



**Welcoming
Communities**
TE WAHAROA KI NGĀ HĀPORI



Welcoming Communities New Zealand is a government initiative led by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, in partnership with the Department of Internal Affairs (including the Office of Ethnic Communities) and the New Zealand Human Rights Commission.



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Welcome – Haere Mai

- Health & Safety Matters
- Proposed date for next meeting
- Welcomes
- Refugee resettlement
- WC/MBIE updates
- Steering group feedback
- ADC updates

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Welcome,

Health & safety matters

Fill out your name on spreadsheet

Location of toilets

Location of fire exits

Drop, cover, hold in event of earthquake

Proposed date for next meeting

February 3

Quick welcomes

Refugee Resettlement– Kevin Clifford from Safer Mid Canterbury – which was appointed as the Refugee Resettlement provider for Ashburton

WC/MBIE updates

Steering group feedback

ADC updates



Refugee Resettlement



Kevin – 10 mins



Welcoming Communities Refresher



- Led by MBIE
- Two-year pilot
- Nine councils across five regions July 2017 to June 2019.
- Appointed as part of CREDS



Tony

Post pilot expansion

- Two-year pilot phase complete
- Cabinet approved \$6.6M to expand programme
- 30 Councils over the next three years
- The basis for Cabinet's approval was the success of the pilot Councils' work.



Tony

Four Accreditation Stages

1. **Committed** – December 2019
2. **Established** – Feb-Aug 2020
3. **Advanced** – up next
4. **Excelling**



Tony

There are four stages of Welcoming Communities accreditation; committed, established, advanced and excelling.

The Council will be accredited as a 'committed welcoming community' by December 2019.

Council is seeking accreditation as 'established' in February 2020 and will be one of the first councils in New Zealand to do so.

A new Welcoming Communities strategy and plan is being developed set on achieving 'advanced' accreditation also in 2020.

What others are doing

- ✓ Palmy – going for established
- Tauranga – likely to go for established
- Whanganui – might go for established
- ✓ Southland – going for established
- ✓ Ashburton - going for established



Janice



Looking to advanced accreditation



The new plan we are developing is to help us get to the Advanced stage.



Janice



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Steering Group Feedback

- Citizenship tree planting in domain
- Support of community van project
- Support of CAB establishment
- Health care providers - interpretation services
- Welcoming businesses – create a certification
- Newcomer engagement toolkit for receiving community with refugee level advice
- Celebration of welcoming and celebrating refugees.



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Janice 5 minutes

At our last meeting this was the feedback received

- Citizenship tree planting in domain – we’ve canvassed the most recent attendees to our Citizenship ceremony and had mixed responses.
- Support of Community van - we’ve shared this on our FB page and internally at Council
- Support of CAB establishment lead agency is Community House Mid Canterbury.
- Health care providers - interpretation services
- Welcoming Businesses – create a mini accreditation model for these businesses to receive a sticker for their window – we have received feedback that mystery shopping will not be the appropriate way to go about it so we’re pivoting to take a more educational, support-based approach.
- Newcomer engagement toolkit for receiving community
 - Consider refugee information in this
 - Meet needs for welcoming refugees “new kiwis”
 - Community preparedness for refugee arrival – we propose this be called ‘20 Ways to Welcome a Newcomer’
- Celebration of welcoming and celebrating refugees – we have had the Ashburton Muslim Association discuss another Mosque open day to specifically welcome the refugees.



Videos



Welcoming Workplaces,
Episode 3 - Ashburton Cont...



Welcoming Workplaces,
Episode 4 - Talley's Ashburt...

- Episode 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoDK3F56q84>
- Episode 4 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHRqSA8bilg>

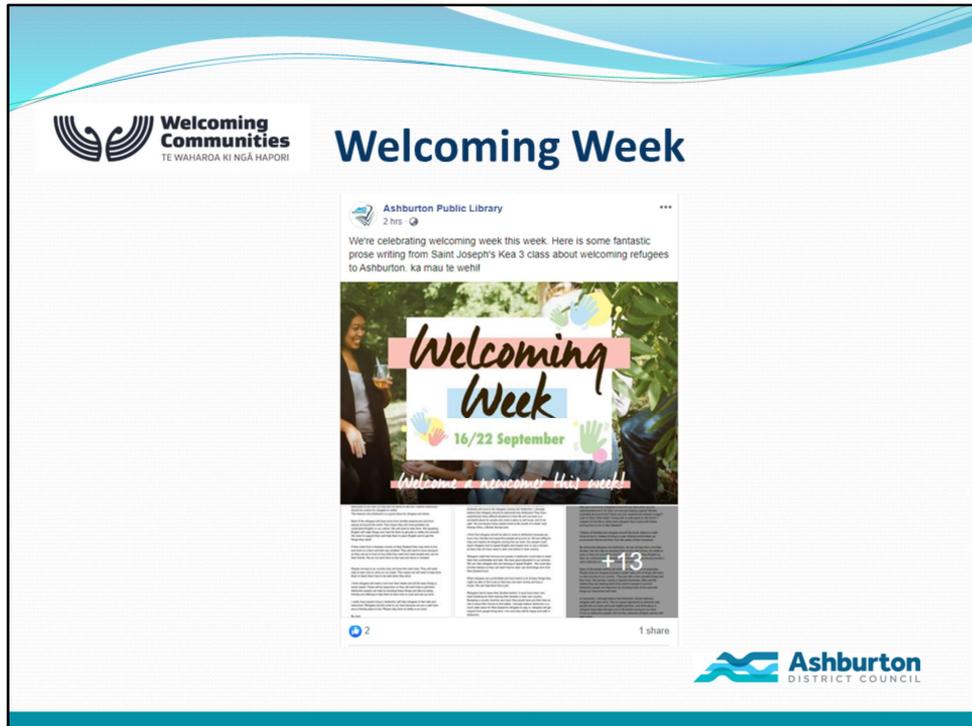


2 mins

Will pop these on at lunchtime

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2 mins

With short notice we had little time to prepare but:

A large scale e-mail campaign was sent out to the community with ideas on how they can welcome newcomers during Welcoming Week

50 posters were printed and handed out throughout the CBD

But the best moment was reading letters from St Josephs school who prepared writing on Welcoming Refugees, which was facilitated by the Ashburton Library.