



Annual Report 2014-2015

Multicultural Council
of Wellington



Leadership

Capacity Building

Engagement

Service

Collaboration



Our Heartfelt Thanks
& Appreciation For
Your Valuable Support





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Multicultural Council of Wellington

Community Membership:

Refugees Links

African Students Organisation

Armenian Association

Bharat Samaj Association

Educate Thai Group

Hiyas Wellington Cultural Group

Indonesian Association

MIA Latin Group

NZ Malaysian Society

Wellington Mutamizh Sangam

NZ Sri Lanka Friendship

PRSEAWA

Sikh Society

Somali Community of Wellington

United Sri Lankan Association

Wellington Hindu Society

Wellington Indian Association

Wellington Jewish Council

Wellington Somali Council

Wellington Tamil Society



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President's Report

Multicultural Council Wellington Annual Report – July 2014 to May 2015

President's message



It is my pleasure to present my annual report from July 2014 to June 2015. My humble self kept the council's motto "Working Together, Winning Together" near to my heart, grasping it tightly and positively executing the action plan to promote MCW as a vibrant organization.

The cooperation of my executives and members is highly appreciated and the team's unity and pragmatic approach has been a crucial model to our current success. We are more visible and recognized than ever before.

By being actively involved in strong engagement and promoting the council's activities, we have strengthened our relationship with various Government departments and NGOs in Wellington. Through this collaboration we have restored great confidence with our partners and as a result we have appointed a Relationship Manager to boost the reputation of the council and to better serve the wider community.

With the new strategic plan established for 2015 – 2018, we are looking forward to achieving our key goals of leadership, capacity, engagement and services. We are excited about the ways we are planning for the council to lead the engagement with all communities to improve the economic and social well-being of Wellington over the next three years.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the many wonderful people including my Executive, council members and partners who have enthusiastically supported and assisted the council in achieving its current success.

I will humbly continue to champion our mission and future endeavors and I would like to wish all our members and partners the very best as we continue our great work to foster Unity, Peace & Love.

Patron's Message



It is a distinct honour and privilege to be part of the mission and vision of the Multicultural Council of Wellington (MCCW) as it brings us all together with our varying roles, responsibilities and cultures. These constitute the rich and unifying strands of an inclusive and thriving society of New Zealand. Living together peacefully in Aotearoa where the relations and contributions of different migrants and ethnic groups are acknowledged as they make the most of opportunities, work and way of life here and as they connect themselves with the local communities capture the true essence of New Zealand's story of an independent, peaceful, peace-loving, small and rules-based country with a shared future among its culturally rich, unique and diverse people. This brings to mind one of my favourite enduring Maori saying: "He aha te mea nui te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!" (What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!).

OECD data revealed that New Zealand is among the most ethnically diverse country in this grouping with more than 200 ethnicities and over 100 languages spoken. The country, Philippines and region, Southeast Asia where I come from also exhibit multiculturalism arising from waves of migration across centuries, coming of different religions, arrival of populations from various countries, legacy of colonial influences and influx of modern day migration and movement of people across boundaries. In the Philippines composed of 7,107 islands, there 171 spoken languages and there are seven major ethnic groups and many minority groups and indigenous tribes that make up our diverse population and different cultures. A representative sampling of the creativity, artistry and variety of Filipino culture, traditions and way of life can be seen from the nearly 45,000 Filipinos who compose 1% of New Zealand's population and continue to be highly acknowledged and appreciated for their positive work ethic, vital contributions to national development both in the Philippines and New Zealand and ability to connect and integrate with local communities. They continue to animate churches, enliven festivals, be active participants in multicultural and women development and empowerment activities and key contributors to the people-based close relationship we enjoy with New Zealand.

