



Christchurch tragedy

Our thoughts and condolences to all those affected by the tragic shooting in Christchurch on 15th March. As our Honourable Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern said, it was the 'Darkest Day' in New Zealand.

We cannot comprehend that such a tragedy has happened in New Zealand but the love and solidarity that has prevailed is overwhelming.

If anyone is experiencing distress or anxiety brought on by these events, please speak to someone, whether it be a family member, friend or colleague.



If anyone wishes to donate financially to help those affected, Givealittle have set up a [Support for Christchurch](#) page where a number of funding pages have been listed.

Federation of Islamic Association of New Zealand (FIANZ) has also set up an account for Christchurch Victims.

Details: 02 0500 0737236 006
Ref: Christchurch Victims

Together we make New Zealand what it is, a land of welcome, love and respect. Together we stand strong.

annual general meeting

Thank you to those who attended the Annual General Meeting.

The following officer bearers were elected for 2019:

President: Anita Naran
Vice President: Nanubhai (Paul) Patel
Secretary: Santi Budhia
Treasurer: Dhirubhai Ranchhod

Committee: Madhu Patel, Rangita Sengupta,
Surekha Ravji, Kanubhai Ravji,
Mahendra Naran, Suneal Singh

Youth Committee: Kavish Desai

Senior Member: Ramanbhai Ranchhod



President's report

(This was presented at the 2019 AGM)

Welcome everyone. Thank you for taking time out and coming to the AGM. We do appreciate it.

It is a shame that most of our members don't attend the AGM. We have tried on many occasions but they are just not interested. It is extremely disappointing.

2018 was my second year as President and again it was a very busy year. CDIA work was hard this year for me with my dad being sick and also with my own family and my work. So I apologise in advance if I wasn't able to give 100%.

Once again we had a busy year. Last year we celebrated Janmastami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navratri, Sharad Purnima, Jalaram Jayanti, and Diwali. Navratri and Diwali were our biggest events with the number of people attending being the largest we have ever had. Unfortunately at the Diwali function we lacked manpower, hence this year depending on what the new committee organises we have to look at asking for help from members.

Organising an event is not just, booking the hall, and turning up. There is a bit of organising to do and this is only possible because of work that CDIA Committee members do behind the scenes. I would like to thank Nanubhai, Mahendra, Dhirubhai, Kanubhai, Sunealbai, Madhuben, Surekha, Ranjita and Santiben. Thank you for all your hard work because without you all it isn't possible. As I always say it is good to have female members on the committee and I hope that we can maintain that again this year.

Thanks to all the members who have helped as well especially the younger members for their contribution at our Diwali Function and also the attendance at Navratri by the younger members was overwhelming.

I attended the NZICA Conference and some Executive Meetings. I wasn't able to attend all the Executive meetings for family reasons. With regards to NZICA matters, I personally find there is still a lot to learn and that only comes with time and experience. Thank you, Nanubhai for your support with NZICA matters as your expertise has always helped me.

2020 is an extremely busy year for CDIA and planning will start soon. Next year we are hosting the NZICA Conference in April and later in the year we are celebrating our own 75th Jubilee so we will need assistance from everyone.

Someone said to me, "I don't know how you do it," that is, work for CDIA and put in so many hours of work. There are a number of reasons. The first being, the support from the CDIA Committee, support from our members but the most important is support from my family. Thank you Mahendra, Asmita and Nikisha. I definitely wouldn't be doing this job if it wasn't for them, especially support from Mahendra. The work that he does in the background, I don't think many of our members would know and with my lack of knowledge of technology, he along with Asmita are my lifesavers. So thank you.

Once again thanks everyone for coming to the AGM and for your support over the last 12 months. I wish the incoming committee all the best for 2019.

Many thanks
Anita Naran
President

2019 nzica 93rd conference



The 2019 NZICA Conference will be held on Saturday, 13th April 2019 in Wellington.

This year, the conference will bring together Indian organisations from across the country in one arena. Together we will learn and share innovation from governance, managing volunteers, funding, increasing membership, community to civic participation and much more. This conference will be the epitome of grass root ethnic community organisations building capacity and sustainability for the future. Hence, the theme 'Vichar Parivartan'.

Please email info@nzindians.org.nz, for more information.

Anita Naran and Dhirubhai Ranchhod will be representing CDIA as delegates and this year Nanubhai has been nominated for President of NZICA and we wish him all the best for the elections.

Dhirubhai Ranchhod will be receiving his Community Service Award at this conference. He definitely deserves this award for all his hard work and dedication to CDIA for many years.



2019 Youth Leadership Conference

NZICA are pleased to have Future Leaders on board, who are facilitating Community Youth Leadership workshop.

Youth will be inspired by learning the fundamentals of team leadership, including fun, practical sessions and scenarios.

The conference will aim to support youth engagement in your organisation and increase the general leadership ability of our youth. Representing CDIA as a youth delegate will be Kavish Desai.



If anyone is interested in joining NZICA Sub-Committees, please contact Nanubhai. You are not required to attend meetings and you do not need to leave the comfort of home. All you need is access to your computer and have an interest in one of the many committees.

It is enjoyable and your enthusiasm, commitment and interest within a committee could well help Indians in NZ.

newsletters

CDIA has sent hardcopy newsletters to members on a regular basis and will continue to do so. A few members have, however, requested that they would prefer the electronic version only. Hence, this year the committee is looking at giving members options.

Please inform us whether you would like newsletters sent in both email and as a hardcopy or just an email version.

Email your preference to cdia.inc@outlook.com.



2019 cdia subscriptions



**Fees due by
Friday 31st May 2019**

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: 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: 2019 Surname & Initial

membership form

This year we are asking all members to complete a membership form. This will allow us to update your contact details.

The membership form is attached to this newsletter.

You can choose to:

- ◆ complete the form and post it to us, or hand it to one of our committee members
- ◆ complete the form and scan or take a photo of it and email it to us
- ◆ complete the form electronically and email it to us

Our email address is cdia.inc@outlook.com



Qbt 2019

The New Zealand Indian Sports Association (NZISA) annual sports tournament is this year being held in Rotorua.

The tournament will be held over 3 days from Saturday 1st to Monday 3rd June. The Central Districts Indian Sports Club will be sending a hockey team to compete in the Men's A Section.

We wish them well for the tournament.

For further details visit the CDISC website
<https://www.cdisc.org.nz/>

