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TMEC WISHES EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !

From the Committee

The Taranaki Multi Ethnic Council AGM took place on 15th August 2009 at the Community Chambers of NPDC. Past President Shirani Smith presented the AGM report followed by the election of new office bearers of the TMEC for the year 2009-2010. Special Guests Kefang Chu and Fiona Pristidge from NZ Police gave a presentation on how NZ police and communities can work together to create and maintain safer communities. The AGM ended with a great ethnic dance performance by the Kiribati community and Sri-Lankan community members.

New Team

We have a new team with experienced members who are very passionate and active in TMEC activities and Extravaganza and continue to volunteer and work for the council. We have a lot to benefit from the rich experience of the new team and work towards a successful year in 2010.

I welcome our new team for the year 2009 – 2010

Our Team

President: Sridhar Krishnamurthy

Vice President: Shirani Smith

Treasurer: P.Narayanan Kutty

Secretary: Edna Wilson

Executive Members:

Bob Richards Bryony Tubby

Evanne Hull Geetha Kutty

Mahina Leong Taninga Toom

Stef Palm George Robinson

Lenore Robinson

Our sincere thanks to Shirani Smith for her continuing contributions to the TMEC.

Executive Meetings

The New Committee meets every 2nd Friday of the month at TSB Cancer Support Centre at 71, Lorna Street at 5.30 pm.

Update

Four meetings have taken place after the AGM on 15th Aug 2009.

Regular Coffee mornings—Living In Harmony is regularly held at St. James Church, Lawry Street, Motorua on the 4th Wednesday of each month between 10.00am and noon.

Sridhar & Shirani attended the New Zealand Federation of Multi Cultural Council meeting at Christchurch.

Shirani Smith represented TMEC at the National Women's council meeting held in Christ church on 3/4th October 2009.

We have received funding from NPDC Creative Communities trust.

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National Women's Council

Edna Wilson will represent TMEC at the Women's council meeting to be held on 20th and 21st Feb 2010 at Nelson.

TMEC Committee thanks NPDC creative communities for their generous support.

Multi Ethnic Extravaganza 2010

27th March 2010 has been confirmed for the Taranaki Multi Extravaganza at Yarrow stadium. Check website for updates.

More update will follow on extravaganza preparations on our website.

Bryony Tubby has been nominated as the extravaganza coordinator for the year 2010.

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Our New Web Site

NZFEC Name Change:

The national council has changed its name from Ethnic Council to Multicultural council and all other affiliated regional councils have changed their name to align with National Council. TMEC has retained its name so far.

National Events 2010

The Seventh National Interfaith Forum will be held in Christchurch on 26-28 February 2010 in Christchurch.

NZFCM Youth Group has floated a questionnaire to all regional ethnic/cultural councils for a feedback.

Census website live – for a limited time only

In preparation for the 2010 Census Dress Rehearsal, the census team has made the new 2011 Census website live. The site will be up for a limited time only, so check it out now at www.census.govt.nz.

On the website you can find information about the 2010 Census Dress Rehearsal and the 2011 Census, and how to complete your census forms.

Our New Web site: www.tmec.org.nz

The Taranaki Multi-Ethnic website serves to inform various communities about events and major activities that are held throughout the year.

This website can be beneficial to communities as it provides access to the wider community and helps to encourage participation and involvement in its major events and activities.

How Can you be involved?

As individuals, it is important that you participate by whatever means possible to gain and share more knowledge about your culture with members from different communities. It is also important that you get an equal chance to express your views, opinions and to share your cultural experiences with others while learning more about them.

This website allows communities to be involved in different ways; members of various communities can post information about their major events, articles, stories, videos and pictures which give others an inside to your culture.

Here are the simple guidelines :-

- Written text must be published in “.doc” or “.txt” format.
- Videos and pictures are optional
- For videos and pictures to be published on the site, the community representatives must fill out a media consent form which can be found on the website.
- The articles, stories, videos, pics and consent forms must be sent to the TMEC email address or the TMEC post box.

This website is open to all communities, to keep them well-informed and to allow them to share their knowledge about their culture. This site will be regularly updated and members are encouraged to participate to help this website grow in the future.