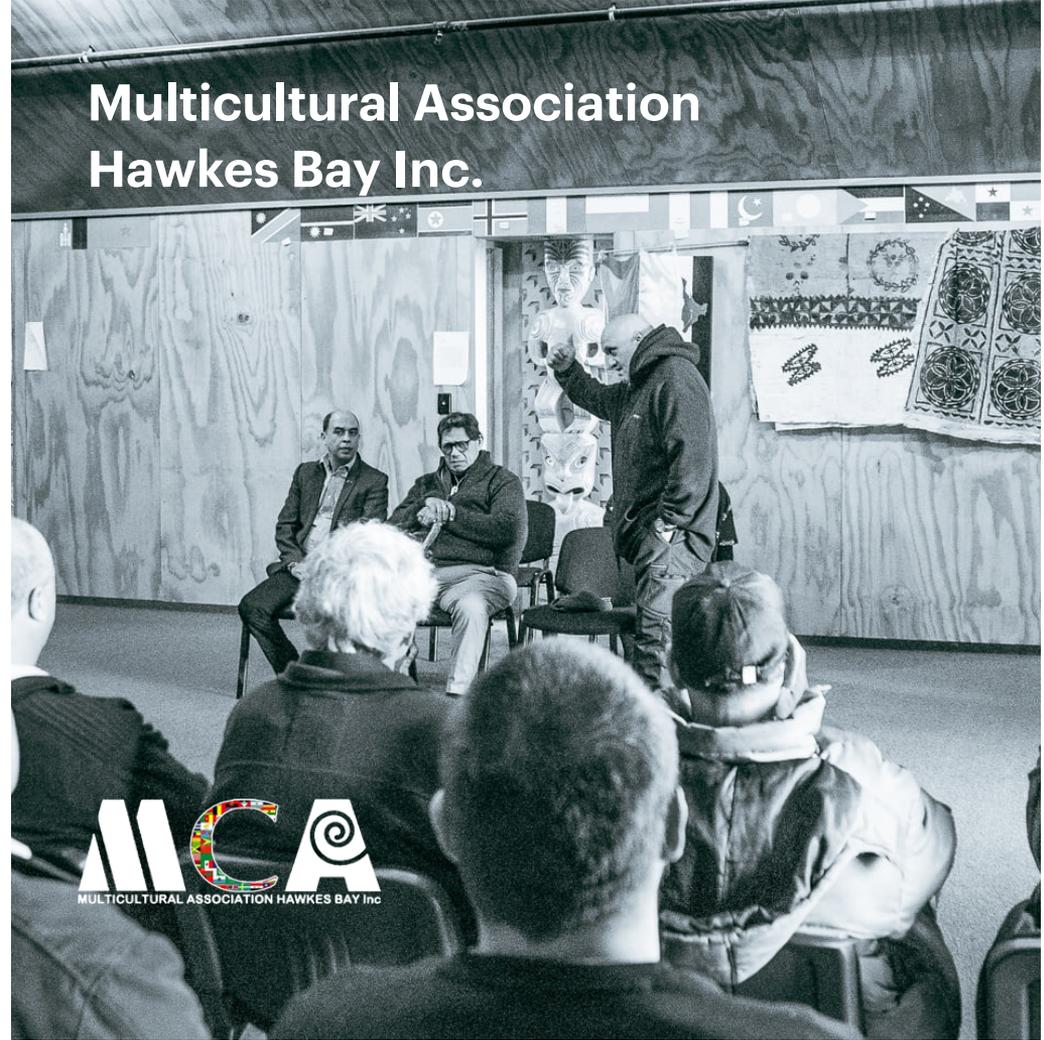


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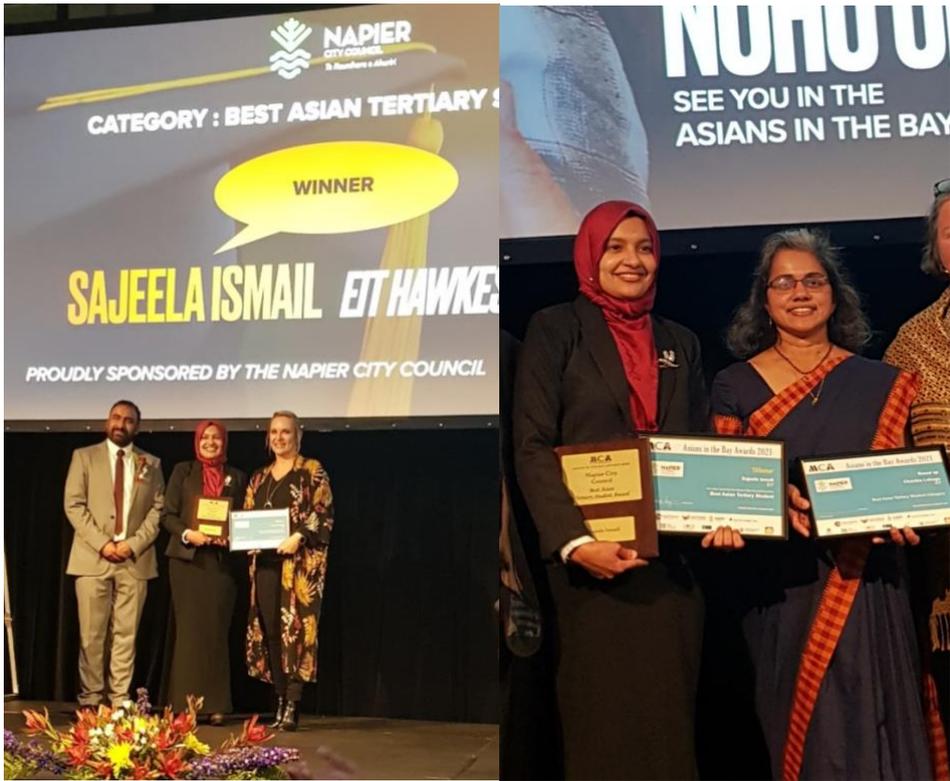
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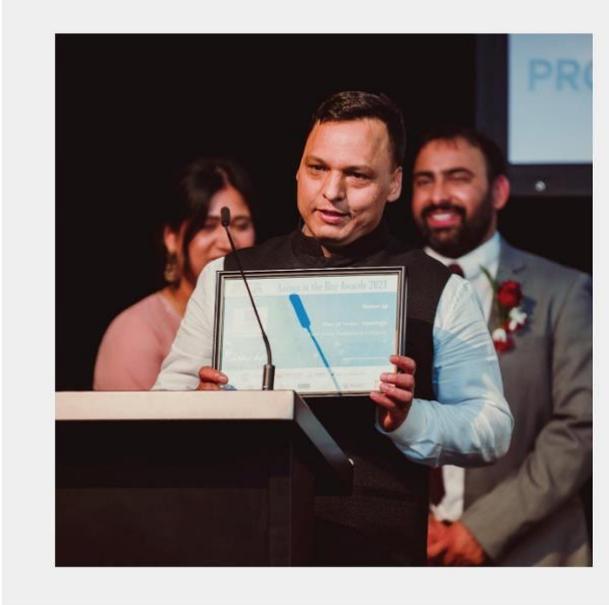
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Asians in the Bay Awards 9.8.21

The brain child of Board Member Leah Baterbonia Burling these Awards have been run by MCAHB for ten years. The awards seek to profile the contribution that those from the 48 + Asian countries and those from the Asian diaspora make to the local Hawke's Bay region. This group has experienced considerable prejudice in the community and we want to shine the light on their social, cultural and economic contributions and achievements.







HDC Multicultural Strategy Launch 24.7.21

The Hastings District Council Multicultural Strategy was launched in July 2021- the first Council Multicultural Strategy in the North Island. Over the years MCAHB members have had strong representation in the working group developing this strategy, and this year MCAHB board members were part of the committee organising the launch event.





As Her Worship the Mayor Sandra Hazelhurst said: This “strategy seeks to celebrate multiculturalism and diversity ensuring people of all cultures have equitable access to Council services and facilities, and help all residents to feel empowered to participate in council decision-making.” “As a council, with our community, we have a responsibility to ensure all of our people feel included, connected and welcome – a place where we all belong.” “This strategy will help us achieve that, as well as providing a pathway to give everyone meaningful opportunities to celebrate and share their culture, and fully participate in our democracy.”

MCAHB will continue to be very involved in working with the HDC to implement some parts of the strategy. The strategy was blessed by the late Des Ratima – MCAHB’s cultural advisor.

To read the 2020-2025 Multicultural Strategy go to www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/documents-and-forms/strategies/

Napier City Council Submission July 2020

As reported in my President’s last year MCAHB made a submission to the Napier City Council to consider having a Multicultural Strategy. The submission has been accepted and we are looking forward to working with Napier City Council and to the Napier City Council Multicultural Strategy coming into being.

city.

Multicultural Strategy

Thank you for your submission on behalf of the Multicultural Association of Hawke’s Bay. We appreciated the time you took to come and speak to us during our Annual Plan Hearings.

