



annual general meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting on 24 February 2022. It was very well attended and thanks to everyone who took up positions on the committee:

President:	Vacant
Vice-President:	Paul Patel
Treasurer:	Dhirubhai Ranchhod
Secretary:	Santi Budhia
Committee Members:	Anita Naran (Immediate Past President), Mahendra Naran, K anu Ravji, Ranjita Sengupta, Suneal Singh, Anita Boyens, Jayesh Patel
Senior Member:	Ramanbhai Ranchhod
Youth Member:	Raj Patel



"Following our 2022 AGM on 24 February, the President's position was vacant and members were emailed to give an opportunity for anyone interested to take up the position however but we had no response. At the first Committee meeting held on 6th July 2022 the committee accepted Anita's continuation as president for CDIA for the current term."

This year the CDIA Committee has formed a Cultural Committee which will be in charge of planning and to organise all our events with the support from all members, especially with organising Navratri.

message from anita naran

2021 was another disrupted year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The year began with our 2021 AGM which was held on 4th March with a very good turnout. At the meeting Dhirubhai Ranchhod was awarded Life Membership. Dhirubhai has made a huge impact and continues to be an extremely valuable member of CDIA since 1990. Dhirubhai has always worked away quietly and we feel he is a true recipient of a CDIA Life Membership Award. The Life Membership Award was presented to him at the NZICA Executive Meeting in April.

In April CDIA hosted the 95th NZICA Conference/AGM and Youth Forum and the inaugural NZICA Gala Awards on Saturday, 17 April 2021. All the events were successful and enjoyed by everyone who attended. We received positive comments about the Conference/AGM and Gala Awards Night and comments such as these inspire us to carry on with community work.

Special mention goes to all our sponsors for their generosity in regard to our hosting the NZICA 95th Conference/AGM because without sponsorship and funding it would have been extremely difficult for CDIA to host these events. Also, a special mention to thank the Palmerston North City Council for the ongoing support that has been given to our Association.

The second half of 2021 was dominated by the arrival of the Delta variant of COVID-19 in the community which unfortunately resulted in the cancellation of all our events in 2021: Janmastami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navratri, Jalaram Jayanti, Diwali. Our community looks forward to all the events but with the COVID restrictions at the time it was impossible to host them safely. We had to not only play our part to make New Zealand a safe place but also be aware of our own wellbeing.

CDIA is planning to host all regular events in 2022. However, a lot will depend on COVID restrictions. As the pandemic continues to be in the community it looks likely that 2022 will be another challenging year but we will overcome these as we stand united.

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subscriptions 2022



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 2022 subscriptions are valid for the CDIA financial period from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022.

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: 2022 Surname & Initial

We encourage all subs are paid asap. Receipts will only be provided on request.

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 member-hip fees unless they qualify for 65+ membership (refer below).

Single Member: Single Membership consists of a Member who is 18 years an over who becomes a sole membership to CDIA, regardless of whether they are without a spouse or partner and/or 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 2022

All events will be held at Senior Citizens Hall, Main Street, Palmerston North. This year CDIA will be introducing something special to make our events more enjoyable. After bhajans we will be having Garba as well. Bhajans will be from 6:45pm until 8:00pm followed by Aarti and Prasad and Garba from 8.45 –10.00pm

- Janmashtami:** Friday, 19 August
- Ganesh Chaturthi:** Wednesday, 31 August
- Navratri:** Monday 26th September to Wednesday 5th October inclusive.
- Jalaram Jayanti:** Monday 31 October
- Diwali in the Square:** Details will be provided in the next newsletter



congratulations

CDIA would also like to congratulate Kantibhai (Jack) Parag and Mahendra Naran on being awarded Life Membership of Central Districts Indian Sports Club.

