holy Sprit, Broadway Ave: Tuesday 4th December 7pm. An evening of Christmas Carol, old and new, and from all over the world.

Bring an item of non-perishable food for the foodbank or a donation.

Festival of Cultures information session:



Manawatu
Multicultural Council Inc.

Where : Palmerston North City Library -Ground Floor

When : Friday 7 December 5.30 pm -7.30 pm

Refreshments and light snacks will be provided



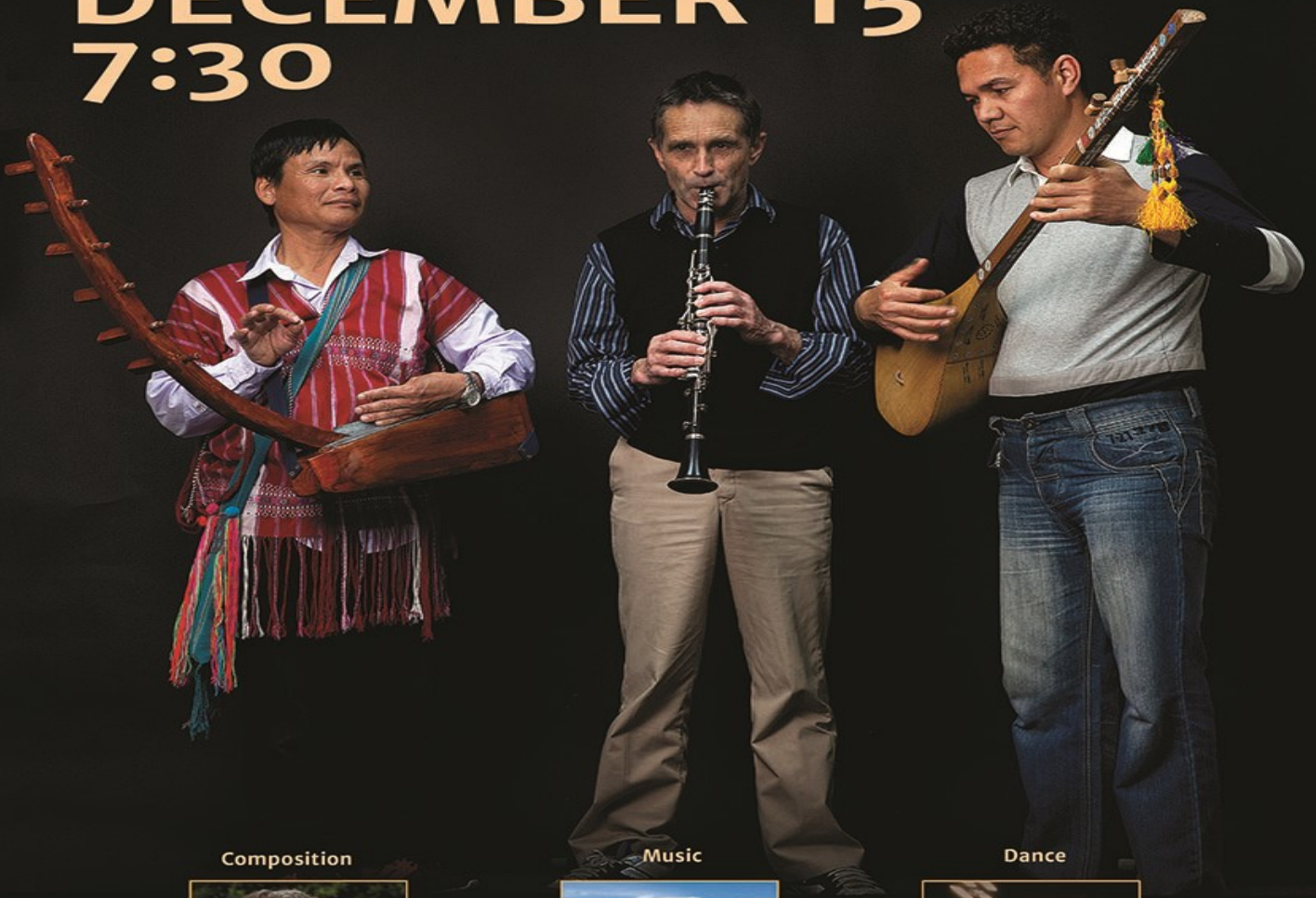
Palmerston North's week-long Festival of Cultures 2019 is coming your way, 16-23 March 2019

Registrations are now open for cultural stage performances ,food ,art and craft stalls

Manawatu Multicultural Council hosting an open information session as to support our Multicultural communities for FOC , it will be attended by event organisers and the City Council representatives. This is a good opportunity for our members and multicultural communities to express any concerns, requirements, improvements and share your previous experience and what you like to see in this year's event

Please come along and encourage your communities to join in too

SOUNDS TOGETHER GLOBE THEATRE DECEMBER 15 7:30



Composition



Music



Dance



Pa Kye Nay Chris Dann Mohammad Akbary
Graham Parsons Trio Bella Namita Pradhan

it's an artistic collaboration



All Centre activities will be finished on Friday the 14th of December 2018.

They will resume on Tuesday the 22nd of January 2019

We wish you all a very happy holiday and a Happy New Year

