

*Multicultural Council of Wellington*

# *Our Future Vision*



**Leadership**

**Capacity Building**

**Engagement**

**Service**

**Collaboration**



# 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

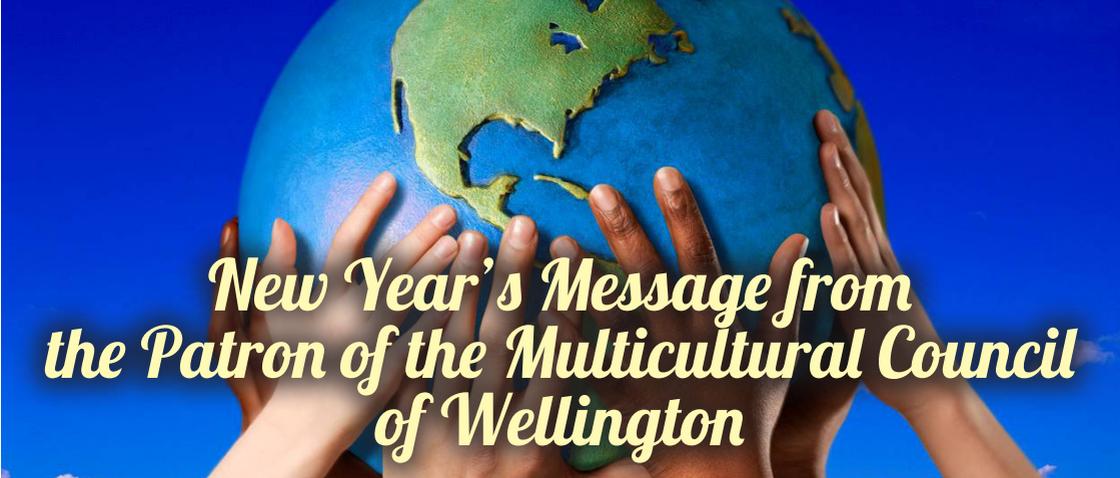
innovative ethnic workforce to contribute to the economic well-being of our city.

## **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.



# *New Year's Message from the Patron of the Multicultural Council of Wellington*



*It has been almost a year since I became patron of the Multicultural Council of Wellington. It has been a real honour for me.*

During this time, I have had the opportunity to experience Wellington's cultural diversity, and to share in the richness of the multicultural community here. More importantly, I hope I have played a meaningful role, coming from a multi-racial Singapore, and of which I am a member of the Eurasian community, one of mixed European and Asian ancestry.

Over the course of the year, we will be celebrating many cultural festivals. For example, there are the Lantern Festival to celebrate the Lunar New Year and the Diwali Festival of Lights. We also celebrate Eid ul-Fitr, the end of Ramadan for our Muslim friends.

Celebrating cultures and traditions allow us to have a better understanding of the different communities around us. This makes for a multi-racial society which is inclusive and all-embracing.

I look forward to being part of the Multicultural Council of Wellington as they continue to collaborate closely with their partners from the government and non-government sectors to enhance inter-cultural exchanges. I am confident their good work to help strengthen the understanding and friendship between the different races and cultures, will make New Zealand a cosmopolitan and vibrant society, and a place where all can call home. I wish the Council every success in its future endeavours.

**H.E. Bernard Baker**

*Republic of Singapore High  
Commissioner to New Zealand*



***Kia Ora and Happy  
New Year.***

What a journey it has been since 2013 as a president of Wellington Multicultural Council - It has been a defining

moment for all involved and specially for me, the journey leading the Council has helped to enhance my leadership capacity working in collaboration and in partnership with various community groups, members of the Executive, diplomatic corp and Government officials - we have shared positive experiences together in the past years.

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!).

Within such a short span of time, my team and the council have achieved many positive outcomes that have further augmented our position in the coolest capital, Wellington.

The council's focus has always been to position itself as the ideal platform for every migrant community to connect, participate and be supported in their settlement pathway.

