



**Multicultural Nelson Tasman**  
**AGM 2020**  
**Chairperson's Report**

Kia Ora,  
Tēnā koutou katoa.

This year was an exciting and eventful one for our organisation, celebrating our diversity of cultures here in Nelson-Tasman and providing support to the region's migrants and former refugees.

Over the course of the year we have attended and hosted many events, programmes and celebrations, such as:

- Colour Craze Fun Run, *Nov 2018*
- Tasman Asian Night Food Fair, *Feb 2019*
- Race Unity Day, *Mar 2019 (postponed due to Christchurch's massacres)*
- Colombian Day, *Aug 2019*
- Latin America and Spain Film Festival (first one for Nelson), *Sep/Oct 2019*
- Web development courses
- Participation in Nelson Tasman Settlement Forum meetings
- English reading and speaking sessions
- Multicultural Youth Nelson Tasman (MYNT) - *kickstart, Sep 2019*
- Multicultural Tennis
- Intercultural Awareness Workshops
- Soldiers Without Guns (fundraiser)

This year we received and used many generous grants and sponsorships, from Rata Foundation, the Department of Internal Affairs, Office of Ethnic Communities, NRDA, NCC, TDC, Pitt and Moore, and others. Over all we completed 30 grant applications: 19 succeeded, 5 failed.

We developed connections with four Maori groups: Ngati Koata, Ngati Kuia, Whakatu Marae and Onetahua Marae. We had planned a noho marae on intercultural awareness in a bicultural setting, but unfortunately it did not happen due to a last minute priority booking for Onetahua Marae.

On a monthly basis over the course of the year, MNT representatives had a presence at the NCC and TDC citizenship ceremonies, giving a short speech to welcome new citizens and encourage involvement in the organization.

We continued our strong relationship with Red Cross through regular presentations with all new intakes and NCC through introductory talks at the citizenship ceremonies and Victory Community Centre refugee intake workshops.

Over the 2018-2019 year, Multicultural Nelson Tasman provided support to communities during the Wakefield and Nelson fires, in the wake of the Christchurch March massacre, and Sri Lankan bombings.

Joining with our many ethnic groups, Multicultural Nelson Tasman attended cultural celebrations and connected with many migrants, such as the Chin Anniversary, Burmese New Year, Water Festival, Filipino celebration, women's luncheons and hui, Islamic Cultural Society- EID & NWMA Iftar (breaking of fast), and many Colombian & Latino events.

In September, we completed the launch of the Multicultural Youth Group strategic plan and governance training, and started regular meetings of multicultural youth.

Throughout the year, MNT supported charity status for Bhupen & Colombian Community, empowerment sessions for adults and children, legal rights class, civics sessions, continual support (legal, work, housing, Sat market stall) and friendship to all migrants and former refugees.

The team at Multicultural Nelson Tasman thanks you all for your membership and your involvement in our organization, and we look forward to another bright year ahead, showing our aroha and manaakitanga to our growing migrant community.

No reira, Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

***Nga mihi nui***

***Clare Scott***

***Chairperson***

***Multicultural Nelson Tasman***

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