



Unite against COVID-19

This year so far has definitely been a difficult year for everyone. COVID-19 has changed our lives and as we are now in Level 2, we are still not out of danger. It has been testing times but as a team we will come out of this phase

It has been a while since our last newsletter but there have been few factors that has caused this delay and COVID-19 has been the major one.

Prior to COVID 19 lockdown, CDIA AGM was held. After a very long time this year we had a very good attendance and we would like to thank everyone who attended.

cdia annual general meeting - 2020

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting and it was great to have a few additional members attend.

The following officer bearers were elected for 2020:

President: Anita Naran
Vice President: Nanubhai (Paul) Patel
Secretary: Santi Budhia
Treasurer: Dhirubhai Ranchhod

Committee: Jayeshbhai Patel, Madhu Patel, Ranjita Sengupta, Surekha Ravji, Kanubhai Ravji, Mahendra Naran, Suneal Singh

Senior Member: Ramanbhai Ranchhod

Youth Committee: Vacant



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president's report

Welcome everyone. Thank you for taking time out and coming to our AGM. We do appreciate it.

2019 – another year has gone and for me personally it has been a long hard year. With the passing away of my Bapuji, last year, it was extremely hard one for me and as I have said at our Committee Meeting, I apologise as I know I have not given 100% to CDIA.

Once again last year was another busy year for CDIA. Last year we celebrated Janmastami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navratri, Jalaram Jayanti. I didn't attend Navratri last year but I did get positive feedback from members and from the wider community. One issue that we do need to look into with regards to Navratri is more help/commitment from members. This is in relation to setup/clean up and general help that is required to host Navratri

Diwali in the Square: In 2019 the Palmerston North City Council along with various Indian groups in the region came together for 'Diwali in the Square'. This event was a first for local Indian communities and it was definitely a memorable Diwali. The Palmerston North City Council is already planning 2020 Diwali in The Square and CDIA will definitely support it.

Mokaa Exhibition: Mokaa (Land of Opportunity) exhibition was held at the Palmerston North City Library from 20th October – 6th November. The official opening was held on 20th October which commenced with a welcome by myself as CDIA President and a blessing by the local Kaumatua which was followed by speeches from Paul Patel, President of NZICA and Mr Grant Smith, the Mayor of Palmerston North. Then there was cutting of the ribbon followed by a walk through the exhibition and Indian refreshments and tea. CDIA was very lucky to have this exhibition in Palmerston North and we have received some very positive feedback

NZICA: 2020 is a busy year for CDIA as we are hosting the 94th NZICA Conference/AGM. The aim of this conference is to build capacity for our organisation and provide innovation to delegates and volunteers. Our next big event will be the 75th Jubilee which we are planning to host later this year.

All the events that CDIA organises involved a lot of work that CDIA committee members do behind the scenes. I would like to thank Nanubhai, Mahendra, Dhirubhai, Kanubhai, Sunealbai, Ramanbai, Madhuben, Surekha, Ranjita and Santiben. Thank you for all your hard work because without you all it wasn't possible and I would also like to thank you all for your support last year during the hard times. There are also members in our community who I would like to say thank you. I won't name them but I'm sure they know who they are.

Three people who I would like to thank and probably saying thank you isn't enough is Mahendra, Nikisha and Asmita. I'm probably repeating myself every year but it needs to be said as I definitely wouldn't be doing this job if it wasn't for the support I received from my family. Thank you so much.

Once again thanks everyone for coming to the AGM and for your support over the last 12 months. I wish the incoming committee all the best for 2020.

Anita Naran

2020 cdia subscriptions

At our AGM our current subscriptions was discussed and for this year subscriptions are as follows:

Family Members - \$30

Single Member - \$15



Please note that 2020 subscriptions are valid for the CDIA financial period from 1st **January 2020 to 31st December 2020**.

Subscriptions can be paid in the following ways:

Post: By sending payment to CDIA,
PO Box 4037, Palmerston North 4442 or;

Direct Credit: CDIA BNZ Account: 02-0630-0106854-00,
Code: CDIA MEM,
Reference: 2020 Surname & Initial

We encourage all subs are paid by **Tuesday, 30 June 2020**.

Once payment has been received, a receipt will be sent to you with the next newsletter

Family Members

Family Membership consists of a household of Members which may include a spouse or partner and/or their children. Children shall be included in Family Membership until they are 18 years.

Parent/s and/or extended family residing with a couple will have to pay separate membership fees unless they qualify for 65+ membership (refer below).

Single Member

Single Membership consists of a Member who seeks sole membership to CDIA, regardless of whether they are with or without a spouse or partner and/or children. The benefits of CDIA single membership shall extend to that Member only, and shall not extend to their spouse or partner and/or their children.

65+ Membership

A CDIA member shall be exempted from paying the annual CDIA subscription once that member has:

- (i) reached the age of 65 as of 1st January of the financial year and
- (ii) has been a financial member for a period of 10 or more consecutive years prior to 1st January of the financial year.

For a couple when only one spouse or partner qualifies this exemption of the annual CDIA subscriptions will also apply to the non-qualified spouse or partner.

Exemption of the annual CDIA subscription does not extend towards the payment of any entry fees and/or costs payable for events hosted by CDIA.

cdia functions for 2020

With the current COVID -19 restrictions our Committee will re-look at whether CDIA hosts any events this year. The functions we host are Janmastami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navratri, Jalaram Jayanti, Navratri and this year we were planning to host CDIA 75th Jubilee Celebrations in September. NZ currently is at Alert Level 2 and we still do not know how long NZ will remain at Alert Level 2.

Controlling numbers at functions is not easy and we know from past experience we would never know how many people will attend each function, however we do know that at Navratri the numbers are excessive and to implement social distancing at these functions is impossible. Our functions have always been for the wider community and we would like to maintain that and not divide the attendance. We are not aware how members with health issues will feel about gatherings in the current circumstances. As you can see a lot is unknown at the moment and we don't have answers. We do not want to jeopardise all the hard work that New Zealanders have done to date in the fight against COVID-19.

For the safety of our community and CDIA members our committee needs to be vigilant and be aware that the likely decision CDIA Committee will take is to cancel our events for 2020.

With regards to Diwali 2020, PNCC had plans to host this in the square again this year, however with COVID-19 no meetings have been held to date. We will wait for PNCC's announcement on this matter.

cdia newsletters



CDIA has sent hardcopy newsletters to members on a regular basis and will continue to do so. If you have not already done so please inform us whether you would like newsletters sent in both email and as a hardcopy or just an email version. Email your preference to cdia.inc@outlook.com.

Also if members wish to place any articles in the newsletter, please email it to us. This can be notices, congratulation messages, sport achievements, academic achievements etc.

Visit the CDIA website at: www.cdia.org.nz

2020 nzica conference/agm cancellation

The NZICA 94th Conference & AGM 2020 which CDIA was hosting in April was cancelled due to uncertainty around Covid-19 and the safety of large numbers of people congregating for social events. NZICA is committed to its social responsibility with the absolute best interest to ensure the safety of our community members.
