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Down load the Road Closure map and print from www.tmec.org.nz

Some of you may be aware that there is a major fundraising drive by the New Zealand Heart Foundation. There is a sponsored bike ride - from Cape Reinga all the way to Bluff. It starts in about two weeks, ending on Valentines Day (14th Feb for those of you needing reminding..) and participants would love to have your support! Get behind a heart racer by visiting the website

www.heartracer.org.nz/IanTernouth

From the President's Desk

Update

- 1 With the Extravaganza preparations gathering momentum, we look forward to a great event on 27th March 2010.
- 1 **Executive Meetings:**
- 1 Key resolutions to be approved on 12th Feb 2010 meeting.
- 1 1. Provide financial help of \$300.00 towards the publication of Welsh Language booklet. This is in line with the objects of TMEC constitution and incorporation. Refer to clause 2 & 3 of constitution.
- 2 2. Approve the Extravaganza Budget as submitted by the Coordinator two months back.
- 3 3. Approve Extravaganza expenses including purchase of new Banners & Posters.
- 3 4. Authorise publication of TMEC brochures.
- 3 **Regular Coffee mornings**—"Living In Harmony" is regularly held at St. James Church , Lawry Street, Moturoa on the 4th Wednesday of each month between 10.00am and noon.
- 4 **Funding/Sponsorship for this years Extravaganza**

We have received funding from

- NPDC Creative Communities.
- TSB Communities Trust.
- John Rae Insurance
- PowerCo.

We hope to get good financial support from Lottery Grants as in the past.

We are thankful to all our sponsors and deeply appreciate their generous support.

We expect overwhelming support this year like in the past from our sponsors. We accept funding support from the community and sponsors no matter how big or small.

Extravaganza 2010

With the recession gone and the year 2010 marching towards an economically and socially healthy year, the Taranaki community is back with all smiles to showcase this event on March 27 2010 behind us.

The Extravaganza team is full of ideas and finding ways to make this a safe and enjoyable event. We have received good feedback appreciating the great event and also some constructive criticism. We have taken feedback from public to improve further.

We request for **Volunteers** to come forward and share a few hours of work with us to make this a fantastic event and showcase to the world once again that we are unique as a community with diversity and front runners to the world community to learn from.

Multi Ethnic Extravaganza 2010

The event will be held on Ground 2 of the Yarrows stadium on 27th March 2010. There will be limited car parking, for stall holders this year we are seeking alternative arrangements due to lack of space.

The Extravaganza team is working hard towards achieving the goal of a successful extravaganza 2010 on March 27 , 2010.

Street Parade: Street parade applications have been sent out to most communities / their representatives.

Road closure map is posted on website www.tmec.org.nz. You can download the map posted on website.

Come & Join us by joining the Street Parade, holding an Arts and Crafts or Food stall or by providing entertainment.

Download the form from our website:- www.tmec.org.nz and send it as an attachment by email to:- extravaganza2010@tmec.org.nz or post it to TMEC PO Box 132, N.P. We will consider your application and provide necessary instructions for you to follow if approved.

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Potluck gathering:

We have planned potluck gatherings regularly to be held every 2 months.

Date and venue will be announced before the end of Feb 2010.

NZMFC national meeting at Nelson

Nelson Multi cultural council is organizing the meet at Nelson on 20th and 21st Feb 2010.

Working with Communities and Migrants

Migrants and refugees come to New Zealand every year from all parts of the world with diverse cultural, language, educational and social backgrounds. They face many difficulties given their circumstances be it economic or social barriers before they establish themselves and comfortably integrate with the local communities. It takes a while for the migrant communities to assimilate into the local cultural and social life.

These migrants and the new comers need to be integrated in to overall strategies with initiatives to help them with culturally appropriate programmes and services to suit their particular circumstances.

Migrant communities who are well established, well integrated and naturalised have community forums of their own ethnicity to socialise and network among their group usually at their community gatherings, so that do not lose their roots to their own culture.

There are many local communities representing their country of origin, cultural and social background, who play an important role to provide some guidance and support initially. At times this is realised through community functions, potluck gatherings and personal contacts.

There is a need to identify and organise the diverse care of the migrants, refugees and the needy ones in the communities. The small communities alone can care for and enable the new migrants to establish and be useful resources to the well being of our society as a whole.

The Taranaki Multi Ethnic Council in association with NPDC and Settlement Support has been playing an important role by bridging the culturally diverse communities together and offering them an opportunity to network, share knowledge and resources and make them feel connected to their own roots and assimilate into local culture.

TMEC mainly focuses on the local and diverse ethnic communities, new migrants and newcomers to the Taranaki region who have made this region their home. TMEC would like to assist in educating and enabling migrants and new comers by providing the necessary information through Settlement Support.