We support the development of a Multicultural Strategy in principle and Tanya Jain, one of our Community Advisors, will be in touch with you to discuss and plan for the drafting of a Strategy as part of the development process for our Long Term Plan 2021-31.

Once again, thank you for your submission. Hearing what is important to you is vital in helping inform decisions about Napier’s future.

Ngā mihi

Kirsten Wise
MAYOR

International Cultures Day 7.3.21 and DiverCity Day

15.5.21.

MCAHB organises an annual International Cultures Day each year in March, funded by HDC. This is a great event which draws many hundreds of people to see the performances, taste foods from around the world and learn from the information stalls. Its purpose is to celebrate cultural diversity and to inform. Unfortunately, this year it was a COVID casualty; when all the organising had been completed, COVID restrictions meant we had to cancel.

However, MCAHB is part of a NCC Settlement Forum and later in the year MCAHB contributed to and took part in a Napier based DiverCity day.



Huarahi Hou (Treaty based multicultural pathways).

MCANZ AGM and meeting of Regional Kaumātua
Discussion of Huarahi Hou



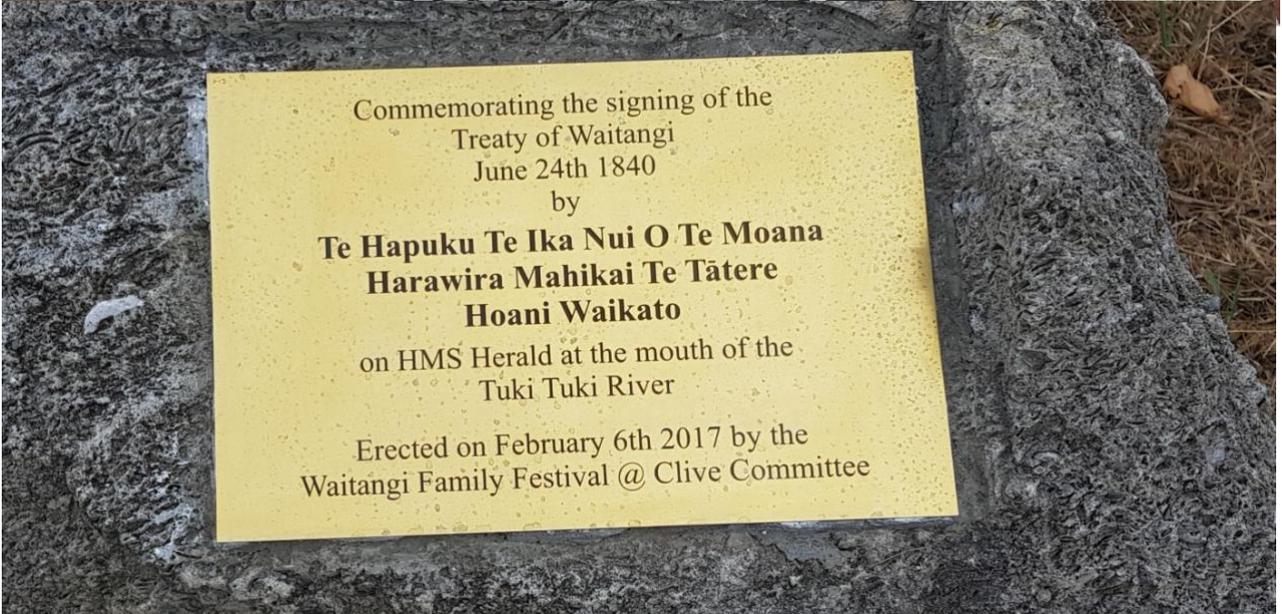
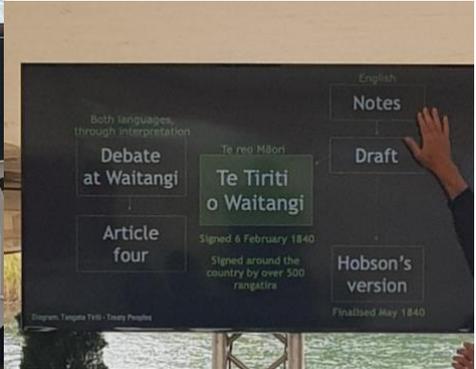


Tā Mark Solomon KNZM Patron of MCANZ with Hawke's Kaumātua Des Ratima ONZM, Evelyn Ratima QSM and MCAHB Vice President at the Wellington meeting.

