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MCNT Weekly

Welcome

Welcome to another edition of MCNT Email News— a way of providing regular information to our members and stakeholders. If you have an event or function that you wish to promote, please send the details to email admin@mcnt.org.au. We can then put this in our next newsletter to be provided to our members and friends.

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Citizenship Program 2015—16

The MCNT is happy to introduce to you our new citizenship program. This program aims to assist eligible clients with preparation for sitting the citizenship test. The program is designed to offer helpful advice with understanding the citizenship book, 'Australian Citizenship our Common Bond' as well as highlighting the responsibilities and privileges of becoming Australian citizen. The citizenship program also assists with the completion of the relevant citizenship forms and provide advice on required documentation. Depending on the demand for the citizenship program, the MCNT will either have one on one sessions or have classes in group sessions. For more information please contact Letty on 8945 9122 or EDU@mcnt.org.au

Citizenship



Passport to Drive program 2015—16

Passport to Drive Program opened on 1 July 2015 for permanent residents who arrived in Australia within last five years under Humanitarian entrants; Family stream migrants with Low English proficiency; dependants skilled migrants in rural and regional area; selected temporary residents (prospective marriage, provisional spouse, and provisional interdependency visa holders and their dependants) in rural and regional areas and who have low proficiency. The project period is from 1 July 15 to 30 June , 2016. For further information contact Asif Khan 8945 9122 or Driving@mcnt.org.au



Volunteer Tutors needed for Homework Club

The homework club runs on Wednesday Casuarina Library and Thursday MCNT Malak from 4-6pm during school terms in 2016 . The program is fun and a rewarding way to volunteer your time to gain valuable cross cultural experience as well as assisting disadvantaged young people with their schooling. Anyone who loves to work with young people are welcome to join. No experience needed. For more information contact Mary Kukua on 89459122 or spg@mcnt.org.au



MCNT Homework Club

The homework club will run on Wednesday at Casuarina and Thursday at MCNT 4.00 to 6.00pm during the school term in 2016. to provide young people (middle and high school age, from newly arrived refugee and non-English speaking backgrounds) with assistance with their homework and school studies. For further information Contact Mary Kua 89459122 or 0469802832 or sgp@mcnt.org.au

When	Where	Time	Dates 2016
Wednesday	Casuarina Library	4-6pm	3 /2/16– Ongoing
Thursday	MCNT Malak	4-6pm	4/2/16– Ongoing



Job Opportunity for Recently Arrived Migrants and Refugees

Are you a newly arrive migrant or refugee seeking work? Jobs are available for migrants and refugees who are new to Darwin - cleaning caravans and motorhomes during the tourist season until December. There is plenty of work and you can earn good money - and even if you don't speak English all that well. The hours can be flexible to suit your family life, and training is provided. To find out more about this great opportunity, contact Ken on 0458 745 648 or Anna on 0466 890 034.



Harmony Day Soiree at the Waterfront

MCNT invites the Community to the Multicultural Harmony Day Soiree at the Waterfront. Come and enjoy a variety of different cultures from our multicultural community showcasing their food, dance, music and cultural displays.

Venue: Darwin Waterfront
Date : Saturday 28 May 2016
Time : 4pm to 8pm



For more information about the event, please contact MCNT 89459122

IOM in Australia – Assisted Voluntary Return Program

Established in 1951 the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration. IOM assists in the settlement of thousands of refugees in Australia through providing transport assistance, cultural orientation and health screening. IOM also works closely with the Australia Government in advancing regional dialogue on migration, delivering capacity building and other assistance programmes funded by Australia in developing countries, as well as delivering humanitarian relief. IOM Australia also provides Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) assistance to irregular migrants and asylum seekers who wish to return from Australia to their home country voluntarily. This service includes:

- Information and counselling regarding voluntary return with IOM.
- Assistance in obtaining passports or travel documents.
- Assistance in transport arrangements; and,



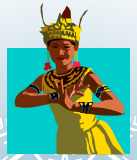
Happy Families Support Program 27 May, 2016

The MCNT and CatholicCare NT present the "Happy Families Support Program" each month - with interesting guest speakers, interactive family-friendly activities, and a fabulous community dinner catered by My Sisters' Kitchen. The next session, from 4.30 pm to 7.00 pm, on Friday evening 27, May 2016 . The whole family is welcome - invite your friends. The "Happy Families Support Program" is an opportunity to share your culture and get to know other families. It's free and is fun, with something different each month. For more information, contact the MCNT 8945 9122 or email: admin@mcnt.org.au



Indonesian Classes

Selamat. Want to travel to Bali for weekend? How about trying to learn some basic words of the language to try to break the ice. The Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia are offering **free** language classes at Indonesian Consulate. For more information contact Jherry or Hesti on 89430208 or matahelumual@indoconsdarwin.org.au. Website www.kemlu.go.id/darwin. Facebook www.facebook.com/konsulatrint



English Classes

English for everyday living are held each Monday 9am to 12pm at the meeting room Casuarina Library by the Happy Migrant Social and learning Centre. Sessions are open to all levels. All are welcome. For Further Information Please call Cecilia on 89273108



Hindi Classes

Indian Cultural Society (ICS) runs Free Hindi Classes for all. For details of the Next Hindi Class Workshop, please contact ICS Hindi School co-ordinator Sumesh Dhir on 0407 739 451.



