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MNZ Women's Hui Report

Saturday 5th August – Brentwood Hotel, Wellington

Purpose:

The MNZ Women's Hui was organised to review the priorities of the Women's Council and RMC women's initiatives around the motu to ensure the alignment with the needs and aspirations of multicultural women in New Zealand is still strong. With a primary focus on updating the Women's Wellbeing Framework to reflect modern challenges and needs of women settling in Aotearoa, representatives from each RMC attended the day-long Hui in Wellington.

Agenda & Topics:

Facilitated by MNZ Women's Council President, Lonie Martin, attendees were privileged to share the day with prominent women leaders such as Vanisa Dhiru and Lady Susan Satyanand, and experts on topics around family violence and health and wellbeing. The agenda for the day can be summarised as follows.

1. Keynote speakers

- a. Lady Susan Satyanand
- b. Pancha Narayanan

2. Workshop: Taking Ownership of our Wellbeing and Success

- a. Womens Wellbeing Framework journey
- b. Igniting Women's Leadership in the Regions
- c. Taking Care of Ourselves
- d. **OUTCOMES:**
 - i. Affirming that the Women's Wellbeing Framework is relevant and of value.
 - ii. Review of the effective elements of the framework, and what could be improved/added.
 - iii. Affirming that MNZ is the right organisation to lead a national multicultural women's programme

3. Panel 1: Health, Safety & Wellbeing

- a. Access to health services
- b. **OUTCOMES:**
 - i. Confirmed Te Whare Tapa Whā as a highly appropriate wellbeing model to integrate into the Women's Wellbeing Framework.

4. Panel 2: Domestic Violence

- a. Role of lawyers



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- b. Role of Police
- c. Role of Women’s Refuge and services
- d. Common questions and challenges in multicultural communities
- e. **OUTCOMES:**
 - i. Clarified a thorough legal definition of family/domestic violence
 - ii. Made service providers aware of cases that are falling through gaps in multicultural communities
 - iii. Covered options and resources available to ALL women in New Zealand, regardless of visa or any other status

5. Workshop: Moving Forward

- a. Resourcing and Community Ownership
- b. Equipping and Supporting Facilitators and Communities
- c. E Tu Whanau Values and Womens Wellbeing Framework
- d. Closing Commitments
- e. **OUTCOMES:**
 - i. MNZ proposed to establish a board to oversee the evaluation and updating of the Women’s Wellbeing Framework
 - ii. MNZ proposed to provide seed funding of \$2,000 per RMC to roll out the Women’s Wellbeing Framework, provided the RMCs contribute fairly as well.

6. Close of programme

Action points:

#	Task	Role
1.	Establish a board to oversee the evaluation and updating of the Women’s Wellbeing Framework.	Multicultural New Zealand
2.	Draw feedback from Women’s Hui notes to inform evaluation and update of Women’s Wellbeing Framework. E.g. Incorporate Te Whare Tapa Whā model.	Women’s Wellbeing Framework Board
3.	Provide a report to all women who attended the hui, as supporting documentation to present to their respective RMCs in making the case for rolling out the Women’s Wellbeing Framework locally.	Women’s Council
4.	Strategise resources and support needed for regions to sustainably manage local Women’s Wellbeing Framework Programmes longterm.	Multicultural New Zealand



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5.	Strategise an effective approach to training Women's Wellbeing Framework facilitators around the country.	Multicultural New Zealand
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