Waitangi day Hikoi 6.2.21

Some MCAHB members took part in a Hikoi on Waitangi Day from Ātea a Rangi to Clive near the site where Te Tiriti o Waitangi was first signed here. This was followed by a service, a talk by a local historian and national treasure (Pat Pasons) and an excellent short treaty training session with Jess Mio.





Multicultural Marae Visit to Te Aranga Marae: 12.6.21

“Sharing Tikanga builds strong relationships”

“Saturday June 12th, 2021 marked a historical moment when over 20 different ethnic groups in Hawkes Bay were welcomed on to Te Aranga Marae as part of a Multicultural Association Hawke’s Bay (MCAHB), special event to help strengthen the relationship between migrants and Tangata Whenua (people of the land). The powhiri started by a thorough protocols briefing by Matina Clarke, one of the Te Reo Māori kaiko (teacher) at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and former MCAHB committee member Aaron Huata.

Not less than 120 people were welcomed by Kaumatua Des Ratima, his lovely wife, Evelyn and Councillor Henare O’Keefe. After the karanga (a call from the heart) and the korero (speech) from both sides, the groups greeted each other with a hongi which was followed by gathering outside the Marae for a tree planting ceremony. Planting the tree was a symbolical gesture for a long and mutually beneficial relationship between the migrants and the tangata whenua.

No gathering is complete without whakangahao (entertainment) and kai (food). Beautiful waiata (singing) was performed by the students from Te Kura O Kimi Ora. Then a song was sung by 3 beautiful Filipino ladies, followed by a traditional Punjabi dance by young children. Representatives from all the different cultural groups were invited to Korero, with many expressing heartfelt appreciation for the warmth of the welcome and the opportunity to build a relationship and then our MCAHB cultural advisor Des Ratima spoke. A range of food from different cultures topped the evening which then closed by a karakia (prayer) by Kaumatua, Des Ratima.

It was a memorable occasion which, it is hoped just marks ongoing deeper relationships and understanding

He maungārongo ki te whenua. Tēnā koutou tēnā koutou tēnā tato katoa”



Sharing tikanga builds strong relationships

Inclusion was at the heart of an invitation to the Hawke’s Bay Multicultural Association to be formally welcomed onto Te Aranga Marae in Flaxmere in June [June 12].

On what was a beautifully sunny Saturday afternoon, Evelyn Ratima called the manuhiri onto the marae where, following the powhiri, they were free to “ask any questions you’ve ever wanted to about Māori and marae but been afraid to ask”, said organiser Des Ratima.

Having Te Aranga Marae in the rohe, a marae for peoples of “any canoe from anywhere in the world”, provided the perfect place for shared learnings that would build stronger community, said Mr Ratima.

“It’s a significant piece of the puzzle because it enables us to be inclusive in a way that isn’t possible on our traditional marae.

“Here we are each able to speak in the language with which we are most comfortable and, while we do adhere to protocol, that protocol takes into account that this marae is for people from all over the world.”

Sharing tikanga grows knowledge and understanding, he says.

“It is about making sure people don’t feel isolated. They are interested and they do want to be included, so this is the perfect way for people to be involved.”

Sukhdeep Singh, Multicultural Association Hawke’s Bay president, said many immigrants were looking for ways to connect with mana whenua, and understand Māori culture. The national Multicultural Association will be embedding Te Tiriti o Waitangi into its constitution this year, and actively encourages its member organisations to build relationships with local hapū and iwi.

The Te Aranga visit saw 140 people visit the marae. They were welcomed on with a formal powhiri, after which they had discussions and questions, and finished the day with shared dinner in the whare kai.

“Many of our members had never been to a marae before,” said Mr Singh. “It was a wonderful opportunity to learn, start to understand, and build relationships.

“As an organisation we subscribe to E Tū Whānau values, and to partnerships underpinned by the Treaty. It is a very important part of being in New Zealand.”

He said holding such events was very important. “It is a way to break down barriers and address misconceptions. Many people new to New Zealand do not know if they can go to a marae, or how to arrange a visit. And they are worried that they may not know what to do.

“We are so thankful to have been given this opportunity; it was just amazing, and a privilege and an honour to be given the opportunity to build such strong relationships.”

An added benefit of having more than 25 different ethnicities visit the marae together, was the new friendships developed between ethnicities. “It was a wonderful atmosphere with many friends being made amongst peoples who probably would not otherwise meet - there are already planned barbecues between, for example, Indonesian and Filipino families, who have completely different cultures.”

The day included the planting of a tree on the marae grounds by the association, signifying the putting down of roots and developing relationships.

Planning for the next visit, in about six months’ time, is already underway, said Mr Singh. “Everyone who went has been sharing just how wonderful it was, which is encouraging even more people to want to attend.”

