



**Multicultural Council of  
Wellington**

# Annual Report 2013 -2014

**Love - Peace -Unity**

## Our Motto

“Working together, Wining together and Creating Fellowship amongst communities in Wellington on that Journey”

## Our Strategy Goals

1. Purposeful Community Engagement,
2. Capacity Building in emerging communities
3. Leading a Treaty based approach to Multiculturalism in Wellington communities
4. Promoting evidence based Advocacy

## Our Objectives

1. Pre-establish MCCW administrative office to coordinate activities effectively and efficiently
2. Build MCCW membership
3. Networking with other Regional Multicultural Council and local agencies
4. Work closely with NZFMC on strategic initiatives
5. Encourage youth leadership in MCCW
6. Succession planning

## Project for 2013 - 2014

1. Multicultural networking night held during August 2013
2. Poneke Multicultural Rugby festival in collaboration with other regional Multicultural Council – September 2013
3. Refugee safety and wellbeing day – October 2013 held in porirua
4. Supported Treaty of Waitangi celebration with Wellington City Council
5. Multicultural Forum - March 2014 Collaborated with Wellington City Council
6. Fellowship Night

# MCCW Executives



President	Raveen Annamalai
Vice President	Samson Sahele
Secretary	Sudarshan Saideler
Treasurer	Lonie Martin
Executive Committee	Prem Singh



# President's Report

Kia Ora & Greetings,

What a journey it has been as a president of this vibrant and exciting council. It has been a defining moment for all involved and for me to Share the great experiences working together. Within such a short span of time the council's achievement was phenomenal that has further augmented our position in the coolest capital, Wellington. The council's pivotal role has always been as the ideal avenue for every migrant community to connect and secure help in settling and interacting with other diverse communities that make up this colourful and unique city.

Through various networking programmes, capacity building, fellowship and community events we have connected the new with the seasoned and different communities all under one roof. Armed with the right attitude and aptitude, we continue to inform, educate and reach out to our members and the wider community about the value and richness of diversity within our community and how migrants are an integral part of and contribute positively towards the local community.

So what does the future hold? As an eternal optimist, I believe this is just the beginning. Despite the continuous success in recent times, we are not resting on our laurels. We continue to innovate and create opportunities for all, raising the bar as "One Family, One Nation". The aim is to finally see unity in diversity.

I wish to thank our loyal and tireless executive team, stakeholders, funders and members for their contribution, commitment and support throughout the year. Without whom this council would not have achieved as much as it did.

Raveen Annamalai  
President



**MCCW Patron Key**

# Message

“Multicultural Council of Wellington is well positioned to be at the forefront of supporting the capital city’s programmes and projects to develop inclusiveness, openness and tolerance among its diverse communities, celebrate, learn, respect and encourage each other’s uniqueness, religious beliefs, traditions, cultures, festivals and languages. These are where we are all interconnected. Underlying the MCCW’s mandate and mission would be its caring and sharing community spirit which must continue to be translated in practical measures. Furthermore, in unity of mind and purpose with other Multicultural Councils in Aotearoa and the New Zealand Federation of Multicultural Councils, the MCCW equally has a vital role to play in moving forward the Treaty-Based multicultural future of New Zealand. There is a Maori saying which aptly states, “Tuitui Tangata, Tuitui Korowai (Bringing people together is like weaving a korowai cloak, a symbol of mana and respect. It takes valuable time and great skill in weaving it, just like building enduring and harmonious relationships.). Our futures are inextricably woven together.”

Excerpt from her speech at Multicultural Council of Wellington monthly meeting



# Capacity Building Guest Speakers



John Alan



Adrienne  
Jansen



Yusuf  
Kalid



Moses  
Ariama



Gergory Fontaine

## Projects and Events



Multicultural Rugby Festival



Multicultural Forum



Ian's farewell



# Fellowship Evening at Philippines Ambassador's resident



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# Key Supporters

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# Funders

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# Future projects

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## Future projects for 2014 - 2015

1. Multicultural peace walk on world peace Day in September 2014
2. Celebrating Waitangi day collaborating with Wellington city council and other potential NGO's at the Marae in Wellington
3. Health and Wellbeing day in March 2015 in conjunction with Race relations day
4. Multicultural forum – working with WCC
5. Art Competition for children
6. Business Luncheon Series
7. Multicultural food festival in March 2015
8. International Multicultural Convention 2016