Urdu Classes

Free Urdu language classes are scheduled at Islamic Center of Palmerston Boston Avenue Moulden every Sunday from 1pm to 3pm and the contact details are Tarique Memon 04505635541.



Bollywood Dance Dhamaka:

This year the Bollywood Dhamaka welcomes to the stage the best of Darwin's rising stars in a vibrant collision of cultures! Come and enjoy a rhythmic spectacular and enjoy a Bollywood feast! The Bollywood dance and cultural academy is making efforts to raise funds for cyclone stricken Fiji. The funds we raise together will be donated to help rebuild schools & purchase essential School supplies

Date: Saturday June 18 2016

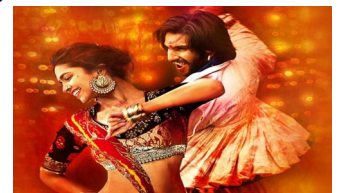
Venue: Italian Club

Time: 6.30pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

Tickets :\$25 Adult \$15 Child/Concession

(children under 3yrs are free and meals included in ticket price)

For further information contact Savita : 0449619724 or Sita :0450990710



MCNT Free Migrant Advice Service

Monthly Consultations upon appointment is available for the first Wednesday

Of each month with qualified Migration Agents.

Venue: MCNT Hall, shop 15 Malak Shopping Centre.

Time: 5—8pm

Next appointment: Wednesday 1 June 2016

For further Information please contact MCNT on 898459122



Multicultural Council NT Open Day

The MCNT at Malak wants to make life better for migrant and refugee families and communities in the Top End and is hosting an Open Day from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm on Saturday 4 June 2016. We are inviting our members, friends, colleagues and clients as well as community leaders and representatives. At the Open Day we will be providing an update about our services, activities and programs, and also discuss the issues and challenges for people of migrant and refugee background. Everyone is welcome - join us for lunch at the MCNT Open Day! Please feel free to distribute this notice and inform you community through your networks and social media. For catering purposes, RSVPs of attendance by Wednesday 1 June 2016 to Savita at the MCNT on email: admin@mcnt.org.au or tel: 8945 9122 would be most appreciated.



Creative Workshops

Come and Try making Mosaics, Jewellery and Lead lighting workshops on Saturday Mornings. Materials will be provided for the activities. Donations for morning tea. Venue : DCA Hall, Malak Shopping centre Chambers Crescent , Malak
Time: 9.30 am to 12.30 am, Date : Saturday Mornings, For further information please contact DCA on 89457347

Fijian Classes

Fijian classes will start on Wednesday the 16th of March at the Casuarina Uniting Church Hall, Vanderlin Drive from 4:30pm to 5:30pm and Fiji Hindi class from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the same place . For further enquiries, call Ili on 0417890448.

Tarantella Italian Folk Dancing

Would you like to learn an Italian Dancing, Culture, Fun and get fit at same time? Anyone can join, anyone can dance and everyone can enjoy. Tarantella Darwin welcome the community to join in with this group. For more info contact Tina 0414809198, Sauro 0450951360 or Facebook.com/Tarantella Darwin

Malak Marketplace - Darwin's Organic Farmer's Market

After a successful trial in 2015, the Malak Marketplace - Darwin's Organic Farmer's Market - is proudly supported by Northern Territory Government and the City of Darwin and is opening, for its second season. Everyone is invited - bring along your family and friends - to the Malak Marketplace which is on each Saturday during the dry season between 4.00 pm and 9.00 pm . The Malak Marketplace brings together like-minded stallholders with a focus on fresh organic produce, quality arts and crafts, gourmet food stalls and superb entertainment. It is located in the multicultural and artistic hub of Malak - the heart of the Northern Suburbs - and adjacent to two well-known agencies: Darwin Community of Arts (DCA) and the Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory (MCNT). For further information please contact DCA on 89457347



Grant Writing and Fundraising Workshop

The MCNT and Melaleuca Refugee Centre are presenting a "Grant Writing and Fundraising Workshop" at the MCNT on Monday evening 23 May 2016 from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. The focus will be on the funding rounds in the Northern Territory that are currently open and closing very soon, in the context of enhancing the involvement of migrant and refugee communities in this year's World Refugee Day Festival on Saturday 18 June 2016. Successfully applying for grants and sponsorship is a great way of financing your community projects and events, and there are a number of great opportunities for funding and sponsorship throughout the year. For further Information contact MCNT on 89459122.

Indonesian Story time

Enjoy a bilingual Story time session each month for Indonesian and non Indonesian speaking families. This fun multicultural activity for you and your child- suitable for 0-5 years is fun way to get know to your neighbouring people. Sessions are held at 10am on last Friday each Month at Darwin City Library. For more information contact Frances Brougham on 89305235



MCNT Community Room and Library use

The Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory (MCNT) has, as part of its objectives is to assist its members and provide advice and services to people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Part of this service includes the provision of meeting facilities in the form of the Community Room and Library for MCNT members. In January 2016, the MCNT Board adopted a policy for the use of the MCNT Community room and library. The purpose of this policy was to help ensure an equitable system of use as the MCNT facilities are in constant high demand. Please see attached the MCNT Policy and Rules for the MCNT Community Room and Library.



For further information please contact MCNT on 89459122



Community Hall

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