Welcome: Hawke’s Bay Multicultural Association members are called onto Te Aranga Marae



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MCAHB President attended Waitangi Te Tiriti training. 15-17 April 21



President Sukhdeep Singh found this training to be a very special spiritual journey, organized by MCANZ and led by Kaumatua, NZ Police, Human rights Commission, hosted by the Whangarei team and shared with all the MCA leaders around the country. It was “inspirational” where participants learned a lot about Te Tiriti, what it means for immigrants and ethnic communities and created connections.

Farewell to our respected Kaumātua and Cultural Advisor Des Ratima ONZM

“Kaumātua, pioneer, soldier and leader” A man who had faith and believed in “cultural values to assist individuals take control of their own pathways.” We surround his wife Evelyn and the whole whānau with our aroha.



MCAHB now has our name and Vision in both English and Māori

MCAHB:

Name: Te Kāhui Kanorau O Te Matau-a-Māui

Vision: A harmonious, collaborative, respectful multicultural society where all have the opportunity to participate. **Tā mātou tirohanga anamata- kia tū tapatahi ai tatou ki a tātou**

Community Connector Role 2021

MCAHB has taken on the role of a community connector – accepting referrals, finding those in our multicultural community who are in need and connecting them to information and solutions. The Community connector service takes an active approach to ensuring people are able to access information services across Government agencies and service providers. This role has involved a lot of, and will involve more capability strengthening and hard work. MCAHB has worked to attain MSD Level 3 accreditation. For this the team have worked on strengthening policies, strategy, governance and systems. Following rigorous interviewing we now have a contract in place for our new community connector. It is a big step for MCAHB to have our first employee. We welcome Sonam Bhandari, and look forward to this role enabling our work and assisting us to reach those in need and to achieve our vision.

Governance training (Napier and Wellington) 11 March 21 & 24-25th July

MCAHB has had much more of a focus on Governance training this year with 5 Board members attending a local training with Garth- Nowland – Foreman from LEAD Centre for NFP Governance and Leadership. Having being on boards of NFP organisations since the age of 16 Garth brought a wealth of experience to the training (organised by CAB).

We took away plenty of learnings to embed.

Gagan Kooner (Executive Officer) and Satyam Saha (youth rep) attended the MCANZ training Governance Training in Wellington (24th to 25th July 2021) and likewise found it very useful.



Women's Leadership training event 7 March 21

Three MCAHB board members attended a Zonta women's leadership breakfast and panel discussion event.

Website 17 Oct 2021

Work has been put into creating an MCAHB website and social media presence.

Our brand new website was launched at our: **MCA ex board Members meet up on 17.10.21.**

MCAHB hosted a thank you afternoon tea for previous board members in recognition of how all have contributed and contribute to MCA achievements, and to seek ideas for the future. It was wonderful to get together and led to some great ideas.



Community Connect Events Aug 14 2021

The purpose of the community connect events is to connect people face to face to one another and to key agencies, to inform participants about topics of interest and to give the opportunity for discussion and questions.

35 representatives from various ethnic communities attended MCAHB's first Community Connect event this year where information was given by the NZ police, Ministry of Social Development, Hawkes Bay Civil Defence, and the Ministry of Ethnic Communities.

There was also a 30minute Covid19 Vaccine Rollover from the Ministry of Health (30 minutes), an introduction to the MCAHB Community Connector Role and time to share kai and have a Question and answer session.





Community Connect during Lockdown 21.8.21

MCAHB had a community connect via Zoom. The agenda included getting an insight into the work that Workbridge does, and updating community leaders re the role of MCA as a community connector – looking for ways to provide help to those in need, help with vaccination, who to contact and latest lockdown information.

Lockdown Collaboration and Networks

During Lockdown MCA worked collaboratively as a stakeholder representing Hawke’s Bay Ethnic communities with the Civil Defence, (lead of the Network of Networks) to provide on the ground support. The Network of Networks included the Ministry of Health, MEC, DHB, Councils, Police, MPI, MSD, NEMA, Food banks and others

Connecting with Police 30.11.20 and 16 Sept 21

After discussion with Police, MCAHB organised for a meeting to “better understand the needs and aspirations of pacific and Ethnic communities” and then for leaders of many different communities to meet with the police at the Hastings Police station with the purpose of breaking down barriers, increasing understanding, discussing key issues that Ethnic communities are identifying, and working on the best way forward. MCA is working closely with Police to develop an Ethnic advisory group and will continue to seek feedback through community connect meetings.