As always, I commend the Multicultural Council of Wellington headed by Mr. Ravindran Annamalai and its officers and members who are well positioned to be at the forefront of supporting the capital city's programmes and projects to develop unity, 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 in close collaboration with relevant agencies, institutions and organizations in 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, authority and respect. It takes valuable time and great skill in weaving it, just like building enduring and harmonious relationships.). There is a lot that MCCW has done from its inception and our united spirit and collective goal of contributing to an inclusive and multicultural society in our part of the world remain in our hearts and very much alive in our communities and daily lives.

Kia Kaha. GOD BLESS US ALL!

VIRGINIA H. BENAVIDEZ

Ambassador

Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines
Wellington

Multicultural Council of Wellington Incorporated

Statement of Financial Performance as at 31 March 2015

INCOME	2014/2015 \$	2013/2014 \$
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GENERAL

Subscription	387.50	450.00
Donations	1,820.00	
Bank Interest	54,05.00	53.62
Sub Total	2,261.55	503.62

EVENTS/FUNCTION

NZFMC	52.00	
Networking		846.00

Total Income	2,313.55	1,349.62
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EXPENSES

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Meeting Expenses NZFMC	454.75	1,005.00
PO Box NZ Post	185.00	
Annual General Meeting (MCW)	474.00	
Dues/Subscription		300.00
Gifts	100.00	
Facebook Administration	555.05	
Health Well-being Forum	150.00	
Printing	180.00	
Website	125.00	140.00
Networking		328.48
Functions		100.00
Misc		528.92

Total Expenses	2,223.80	2,402.40
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Net Profit (Loss for the year)	89.75	(1,052.78)
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Raveen Annamalai
President

Lonie Martin
Treasurer

Multicultural Council of Wellington Incorporated

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2015

	2014/2015 \$	2013/2014 \$
ASSETS		
BANK		
BNZ BANK	443.38	405.87
BNZ TERM DEPOSIT	2,672.04	2,619.88
BNZ 02 ACCOUNT	28.82.04	28.74
	3,144.24	3,054.49
LIABILITIES		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Member Funds	3,054.49	4,107.27
Surplus/Deficit for the year	89.75	(1,052.78)
Total Equity	3,144.24	3,054.49

Raveen Annamalai
President

Lonie Martin
Treasurer

Highlights 2014 – 2015



Guest Speakers

At our monthly meetings we have had a number of excellent speakers who have inspired and encouraged our members with a variety of topics. Some spoke on capacity building and leadership that was very beneficial. Such speakers have brought a new dimension to the council covering many important topics. We look forward to inviting more speakers this coming year to further assist the council to achieve its goals.



Health and Wellbeing Seminar



A group of women gathered to discuss health and well being which is so important to our community groups. A number of issues were discussed including family violence, health issues, bullying and fulfilling the potential of women in our communities



A project coordinated by Lonie Martin

ANZAC DAY

This was the first time we have had the pleasure of hosting this event. There was a wonderful turnout that filled the venue in Porirua to capacity with many different communities in attendance. We were very fortunate to host this event in conjunction with the 100 year Gallipoli Anniversary. We had a fantastic band and special entertainment by community members. We are looking forward to continuing this event annually.



A Project coordinated by
Raveen Annamalai

Celebrating Partnership



A distinguished group of our key stakeholders gathered at the Philippine Ambassador's residence recognising our key partnerships and developing relationships for the future. It was a special evening, beautifully hosted by Her Excellency Virginia H. Benavidez, with much fun and delicious culinary delights. This was a memorable event for so many of our key stakeholders to be able to attend.



Quiz Night

This was a fantastic social get together with more than seventy people in attendance at the Four Kings in Wellington. This was the first time the council has organised such a fun social event that tested our general knowledge and IQ. It was a wonderful gathering filled with fun and joy and we look forward to more opportunities for our communities to gather together with such social events.



A Project coordinated by Puru Sakthivel



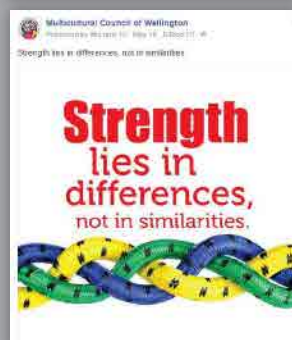
Other Networking Events

As your President, I have had the pleasure of attending a number of events representing the Council and developing relationships with partners around Wellington. This enables us to better achieve our goals for the future as we create a synergy with other organisations in our city.



