



4 September 2009

## Greetings - Kia ora koutou

Welcome to the Settlement Support Newsletter. We try to keep in touch with the network to let you all know about information and a few events and social opportunities that we hope will interest you. If you have information about an event that you want to circulate just email it to us.

Please contact us if we can help you with any information.

*Ellen Altshuler, Coordinator*

## OPEN DAY at Migrant Centre Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 8pm

The Whangarei Migrant Centre (WMC) is open at the Municipal Building, 71 Bank Street. An **Open Day** is planned for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Come in and get to know the place and the lovely people who are there to help and support newcomers to our community.

All day there will be information, activities and social events. It is a great chance to catch up with what the new Centre has to offer. Settlement Support and WINGS have their offices in the Centre.

From 5.30pm there will be a **potluck dinner**. Anyone is welcome to attend. Bring some food with you and meet friends. Celebrate the international community in Whangarei!



## NEW: Social lunch time at WMC Every Friday, starting 18<sup>th</sup> September

There will be a weekly lunch at the WMC, starting @ noon. So, bring your lunch with you and meet international people. Coffee and tea provided. You are welcome to bring friends, colleagues or family ...

## Annual General Meeting Whangarei Migrant Centre 21 September, 7pm



The Migrant Centre is run by volunteers. Join the committee or become a volunteer at the Centre. Give a little or a lot to this rewarding project. AGM at 21 Sept. 7 pm (Begins with shared dinner at 6pm), 71 Bank St – entrance at Side Door  
**For more info: WMC – ph. 430 0571**

## What is the WMC?

The new centre is a one-stop-shop for migrants and newcomers, providing information and support. With several services in the same premises, it is easier to access information. The centre will hold group events, meetings and workshops. There are rooms available for hire. It will also offer a place for promoting the diverse and multicultural community.

# What's on?



## New Kiwis

### Free seminar for migrants

- **Buying Property in NZ;**
- **Family Trusts;**
- **Setting up Businesses;**
- **UK Pension Transfers.**

**When:** 8th September - 5.30 to 7 pm

**Where:** ASB Leisure Centre (upstairs),  
Western Hills Drive, Whangarei

**Presented by:**

Robert Donker, Chartered Accountant; Nicole Prosser, Law Direct; Keith Kietzmann, Certified Financial Planner

Info: Call Keith 0800 543 453 for an invitation or email [kiwi-keith@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kiwi-keith@xtra.co.nz)

## South African artist NÁDINE

Sun 4 October, 2.30pm, Forum North

The Afrikaans Club of New Zealand brings an Afrikaans vocal artist to New Zealand each year. This year Nadine sings in Afrikaans and English; songs from her new album, "This time I know".  
[www.nadinenadine.co.za](http://www.nadinenadine.co.za)

Join the Northland South African Community on Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of October at 2:30pm. Forum North. Tickets available from Ticketek, Forum North. For Info: Ph. Maryke Botes, [marykebotes@gmail.com](mailto:marykebotes@gmail.com), 021 261 5027

## Himalayan Banquet

Sat 12 September, 6.30pm, Forum North

Enjoy dinner and a fantastic show from Peter Haeder (deep throat chanting); Yu Fen Wang (Dakini dance) and more, for an entertaining and fun night. Tickets available from: Himalayan Trading Post, 25 Bank St. Phone- 430 2040 or email [danica@mandala.org.nz](mailto:danica@mandala.org.nz). \$55 per person or book a table for 10 - \$500.

## Ugandan Watoto Choir

Wed 9 September, 7pm

The Ugandan Watoto Children's choir is giving a free concert in Whangarei. They are touring in NZ on behalf of TEAR Fund's child sponsorship programme. Wednesday 9 September, 7pm, Crossroads Community Church, 10 Mill Rd

## WMC Jobseekers Group



Wed September 16, 9:30 am,  
Central Library

### Library's Job search resources

Get a Tour of the Whangarei Library's Job search resources. Find out about the range of helpful information available at the Central Library.

Wed October 14, 6:30 pm, WMC

### Your rights & responsibilities in New Zealand employment

David Flaws, an employment advocate will talk about:

- The basics of what should, and should not, be in an employment agreement
- How does redundancy work? What rights do I have?
- Other legal issues to watch out for

More info about the WMC Jobseekers Group contact Susanne Ames, email [sd\\_ames@yahoo.com](mailto:sd_ames@yahoo.com) or alternatively call WMC, ph. 430 0571

## Become a volunteer Whangarei Women's Refuge Advocacy

Training Information evening  
8 September, 6pm @ 114a Robert St.

Women are invited to find out about volunteering at Whangarei Women's Refuges.  
More info phone: 4376576 or 4372127

# Haere Mai

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women's international newcomers group social

## Meets:

- Every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7pm at 1 Norfolk Street. \$3.00 and Members Free
- Friday coffee morning, at 9:30-11:30 at Mokaba café (Town Basin)

## Special WINGS dates in September:

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| 6th Sept  | Trip to KeriKeri market and Helena Bay Café  |
| 11th Sept | Brauhaus Frings Pub Night, 5:30pm @ Dent St. Husbands, friends and children welcome!               |
| 12th Sept | WINGS volunteers at EDAY   |
| 18th Sept | Open Day at the Whangarei Migrant Centre, WINGS Friday Coffee Group meets there for coffee and tea |

**More info** [www.wingsnz.org.nz](http://www.wingsnz.org.nz) or ph. 430 3221

## Transition Town Whangarei Sustainable Homes Expo, 26 Sept

The Expo will give practical and comparative information to help make choices about technology and sustainable buildings and/or retrofit needs. There will be displays from suppliers of sustainable products; and Seminars held throughout the. Free admission.

**Location:** Integrated Learning Centre Gate 1 Northtec, Raumanga Valley Road  
**Date:** Saturday, 26 September 2009  
**Time:** 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

## Ramadan, what is it? Northland Muslim Community

Fasting in the month of Ramadan is an essential part of being a Muslim. Ramadan is a time when virtues multiply and worshippers refrain from eating and drinking from sunrise until sunset. Fasting started on August 22 after the new moon.

Ramadan is also a time when Muslims are to slow down from worldly affairs and focus on self-reformation, spiritual cleansing and enlightenment, focusing on the link between God and themselves through prayer, and charity.

## Festival of Eid

The festival of Eid - marking the end of Ramadan - will be celebrated after the next moon is sighted on the third weekend of September. On this day, Muslims all over the world celebrate with prayers and exchange gifts.

## Northland Muslim Centre

Northland Muslim Community Charitable Trust (NMCCT), the official Muslim religious body in the region, now has its own centre for prayers on Porowini Ave. Northland Muslims come from Fiji, Asia (India, Pakistan), the Middle East (Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia).

For more information about Islam see [islamawareness.co.nz](http://islamawareness.co.nz)

Drop in and ask your questions face-to-face at

## Settlement Support Contact Centre

Every **Friday** from 9am – 4pm

Customer Service Centre, Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangarei

## SETTLEMENT SUPPORT NEW ZEALAND

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For settlement information, visit:

**[www.immigration.govt.nz/settlement](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/settlement)**



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