



The Rainbow Quill



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Santa Parade 2014

A great time was had by all who took part in the Santa Parade. Big thanks goes to Shelley Ballentine who organised our float this year.



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Filipino and Chinese Night

Potluck dinner on the 22 November, 2014 went very well with nearly 80 people participated in the Filipino and Chinese night. We had four dancing performances and two children sung. Unfortunately, Karen Ave was unable to speak due to illness but Sally intervened and told us about white ribbon day. We thank Sally for stepping up in Karen's absence.

I would also like to thank Meggy for doing a great job as being a wonderful MC and telling us about Filipino history, culture and food. Regina and the Southland Multicultural dancing group also deserve a big thank you.

Madhu Redman

Potluck event co-ordinator



Coming Up

**Southland Multicultural Council
Christmas Potluck Picnic
13th Dec 2014 at Southland Community Nursery
185 Grant Rd, Otatara 9RD**

*Parents please bring \$5 worth of present for your children
with their respective names on it.*

Please bring a plate of food to share.

**Members of Southland Multicultural Council -free;
Non members - a gold coin donation**



SEE YOU THERE

From President Angela



Greetings everyone;

Maya Angelou wrote this quote:

"If you are always trying to be NORMAL. You will never know how amazing you are."

This month the council celebrates the Christmas picnic in a different place. It will be at the Southland Community Nursery in Otatara. There is a room of activities for the children to explore and adults to walk and appreciate nature and the amazing work people are doing in this area. Parents and friends, please bring a present for their kids. The presents under \$ 5.00 need to be with their respective names. Bubble man, Allan will be there too. We need Santa to deliver the presents. Anyone?

Thank you to the volunteers who have participated during this year. With your support things are happening. It is reassuring people are starting to include this great organization in their agendas. Also to the members of the board and our coordinator Sally Wast. Thank for attending the meetings, taking projects on their own, delivering good results, working together and embracing each other. All that effort pays off at end. In the potlucks, the organizers were bringing speakers, performances and people bringing their meals. Every little help counts.

It certainly has been a year of great challenge, but those who formed the organization in the past and carried it through for so many years were the foundation that built it. Now, we, the new council, with their motivation, their passion, expertise, knowledge, commitment and support are changing more positively the story of this council. The impossible is the possible, all of you are creating space for better things to arrive.

Southland Multicultural Council Inc. does thank you to our financial sponsors. Your help allows this council to exist and work in an office and with your financial contribution you positively built the life of the organization and its members in many different aspects socially. We are very grateful. Many happy returns to all of you and your families.

A big thank you to SIT for been a great supporter printing the newsletter. We appreciate this amazing contribution and look forward to keeping strengthening 2015 more actively with you. In Spanish;

FELIZ NAVIDAD PARA TODOS.	Merry Christmas to all.
MUCHAS GRACIAS.	Thank you.
FELIZ NUEVO AÑO 2015.	Happy New Year 2015.

Angela Pardo
President, Southland Multicultural Council Inc.

Coming Up



Next Southland Multicultural Council Potluck Dinner

February 2015

More details in January Newsletter

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Meggy's Profile

Hi I'm Meggy, and this is my family. I came from Cebu Philippines. I arrived here in New Zealand year 2005 and live in Invercargill for 9 years. I have a daughter and 2 sons. My daughter name is Jaca, and my son's name is Miguel and A.J.



Citizenship Ceremony

18 Nov , Invercargill: 29 people became citizens of New Zealand. The citizenship ceremony was held at the Invercargill City Council. Each family, received a small tree from the Southland Multicultural Council a symbolic gesture of laying down their roots in Aotearoa. We wish them all the best in their journey.



Birthday Greetings

Congratulations to everyone, young and old, having a birthday this month of December



Simran Chand

Simran is
Celebrating her 4th Birthday
on the **6th of December**

*If anyone would like to have birthday greetings in our newsletters
please phone the office, 214 9296
or email
office@southlandmulticultural.co.nz*

R.A.A.S.C.

