



NEWSLETTER 201

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## Diwali in The Square 2019

Palmerston North City Council combined with all the Indian Communities in Palmerston North are organising an event 'Diwali in the Square'. This is a first for Palmerston North and it is an event everyone has been looking forward to.



### Progress to date:

'Diwali in the Square' will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 5:00pm to 8:00pm (To be confirmed). This date was chosen for the following reasons:

- Key people are not in town on the preferred Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of October, and the 9<sup>th</sup> of November is student exam period
- Having it on a Thursday evening will keep it quite contained, and is a good way to test out what will work i.e. starting small this year, and building it up for future years;
- Thursday evenings are late nights for shopping and the Library and many people are likely to be in town anyway;
- This will work in best for the Indian History Exhibition – as the set up for that is planned for the weekend prior (tentatively looking at the 20<sup>th</sup> for the exhibition opening)
- It is the closest date to Diwali – 27<sup>th</sup> October

### Decided key elements/feel of the event

- Simple set up, with a small stage and food trucks, community can sell traditional sweets
- Lighting – diyas (including lighting of the diyas at start of event programme), projections, coloured lights, lanterns
- A programme of performances (dancing, singing etc.) provided by community, with an MC

PNCC to lead the logistics—bookings (stage, sound and lighting, food trucks, furniture, small marquees), health & safety. Promotion, funding.

The Indian Community to lead the content – providing the content for the programme, providing advice on and helping provide decorations and other cultural aspects, promoting to community, selling traditional sweets and possibly other small items as desired.

To move forward, PNCC need our support. From the community they need our contribution by means of dance items, selling items (sweets etc), and volunteers. Our members have definitely got talent so if anyone is willing to organise items for this event or assist in any other way, please contact Anita Naran.

The **next meeting for 'Diwali in Square' will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 4:30pm**, at Manawatu Multi-Cultural Centre, King Street, Palmerston North. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

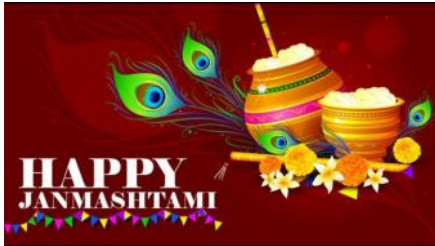


# Upcoming events - 2019

## Janmashtami

Saturday 24th August

CDIA will host celebrations at West End School Hall,  
196 College Street, Palmerston North.  
Bhajans from 8:00pm, followed by Aarti and Prasad.



## Nand Utsav

Sunday 25th August

Bhajans from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, followed by Aarti and Prasad at  
Mansukhbhai & Ushaben's residence,  
105 Slacks Road, Palmerston North

## Ganesh Chaturthi

Monday 2nd September

Bhajans from 7:00pm to 8:30pm  
followed by Aarti and Prasad at  
Senior Citizens Hall, Main Street, Palmerston North



## Navratri

Sunday 29th September to 8th October

Senior Citizens Hall, Main Street, Palmerston North  
Garbas from 8:00pm to 10:00pm,  
followed by Aarti and Prasad.  
Weekend Garbas from 8:00pm till late

## Jalaram Jayanti

Sunday 3rd November

Senior Citizens Hall, Main Street, Palmerston North  
Bhajans from 7:00pm to 8:30pm,  
followed by Aarti and Mahaprasad



# 2019 membership fees and forms



Thanks to all those members who have paid their subscriptions and we encourage all those unpaid members to have their subs paid by 24th August 2019. A 'reminder notice' has been included to those members who have not paid as yet.

Subscriptions for this year are as follows:  
Family Members \$25  
Single Member (University and over) \$15

Please note that 2019 subscriptions are valid for the CDIA financial period from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019.

They can be paid in the following ways:

Post: CDIA, PO Box 4037, Palmerston North 4442  
Direct Credit: CDIA BNZ Account: 02-0630-0106854-00  
Code: CDIA MEM Reference: 2019 Surname & Initial

Once payment has been received, a receipt will be sent to you with the next newsletter.

This year we are asking all members to complete a membership form. This will allow us to update your contact details. The membership form was attached to our April newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned the form to us.

If you haven't yet done so please complete the form and either post, email or hand it to one of our committee members.

Our email address is [cdia.inc@outlook.com](mailto:cdia.inc@outlook.com)



## 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 nomination this year as we do have some deserving members worthy of this recognition.