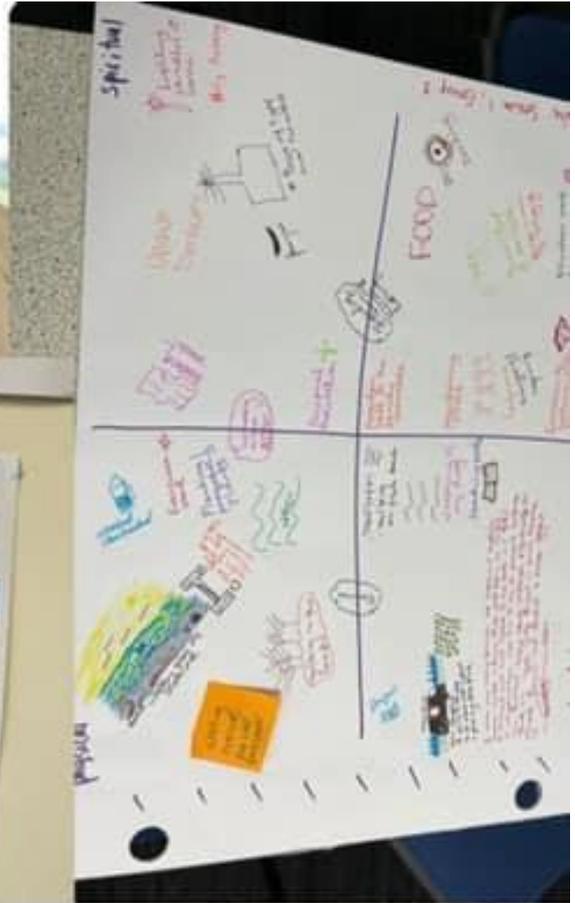


Potlucks

MCAHB continues to run community potlucks to connect with community members. We held a fun Christmas potluck complete with games/Father Christmas and a bouncy castle in Dec 2020.

The Connected Communities Wellbeing Wall July 17 Oct 9 Nov 6

MCAHB was one of the stakeholder organisations who took on the task of finding migrant artists to contribute to a “Connected Communities Wellbeing Wall; a mural project to celebrate cultures and communities in Hastings” Several MCAHB members have taken part in collaborative workshop to work on the mural content.



To Where You Will

We will be running 3 sessions for each group across 3 months

July 16, Aug 19, Sept 06	Regular Sport Centre Users Group	Thursdays 6-8pm
July 18, Aug 20, Sept 17	Intermittent Sport Centre Users	Fridays 6-8pm
July 17, Aug 25, Sept 18	Multicultural Group	Saturdays 9-11pm



Swimming Classes

Recognising that there are many migrants who cannot swim (including some of our Board members!) we have responded to the need by organising swimming classes. Partially funded by the Council, we have hired pools at two different sites to run separate classes for males and females. The classes are in the evening to allow participation by those who are working and we have hired the pools completely so that participants can be as comfortable as possible. These swimming classes had only just started before the current lockdown with 9 participants. So far this term we have 34 people who have said they are interested.

Behind the scene photo with Shazia who successfully completed first term of swimming lessons, Olivia from [Hastings District Council - Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga](#), & Sonam our new Community Connector.



Photo credit: Mark Henderson HDC.

COVID VACCINATION CLINICS 3.9.21/ 10.10.21/ 24.10.21/ 29.10.21

MCAHB board organised several Vaccination clinics to give various ethnic communities the opportunity to have a vaccination in a safe and supportive space. These were organised together with the DHB and variously: Sri Guru Ravidass Temple, the Hawke's Bay Baitul Mokarram Masjid &

Islamic Centre (mosque) and multiple community groups and individuals – The Chinese Association, The Filipino association, The Hindu Association and others

Our community connector and others also supported other vaccination clinics in Flaxmere. Numbers vaccinated at “MCA” clinics over 265

MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION HAWKES BAY INC

Te Hāhui Kanorau e Te Matau-a-Māui

Covid-19 vaccination clinic for Ethnic Communities in a safe and supportive space.

Sunday 3 October
11 am - 3 pm
Shri Guru Ravidass Temple
193 Havelock Road, Hastings

Hawke's Bay DHB and MCA invite you to get your COVID-19 vaccination this Sunday.

No appointment necessary, just walk-in. Transportation is also available on request.

You are welcome to bring your friends and family too! Anyone aged 12 and over will be supported by your community leaders and members as interpreters and more. Following your vaccination we will make a booking for you after your first dose.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and your community.

