



# THE RAINBOW QUILL

## FEBRUARY 2010



SOUTHLAND MULTI-NATIONS COUNCIL INC

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### Potluck Dinner

Saturday 20 February, 6.30pm  
Holy Trinity Church Hall,  
King Street, Windsor

Please bring a plate of food to share



### Everyone Welcome

Members of Southland Multi-Nations—free  
Non members—a gold coin donation

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Mark it on the  
Calendar

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Put it in your  
Diary

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Saturday

March 20

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Celebrating  
Race Relations  
Day



## Multicultural Food Festival

Saturday March 20, 2010, 10.00am to 4.00pm  
SIT Hansen Hall, Tay Street, Invercargill

FREE Entry

- Food Stalls**
- Bombay Palace
  - Bonsai Restaurants
  - Craig's Kitchen
  - EUROpeanZ lunchbar & bakery
  - Curry Guru
  - Fair Trade Coffee
  - Hong Kong Restaurant
  - Mevlana Kebabs
  - Pacifica Women
  - Waihopai Runaka/ Murihiku Marae

- 10 ethnic food stalls
- Food court or takeaway
- Multicultural Entertainment

Come and enjoy  
a diversity of ethnic food

NO EFTPOS — cash only for food stalls

Family event — No alcohol

Food Festival organised by Southland Multi-Nations Council Inc celebrating Race Relations Day 2010.

Special thanks to Southland Settlement Support & Community Trust of Southland for financial support of this event.

Southland Multi-Nations Council Inc. is supported by Community Trust of Southland, COGS, SIT, ILT Foundation, Invercargill City Council, Lottery Grants Board, N Z Post, Southland Settlement Support



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**Photo Gallery** -Christmas Picnic,  
December 13, 2009 at Anderson Park



**Great people!**

**Great food!**



**Great bubbles!**

**Great Father  
Christmas!**

**GREAT PICNIC!**



## From President Brian

*(Please note that Brian has a new cellphone number 022 6360256)*

Kia ora te whanau, Greetings to the Multi-Nations family

Here we are at the beginning of a New Year, a time when many of us make New Year Resolutions, or at least try to make some changes for the better in our lives. This can be rather depressing if your expectations are not realistic, and your good intentions fall by the wayside quite quickly. So the idea is to be sensible with your dreams and decisions, do your best to live up to them, and don't be too hard on yourself if you fail.

Those who braved the uncertain weather had a happy day at the children's picnic last month. Special thanks to Michelle and Trevor, Violet and George who worked hard to make the day run smoothly, not to mention Santa Claus and Alan the Bubble Man, who provided special Christmas magic for the children. Cue Television and the Southland Times came along to record the event; we are fortunate to be supported so well by the local media. The Christmas Parade was another event we participated in – thanks to those who helped out there, and to the Southern Institute of Technology for their sponsorship. We are grateful for SIT's ongoing encouragement. Thanks to Bharat and Sivaraman who carried the flag and their young daughters, Natasha and Deipa who looked beautiful on the float.

I hope you have all had the opportunity to take some time off during the last few weeks. The spell of good weather we are enjoying at the moment certainly makes you want to get out into the fresh air for a change. The start of a new academic year brings many new students to our midst – we look forward to meeting those who come from other countries and hope they will make themselves known to us at Multi-Nations.

Our first pot-luck gathering for 2010 will be coming up soon in February and the Multicultural Food Festival in March. I hope you will support these functions, and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

**Brian Bellett**



### Wanted—Sewing Machines to Fix

We have a Multi-Nations member volunteering to service and repair domestic or industrial sewing machines on a volunteer basis at no charge for labour. He has a trade certificate in machine repair and while working in another field wants to keep up his work experience with sewing machines.

Contact details from Southland Multi-Nations, tel 214 9296



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 [multinations@woosh.co.nz](mailto:multinations@woosh.co.nz) and I will include it as space permits. Thanks. Violet

## Tax Rebate for Donations



Southland Multi-Nations Council Inc. is an incorporated society and is registered under the Charities Act 2005.

Donations of \$5 or more are eligible for a donations rebate from the Inland Revenue Department. A GST receipt will be issued so you can claim the rebate.

**The purpose of Southland Multi-Nations is to promote and protect the interests of ethnic people in Southland**



## From the Coordinator Greetings to everyone

I hope your Christmas and New Year was a happy one. I had a wonderful 3 weeks holiday, mostly spent at home apart from 6 days at Stewart Island.

