

# Queenstown Association of **Migrant Pinoys Inc.**

#### About us

The Queenstown Association of Migrant Pinoys Inc. (QAMPI) was established in 2008 as a non-profit organisation. Our community was founded with the mission to uplift and support our kababayans in Queenstown-Whakatipu area. Our objectives are to:

- >> Promote friendship and respect between the Filipino community and New Zealanders.
- )) Maintain cultural knowledge, practices, customs, and traditions.
- )) Organise and support non-political cultural, educational, economic, social, welfare, and physical activities for the Filipino community.
- >> Promote Filipino as the heritage language of our community and encourage the use of all our dialects.
- >> Support and cooperate with other ethnic communities, local organisations, and New Zealanders.

## **Our Queenstown Lakes** community

QAMPI is a growing community with about 1,300 Facebook group members in Queenstown and neighbouring towns. We are more than just an organisation; we are a family bound by shared experiences, culture and the spirit of bayanihan, where the community rallies to support one another in times of need.

### Our events and activities

- )) We coordinate training opportunities, such as English language, barista courses, baking lessons, and First Aid, in partnership with local organisations, institutions, churches, and others.
- )) We organise cultural events to keep our traditions alive for our children, e.g., Philippine Independence Day, Santacruzan, Sinulog, and Pinoy Piyesta, which is a celebration of our rich cultural heritage, featuring a Filipino-style BBQ and food, and the much-anticipated annual Christmas Party to celebrate the holiday season with festive food, games, gift-giving, and entertainment.
- )) We participate in local events, like Waitangi Day, Queenstown Multicultural Festival, Wanaka Festival of Colour, Arrowtown Autumn Festival, and other Filipino community events in Cromwell, Dunedin, and Christchurch.
- gatherings, providing members with opportunities to practice their faith and participate in communal worship.
- )) We coordinate sport tournaments to promote physical fitness, teamwork, and camaraderie amongst our Filipino community of all ages and levels, e.g., volleyball, basketball.
- )) We offer discounts or financial support to our Filipino community by partnering with local services, such as immigration advisers for assistance in their immigration journey, and by fundraising to assist members who have lost an immediate family member in covering funeral expenses or repatriation costs.





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