You can also contact the MCA on 06 765 1234 or email mca@karahiua.org.nz

For more information, please visit any of the following websites for talk to your GP:

- KARAHUIUA**
karahiua.nz
- Unite against COVID-19**
covid19.govt.nz
- MINISTRY OF HEALTH**
health.govt.nz

hbcovidvaccine.nz

Ethnic Communities Vaccination Clinic





Some of those involved in the vaccination teams.

As mentioned in Last Year's President's report during this Annual reporting period MCABH also ran: a mental health workshop and Onam

Mental Health workshop: From Distress to Destress 10.10.20

Recognising that COVID has meant more stress and in particular stress for International Students MCAHB organised for an international student (who was also a psychologist) to run a mental health workshop. All participants found it useful and insightful.



Onam Celebrations 15.9.20

Onam is an important Keralite harvest festival is celebrated annually by Malayalees in Kerala, India as well as those around the world. The most significant part of the festival runs from September 10 to September 13. The Multicultural Association organised this event as a great opportunity to meet the Students in our community and to know and experience the Kerala Culture in New Zealand. There were games, fun , a powerpoint explaining and the festival and perhaps the highlight of the Onam Celebration was “Onam Sadya” (sadya means feast), which includes up to 30 dishes.







Commemorations and Celebrations

Events where MCA was invited and took part/contributed

EIT COMMUNITY CONNECT DAY 2020

It was a great opportunity for us to take part in the EIT community connect day. 75 students approached us on that day. We encouraged more students to join and be a part of MCA.



🚩 ANZAC Day: 25.4.21

Members of MCAHB attended the civic remembrance service at Clive square and

laid a wreath.



✚ **Blossom Festival: 3rd October 2020**

As always MCAHB had a presence at the Hastings Blossom Festival and attended the Interfaith floral displays and interfaith service.

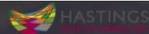


**WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT
THE 2020 HASTINGS BLOSSOM PARADE WILL
TAKE PLACE ON 3 OCTOBER AT 11:00 A.M.
THE THEME FOR THE YEAR IS...
"FLOWER POWER – NEW GROWTH"**

**THE BEST PART –
AS LIKE EVERY YEAR MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
HAWKES BAY WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE
PARADE TO SHOWCASE THE DIVERSE ETHNIC
CULTURES WHICH OUR COMMUNITY REPRESENTS**

**"MCA IS ALL ABOUT OUR ETHNIC COMMUNITIES"
MCA WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO COME IN YOUR
TRADITIONAL DRESSES AND TAKE PART IN THE
BIGGEST COLORFUL PARADE IN HASTINGS**

**3rd OCTOBER AT 11:00 A.M
Hastings Clock Tower
Russell St South, Hastings, Hawkes Bay
Please contact - sahasatyam@yahoo.in or phone 0223155751**





✚ + Attended Hiroshima remembrance event tree planting

✚ **March Memorial of the Christchurch terrorist attack.**
Spoke at a service organised by the local Mosque at Cornwall Park remembering the 51 Muslim New Zealanders who lost their lives. Here the focus was on building peace.



Volunteered to help at Osmanthus Gardens for the **40th anniversary** music and light celebrations of the **Hastings Guilin sister city relationship**. (organised by Councillor Kevin Watkins).



40th anniversary lantern created by Cr Kevin Watkins

Responded to a request from St Pauls, Napier for volunteers for the **Anne Frank Exhibition**

March 11- June 12

Over the weeks it was open MCAHB with assistance from VHB responded to the request for volunteers to assist with the exhibition that had been brought to NZ by the Holocaust Centre which aimed to “make clear the role that prejudice plays and how this can start small but lead to exclusion, discrimination and persecution.”



🚩 60th celebrations of the Japan Society of Hawke's Bay



🚩 Kiribati Independence day celebration

🚩 Kamibay Indonesian independence day celebration, Greenmeadows

🚩 Indonesian Community: EID Mubarak

 **Fiji Community - Holi and +Divali**



Diwali Mela

Come and enjoy Indian Festival of lights

- Venue: Frimley Primary School, Hastings
- Date: Sat, 7th November 2020
- Time: 6.00pm to 9.00pm
- Entry: \$3 per adult, children free
- Food and clothing stalls, Mehndi designs, Performances and much more!
- Organizers: Fiji Indian Community supported by MCA





- ✚ **Napier Filipino Association** Park Island Tree planting and celebrations. President and Vice President planted trees.



- ✚ **MCAHB members also attended**

World week of prayer attended various interfaith gatherings with a focus on different faiths. Good learning



Interfaith: Important rituals of different religions

✚ **Pakistan and Friends Hawkes Bay Association Inc Eid al Adha and Pakistan Independence Day celebrations**



✚ **Hindu Association's inaugural Diwali celebration in Napier.**



✚ **The Keralan Association's Onam celebration**

✚ The Filipino Associations art and Fashion show.



