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happy new year

Welcome to 2021 and all the best for the year ahead. We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. CDIA will start the year with our AGM as detailed below. We hope to have your for the new committee in 2021 and hope it is another successful year.

annual general meeting

Date/Time: 4 March 2021, 7.30pm—9.00pm Venue: Central Normal School, Tile Room (off Foyer), Featherston Street, Palmerston North

Agenda:

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- 4. Matters Arising
- 5. President's Report
- 6. Finance Report
- 7. Election of Office Bearers
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Committee
 - NZICA Executive Committee Member
- 8. Voting for CDIA Life Membership Nomination—Dhirubhai Ranchhod
- 9. NZICA
 - Conference/AGM—17th April at PN Function & Conference Centre - NZICA Gala Awards Night
- 10. General Business

It is extremely important that members attend the AGM. We do need new members to join the Committee in 2021 to provide new ideas and of course, to take on responsibilities in the running of the CDIA. This includes the Executive positions as well. The AGM is the place for all members to become involved and share constructive ideas. Many of the current committee members have worked tirelessly over the years hosting many successful events, but we no require more help and input from within the Association. Busy lifestyles means it does get harder for us to keep up with effective running of the Association. However, with more members becoming involved, the workload would be shared in running CDIA, so events can be organised with ease.

We also encourage more of our female members to become involved, along with seeing our younger members also taking part. CDIA has been in operation for 75+ years and we do want out Association to continue operating for years to come. We hope to see many members of all ages attend the AGM and to become actively involve with the association for 2021 and beyond. So please, come along so we can have a good attendance at the AGM this year. The affairs of an Association is not just the responsibility of the Executive or the Committee, it is also members. As one says, it is a "Team Effort". Hence, if anyone has any ideas or suggestions please email us at cdia.inc@outlook.com or alternatively ring any of our committee members.

2021 nzica gala awards

NZICA is also hosting **2021 Gala Awards** on Saturday, 17 April. This is the first time such an Awards evening is being held by NZICA. The annual NZICA Gala Award recognises those who have made a significant difference to NZ Indians and wider communities. Their contributions and achievements enhance social, educational, sporting and cultural richness in the community. They go beyond ordinary to make the society stronger, vibrant and inspire others to do the same. NZICA values the contributions of NZ Indians from all areas of participation and focuses on awarding those that have excelled in the objectives of the NZICA. There are 7 categories for the Awards. For further information please visit www.nzindians.org.nz. And please submit your nominations.



nzica conference/agm - 2021



CDIA is hosting the New Zealand Indian Central Association (NZICA) 95th Annual Conference/AGM in Palmerston North on Saturday, 17 April 2021 at the Palmerston North Conference & Function Centre.

The NZICA Conference is intended to provide value to all of the affiliated branches. There will be speakers presenting topics relevant to our Indian community. The aim of this conference is to build capacity for our organisation and provide innovation to delegates and volunteers.

It is a constitutional and legal requirement for all Incorporated Societies to hold an Annual Meeting. NZICA is the only national Indian organisation in New Zealand set up as an umbrella body for regional Indian community groups throughout Aotearoa operating since 1926. NZICA provides a central channel for Indian communities to voice concerns and together with other member communities join as a collective force. Through this unity they make a difference for our families and communities.

NZICA provides a link between Indian communities around NZ to exchange information on matters of common in-



help required for conference/agm

The committee will need help for the conference so if anyone is available to help, please contact us.

At the CDIA AGM on 4th March we will discuss the conference, so please attend the meeting to get an update on the progress to date.

CDIA is also looking for donations for this Conference and committee members will be approaching businesses and members for donations. CDIA will gratefully appreciate any donation amount that is received.

festival of cultures 2021

World Fair Day - Festival of Cultures





Lantern Parade – The square will light up on Friday, 26 February as we celebrate the "Year of the Ox" at this year's Festival of Cultures, Lantern Parade.

The lantern Parade this year will have a twist, the lanterns will be dancing Samba this year to celebrate both the Year of the Ox and the Rio carnival for which the Ox is a traditional figure.

Live music and food from 7.00pm Salsa Grooves and Samba from 7.30pm Followed by the Lantern Parade at 8.30pm

These events are free and family friendly.

| When: | Saturday 27 February, 10.00am – 4.00pm |
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| Where: | The Square, Palmerston North |
| Restrictions: | All Ages |

Ticket Info: Free Admission

The square will burst into colour on Saturday, 27 February from 10.00am – 4.00pm, to celebrate the beautifully diverse culture identity of our City. The World Fair Day will showcase a wide range of activities, family fun, performances, food and crafts from around the world.

The fair will kickstart at 10.00am with the official opening ceremony beginning at 10.30am. With local and internal performers, over 100 food and craft stalls as well as a 'Have-a-Go Tent, there will be plenty for all the family to see and learn from different cultures.

Lantern Parade - Festivals of Cultures





congratulations

On behalf of CDIA we would like to congratulate Jayantibhai and Damayantiben Patel on the birth of their grandson Avi Nath, who was born on 22nd October 2020.

CDIA also extend our heartiest congratulations to the proud parents Jagruti and Krish Nath.

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