



thank you



On behalf of the Central Districts Indian Association Committee we would like to say thank you to everyone who helped us organise the NZICA 95th Conference/AGM, the Executive Meeting, Friday night dinner, Youth Forum and the NZICA Gala Awards Night.

These are the events that CDIA hosted in the weekend of 16 - 18 April 2021 and all these events were a great success. CDIA has set a benchmark that a small community can host big events.

Approximately 150 people attended the event, comprising 66 delegates, 15 youth delegates and 10 life members representing the affiliated branches of the New Zealand Indian Central Association Inc. Families and visitors locally and throughout New Zealand were also in attendance. Dinner on Friday was very well organised by the team in the kitchen and the food was delicious. Everyone present at the Senior Citizens Hall praised the quality of the food.

The Conference/AGM was also very successful. The speakers at the conference were very inspirational while the NZICA Gala Awards Night, which was an inaugural event, was enjoyed by everyone.

CDIA have received positive comments about the Conference/AGM via phone call, text messages, emails, personal thanks and these were emailed to everyone.

Thank you – these two words are probably not enough but I really do appreciate all the work everyone has done for the NZICA Conference/AGM and the Gala Awards. Each one of you have contributed in some way and I thank you all for the work you have done. Thank you to all our sponsors because without sponsorship and funding it would have been very hard for CDIA to host these events.

Anita Naran

thank you to our sponsors

On behalf of the Central Districts Indian Association Inc, we would like to thank all our sponsors for their generosity in regard to our hosting of the New Zealand Indian Central Association Inc. 95th Conference/AGM held on Saturday, 17th April 2021, at Palmerston North Conference and Function Centre.

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subscriptions

At our AGM our 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 September 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).

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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 life membership nomination



CDIA finalised its Life Membership Policy in 2017 which outlines the criteria and process to nominate, award and recognise individuals who have provided exemplary service and contribution to CDIA. The policy was voted in unanimously at the AGM.

Any CDIA member can nominate another CDIA member, as long as they have been a financial member for the past five years. All nominations are to be sent to the Secretary by 31st December of each year, at which time nominations will be evaluated and voted on at the next AGM.

Life membership is a great honour and therefore should only be awarded in exceptional circumstances. If there are any nominations, please send them to the Secretary. We hope members carefully consider who they would like to nominate, and view the criteria required for potential nominees.

If you have any queries regarding Life Membership Policy, please contact Anita or Nanubhai. We hope to receive nominations this year as we do have some deserving members worthy of this recognition.

congratulations

Race Unity Speech Competition

Congratulations to **Jiya Bothra** who was runner up in the regional Race Unity Speech Competition. This year's topic was "Kia kotahi te hoe - Paddle as One" with contestants asked to consider ways of overcoming racism at personal, community and national levels.



Jiya framed her speech as a letter to racism, challenging the audience with her final words:

So, Dear Racism,
Hear our words to you.
We are not going to be another piece in your game.
We refuse to let you dictate us.
We refuse to let you ruin our beauty with your hatred views.
Hear us.
We are stronger than you - and we WILL beat you.
Remember, race is natural, Racism is not.

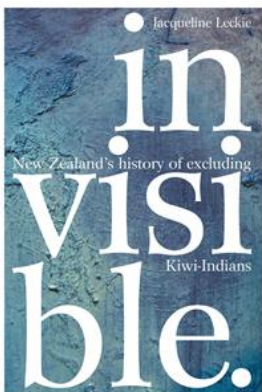
The competition judges commended Jiya's original approach to the topic, her clear, well-connected line of thought and the assurance of her delivery. The Race Unity Speech Competition is an annual event organised by the New Zealand Bahá'í Community and sponsored by the New Zealand Police, Human Rights Commission, Manukau Institute of Technology and the Hedi Moani Charitable Trust.

CDIA would like to congratulate Ashokbhai and Sheilaben on becoming grandparents to their grandson, Jayan Dahya, who was born on 1st April 2021. CDIA extend their heartiest congratulations to the proud parents, Darshana and Hitesh Dahya.



CDIA would like to congratulate Nanubhai and Madhuben on becoming first-time grandparents to their granddaughter, Kaisha Chhagan, who was born on 4th May 2021. CDIA extend their heartiest congratulations to the proud parents, Nikita and Sandeep Chhagan.

“Invisible” by Jacqueline Leckie



The Christchurch massacre of 2019 raised questions about what it means to belong to an ethnic and/ or religious minority in a country that, despite the mythology of benign race relations, has experienced a long history of underlying prejudice and racism. Despite being the second largest ethnic group within the 'Asian' population of Aotearoa New Zealand, little has been written about the experiences of Indian migrants, either historically or today. Most writing has focused on celebration and integration, but “Invisible” speaks of survival and the real impacts racism has on the lives of Indian New Zealanders. It uncovers a story of exclusion that has rendered Kiwi-Indians invisible in the historical narratives of the nation.

This book will be launched on Friday, 3rd September 2021 at Diversity Centre, 25 Tui Street, Manukau, Auckland at 5:30pm to 7:30pm. NZICA are now taking pre-sale orders for Invisible. They are selling the books at \$37.99 (RRP \$39.99). This is a pre-sale special

If anyone wishes to purchase this book, please contact us via email by **27 August 2021** and CDIA will place a collective order.

Please make payments to:

**Direct Credit: CDIA BNZ Account: 02-0630-0106854-00,
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Upcoming events in 2021

Janmashtami

Monday, 30th August
Senior Citizens Hall
Main Street, Palmerston North.
Bhajans from 7.30pm, followed by Aarti
and Prasad



Ganesh Chaturthi

Friday, 10th September
Bhajans from 7.30pm
followed by Aarti and Prasad at
Senior Citizens Hall,
Main Street, Palmerston North

Navratri

Thursday, 7th October to Friday, 15th October
Senior Citizens Hall, Main Street,
Palmerston North
Garbas from 7.30pm to 9.30pm,
followed by Aarti and Prasad.
Weekend Garbas from 7.30pm till late



Jalaram Jayanti

Thursday, 11th November 2021
Bhajans from 7.30pm followed by Aarti
and Prasad
at Senior Citizens Hall,
Main Street, Palmerston North



NZICA conference/agm photos



I was fortunate enough to be part of the youth conference which was held in April. It was an eye opening experience and taught not only myself but other youth about personal confidence and public speaking, which is a skill we all learnt and will cherish for the future. Through this opportunity we got to meet young people from around New Zealand and got to make life long friends. After the conference, we all attended the gala awards which was a night full of laughs and enjoyment. Overall it was a fun experience to be part of and I highly recommend more youth from palmy to participate in next year.
- Tirthraj Patel (CDIA Youth Delegate)

NZICA gala awards night photos