✚ Design above created by MCAHB Board Member Leah Baterbonia Burling

Attended Celebration of Pacific Culture at the Toi Toi



Peace Poles installation in Civic Square

On the 21st November 2021 MCA attended, with our Hawkes Bay ethnic community leaders a special ceremony for the temporary installation of 43 Peace Poles in Hastings Civic Square. There are more than 200,000 Peace Poles across 200 countries in the world and it was special to be at the blessing of the Pou here. There was wonderful singing and speeches; This project was initiated by World Beyond War Aotearoa New Zealand who partnered with many of us to make the event happen.

Our president [Sukhdeep Singh Khaira](#) talked about social peace.

“Peace has a different meaning for different people. For me, it is all about having social harmony among our diverse Hawkes Bay Communities. We all have different values, beliefs, religions, and some come here from other countries.

A way to explore peace is to make an effort to educate yourself with the different cultures, values or beliefs that are around you in your life, like your neighbour or colleague. Take some time to be open to another's experience and culture; share or talk about your cultural food and values with others when given an opportunity. These small things can help start those conversations, create better understanding and create respect for one another.

MCA is very proud to be part of a platform that can bring everyone together, create a space to share and feel included, equal, and work together to achieve a sense of social peace.

Peace starts with you. You can influence your family and then your community.

*As **Albert Einstein** said:*

Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.

A huge thanks to all our ethnic community leaders to come at a short notice. Your support made this event more inclusive and very special. “







And lots of important meetings including

- 🚩 **Aotearoa Inclusive Collective** Members attended and took part in conversations/discussion/idea sharing with Anjam Rahman and colleague
- 🚩 **Office of Ethnic Communities: 13/2/21** Board members met with the new regional manager Tuwe Kudakwashe and amongst other things discussed the Royal Commission Report noted below.

Government meeting in Napier (14.2.21) to discuss Ko tō tātau kāringa tē nei, the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch masjidain on 15 March 2019 and discussion about what now needs to be done.

The meeting was with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), Minister Andrew Little, and Minister Priyanca Radhkrishnan

Meeting with Government officials to discuss priority areas for the new Ministry of Ethnic Communities to focus on.

Tēnā koe

Thank you for taking part in our session on establishing the new Ministry for Ethnic Communities on Sunday 2 May 2021. This is a short but important email to share with you at this early stage, some of the key themes we heard throughout the day.

We heard that you want diversity and our differences celebrated and embraced, and strong partnerships between ethnic communities and tangata whenua are important aspects of what people wanted to see in the next 10 years in the new Ministry.

We also heard that empowering communities and community groups to deliver services and programmes, holding the system to account for better outcomes for ethnic communities, government services to be tailored to different needs and to have better clearer representation within official statistics were important priorities for the new Ministry to consider in deciding where to start on its journey as an agency.

We value every idea and all the feedback given to us on Sunday. Everything will be included in the analysis of material we gather across all the sessions. We will send a summary of what we capture across all these engagements in due course.

If you would like to contribute any further thoughts, please email these to ethnic.communities@dia.govt.nz Thank you again for your time and contributions on Sunday 2 May 2021.

Ngā mihi Kudakwashe Tuwe (Tuwe)

Regional Manager Community Engagement – Central Office of Ethnic Communities | Te Tari Matawaka Department of Internal Affairs

- ✚ Safer Napier discussions
- ✚ HB Settlement Forum meetings
- ✚ HDC multicultural strategy meetings
- ✚ Napier City Development of Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

Awards: More celebrations:

This year there were some accolades for MCA:

Civic Honours: Health and Welfare Honour Award from HDC for MCAHB in recognition of our empowerment of ethnic communities through facilitating community connectedness, celebrating cultural diversity and advocating on ethnic issues. It was also recognition that during the COVID lockdown the association worked to distribute more than 800 food parcels and that the Ministry of Social Development has awarded the association the role of a 2year community connector contract in recognition of our community- focussed work







Volunteering Hawke's Bay Team Award presented to Multicultural Association MCAHB for dedication and commitment to volunteering

Note: Board member Shimul Islam received a Civic health and welfare honour award for his contribution to the muslim community, interfaith group and to MCAHB.



And our new community connector **Sonam Bhandari** also received a Civic health and welfare honour for her individual work with the Indian Mums Group, Hindu Council of Hawkes Bay monthly slot on Radio Kidnappers and voluntary work.

