



# August 2017

## Potluck Dinner

Join us to celebrate the Indonesian and Vietnamese cultures, enjoy some cultural and musical performances and taste some authentic Indonesian and Vietnamese Cuisine

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1 Women's Group

August 5  
September 9  
October 7  
November 4

### 2 Youth Group

August 12  
September 16  
October 14  
November 11

### 3 Men's Group

Electoral Forum  
August 25, 6.30-8.00pm  
Invercargill Library, 50 Dee St

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## **Kia Ora, Hello, Kamusta,**

I would like to sincerely thank all those who attended and supported the recent Brazilian / Chilean night at Hansen Hall. It was such an incredible event. Personally, it was a privilege to gain an insight and appreciation of two unique and exciting South American cultures. Also, I have now developed an appreciation for Brazilian / Chilean cuisine (even though I unfortunately wasn't able to taste all of the appetising dishes). The performances were spectacular. Overall the night surpassed my expectations. The cultural diversity in Southland continues to surprise and inspire me.

Thank you to the Brazilian and Chilean community for showcasing your respective cultures. I would like to further extend thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who helped deliver this successful event. Without your support, events like this would not be possible.

The SMC office has been buzzing with activity - planning for future events, responding to migrant enquiries and liaising with external associate organisations. In recent weeks the SMC has been very visible in the public eye, promoting positive messages in the community, with a number of articles published in the media and a telecast on Southern Television (Channel 36).

Looking forward: the SMC is committed to supporting refugee settlement and being a key contributor to empowering refugees as they rebuild their lives here in Invercargill. Settlement is a two-way process. It's not just something that refugees must do, there is also a need for the wider community to adopt a 'spirit of hospitality', where refugees are made to feel welcome.



**Meggy Bartlett-McBride**  
President

We have some exciting events and activities programmed for August - keep a watch on the SMC Facebook page for notifications. Our monthly potluck dinner will celebrate the multi-ethnic Indonesian / Vietnamese cultures. The SMC Men's Group are also hosting an electoral forum on 25 August at the Invercargill Library. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to meet the 2017 Invercargill electoral candidates and discuss key issues affecting migrants and refugees in Southland.

Tiaki, Take Care, Ingat ka.

See you all soon again.

Meggy Bartlett-McBride



**Sajitha Ferry**  
Coordinator

Kia Ora,

Spring is fast approaching, so enjoy the last days of winter!!! On July 22, so many people turned out to enjoy a much beautiful winter day at our Brazilian and Chilean Night at SIT Hansen Hall. All thanks to SIT for sponsoring the hall. Thank you all for coming and hope you had a fun filled day and enjoyed the yummy food.

In this month of August, Southland Multicultural Council is going to launch its Men's Group. On 25th of August, the Men's Group is presenting an Electoral Forum which is open to public. The women's group will be having its monthly gathering with cooking demonstration of Sri Lankan dishes by Grace Peries and the Youth Group will continue to have its Personality development Session. I encourage you all to participate in the events and activities and take maximum advantage.

See you all at the future events.



**Nirmal K. Manoharan**  
Committee Member, SMC

In this 21st century migrating to foreign countries for education or job is increasing. As the world is dependable on each other, the migration of people will continue. As a migrant, one can earn or study at ease, but it can be harder for him to live the same life style that he/she was grown up with.

A new place always needs a support through social contacts. Volunteering provides the opportunity to connect with different people by developing a sense of purpose for good. All this information can be obtained through ethnic communities to support the migrants in New Zealand. Southland Multicultural Council respects and celebrates the diversity of Southland with educational workshops and Social Contacts.

Southland Multicultural Council is a non-profit organisation that provides equal opportunities and respect for all migrants from different nations. This council has three groups called WYM (Women's, Youth and Men's). We welcome all migrants join our hands together and contribute through our groups WYM.

### Migrant Story

(Reporter : Nirmal K. Manoharan)

Introducing: Marieta Yong from Malaysia.