Kantibhai (Jack) Parag - CDISC Life Membership



Even before the creation of CDISC, Kantibhai has played an integral part of the CDISC's success in both sport, administration and the club's culture. Since the formation of CDISC, Kantibhai has been and still remains the face of the club. His association to CDISC and amongst the Indian community is so strong, the public know he is here to support the club. The role Kantibhai has played has been instrumental in building the reputation the club has in NZ Indian Community. Throughout the Club's history he has maintained to be a strong and loyal supporter who has always participated and supported us at events. Kantibhai is always to put his hand up to assist in all sporting events and has led the way in securing sponsorship, bringing in a significant amount of revenue for the Club time and time again. Although it cannot be measured, Kantibhai plays a critical role in our Community

Mahendra Naran –CDISC Life Membership



Mahendra has made a significant impact on CDISC. He has firstly been a valued, active and dedicated committee members who has contributed in many ways. His input in all aspect of the club has been instrumental in shaping CDISC to what it is today. Mahendra's contribution has by far above and beyond, shiehc extends to him being the 'roll your sleeves up' physical helper who has no hesitation in helping. Aside from Mahendra's overall contribution to CDISC, he has been an integral members of the wider Indian Community. He has been a Committee Member for CDIA for many years and has contributed by being a valued and active Committee Member. He is always behind the scenes at all events hosted in the region. Mahendra's involvement with sports, the Community, and his overall character and willingness to help anyone proves he is a highly deserved member of CDISC Life Membership.

CDIA would like to congratulate Mahashweta Patel, daughter of Jayanti and Damayanti Patel of Palmerston North, who tied the knot to Rahul Mistry from Auckland in a ceremony in Palmerston North end of April 2022.

We wish the couple all the best.



CDIA extend their heartiest congratulations to the proud parents, Hiral and Maulesh Panjankar on the arrival of their daughter, Shanvi Panjankar who was born on 4th February 2022. A little sister for Vivaan.

CDIA would like to congratulate Kanubhai and Surekhaben on becoming first-time grandparents to their Granddaughter, Navya Lala who was born on 19th May 2022. CDIA extend their heartiest congratulations to the proud parents, Reena and Pritesh Lala.



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nzica conference/agm



2022 NZICA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE & 96TH AGM

Guest Speakers

- Alison McDonald
Deputy Secretary
Immigration NZ
- Jacqueline Leckie
Associate Prof &
Author - Invisible
- Shilpy Arora &
Tushar Galkwad
The Parakeets
Digital Media
- Paul Spoonley
Distinguished Prof.
Humanities and
Social Sciences,
Massey University

SAT APRIL 2ND
CONFERENCE - 9AM TO MIDDAY
AGM - 1PM TO 5:30PM

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN
For queries, please contact:
info@nzindians.org.nz

This year the 96th NZICA conference/AGM was held virtually. This decision was not easy to make but NZICA Officers had a lot of discussions on how best to host this year's conference/AGM especially amongst the surge of Omicron numbers at the time. IAMNZ were ready to host this year's conference and had already looked into ways to make the event safer; by having RAT tests available to all as we arrive, social distancing seating arrangement and of course the food distribution as well, including cleanliness and ventilation. We all wanted a face to face event however the welfare of members was

top priority and from health and safety point of view it was not safe as the number of people travelling from within and out of Auckland, it was too risky and hence the Officers decided not have a face to face conference this year and instead hold a virtual conference/AGM. CDIA had 5 Delegates attending this meeting and we held it at Mahendra & Anita's Naran's Residence. Two of the speakers for the Conference also attended and everyone enjoyed it.

nzica conference/agm

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.

The awards evening will commence at 6.00pm with doors opening at 5.30pm for everyone to mix and mingle. The evening will include formal awards ceremony presenting ten category winners as shown on the poster.

Ticket Price:

Individual : \$95.00
Group (Table of 10) : \$85.00 per person

Tickets Includes:

Drinks (including alcohol)
3 course Dinner
Entertainment

The CDIA Committee have decided that if any current 2021 member would like to attend the Awards Night, CDIA will pay for the event ticket.

If you wish to attend this event please email cdia.inc@outlook.com by **15 August 2022** or contact Nanubhai (Paul) 027 444 6967.



NEW ZEALAND INDIAN CENTRAL ASSOCIATION
Connecting NZ Indians since 1926

2022
2nd
Gala Awards

Sat 17th Sept 2022, 6pm
Mahatma Gandhi Centre
145 New North Rd, Auckland

Awards
WELLBEING
YOUTH
WOMEN
SPORT
ARTS & CULTURE

Awards
LEADERSHIP
COMMUNITY
PRESIDENT'S AWARD
LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT
HIDDEN GEM