



annual general meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting. It was very well attended and thanks to everyone who took up positions on the committee:

President: Anita Naran

Vice-President: Paul Patel

Treasurer: Dhirubhai Ranchhod

Secretary: Santi Budhia

Committee Members: Anita Boyens, Jayesh Patel,
Jignesh Buha, Madhu Patel,
Mahendra Naran, Kanu Ravji, Ranjita Sengupta, Suneal Singh, Surekha Ravji

Senior Member: Ramanbhai Ranchhod

Youth Member: Raj Patel



message from anita naran

2020 – as soon as you say this it reminds us the difficult year everyone has had with COVID and unfortunately we are still not out of danger. I have to say the Government implemented some strict restrictions and it has benefitted New Zealand

COVID had an impact on a lot of things globally and it definitely affected us personally and events for CDIA. We managed to have our AGM just before our first lockdown. The NZICA 94th Conference/AGM which CDIA was hosting had to be cancelled due to COVID. CDIA managed to have Janmastami but we had to cancel Ganesh Chaturthi because only gatherings of 100 was allowed. Navratri was initially cancelled but after discussion with some of our members we hosted it for 3 nights and it was very successful and well attended.

Diwali in The Square in conjunction with PNCC and other Indian Group was another successful event and this event will be bigger this year in November.

2021 will be another busy year for us with CDIA hosting the NZICA Conference/AGM in April and also NZICA hosting their first Gala Awards Night.

To organise any event it is not possible without a hardworking team behind the scenes. I would like to thank CDIA Committee for all the hard work they have done in 2020. I along with our members do appreciate it. Thank you to all those members who for reason do not join the committee but are always willing to help.

Last year personally it was a difficult year for me and with regards to work for CDIA I did what I could and that was only possible because of the love and support I receive from my family. Thank you Mahendra, Nikisha and Asmita. It may seem I don't appreciate it but trust me I do because without your support it is just impossible for me to do this job.

Voluntary work is definitely not easy. It is a huge commitment, hours and hours of work and lots of sacrifices. I have tried my best but I apologise as this year I know I haven't given it 100% in my term as President. As I said at our last Committee Meeting, this was my 3rd term as President. Even though I have only been President for 3 years, I have been working behind the scenes for nearly 30 years now.

I wish the new Committee all the best for 2021

Anita Naran

NZICA conference/agm



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 interest

Prior to the Conference will be an Executive Meeting on Friday, 16th April at 5.00pm and following that will be dinner for the delegates. This will be held at Senior Citizen Hall. Members are welcome to attend the meetings as observers and they are welcome to the dinner as well.

For catering purpose, please let us know by 22 March if you will be attending the Friday night dinner.

help required for conference/agm

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

Majority of the help is required on Friday, 16th April

- ◆ Setting up for the Executive Meeting and dinner at Senior Citizen Hall starting at 2.30pm
- ◆ Packing conference bag at approximately 1.00pm
- ◆ Setting up for the Conference/AGM (TBA)



At the conclusion of the Conference/AGM, we also need people to help set up for Gala Awards and this could be about 4.00pm.



donations

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.

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nzica gala awards night



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.

Please refer to the poster for more details (ticket price, time etc)

Tickets are \$60pp. At our Committee Meeting it was decided that CDIA will subsidise members for the Gala Awards Dinner. The subsidy that was agreed was \$30 .

Please note the subsidy will only apply if you were a paid member in 2020. If anyone wishes to attend the Gala Awards, please contact Anita Naran by 22 March 2021. CDIA will purchase tickets from NZICA for this event once we have received payment from members.

Please pay your \$30 into the CDIA bank account— Code: GALA AWARDS Ref: Surname & Initial

Congratulations



Dhiru Ranchhod - CDIA Life Membership

CDIA is proud to congratulate Dhiru Ranchhod on being awarded Life Membership at our AGM. Dhirubhai has made a huge contribution to our association and is an extremely valuable member of CDIA since 1990. He is very thorough in maintaining our financial records, our membership list and compiling and submitting our funding applications .

Dhirubhai has always worked quietly behind the scenes and we believe he is a well-deserved recipient of the CDIA Life Membership Award.



Sandeep Patel –CDISC Life Membership

CDIA would also like to congratulate Sandeep Patel on being awarded Life Membership of Central Districts Indian Sports Club. Sandeep has had a huge impact on our Association as well. Sandeep has been a committee member for the Central Districts Indian Association (CDIA) for 6 years. His organisational skills have helped in various events run by CDIA over the years. In particular, his work for the annual Diwali show and the Festival of Cultures events. His graphic design skills are exceptional and he has designed many of our posters, signage, flyers for our events.

The design and layout of both CDISC and CDIA newsletters has also drawn numerous favourable comments from many readers.

Sandeep is a deserving recipient of CDISC Life Membership award for his many years of voluntary service to the people of our community and region.

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 2021 subscriptions are valid for the CDIA financial period from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021.

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: 2021 Surname & Initial**



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We encourage all subs are paid by 30 April 2021. 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.

Upcoming events in 2021

CDIA is planning to host all our regular events in 2021. This will be based on COVID restrictions.

It would be appreciated if members volunteer to help with organising events. Navratri is the biggest event for CDIA and we definitely need assistance for this event, especially with cleaning and locking up. If are able to help please contact a committee member or email CDIA cdia.inc@outlook.com and state which event you would prefer to help with.



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