The year is starting off with lots of opportunities—meet new people (potluck dinners), improve your job opportunities (Career Services workshop), be informed about immigration issues (Immigration Workshop), and find out about lots of other issues at the free community training hosted by Southland Community Law Centre. Details of all of these are in this edition of the newsletter.

Once February has disappeared we have coming up on Saturday March 20 we have the Multicultural Food Festival which is going to be wonderful for all of us who enjoy eating food with from other countries.

*Violet Stewart*

## Waitangi Day



Every year on 6 February, New Zealand marks the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840. In that year, representatives of the British Crown and over 500 Maori chiefs signed what is New Zealand's founding document. The day was first officially commemorated in 1934, and it has been a public holiday since 1974. Like ANZAC Day on April 25th this holiday is always on the day that it falls. e.g. This year it falls on a Saturday, therefore that is the day of the holiday.

<http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/politics/waitangiday-introduction>

Kowhaiwai border from [www.maori.org.nz](http://www.maori.org.nz)



## Happy Chinese New Year

### Lunar Chinese New Year 2010 - Year of the Tiger 庚寅

The Chinese New Year Festival Starts on February 14th 2010.

Chinese people have been part of New Zealand's cultural make-up since the 1860's, when the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce sought workers for the Otago gold mines. From a population of just over 1,200 in 1867, the Chinese/Taiwanese population has grown to more than 145,000—a vital part of our multicultural society.

On January 6th, 2010 New Zealand Post issued a series of stamps celebrating the Chinese New Year. They also issued stamps in 2009 celebrating the year of the ox.

Information from:  
[http://stamps.nzpost.co.nz/Cultures/en-NZ/Stamps/  
NewZealandCurrentIssues/2010YearoftheTiger/](http://stamps.nzpost.co.nz/Cultures/en-NZ/Stamps/NewZealandCurrentIssues/2010YearoftheTiger/)



**Changes to the 'Road User Rule'**—Whether you drive, ride, cycle, or walk in New Zealand, changes to the 'road User Rule' that came into effect from 1 November 2009 apply to you. Most high-profile change is the ban on the use of hand-held mobile phones while driving.

Another change includes: riders of mopeds and motorcycles must switch their headlamps on during daylight hours, unless manufactured before 1 January 1980.

There are 24 amendments to the 'Road User Rule'

For further info on the changes visit [www.nzta.govt.nz/about/road-user-rule-info.html](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/about/road-user-rule-info.html) Reprinted from LINKZ Issue 44 2009.



Immigration New Zealand  
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## Next *free* Southland Immigration Seminar

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010**

**10.30am – 11.30am Work and Visitor Visas**

**11.30am – 12.30pm Residency Information**

Time will be allowed for individual questions to be asked of the officials

**Venue: Venture Southland, 143 Spey Street, Invercargill**

If you plan to attend please let Sue know at Southland Settlement Support, 03 2111803



SETTLEMENT SUPPORT  
NEW ZEALAND

Connecting newcomers locally

## Citizenship requirements change in April—don't miss out if you are eligible

At the moment, if you received permanent residence or had a successful application accepted by Immigration New Zealand **before** 21 April 2005, you could be eligible for a grant of citizenship after living here for three years.

If you applied for and received permanent residence on or **after** 21 April 2005, you have to be resident in New Zealand for five years before becoming eligible for a grant of citizenship.

However, from 21 April 2010, everyone will have to be resident for five years before becoming eligible for a grant of citizenship, no matter when they got permanent residence.

That means that if you meet the three year requirement and don't put in an application before 21 April next year, you will not be eligible until you have lived here for five years, not three.

Visit the Citizenship website [www.citizenship.govt.nz](http://www.citizenship.govt.nz) where you can obtain more information and check whether you are eligible for citizenship by using the Online Calculation Tool. Alternatively you can phone the Citizenship Office on 0800 22 51 51.

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## What's On in Eastern Southland?

### Mataura Market Day

February 13th. If anyone interested in having a stall or more info contact Judy, 03 203 3174.

### Meet 'n Greet Morning Teas

3rd Wednesday of each month, 10am at the Elderly Citizens Rooms in Mataura Next meeting is February 17th. For further info contact Patti 03 203 8581.

### Mataura Picnic Day

Coming up later in February. Watch out for details of this.