Rape and Abuse Support Centre Southland Inc

Hine Tuturu Ki Murihiku

Self Defence Course

Delivered by **Ana Pereira**—Qualified Self Defence Tutor and Member of Women's Self Defence Network—Wahine Toa. www.wsdn.org.nz

When: Monday 8th December 2014

10am until 3pm

Venue: YMCA, 2 Leven Street, Training Station

Cost: Free. Lunch is provided

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENCE

SELF DEFENCE IS NOT JUST ABOUT LEARNING A MARTIAL ART!

By Attending a Women's Self Defence—Wahine Toa Women's Course you will increase your skills and knowledge on:

Using your body language and voice	Positive self esteem and confidence
Positive assertive attitude	Victim/attacker mentality
Self safety when out and about	Situational awareness
Domestic violence	Healthy and Unhealthy relationships
Physical Self Defense techniques	Ground defense, strangulation defence.

For more information contact Haley Clark At RAASC, Rape and Abuse Support Centre Southland Inc.

Office: 03 2162079 Fax: 03 2162080

Email: haley.clark@raasc.co.nz

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE Southland JP Association Inc.

As at June 2014

Mr. N. D. Boniface J.P.
C/- Invercargill City Council,
101 Esk Street.

Mrs. Marcia Te Au-Thomson J.P.
C/- SIT, 133 Tay Street.

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C/- French Burt Partners,
110 Don Street.

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101 Esk Street.

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C/- Southland District Council,
15 Forth Street.

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110 Leet Street.

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C/- Southland District Council,
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C/- Malloch McClean,
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C/- Teaomarama (Inc),
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C/- A1 Auto Services Ltd,
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Mr. J. Prendergast J.P.
C/- Community Trust of Southland,
62 Don Street.

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C/- Ray White Real Estate,
9 Spey Street.

Mr R Wilson J.P.
C/- Crowe Howarth.
173 Spey Street.

Mrs D M McCallum J. P.
C/- St. Johns,
50 Jed Street.

Ms. J.K. Turner J. P.
C/- Age Concern
Forth Street

Service Desks:

SIT on Wednesdays, 12 - 1 pm at the main administration centre, Tay Street.

ICC Library, 12 - 1 pm ground floor beside the escalators, Dee Street.

CAB, 10 - 12 pm Saturdays at 97 Spey Street.

Appointments are not require

Royal Federation of NZ Justices Associations website:

www.jpfed.org.nz

Select: **Find a JP,**

Then type in a City, Post Code, surname or language skill in the search field box, press enter.

This website will select listed JPs within NZ depending on the type of request you have made.

Gavin Evans J.P.
Registrar
Southland JP Association Inc.

Professional Speaking for Migrants

A Speech NZ Course

8 week course in the evenings

(date, venue & cost to be confirmed
examination optional & extra cost)

Learn to:

- Speak with clarity about your qualifications and work experience.
- Give a talk to a small audience about your career or community interest.
- Do social speeches such as introducing or thanking a speaker or welcoming a new colleague.
- Gain confidence in communicating in English in one-to-one conversations.
- Relax before a job interview or other stressful speaking events.
- Learn to use PowerPoint and other visual aids.

At the end of this course participants have the option to do a NZ Speech Board examination, and receive a recognised qualification.

To register your interest or to find out more contact Nalini on 03 218 2736 or Southland Multicultural Council 03 214 9296.

**This course can only
go ahead with sufficient
numbers so please
register your interest
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

*Organised by
English Language Partners Southland
and Southland Multicultural Council*



Patient Information

Are you eligible for free health care?

Yes, if you are one of the following:

A person who has New Zealand residency status.

A foreign worker with a current work visa for two years or more (includes immediately concurrent previous visas/permits).

A refugee.

Are there exceptions?

Yes, all overseas visitors are eligible for free treatment under the following circumstances:

Accident

All overseas visitors are entitled to free acute (emergency) care following an accident if ACC (Accident Compensation Corporation) accept the claim. However, you will need to apply to ACC for approval to undergo any ongoing treatment.

Compulsory treatment

Free care is provided for any patient who has been admitted to hospital under a Compulsory Treatment Order issued under the:

Tuberculosis Act 1948

Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992.

Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Act 1966.

Overseas visitors will be charged for taxpayer funded health care

The New Zealand government provides free health care and disability services to people who are ordinarily legally resident in New Zealand. Very few services are provided free to people who are not New Zealand residents.