To help to facilitate easy interaction and integration among various diverse communities that make up our city colourful and unique. Armed with the right attitude and aptitude it's my firm believe we will reach to the highest altitude by focusing our 2013 - 2018 strategic plan. I am proud of what the Council has achieved in the past 3 years and wish to continue the great work with the hard working executives on board. As an eternal optimist, we are not resting on our laurels. Our journey will continue to innovate and create opportunities for all with the aim to achieve Unity in diversity and endorse Aotearoa as a multicultural nation.

I wish to thank our loyal and tireless executive team, community members and key partners for their contributions, commitment and support in recent years. I wish and pray that the spirit continues to unite all with LOVE & PEACE. It is my distinct honour and privilege to be part of the vision of Multicultural Council of Wellington (MCW) that brings us all together with our varying roles, responsibilities and cultures to strengthen our coolest little capital positively.

All the best wishes for 2017.

**Raveen Annamalai**

***President – Multicultural Council  
of Wellington***



# Multicultural Council of Wellington On Going Projects

## Celebrating Diversity

**Purpose:** This project is part of an initiative by The Royal New Zealand Police College & Multicultural Council of Wellington to enable all communities to have trust and confidence in Police and to build the capability and knowledge of Police about the diverse communities they serve.

The initiatives commenced in July 2016 with representatives from African communities visiting the college. Celebrating Diversity will continue every eight weeks with Community groups visiting the College and share a meal with Police. They will also engage with the Police about who they are as a community and what is important to them.

**Working Partners:** NZ Police & Multicultural New Zealand

**Timeframe:** Every 8 weeks at the Police College, Wellington

**Next Event:** 1st March 2017

**Outcomes:** In this way, we bring Police and our communities together to learn from and about each other over a meal.

## Youth Student Exchange Program

**Purpose:** The primary purpose is to introduce International students specially coming Aotearoa/NZ on exchange program, to colleges in the Wellington region, and will be connected and supported by number of activities and events. This project will be jointly coordinated by our Key partners and collaborating closely with 10 nominated colleges as initial start with the intentions to share, promote and create awareness to understand Aotearoa positively. Also, a story to share about New Zealand when the students get back to their respective country upon completing the short-term program and experiences in New Zealand.

**Outcomes:** Exchange Students gets connected with other college students through joint activities that would enhance the student's confidence and attitude to choose New Zealand for their future educations.

# Projects/Events



## Chinese New Year Celebration

**Purpose:** To have an inclusive society, understanding, respecting and acknowledging all traditions and cultures through celebrations that develops a vibrant and diverse nation.

**Date:** 16 February 2017

**Collaboration:** Multicultural New Zealand, Wellington Chinese Communities & Associations. NZ Police (Wellington Central District & Royal NZ Police College)

**Outcomes:** Festive celebrations are part of our 3 years' strategic plan. Creating awareness and bringing people of different communities for a noble course which creates better understandings and exchanges cultural values to foster LOVE, UNITY and PEACE.

## MCW Monthly Meeting

Every second Tuesday monthly

## Interfaith Dialogue Sessions

Every second Thursday monthly

## Monthly Youth Meetings

Every first Thursday monthly

## MCW/ Radio Access Program

Radio Programme -

Every Third Saturday Monthly



## Race Relation Day

**Purpose:** An annual event supporting the Human Rights Commission at National level celebrations organised in Wellington.

**Event Components:** Multicultural Festival & Food Fiesta

**Date:** 23 April, Shed 6

**Collaboration:** NZ Police, Multicultural New Zealand, Wellington City Council, Human Rights Commission, Ministry of Social Development, Office of Ethnic Communities and Other NGO's.

**Theme:** What do stand for? What do we stand against? - *Koinā tātou: He aha ka tautokona e tātou? He aha ka whakahēngia?*

**Outcomes:** Supports and acknowledges the Race Relation Day collaborations with our key partners to celebrate the rich diversity of New Zealand at national level and the launch of "THATUS" by Human Rights Commission.



## Matariki Festival

**Purpose:** To build a strong relationship with Tangata Whenua and sharing the strength of multiculturalism through festive gathering. An opportunity to understand the Maori cultural Values

**Date:** 20 May, 2017 Pipitea Marae

**Collaboration:** Multicultural New Zealand, Wellington City Council, Pipitea Marae

**Outcomes:** Festive celebrations are part of our 3 years' strategic plan. Creating awareness and bringing people of different community for a noble course creates better understandings and exchanges cultural values to foster LOVE, UNITY and PEACE.



