



Manawatu
Multicultural Council Inc.

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

ETHNIGRAM

MMC Newsletter

Te Kaunihera Ahumahi Manawatu

March 2023

ALLAN YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to the Allan Young Academic Scholarship recipients 2023!

All the very best in your studies and bright futures.

SOMAYYEH GHAFFARI
\$1,000

FABIOLA JUNGLES
\$500

UPCOMING EVENTS

World on Stage

Applications are still open for those who want to participate on World on Stage 2023 this coming 3th of June.

We invite you to register to participate by scanning the QR code below.



Join the fun!

WORLD ON STAGE

2023

30 JUN | THE REGENT BROADWAY | 7 PM

REGISTER NOW

Please submit by 14 April 2023 to:

info@mmcnz.org.nz

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nina Kirschbaum

Warmest greetings to you all!

I can't believe it is almost the end of the year and a few months since our last newsletter! There is a lot happening but one thing for sure is that MMC continues on its mission of leading, supporting, and celebrating multiculturalism through participation and advocacy.

Since MMC's classes and activities resumed, our staff and the Board have also been busy attending or helping to organise community events. When we attend these events and see our communities celebrating and retaining their cultural traditions and festivals with such energy and pure enjoyment, it brings about the enormous sense of well-being that comes through social connectedness, which we have surely missed during the pandemic.

As the pandemic continues to impact our lives, we have continued to innovate and become increasingly comfortable with some of the changes. We have continued to work with community leaders, members, partners, clients, funders, and volunteers to offer services that benefit ethnic and wider communities.

As I look back on the past months, I want to take the opportunity to share and highlight some accomplishments. MMC has been granted a provisional level 3 Social Service Accreditation, and MMC has received a "Better Outcomes Award" Te Tohu mō ngā Hua E Pai Ake Ana from the Public Service Commissioner for the works our Community Connectors and Navigators are doing; providing outreach support, and expanding to help meet basic needs to our communities.

We reflect and understand the communities and cultures we serve and recognize that outreach and collaboration build trust in multicultural societies.

I'm filled with pride as I look forward to the continued accomplishments of our member organisations. On behalf of the MMC, I'd like to acknowledge and thank the work, dedication, and commitment of the MMC Board, staff, volunteers, and stakeholders. And we thank our funders, whose continued support through MMC has ensured we saw minimal disruptions in delivering programs and services.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season.

ETHKICK

It was a successful event on February starting the event with the annual Ethkick Football Tournament was held at the Central Energy Trust Arena, Palmerston North on Saturday 18th of February 2023. The celebration of cultural diversity and community involvement.

The tournament was opened with the speeches from the MP Tangi Utikere, Councillor Rachel Bowen, Councillor Lorna Johnson, Councilor Orphee Mickalad, Councilor Kaydee Zabelin and from the organisers followed by the New Zealand National Anthem. Kicking off at 9a.m. We are pleased to point out that this is the biggest ethnic football tournament ever within New Zealand, and continues to increase in size each year. The teams came from different cultural diversity in Manawatu District of all ages.

The winning teams in the different categories were as follows:
BOWL: won by
PLATE: Won by
CUP: Won by



TEAS AND COFFEES OF THE WORLD

FESTIVAL OF CULTURES 2023

We want to thank the previous presidents of MMC for being part of the 30th Anniversary Celebration of Manawatu Multicultural Council at the Festival of Cultures last Saturday at The Square.

A huge thank you to our Mayor Grant Smith, MP Tangi Utikere, councilors, and ambassadors who attended to witness this celebration.

And also, we would like to thank all the Volunteers of MMC and PNCC team for making this a successful event!

Thank you to all the fantastic performers and Ethnic Community groups who participated in the Festival of Cultures and Cultural dress parade!



LANTERN PARADE

Another fantastic night last Friday at The Square for the Lantern Parade Event.

Thank you to all the volunteers, MMC, and the PNCC team for making this fantastic night possible!

And a huge thank you to all the people who came and joined us to this magnificent event.

Thank you to the NSMM, UCOL, Pasifika, and Vietnamese community for participating in making the different types of lanterns from scratch and parading them, and thank you to all the fantastic performers who performed on Friday night.

RACE RELATION DAY



Race Relations day is an event that provides an opportunity for all communities to come together, learn from each other, share, celebrate and enjoy the richness of shared cultural experiences. It was a successful event on the 20th of March. Thank you to all who joined us and brought a dish to share. It was great to see the communities come together, learn from each other, share, celebrate, and enjoy the richness of shared cultural experiences.

We would like to thank the following:

- Thank you for the attendance of Palmy's MP Tangi Utikere, Deputy Mayor Debi Marshall-Lobb, Councillor Lorna Johnson, and the Ministry for ethnic communities, Arthur Chin
- Thank you to English Language Partners Palmerston North and ETC English Teaching College for your waiata and speeches, to Todd Taiepa for doing the opening karakia, and to Karen Community for their performance.
- Thank you to Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science & Heritage for providing the venue.
- Thank you to Justin Ngai, our MC for the day.
- Also, Thank you to all our volunteers, MMC's team, and Palmerston North City Council's team
- And a big thank you to all the ethnic communities who joined us.



MMC ANNUAL DINNER

Last December, MMC had the Annual dinner which was

It was a great evening at our annual dinner on December 20

With the Mayor, Grant Smith, Deputy Mayor Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mayoress Michelle Smith, and elected Councillors of Palmerston North, Lorna Johnson Councillor Brent Barrett Cr Rachel Bowen Councillor Kaydee Zabelin Karen Naylor Orphée Mickalad William Wood Palmerston North City Lew Findlay and Pat Handcock.

Thanks to all our sponsors, stakeholders, and members of our multicultural community who joined us.

Congratulations to our valued volunteers who were recognized

Shubangi - English Conversation Tutor

Rita Lakhani - Yoga Tutor

Kathleen Stephen - English and Swing and winners of our raffle draw.



MMC CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

MMC classes are Free to everyone. You do not have to hold a resident visa to attend our classes.

We have English Conversation/ Grammar classes, Yoga, Arts and crafts, Sewing, Computing, Monthly cooking demonstration.

Our classes depends on MMC's volunteers. We are fortunate to have a valued volunteers like Shubangi, Kathleen, Kate and Grey who have been with MMC for a number of years now. They are a few of the volunteer teachers here at MMC.



WHATS ON AT MMC

Mondays:

English Conversation - 1pm

Tuesdays:

Computing Class- 10:00am

Wednesdays:

English Conversation - 10am

Yoga - 12.30pm

English Conversation - 2 pm

Thursdays:

Sharing Arts Culture - 10am

English Conversation - 1pm

Fridays:

Sewing and Craft - 10:00am

English Conversation in the Park - 1pm

Monthly:

Cooking Demonstration - any Friday of each Month

Potluck Dinner- every last Friday of each month

All our classes here at MMC depend on the availability of the Volunteer teachers

WHY JOIN MMC?

- To practice your English in a safe and friendly environment
- To interact with other people and make new friends
- To get information and build networks and connections
- To share, learn and celebrate each other's culture
- To learn about New Zealand culture and customs.
- To work together with other community groups and organisations

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- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
- Ethnic Community Development Fund
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- NZ Federation of Multicultural Council
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