



Manawatu
Multicultural Council Inc.

**"We celebrate, support & connect
multicultural communities in the
Manawatu"**

MMC Newsletter

Te Kaunihera Ahumahi Manawatu

January 2021

President's Message



Warmest Greetings and Happy New Year for 2021

I hope everyone has had a good Christmas and New Year and enjoyed the holiday season.

Last year we had an unpredictable ride through the pandemic and experienced many more difficulties that made living life hard for people across the globe.

Those events have provided telling lessons and reminders, for us all to take into 2021.

As we enter the new year let us all be positive and cheery, with strong spirits and aspirations for the future. Let us all embrace the new year with much needed hope and happiness.

Nina Kirschbaum, President, MMC.

Round up for 2020

At the end of the year MMC participated with a stall in the Farnham Park Xmas celebration, a beautiful float in the Xmas parade, a very successful women's resilience workshop on Dec 8th with another happening in March and finished with a very successful Christmas potluck. We conducted extensive planning and partnership discussions so that 2021 will provide an exciting and important programme.

Condolences

Sadly we received the news in December that we lost Hellen Whitten, past Secretary of MMC for over ten years and Seema Sagger the wife of Surinder Sagger who was one of our past Presidents of MMC. Our deepest condolences go to the families.

Coming up in 2021

MMC has a great line up of activities for this year and is supporting many great events. This is what is coming up soon – put the dates in your diaries

Ethkick 2021 - Saturday 20th Feb see <https://www.facebook.com/events/599558770999786>

Registrations are still open with Sport Manawatu <https://www.sportmanawatu.org.nz/event/ethkick-2021/>

Teas and Coffees of the World

Thursday 25th February at Caccia Birch, 130 Te Awe Awe St, Hokowhitu, 5pm - 8pm.

Register now - registrations close 10 February. <https://www.facebook.com/events/740464103556450>

The Registration Form and Information Sheet are available from MMC office and on the MMC facebook.

Email info@mmcnz.org.nz phone 06 3581572

Festival of Cultures Lantern Parade

Friday 26 February from 7pm in the Square. This event is a real collaborative group effort for the community, see <https://www.facebook.com/events/677013776314405>

The Parade of Cultures

Is in Festival of Cultures Saturday 27 Feb. 2pm meet at the I Site in the Square. **The parade starts at 3pm.**

We walk around the square, led by musicians – Great fun and all welcome.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/453705295808618> .

Register your group or family with MMC by 22 Feb. Everyone is welcome. Contact info@mmcnz.org.nz phone [06 3581572](tel:063581572)

Women's Health and Wellbeing Workshop.

This workshop will be held in the last week of March, date yet to be confirmed.

For further information contact info@mmcnz.org.nz phone [06 3581572](tel:063581572)

MMC Membership

Are you or your group a member of MMC? If you would like to become a member and take part in or support all our activities and services then contact info@mmcnz.nz phone [06 358 1572](tel:063581572)

The Allan Young Scholarship 2021

The Allan Young Scholarship 2021 is now open and applications will close on 26th February 2021.

This academic scholarship of \$1500 each year, is for 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 explaining why you deserve the financial assistance.

Don't miss this great opportunity for a deserving member of your community.

Please send application to Allan : allanyoung8@gmail.com.

Community Festival & Celebrations

A great family outing on Saturday 13th February in The Square, Te Marae o Hine.

Celebrate the Lunar New Year-The Year of the Ox. There will be lots of fantastic range of activities, crafts, performances, food stalls and lantern making and much, much more

Come and join us there!



February 2021 - Potluck Dinner



RIMA

Refugee, Internally displaced persons,
Migrant and Asylum Seeker



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RIMA x MMC Potluck Dinner

Date: 24 February 2021

Time: 17:30 – 19:30

Venue: THINK Hauora, 200 Broadway Palmerston North

RSVP by 22th February to Febry Suharto
by text 0212249138 or email febry.suharto@thinkhauora.nz



Regular Events

SESSIONS & CLASSES

English conversation classes

Beginners: Tues, Thursday from 10am-12noon
Advanced: Monday to Thursday from 1pm-3pm

Outdoor English Conversation

Every Friday from 1-3pm at the Esplanade

Sharing Art Culture

Wednesday 10am - 11.30am at the Centre.

Basic cooking classes

Every second Friday of the month, from 12-1pm at the Centre.

Potluck dinner

Last Friday of the month, 6pm-8pm at the Centre

To get updates on our activities, visit and like our Facebook page or email us on info@mmcnz.org.nz to receive notifications

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