## ID Celebration

**Purpose:** To have an inclusive society, understanding, respecting and acknowledging all traditions and cultures to develop a strong diverse nation.

**Date:** June 2017, Police College

**Collaboration:** Multicultural New Zealand, Wellington City Council, Islamic Council, NZ Police

**Outcomes:** Festive celebrations are part of our 3 years' strategic plan. Creating awareness and bringing people of different community for a noble course creates better understandings and exchanges cultural values to foster LOVE, UNITY and PEACE.



## Multicultural Forum

**Purpose:** To enhance capacity building and leadership drive through dialogue and positive discussions.

**Date:** 10 June 2017, Johnsonville community centre

**Collaboration:** Multicultural New Zealand, Wellington City Council, OEC, NZ Police

**Outcomes:** The Multicultural Forum adds real value by inviting prominent speakers to share their knowledge and expertise with wider community on social issues and engaging the audience with proactive discussions. To analyse the details and feedbacks of the forum to guide our community to thrive for excellence.

## Volunteer's Week Celebration

**Purpose:** To embrace the Volunteer's Week by acknowledging all the volunteers contributing to communities and nation for a good course.

**Date:** 21 June 2017 – 9am start, Government House

**Collaboration:** Multicultural New Zealand, Wellington City Council, Human Rights Commission, NZ Police, OEC

**Outcomes:** For the first time MCW will organise an event acknowledge the volunteer representing various organisation for a good course. To present a certificate of recognition and awards.



## Multicultural Council Wellington AGM

**Purpose:** Annual Meeting

**Date:** 11 July, Wellington City Council



## Business Luncheon Series

**Purpose:** To Improve economic and social wellbeing of Wellington

**Date:** 4 August 2017

**Venue:** TBA

**Collaboration:** Multicultural New Zealand, Wellington City Council, Human Rights Commission, NZ Police and other corporations.

**Outcomes:** A series that evolves towards business capacity with prominent speakers invited to speak on selected topics.



## World Peace Day

**Purpose:** To celebrate the World Peace Day by inviting all the community organisations in Wellington. Wellington, to gather for a Peace Walk

**Date:** 21 September 2017

**Venue:** TBA

**Collaboration:** Multicultural New Zealand, Wellington City Council, Human Rights Commission, NZ Police, OEC, HWPL, MSD

**Outcomes:** Creating Wellington as kaleidoscope of multiculturalism bringing people together in solidarity and peace.



## Diwali Celebrations

**Purpose:** To have an inclusive society, understanding, respecting and acknowledging all traditions and cultures to develop a strong diverse nation.

**Date:** 19 October 2017, Police College

**Collaboration:** NZ Police, Multicultural New Zealand

**Outcomes:** Festive celebrations are part of our 3 years' strategic plan. Creating awareness and bringing people of different community for a noble course creates better understandings and exchanges cultural values to foster LOVE, UNITY and PEACE.



### White Ribbon Campaign

**Purpose:** Promoting White Ribbon Campaign against domestic violence towards women's.

**Date:** 12 November 2017

**Venue:** TBA

**Collaboration:** Multicultural New Zealand, Wellington City Council, Human Rights Commission, NZ Police, White Ribbon Trust, MSD

**Outcomes:** A gathering to pledge support for the White Ribbon Campaign with all our members and wider community of Wellington to raise awareness against domestic violence towards women.



### Season's Greeting Get Together

**Purpose:** To have an inclusive society, understanding, respecting and acknowledging all traditions and cultures to develop a strong diverse nation.

**Date:** 13 December, Wellington City Council

**Collaboration:** Multicultural New Zealand, Wellington City Council, Human Rights Commission, NZ Police, OEC, HWPL, MSD

**Outcomes:** Festive celebrations are part of our 3 years' strategic plan. Creating awareness and bringing people of different community for a noble course creates better understandings and exchanges cultural values to foster LOVE, UNITY and PEACE.