A new financial member of the Southland Multicultural Council from Malaysia, Marieta Yong, the international student from SIT, Invercargill and also a passionate real estate sales person has chosen New Zealand to enhance her knowledge of the city of dreams (Invercargill). I caught up with Marieta this past



**Marieta Yong**  
from Malaysia

weekend Friday. She was busy preparing dumplings for us to have a taste of Malaysian Cuisine using chopsticks. She then talked about her country and experience in New Zealand.

Marieta said "Malaysia is a multicultural country where different festivals like Hari Raya - the Malaysian New Year, Thaipusam and Eid are celebrated. As a Chinese, I celebrate Chinese New Year." She also mentioned that Malaysian Recipe Nasi Lemak, recipe with rice and fried chicken wings is her favourite. Her engagement with locals came through the multicultural church that gave her the opportunity to connect with more people. The friendly approach from the Invers helped her learn to cook some NZ food and involve in other activities like trekking along with some tips to adapt to the weather conditions at Southland.

When asked about volunteering, she responded, "Volunteering taught me about the purpose of giving back to the community, the more I contribute to the community, the more we grow". An adorable character and hard worker, Marieta is a great asset to this community. She is excited about the opportunities that Southland Multicultural Council has to offer and would like to encourage more ethnic community people to be more involved in the activities of the Council.

## SOUTHLAND MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL

**AUGUST 5**

Women's Group

At Southland Community House  
46 Kelvin Street

From 3.00pm - 5.00pm  
(Afternoon tea provided)

**All Women are welcome**



**Grace Fatima Peries**  
English Teacher (Sri Lanka)

## Healthy Cooking (Sri Lankan Dish)



**FISH CUTLET**

Potato Bonda is a snack of small battered and fried dough balls with potato filling

Fish cutlet is a small, thin slice of fish usually served grilled or fried and often covered in breadcrumbs



**POTATO BONDA**

## SOUTHLAND MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL

**AUGUST 12**

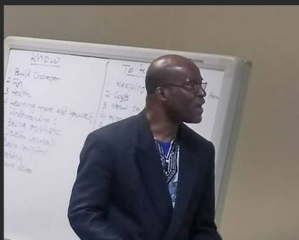
Youth Group

At Southland Community House  
46 Kelvin Street

From 6.00pm - 9.00pm  
(Finger food provided)

**Free to public**

### SPEAKER



**Fred Angels Musika**  
People Skill Trainer

### GUEST SPEAKER

**Stephanie Park**

Co-ordinator / Youth Worker  
Youthline Southland Inc

## Personality Development

Key Success Factors II

We encourage you all to take the opportunity to develop self motivation and enhance your Confidence and Morale.

Look forward to see you all there

## SOUTHLAND MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL

**AUGUST 25**

Men's Group

At Invercargill Library  
50 Dee Street

From 6.30pm - 8.00pm  
(Light refreshments provided)

**Free to public**

## Migrant and Refugee Electoral Forum



**Sarah Dowie**  
MP for Invercargill  
National



**Dr. Liz Craig**  
Labour Candidate



**Rochelle Surendran**  
Green Candidate



**Ria Bond**  
NZ First List MP

### Why should you attend this forum?

This forum will be an opportunity to bring political candidates together to express their opinion on the key issues affecting Migrants and Refugees that are relevant to their future in Southland.

There will be an opportunity for questions from the floor

# INDONESIAN & VIETNAMESE NIGHT



**Potluck Dinner**  
Please bring a plate of food to share

Join us for an insightful evening through dance, music and much more of Indonesian and Vietnamese culture.

Do not miss out on a chance to taste some authentic Indonesian and Vietnamese cuisine!!!

Gather your family and friends and please come and join us on the night. See you there.



26 August  
**2017**

**Hansen Hall (SIT)**  
**133 Tay Street**  
**7.00 pm**

Venue Sponsor



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**Entry**

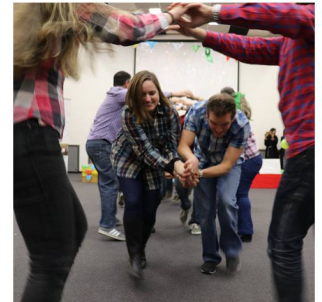
**Members : Free**  
**Non Members : Gold Coin**

# BRAZILIAN & CHILEAN NIGHT

We are so pleased for our Brazilian and Chilean communities that the event went so well and was such a success.