New Facebook Fan Page Highlights

The Multicultural Council of Wellington launched its Facebook page in January. This is a wonderful way for us to connect with our wider community and we have received overwhelming support and interest with our fans. Please follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/MCWWellingtonNZ>



Facebook page manage by
Smart Business Consultancy NZ Ltd.,

Celebration with Radio Access

Did you know ?

The Multicultural Council of Wellington now collaborates with Wellington Radio Access for the first time to identify new migrants for an exclusive interview.

We would love to hear from community organisations to introduce potential candidates to share their good stories.

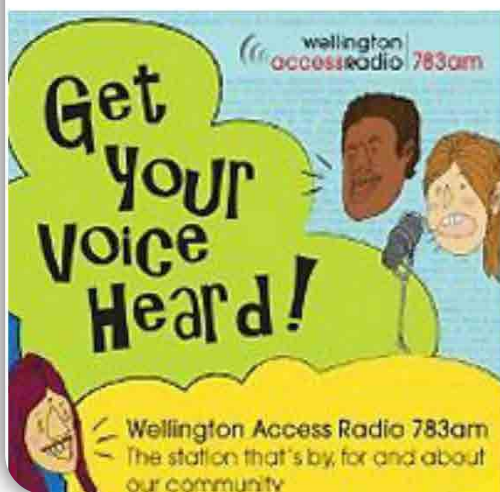
For further details email president@mccwellington.org.nz

**Multicultural Council of Wellington
and
Wellington Access Radio present:**

Multicultural Wellington

Saturdays 5-6pm

783am and accessradio.org.nz



Strategic Plan 2015 – 2018



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Our Future Vision For Wellington

The goal of the Multicultural Council of Wellington is to engage with all people to improve the economic and social well-being of Wellington. Accordingly, we will enable ethnic communities to fully engage with, and add value to Towards 2040: Smart Capital, Wellington City Council's strategic plan for Wellington. The following outlines how the Multicultural Council of Wellington will contribute to the success of this plan.

A People-Centred City

Wellington's people are our city's greatest asset. The Multicultural Council of Wellington will enable people from ethnic communities to fulfill their potential and fully contribute to Wellington being a healthy, vibrant, affordable and resilient city, with a strong sense of identity and place.

The Council will assist people of different cultures and beliefs to live safely and in harmony, and enable all cultures to be valued, integrated and celebrated in our city's everyday life and business.

The Council will support new migrants to be welcomed and establish Wellington as home. We will develop a well connected, competent and engaged ethnic leadership. We will enable women to fully participate in society and employment, and encourage a skilled, successful and innovative ethnic workforce to contribute to the economic well-being of our city.

A Connected City

The Multicultural Council of Wellington will enable our city to develop cultural and economic ties nationally and globally. Ethnic communities will connect dynamic leaders from many different fields to contribute to the innovative development of our city.

A Dynamic Central City

The Multicultural Council of Wellington will enable ethnic communities to contribute to the central city being a place of creativity, exploration and innovation. Their cultural, economic and culinary contribution will make the central city a vibrant and creative place, offering the lifestyle, entertainment and amenities of larger global cities.



Multicultural Council of Wellington

Strategic Plan 2015 - 2018

The Multicultural Council of Wellington empowers ethnic communities to fulfill their potential and contribute to the improved economic and social well-being of Wellington.



Key supporters



Future Projects for 2015 - 2018

1. Multicultural Forum
2. Business Luncheon Series
3. Multicultural Food Festival
4. Multicultural Community Awards Night
5. Festive Season's Celebration
6. International Multicultural Convention
7. Health and Wellbeing Seminar
8. Promoting The White Ribbon Campaign



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Multicultural Council of Wellington



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