

MNZ Te Karere

Ngā mihi o te tau hōu Pākehā!
Happy New Year!

A year in review: 2022



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Welcome to Te Karere

With covid restrictions easing and a recalibration of projects, programmes, and events, 2022 was a slow and cautious walk back to “normal living”.

As a Te Tiriti-based multicultural organisation with a reach of nearly 750,000 New Zealanders, 2022 MNZ report showcased the eminence work each Regional Council has done despite covid challenges.

Aotearoa has embraced its ever-growing multicultural landscape, and as our councils grow in membership, we also see the diverse cultural visibility making a positive impact in creating a genuine, inclusive society.

Well done whānau!

2022 Highlights

- NZ Police & MNZ sign MoU
- Wing 356 NZ Police
- Mokopuna plaque at Waitangi
- Auckland leadership forum
- MNZ Youth Conference
- Multicultural Day



MNZ Youth Conference

**“Mā tōu rourou Mā
taku rourou ka ora
ai te iwi”**



MNZ & NZ POLICE MoU

BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

2022 saw MNZ sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with New Zealand Police, strengthening this relationship to influence positive change in our communities and within the Police force itself.

Regional Multicultural Councils are encouraged to take full advantage of this relationship and provide events and joint training sessions between Police, stakeholders, community and or government agencies.

Our relationship with the NZ Police is an integral part of developing a Te Tiriti-based multi-cultural society and a safe environment for our whānau.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi whakatauki

“My strength is not mine alone, my strength comes from the collective,”



Te Rauparaha Arena

WING 356 NZ POLICE

In July last year our MNZ President & Patron of Wing 356 NZ Police, welcomed 76 new recruits at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua as they were attested as police constables.

Pancha Narayanan spoke of feeling privileged to be the patron and of his hope for a Te Tiriti-based multi-cultural society.

“In 2040 when New Zealand is 200 years old, we want to be saying that we are a Treaty-based nation of people from different ethnicities. And that, I’m sure, is the environment these people are going into.”

As an advisor to the Police Commissioner, Pancha helps support Andrew Coster on his Ethnic Focus Forum, which guides Police’s strategy for effective policing with New Zealand’s diverse communities.



MOKOPUNA PLAQUE WAITANGI

MNZ executive team made their annual trip to Waitangi Treaty Grounds to lay a plaque for the kauri tree Mokopuna, planted in 2021 to commemorate MNZ's allegiance to the Māori version of the Treaty of Waitangi.

The importance to remain engaged and connected to tangata whenua plays a crucial part of tangata tiriti (non-Māori) belonging to Aotearoa, the whenua (land). Mokopuna symbolises the commitment MNZ has of honouring the Te Tiriti, setting an example to the nation, and leading the way as treaty partners and nation builders.



AUCKLAND LEADERSHIP FORUM 2022

Tāmaki Makaurau Multicultural Leadership Forum was attended by Hon Michael Wood, the Minister for Transport, Immigration and Workplace Safety respectively, and more than 30 migrant and former refugee community leaders.

MNZ highlighting 3 issues currently facing communities:

1. Safety of migrant and former refugee families.

The Forum celebrated the improved community engagement with Ethnic Liaison Officers of New Zealand Police and for expanding the network of community patrols around the motu.

Minister Wood reiterated the government's commitment to addressing the serious transport issues in Auckland and worker exploitation by employers. On issues of Immigration the Minister stated that he made a priority decision for nurses.

2. Communities connecting with their mana whenua.

The Minister is aware of MNZ's request for a Te Ao Māori induction programme for new arrivals to improve settlement for migrants and will be looking at strategies to achieve better outcomes in this area.

3. Foreign influence in the local body and central government elections and the impact on communities.

Pancha concluded that community members should be vigilant and more informed about the potential offshore interference for the general elections this year.



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MINZ YOUTH CONFERENCE

MINZ Youth Council was reinstated at last year's AGM, welcoming in a new breed of passionate, caring young council members with a focus on providing mental health support for youth and developing a connected inclusive society.

Mana whenua, Ngāti Toa Rangatira welcomed our youth delegates to Kāpiti Island, the heart of the iwi and El Rancho hosted the 3-day conference, bringing together MINZ youth from across the country for whakawhanaungatanga and strategic planning.

Inspired by guest speakers from Action Station, InsideOUT, Ngati Toa and MINZ President Pancha Narayanan, MINZ Youth Council are ready to start new initiatives this year that will impact Aotearoa with positive change and develop empowered, confident leaders.

**“Whangaia ka tupu, ka puawai” –
That which is nurtured will grow and blossom.**



TIRITI BASED MULTICULTURAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

Every year on the last Friday of August, MINZ promote a Tiriti-based Multicultural Day. Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health hosted the event in Whanganui-a-Tara.

Deputy Director Dean Rutherford described the Tiriti-based Multicultural day as a day that brings people together and builds the wairua in the Ministry.

As Multicultural Day grows in popularity, we will see it becoming an anticipated day of celebration, filled with food, music, fun, and an exchange of rich ethnic culture!