### Fresh Vegetables

Mataura Community Garden needs volunteers to help with the garden. In return you will be able to buy vegetables for a gold coin donation. For more information or if you can help phone Barbara 03 203 8910.



**February  
2010**



### Happy New Year Everyone

Summer has finally arrived — what an embarrassing festive season we had to endure over the past 3 weeks. With family and friends arriving prepared for summer holidays activities, winter clothes were handed out to cover the rain, hail and snow which arrived instead. However, all too soon it's over and the year takes off with reports due, new planning for meetings are booked and the phone starts to ring then you wonder what happened to those wonderful relaxing days with family and friends.

### Southern Field Days, Waimumu, Gore 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February

Settlement Support along with Department of Labour Inspector and Inland Revenue will be attending – Site number is 872. If you have days off do come along to view all the latest in agricultural equipment and gear.

### Southern Institute of Technology – Open Day Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Are you thinking about doing some study? Then this day is the time to come and have a look at the campus, Tay street entrance, to see what is available.

### Career Services - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

This is a free service and a chance for you to update your Curriculum Vitae or C.V. essential for targeting that new job or filing your residency application. Ring and book your place now (2111803).

### Southland Buskers Festival – Fri 5<sup>th</sup>, Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Sun 7<sup>th</sup> February

Be aware that the streets of Invercargill will be alive with action this weekend, look out for water bombs, hula hoops, stand up comedians, magicians, contortionists, jugglers and lots of music and laughter. In Queens Park on Sunday is a Teddy Bears Picnic starting at 11.00am at the Band Rotunda along with lots of other entertainment.

### Immigration Seminar will be held in Invercargill on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

For Work visas and permits or residency applications. Please call me to indicate that you are going to attend (or I will cancel the visit).

The sunny days are now with us so let's get out there and savour summer with BBQ's on our long twilight nights.

**Sue Morrison-Bailey 03 2111803 [sue@venturesouthland.co.nz](mailto:sue@venturesouthland.co.nz)  
Southland Settlement Support, 143 Spey Street, Invercargill, funded by Department of Labour**

## Family News

- \* Congratulations to Marlon & Christine on the arrival of a baby girl, Kristine Mae, on October 5th.
- \* Congratulations to Sudhir and Ashika on the arrival of a baby boy on December 26th.
- \* Angela is now back in Christchurch after her trip overseas.
- \* Welcome back to Ally & Max after their trip to Singapore.
- \* Welcome back to XingDong from his holiday visiting family in China.
- \* Arnel & Liza Magcalas moved to Auckland in November 2009

*If you have any news you would like to go in our monthly newsletter please let Violet know at the office, either by phone or email.*

## Notice Board

**Citizen's Advice Bureau**  
corner of Dee & Gala streets

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 Wednesday 3pm- 4.30pm, 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

**Southland Community Law Centre**

5 Tay Street

Invercargill (just along from W.I.N.Z)

Ph 03 214 3180 or 0800 55 0800

Services include:

- providing legal information
- advice and assistance
- promoting legal education and law reform
- and in some cases representing people in court.

**These services are usually provided free to eligible members of the public. Check with your local community law centre to see what services they offer.**

**January & February  
Birthday Greetings To:**

😊	Robert	😊	Kalpana
😊	Ailsa	😊	Ruvimbo
😊	Rainne	😊	Sophie
😊	Robin	😊	Nur
😊	Jereriah	😊	Errol
😊	Karlynn	😊	Louie
😊	Lorilee	😊	Atsuto
😊	Sneha	😊	Denisse
😊	Christine	😊	Cory
😊	Nyaradzo	😊	Kouta
😊	Rachel	😊	Mark
😊	James		
😊	Gypsy		



**ENGLISH**  
LANGUAGE PARTNERS  
NEW ZEALAND  
Working with Migrants and Refugees

Southland Centre

184 Esk Street, Invercargill

Tel/fax: 03-2182736

email [southland@esolht.org.nz](mailto:southland@esolht.org.nz)

*Free English language classes for people from non-English speaking backgrounds\**

- Home tutors
- Social English Groups
- ( in Invercargill & Gore)
- English for Employees  
(a specially designed programme for people in employment)

\*conditions apply

**Learn English  
at SIT****ZERO FEES FOR NEW ZEALAND CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS**

The SIT English language school provides new & old residents of Southland the best educational opportunity in the country to improve their English language learning at no cost.

Full time students can apply for study allowances to assist them through their study.