We seek feedback on how we can better

- Achieve to care for the communities and also ensure the new comers settle well?
- Assist communities to develop management skills and resources to support their own community?
- Help communities with programs to bridge their relationship with the local communities?
- Help the communities preserve their own culture and customs, religion and languages?
- Encourage schools to provide students the opportunity to do community projects?

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3 The National Women's body is represented by Mahina Leong in the Taranaki region.

The National Women's body works towards integrating the issues and concerns of migrant and refugee women into overall community policies, projects and initiatives, especially when they have State-wide relevance. This group takes up issues with the national policies forum concerning women in all regions including Taranaki. The women's council representative- always a member of the TMEC is assisted by the national body and provides strategic leadership and administrative support.

What are the goals of Women's Council?

- To provide a forum for all women including migrant and refugee women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to identify and discuss issues relevant to them in Taranaki.
 - To organise activities and facilitate opportunities which respond to and highlight the needs, rights and contributions of these women in Taranaki.
 - To encourage women's participation in decision-making processes which affect their lives in accordance with social justice and access and equity
 - To network and cooperate with other groups which seek to improve the status of all women in New Zealand and in particular in Taranaki.
 - To advocate, through National Women's Council on women's issues at all levels of government and non-government sectors in areas of policy and service delivery.
- The active involvement and participation of migrant and refugee women in planned activities helps ensure these goals are met. Outcomes from these activities have significantly contributed in informing social, political and economic processes in the government and non-government sectors on women's issues of Communities, as part of the Strengthening Strategy to undertake a project of Strengthening Ethnic Community Associations.

Communities Cultural Competence Project (C3 Project)

This project aims to assist ethnic community associations to develop the knowledge and skills required to function efficiently and to effectively meet their goals.

The following critical needs in regards to strengthening ethnic communities and associations have been identified:

- The need for professional support to establish and maintain ethnic community associations.
- Many migrants and refugees have little or no knowledge of the way associations must function in New Zealand in order to sustain themselves, to articulate their needs, to access and secure resources, and to participate generally in our democracy.

Project Goals

The primary focus for the project is:

- To provide information and management tools to ethnic community associations.
- Assist ethnic community associations to develop strong associations that are viable and sustainable.
- To encourage the development of networks across funded and non-funded community organisations and associations

Project Objectives

- To identify key stakeholders and establish and maintain good working relationships with all key stakeholders.
- To actively promote the information, tools and resources including translated material available on the public.
- To provide consultative practice to communities.
- To identify the information and skill needs of community associations and its members provide the most appropriate level of information, management tools and training, to meet their identified skill needs.

Training to equip migrants and community groups

The Training Philosophy:

- Cultural Competence begins with personal and organisational cultural self-awareness.
- Developing Cultural Competence is a lifelong learning process.
- Leadership and management support is essential.
- Cross-Cultural Training is a vital element of Cultural Competence development.
- Effective cultural diversity program balance the social justice and business cases for diversity.

Written by Sridhar K.

To all Waterford Community natives living abroad.

Melissa de Buitléar

We are a monthly local magazine that is delivered free to 10,000 homes in and around the city of Waterford. Our next edition will be out the first week of March (February is being delivered at the moment) and of course that is the month to celebrate St Patrick's Day. We are looking for **natives of Waterford living abroad** to print their greetings to their families and friends at home and what they have planned to celebrate on this special day.

Please help find these Waterford natives. Contact -

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Taranaki Cornish Association

The AGM of Taranaki Cornish Assn is to be held on Saturday Feb 13 at 1.30pm at the C.A.B 32 Leach St New Plymouth .



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Website Content Required

TMEC website was launched on 25th Dec 2009 . Ever since its launch it has improved with new updates and contents. The Welsh community has taken the initiative to post their community activities and events on TMEC Website to share with others.

We encourage all communities to post their events, activities and articles on this website for free. Electronic media is acceptable for submission—text in .doc format, photos and 2-3 minute long video clips.

TMEC acknowledges with thanks **Dr. Bindra –Mangorei Dental Care** for supporting the website and TMEC with advertisement. We encourage others to come forward to fill in other spaces.

Articles and comments on Newsletter content:

We encourage members and communities to provide content of community interest for publishing on our Newsletter.

New Plymouth Police Station visit arranged for Migrants

Do you want to have a look around the Police station? The date is **17 February** and we meet firstly at the station office on Powderham Street at **10.30am** and one of the traffic guys will talk a little about traffic regulations - I know you all have probably been driving for years here but it will be really useful for us! It is limited to a group of 10 but if you have a couple of friends you think would gain from it that would be fine. If you are interested, please email geetha Kuty at ssnp@xtra.co.nz as soon as possible.

Chinese New Years day Feb 14, 2010.



TMEC wishes the Chinese Community members a “Very Happy Chinese New Year —The year of the

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-Garam Masala (Hot News) - update from Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi -National MP.

All areas of applications for Extravaganza are still open.