

## TIMARU DISTRICT MULTI-ETHNIC COUNCIL

### NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2008

Because of commitments with work I apologies that this month's newsletter is again very rushed and rather brief.

Our monthly pot-luck tea get together is this Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at The Bridge Road Multi-Cultural Centre and our very special guest speaker is Viv Woods - Timaru's Immigration consultant with years of expertise and information about Visas, work permits, residency applications or work contracts. Viv has kindly offered to speak briefly to individuals after her talk - if you have specific questions.

In the last month we have had 2 kind offers of help from 2 sets of people willing to share their skills and time for helping new immigrants to Timaru. Also the St Vincent de Paul Society have made contact offering their help with delivering of furniture to families we know of in need of help. So, to all our Kiwi's on our mailing list - please keep your ears open and co-ordinate with us in case we can assist people that you have met recently needing help in a variety of ways. If friendship and social outings is all they need please encourage or transport friends to this weekend's pot-luck meeting.

By the way, another exciting event is happening this Sunday out in Geraldine. A Christchurch based world music choir will be visiting and performing international songs in different languages. I have heard this group and loved it and would encourage any interested in multi-culturalism to attend; ring me and we could car-pool maybe? Share the petrol? Kate Elsen ph 688 6064

Also, on the cultural side, we would like to also tell you that the local German group have their next meeting on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> May and the Oamaru Multi-Ethnic group have invited all members down to Oamaru to celebrate the launch of their group on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of May at 6pm, again please ring Kate 688 6064 for details.

Finally, there will also be a concert on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm at the Basilica of the Russian Church's Choral traditions sung by Christchurch's choristers. Life is often like that here in Timaru - either a feast or a famine of fun. We must make the most of it so groups will return!!

Come along this Sunday at 6pm, make your international friends, improve your English listen to a great speaker, eat delicious food and don't be shy!! You'll be home early so bring the children - they are always welcome!!

Kate Elsen