**SIT offer?** Full & part-time Intensive English language certificate, NZQA approved with part-time afternoon IELTS program.

**Beginning any Monday-Times are:**

Monday– Thursday 9am-3pm and  
Fridays 9am-12pm.

For further information call 03 2112699 extn. 8770 or email [overseas@sit.ac.nz](mailto:overseas@sit.ac.nz)

**Membership of****Southland Multi-Nations**

If you aren't a member of Southland Multi-Nations and would like to be you can either phone Violet at the office for a form, come into the office and collect a form or download a form from our website [www.multinations.co.nz](http://www.multinations.co.nz). On the website you will find the membership form under the heading of publications.

**Annual Membership is \$10 per family**

# Kids Korner

I hope you had great school holidays and lots of fun. I had some holidays from work and I had fun. My husband George and I went to Stewart Island for 6 days. This was the first time George had been to Stewart Island and I hadn't been there for since I was a teenager which was a long time ago. We flew to Stewart Island in a tiny aeroplane the day before Christmas.



At Stewart Island you walk lots of places. One day we walked to Golden Bay wharf to catch the little water taxi to go to Ulva Island. It only took 5 minutes to get to Ulva Island which is famous for the lovely birds there. Even though you can't always see them you can hear them all around you and above you in the trees.

We were excited that we saw quite a few birds which were listed in the guidebook we bought. The skipper of the boat told us, "if you stop and wait, the birds will come to you." So we walked for a while then stopped, and that's when we saw the birds.



A **Stewart Island Robin** came close to the edge of the path when we were standing still.

We heard the **Kaka** calling to each other and saw them swoop through the trees. Kaka hold their food in their feet. I wouldn't like to do that!



We also the **Yellowhead**. You can see why it's called that. (especially if you get this newsletter by email)



In the bush near the wharf when we were coming back to wait for the boat to pick us up we saw the **Saddleback**. I wonder if you can see how the Saddleback got that name.

Maybe you will learn about those birds at school this year. Congratulations to those of you who are starting school for the first time this year.



**Violet** 😊

photos from [www.birdingnz.com.nz](http://www.birdingnz.com.nz)

## FREE Community Training, hosted by Southland Community Law Centre Thursday 18 February, 2010 9am—3.30pm, Murihiku Marae, Tramway Road, Invercargill

Topics covered are:

- ◆ Human Rights (Karolin Potter from Human Rights Commission)
- ◆ Employment—your rights and responsibilities
- ◆ The role of the Community Constable (Tim Harwood, Community Constable CBD)
- ◆ Police Powers—why you should always do what the police tell you
- ◆ Court Procedures
- ◆ Privacy & Health Information—what types of disclosure are, and are not acceptable
- ◆ Governance (presented by NZ Institute of Management)
- ◆ Consumer Rights—the ins & outs of HP, finance cards etc
- ◆ Tenancy—what your rights and responsibilities are
- ◆ Inland Revenue - are not just there to collect tax (Paul Howden, Community Lisison Officer, IRD)
- ◆ Compulsory Treatment Orders and what they mean—Southland Emergency Mental Health Team

The full programme with times is on Multi-Nations website [www.multinations.co.nz](http://www.multinations.co.nz) under publications. The registration form is also there.

Programmes and registration forms are available at Multi-Nations office, Southland Community House, or Southland Community Law Centre

Different topics are at different times and two different topics are running at the same time so it's not possible to go to all of them. It's **IMPORTANT to register by Feb 9th** so as to make sure there are enough workshop materials for everyone. Anyone can attend these workshops as long as you register.

*Except where specified otherwise workshops are present by Community Law Centre staff solicitors & case workers.*

Please return to:  
Southland Multi-Nations Council  
Southland Community House  
46 Kelvin Street  
Invercargill



## Are You a Migrant Looking For Work?

You Are Invited to Attend:

### A 'Job Search Skills' Workshop for Migrants—Tuesday 23 February

9.15am for coffee. Workshop 9.30am until 12 noon

Facilitator –Mike Dooley, Career Consultant, Career Services, Dunedin

#### This workshop will help you:

- ◆ Understand what employers are looking for
- ◆ Identify your skills and how to discuss them with employers
- ◆ Develop job searching skills, including accessing the hidden job market
- ◆ Develop a targeted CV
- ◆ Prepare for interviews



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To be held at: Venture Southland, 143 Spey St, Invercargill. To register tel Sue Morrison-Bailey 03 2111803