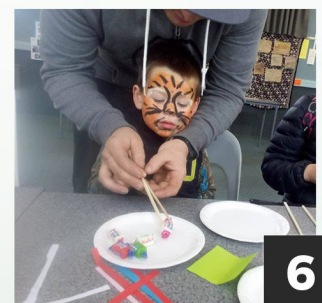
Thanks to all the people who came along and supported the event. Thanks for the Brazilian and Chilean performances, which showcased your dance culture and cooking your cultural foods.

We would like to thank all the volunteers. We couldn't delivered a successful event if it wasn't for all your hardwork and dedication. See you all again soon.



# ILT KIDZONE

Southland Multicultural Council participated in the six day long ILT Kidzone Festival, Southland's most popular family event presented by Venture Southland. We provided activities like Tapa Cloth, Chopsticks and Origami where kids along with their family had a lot of fun. Heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful dedicated volunteers. Without all your hard work, we could not continue to provide the services that we do.





## WOMEN'S GROUP

Southland Multicultural Women's Group presenting Philippine Ube Macapuno Cake made by Goldelights: Filipino Food and Delicacies to Invercargill Women's Refuge as a token of appreciation for their wonderful contribution to the refugee women in Invercargill.

# PAST EVENTS

## YOUTH GROUP

Fred Musika, People Skill Trainer conducting a session on Personality Development: Key Success Factors at Southland Multicultural Youth Group Gathering.



## HOKONUI CULTURE FEAST

Southland Multicultural Council participated in the Hokonui Culture Feast organised by Eastern Newcomers Network by holding a stall with the amazing and selfless support of our volunteers. The event helped us to promote ethnic foods and also enhance our visibility. It was a great success and we believe that we can do better next time.

# Workplace English



## Work Talk

Job-seeking skills for the Kiwi workplace  
Four-week course (12 hours a week)

## English for Employees

Improve your workplace English  
For people with NZ residency (2-3 hours a week)

**Courses start mid-July**  
Get in touch soon



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### ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Name of the class	Day	Time	Classes	Start date
Reading & Writing (Intermediate and Above) Class Invercargill	Wednesdays	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	8	26/7/17
Listening & Speaking (Intermediate and Above) Class Invercargill	Thursdays	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	8	27/7/17
Conversation Class Invercargill (Beginner – Elementary)	Fridays	12.30 to 2.30 p.m.	8	28/7/17
Conversation Class Gore	Wednesdays	6.45 to 8.45 p.m.	8	2/8/17
Pronunciation Class	To be held in September			

### WORK BASED PROGRAMMES

**English for Employees** 45 hours, 2.5 hours per week, small groups of 3-4, flexible timings.  
(NZ permanent residents / citizens only)

**Work Talk** 48 hours, 12 hours per week, flexible timings.  
(NZ permanent residents/citizens and work visa holders only)

### HOME TUTORING

English language lessons delivered by trained volunteer tutors at the learner's home.

For more information, contact: English Language Partners Southland, 184 Esk street Invercargill

Phone 03-216 8765 / 029 771 0950 / email: [southland@englishlanguage.org.nz](mailto:southland@englishlanguage.org.nz)



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Remember, if it is **urgent**, dial **111**  
*Community Constable, Anthony Hogan*

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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***

## AUGUST BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Jaca Bartlett-McBride 16<sup>th</sup>  
Tess McGregor 15<sup>th</sup>  
Maggie Zhang 15<sup>th</sup>  
Sajitha Ferry 21<sup>st</sup>

If you are not a member of Southland Multicultural Council or your membership is due for renewal, call us **03 214 9296** or **027 214 9296** or post the application form to **46 Kelvin Street, Invercargill**. You can also email us at [office@southlandmulticultural.co.nz](mailto:office@southlandmulticultural.co.nz).

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS \$15 PER FAMILY**