

Within Timaru we have a Chinese Community, South Africans, Tongans, Muslims, Pasifika and Irish groups all with their separate Societies to name a few!! Time for Timaru Rotary to open its doors to being more diverse than it is!! It was an eye opener as to how diverse South Canterbury has in fact become and to the support services Multi Culture Aoraki provides. Co-incidentally I was in my work recognised as a Guru by an Indian member of our community and requested to remove my shoes so my foot could be touched. It was an honour to be named as such and recognised in that way. Reading up afterwards I was meant to touch the persons head and bless them, which I failed to do as I was totally unaware of their custom!!



Pictured above are Tracey Miron (Community Connector), Mandy Wills (Support Manager) & Katy Houston (Manager).

On another note we welcomed Natasha Hammond again. She has now completed an application to join us. Lets extend open arms to her as I expect she will be shortly joining us as our newest member. Not to forget Chris who recently joined us but who was not well last week. Hopefully he will be fully recovered and with us this coming Tuesday. That will be a club night. Please do make the effort to be at that meeting if at all possible as your contribution is needed to the committee you are on this year. Without you the Club's magic will not work!! Remember this year is "Just Magic" a chance to serve our community and enjoy every minute of doing so.

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