



Message from Anita Naran

It has been a while since our last newsletter but as the saying goes, "better late than never".

After the CDIA 2023 AGM, members were informed of the 2023/24 Committee and officer bearers. Our Association's busy period is approaching fast, and the Committee has been planning for all our events. Details are in this newsletter. To organise any event we require help as there is work involved, hence, if anyone wishes to volunteer to help, please contact us. Any help will be appreciated.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and please forward it to your friends and family.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

2023 Subscriptions

At our AGM our current subscription rates were discussed and for this year subscriptions are as follows:

Family Members: \$30
Single Member: \$15

Please note that 2023 subscriptions are valid for the CDIA financial period from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.

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: 2023 Surname & Initial**

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 17 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 (18 Years and Older): Single Membership consists of a person that is 18 years and older 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.

Visit the CDIA website at: www.cdia.org.nz

CDIA events 2023

CDIA will be hosting all our upcoming religious events.

Dates and times are listed below.

All events will be held at The Senior Citizens' Hall, Main Street Palmerston North.

Everyone is welcome to these events.

Janmashtami

Thursday, 7 September
Bhajans from 7.30pm to 9.00pm followed
by
Aarti and Prasad



Ganesh Chaturthi

Tuesday, 19 September
Bhajans from 7.30pm to 9.00pm followed by
Aarti and Prasad

Navratri

Sunday 15 October-Tuesday 24 October
Garbas from 8.00pm to 10.00pm
Followed by Aarti and Prasad.
Weekend Garba from 8.00pm 'til late



Jalaram Jayanti

Sunday 19 November
Bhajans from 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Followed by Aarti and Mahaprasad

Diwali Mela 2023



Experience the magic of Diwali Mela: A family-friendly festival of lights and unity! Celebrate the victory of good over evil. It will bring together thousands of people from different cultures and backgrounds to experience the magic of the Festival of Lights, right here in the heart of our city in the **Square – Te Marae o Hine Saturday 18 November**. There will be an explosion of music, dance, food, and a mesmerising laser light show.

Condolences



Mansukhbhai Kubavat passed away on 9 May 2023. "A quietly spoken gentleman" - that's how we all know Mansukhbhai. He was always with few words, but those few words were always meaningful, and he always gave good advice and one that would benefit the wider community. Mansukhbhai had been in Palmerston North for over 50 years and with Ushaben he was always an active member of CDIA. **"Helping the Community"** that's what Mansukhbhai thrived on - he was always the one to 'roll up his sleeves' and get into it. We will miss him dearly at all our events, but he will always be in our memories and through Ushaben he will always be remembered.

રામજી ભલા કરે

Ramanbhai Patel from Whanganui passed away on 12 June 2023 at Whanganui Hospital. Ramanbhai had lived in Whanganui for many years and worked in a family business until he retired. In his retirement years, Ramanbhai enjoyed gardening, excelled in his DIY projects, cooked for friends and family, socialised and spent time with family especially his grandchildren. Our thoughts and prayers are with Parvati Ben and Family. May loving memories of Ramanbhai help you find peace.



Dahiben Patel passed away on 29 July 2023. Dahiben was mother and mother-in-law, of Vijaybhai and Madhuben Patel. She was a loved grandmother of Jitesh and Hitesh. The world changes from year to year, our lives from day to day but the love and memory of your mum/grandmother shall never pass away.

હે નાથ જોડી હાથ પાયે પ્રેમથી સૌ માંગીએ
શરણ મળે સાચું તમારું એ હૃદયથી માંગીએ
જે જીવ આવ્યો આપ પાસે ચરણમાં અપનાવજો
પરમાત્મા એ આત્માને શાંતિ સાચી આપજો.

વળી કર્મના યોગે કરી જે કુળમાં એ અવતરે
ત્યાં પૂર્ણ પ્રેમે ઓ પ્રભુજી આપની ભક્તિ કરે
લખ્યોરાશી બંધનોને લક્ષમાં લઈ કાપજો
પરમાત્મા એ આત્માને શાંતિ સાચી આપજો.

સુસંપત્તિ સુવિચારને સત્કર્મનો દઈ વારસો
જનમોજનમ સત્સંગથી કિરતાર પાર ઉતારજો
આ લોકને પરલોકમાં તવ પ્રેમ રગરગ વ્યાપજો
પરમાત્મા એ આત્માને શાંતિ સાચી આપજો.

મળે મોક્ષ કે સુખ સ્વર્ગના આશા ઉરે એવી નથી
ઘો દેહ દુર્લભ માનવીનો ભજન કરવા ભાવથી
સાચું બતાવી રૂપ શ્રી રણછોડ હૃદયે સ્થાપજો
પરમાત્મા એ આત્માને શાંતિ સાચી આપજો.



NZICA



The New Zealand Indian Central Association Inc. (NZICA) held its 97th Conference and Annual General Meeting at Waikato Indian Association Hall on April 29, 2023. It was a successful Conference/AGM where more than 100 delegates from across the country were in attendance. The Annual General Meeting also saw the election of a new team of officers:

President:	Narendra Bhana
Vice-President:	Taruna Bhana
General Secretary:	Prakash Biradar
Treasurer:	Hansa Naran
Assistant Secretary:	Dhansukh Lal

Nanubhai Patel is Chairman of the Law & Order Subcommittee
Rohin Patel is a member of the Youth Subcommittee
Ranjita Sengupta is a member of the Women's Subcommittee

The conference began with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial diya (lamp), followed by a welcome speech by President, Narendra Bhana. Minister Wood delivered the keynote speech, touching upon various issues that concern the Indian community. Other speakers included Tarun Pragji, Chief Executive of the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Mervin Singham, National Party's candidate for Hamilton East, Ryan Hamilton, and Second Secretary of the Indian High Commission, Durga Dass. The Deputy Commissioner of New Zealand Police Wally Haumaha was also acknowledged for his invaluable support to the Indian community in NZ.



Rohin Patel tells us about his experience.

This year, I attended (my first proper) NZICA conference back in April 2023 and what a conference it was. I highly recommend going at least once for people who have never gone to one of these, even if it's not your type of chai. I honestly didn't know what to expect, but when the day came, I was surprised, surprised to see so many people there, hear the topics that we were going over, and see how much involvement the NZICA has done in our community. Even the speakers they had there were inspirational.

I am not going to lie; I felt inspired by this event and hearing about how much we care about our culture, the ways we continue it today and how we continue to support our local Indians in our community around the nation, from small local events like Navratri, Diwali to big topics like the ram raids.

I was disappointed to see non-attendance of youth and young adults. I am 27, and unfortunately, I was one of the youngest there; I would like to encourage more of our younger generation to join up and attend the next conference because our younger generation is our future!

If you are one of those younger generations and want to join or simply ask a question, please reach out to us!

King's Birthday Tournament 2023

CDISC back in the A Section! The 2023 NZISA King's Birthday Tournament was a HUGE success for Central Districts Indian Sports Club with our club winning the Men's B Section! The squad won all four games and played some outstanding hockey all weekend. To top off a fantastic weekend, the final was also a T&G (Turners and Growers) Shield Challenge, which CD took home for the first time with its fantastic 2-0 win over Wellington B.

2024 will be an exciting year for CDISC.

