

WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD GOOD CITIZENS' AWARDS 2019

Our final award in this community group category goes to **Asian Family Services** for their work with Asian communities throughout New Zealand and here in Waitematā.

For the past 20 years, Asian Family Services have provided services to Asian communities with professional, confidential, face-to-face and telephone support. Their services are offered in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Vietnamese, Japanese, Thai and Hindi.

The organisation is the only treatment provider for people of Asian background affected by gambling harm in New Zealand.

They support gamblers, their family members and all others affected by the negative impact of gambling by providing counselling, and other social work services free of charge.

In addition to their gambling support services, they deliver numerous workshops to migrant communities who experience social isolation and stress due to language and cultural barriers. Some of these workshops include their "Positive Parenting Programme", a communication program for migrant fathers; "Live well, Study Well" for international students and the "Wellness Recovery Action Plan" for clients with mental health issues.

It is particularly in this capacity that we'd like to acknowledge their initiative and contribution to improving the lives of our significant Asian population in Waitemata.

Congratulations Asian Family Services!