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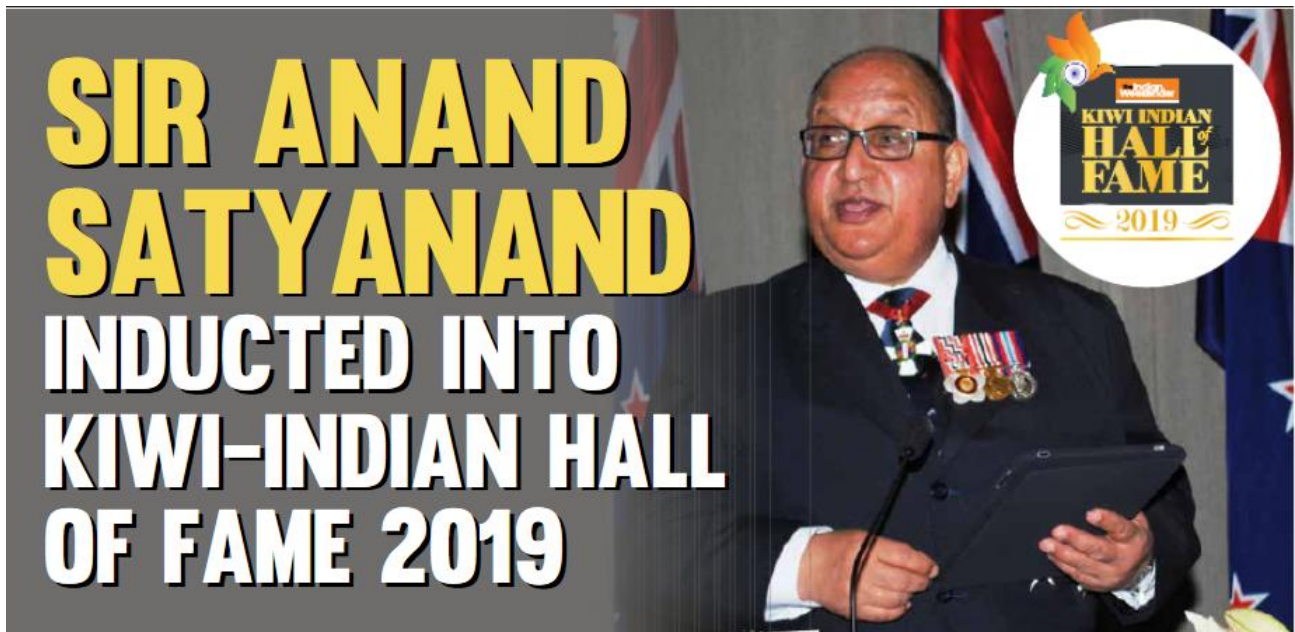
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## 2019 kiwi-indian hall of fame



The 7th Indian Weekender Kiwi-Indian Hall of Fame Awards was held in Auckland on Friday 9th August where there were three categories. There were a number of dignitaries attending this event including the Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern and the new High Commissioner of India, Muktesh Pardeshi who took over his position here in NZ on 8th August 2019.

### **Kiwi-Indian Hall of Fame 2019**

Former Governor General Sir Anand Satyanand was inducted into The Weekender Kiwi-Indian Hall of Fame 2019.

Sir Anand Satyanand, born and raised in Auckland was appointed as a District Court Judge in Palmerston North and then went on to adjudicate at a number of Auckland courts. Sir Anand has contributed immensely and exemplarily in New Zealand's public life in the last five decades and continues to bring the same passion, energy and leadership in his day to day engagement with the wider community. He is indeed one of the most deserving Kiwi-Indian to have received this award.

### **Young Achiever of the year 2019**

Rising Football star Sarpreet Singh Currently playing for the European Club Bayern Munich of Germany, received the Indian Weekender's Kiwi-Indian Young Achiever Award.

### **Community Excellence Award 2019**

Mr Harshad Patel was a recipient of The Weekender Kiwi-Indian Community Service Excellence Award 2019. He received this for his contribution to the Indian Community.

Central Districts Indian Association wish all three recipients all the best and would like to take this opportunity in Congratulating 'The Weekender' on their 10th Anniversary. The Weekender is definitely an informative Kiwi-Indian Community Newspaper that is published each week and it is free. This paper is available online [www.indianweekender.co.nz](http://www.indianweekender.co.nz).

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## 2019 rugby world cup



We wish the All Blacks all the very best.  
Games begin on Friday 20th September  
with the final on  
Saturday 2nd November 2019