District Health Boards are required by the New Zealand government to ensure only people who are eligible are provided with free health care.

Anyone needing EMERGENCY CARE
will receive appropriate treatment.

However, patients not eligible
will be charged for their
treatment and asked to pay on
discharge from hospital.

Proof Of eligibility

Southland District Health Board staff will ask all patients who were not born in New Zealand to complete a form giving authorisation for the DHB to contact the NZ Immigration Department to verify their eligibility.

For more information regarding eligibility for
Publicly- funded health and disability services in New Zealand,
visit:

www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/eligibility-publicly-funded-health-services



Eastern Southland
Newcomers Network

Connecting People

New to Eastern Southland?

Visit <http://www.newcomers.co.nz/southland/gore.html>



If you would like to talk to the police about anything you can phone me on 215 0311 or

Invercargill Police Station
211 0400.

Remember, if it is **urgent**
dial **111**

Community Constable, Anthony Hogan

If you'd like to share a story with readers of this newsletter— something that has helped you to settle into New Zealand, a good news story, a recipe, something else of interest and appropriate for the newsletter .

You can email it to me at
office@southlandmulticultural.co.nz
and I will include it as space permits.

Thanks. *Sally*

Tax Credit for Donations



Southland Multicultural Council Inc. is an incorporated society and is registered under the Charities Act 2005, CC27119.

Donations of \$5 or more are eligible for a donations tax credit from the Inland

Revenue Department. A receipt will be issued so you can claim the rebate.

The purpose of Southland Multicultural Council is to promote and protect the interests of ethnic people in Southland

Notice Board

2015 Food Festival



Time for planning for Food Festival.

If you are interested in having a stall, please contact Southland Multicultural Council Office—**2149296**.

Volunteers Needed to support the Food Festival to be held on March 2015. Please contact the phone number above.

Wanted Volunteers

I need people who would be willing to be volunteers as minders of audio-visual exhibition "Shadows of Shoah" with stories of survivors from Auchswits.

Dates to be confirmed possibly by Jan or Feb 2015. Exhibition open for 2-3 weeks.

**Contact Jenny Campbell at 0273510180
Email: jennycam@xtra.co.nz**

Refugees Story

Jessica Smith, a student journalist at the Southern Institute of Technology is currently writing a piece on refugees and was hoping to get a local angle. Is there anyone she can talk to?

Please contact the office: **2149296**
Office@southlandmulticultural.co.nz

We would like to ask anyone who took pictures or video on Diwali Night to please bring it to our Office at 46 Kelvin Street, Invercargill. We would like to add those pictures to our photo gallery on our website.

Office: **2149296**
Email: Office@southlandmulticultural

Citizen's Advice Bureau 97 Spey Street, Invercargill

This agency has been set up to assist people with enquiries for services and for referral to other agencies.

Specialist service include:

Justice of the Peace clinic– Saturday 10am until noon. (no appointment necessary)

Consumer clinic - every Thursday 12pm—1.30pm & Friday 12pm-1.30pm - call to make an appointment

Legal services- free legal service on Thursday night. An appointment must be made.

Telephone: **(03) 218 6648 or 0800 367 222**

www.cab.org.nz



Membership of Southland Multicultural Council

If you aren't a member of Southland Multicultural Council and would like to be you can either phone the office for a form, come into the office and collect a form or download a form from our website www.southlandmulticultural.co.nz. On the website you will find the membership form under the heading of publications.

Annual Membership is \$15 per family

We are moving....



as from

Monday, 1st December 2014

This office will be re-located at

**The Invercargill Mail Service Centre
129 Clyde Street
Invercargill**

For your comfort and convenience we suggest you access your local Electoral Roll from your nearest Post Shop.


Alternatively, the full set of current and historical Electoral Rolls can be viewed at:

**Reference Centre
1st Floor
Invercargill Public Library
Dee Street,
Invercargill**

We apologise for any inconvenience.

www.elections.org.nz

Carol Baxter—Registrar of Electors



Please return to :
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Southland Community House
46 Kelvin Street
Invercargill 9810

The greatest gift you can give someone is your time.

-Rick Warren-

