



## president's thank you



This year has been a year like no other, in our lifetime. Tragically, the pandemic has meant the loss of lives for so many around the world. While for others it has meant the loss of loved ones, this business, their jobs, opportunities, experiences and more. In one way or another, every person has been impacted negatively.

I hope the upcoming festive season will bring joy and happiness for everyone. What we now need is compassion and for people to truly empathise. The upcoming Christmas holiday is not just another Christmas for so many of us., it is an opportunity to be with those who we love after an incredibly hard year.

On behalf of CDIA Committee I would like to thank everyone for their support in 2020. The government had placed restrictions on gatherings but we managed to host some events this year and they were all successful. Diwali in the Square was another successful event and our thanks to Palmerston North City Council for their ongoing support.

On behalf of CDIA Committee we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Be kind to each other and stay safe.

Many thanks  
Anita Naran

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

The Ministry of Health have put together the below insert to ensure that we all stay safe over the festive session. **Remember we are all still at Alert Level 1** and a lot of us will be moving around the country coming into contact with strangers and large groups of people. Please remember the simple hygiene practices that we have all become use too, and if you are not feeling well, stay home, get checked out, and don't mix with others until you are cleared to do so. Please use your cellphones to record where you have been via the NZ COVID Tracer app, as it will become hard to recall where you have been during this festive season. It is very easy to become complacent given New Zealand's current situation compared to the rest of the World, and that is why we all must be more vigilant over this period to ensure NZ stays at Alert Level 1 and to do this we all must do our bit.

### GOLDEN RULES FOR EVERYONE AT ALERT LEVEL 1

1. Wash and dry your hands regularly.
2. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
3. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
4. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and get tested.
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
6. If you're concerned about your wellbeing or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
7. Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed. Use the NZ Covid Tracer app as a handy way of doing this.
8. Stay vigilant. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and businesses should be prepared to act fast to step up Alert Levels if we have to.
9. People will have had different experiences over the last several months. Whatever you're feeling - it's okay. Be kind to others. Be kind to yourself.



**With the countdown on until Christmas, the Ministry of Health asks that anyone hosting a party for staff ensures that everyone who is attending is well. If anyone who was planning to attend is unwell, please consider how you can include them in your celebrations via video call or other means that ensure they can take part while everyone is kept safe. Please encourage those attending to check-in at the venue with the NZ Covid Tracer app, in the Covid Tracer booklet available online, or in a personal notebook.**

# navratri 2020

Due to COVID, CDIA hosted Navratri over three days this year and CDIA Committee received positive feedback. A big thanks to all the members who helped organise this event.



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## diwali in the square

Diwali in the Square was an extremely successful event with over 5000 in attendance. CDIA would like to thank PNCC and the various groups who participated and made this event memorable.

PNCC is already planning Diwali in the Square 2021 and CDIA will definitely support them.



## congratulations



Suresh Patel - QSM for Services to the Community and Sport.



Paul Patel - PNCC 2020 Civic Award Recipient, City's highest recognition for Voluntary Community Service.



Aryan Lala a young member of our Association is a keen Go Kart participant and recently he won the Chris Pither Family Trophy for most improved Under 14.

Congratulations Aryan and we wish you all the best for your future races.



Ushaben Kubavat was the recipient of New Zealand Indian Central Association 2020 Community Service Award.

***CDIA congratulates all recipients on receiving the awards.***



On behalf of CDIA we would like to congratulate Hiren and Riya Ahir on the arrival of their son, Harvin Ahir who was born on 7th October 2020.

CDIA extends our heartiest congratulations to the family.

