



Diwali in The Square

DIWALI
IN THE SQUARE
THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2019
5.30PM - 8.30PM

PERFORMANCES FOOD TRUCKS
STALLS LIGHT PROJECTION RANGOLI



Diwali in The Square

This year the PNCC in conjunction with various Indian groups in the region have come together for 'Diwali in the Square'. It will be held on **Thursday 24th October** beginning at 5:30pm to 8:30pm.

This is a first time event for local Indian communities so please inform your friends, family, neighbours and workmates of this evening as we want this inaugural event to set the scene for a memorable 2019 Diwali event.

The evening consists of:

- ◆ Performances
- ◆ Food trucks
- ◆ Food and cultural stalls
- ◆ Light projection
- ◆ Rangoli displays
- ◆ Fireworks area

CDIA members has 5 performances as part of the programme. The evening will commence with the lighting of the Diyas, which will carried out by a representative from of each of the groups involved.

CDIA will have a stall where there will be boxes of Diwali sweets, Indian food, Indian clothing, Indian nic-nacs and Indian vegetables. So if you have anything to sell of good quality please contact Nanubhai (Paul) on 0274446967. All items are to be clearly named with prices securely placed on them. CDIA will not take responsibility for any items that are not labelled or priced. At the conclusion of the event please make sure that you uplift any unsold items.

There will also be a controlled fireworks area cordoned off where you can let off your own fireworks under the supervision of staff from the fire brigade.

There will be a light projection onto some of the nearby buildings which is a truly amazing spectacle if you haven't seen it before, whereby images are projected onto the building depicting Indian Diwali images.

Please make sure you bring along your own fold out seats or blankets as there will be very limited seating available.

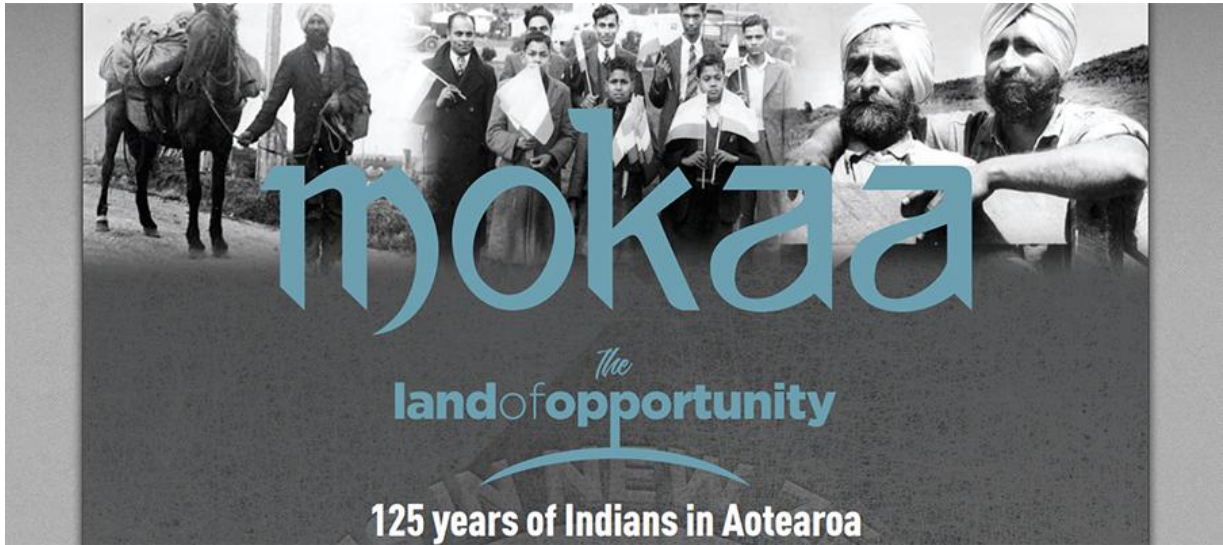
Also if anyone is willing to help with Diwali in the Square, please contact us asap.

We wish everyone a Happy Diwali



Mokaa—Photo exhibition

Mokaa—The Land of Opportunity Photo Exhibition



Sunday 20th October to Wednesday 6th November

Photo exhibition located on the 2nd Floor of the PNCC Library will begin with an
official opening at 2:00pm on Sunday 20th October

beginning with a welcome by CDIA and blessing by the local Kaumatua, Wiremu Te Awe Awe

Speeches by

Paul Patel, President of NZICA

Grant Smith, PNCC Mayor

Cutting of the ribbon followed by a walk through the exhibition with Indian refreshments and tea

Palmerston North City Council Library opening hours are

9:30am to 6:00pm (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday) (Thursday 9:30am to 8:00pm)

Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Sunday 3rd November at 2:00pm

Mokaa guided tour for the public given by Paul Patel, President of NZICA.

Thanks to the PNCC for funding the exhibition here to Palmerston North

Jalaram jayanti



Celebrations for Jalaram Jayanti will be held on:

Sunday, 3rd November 2019

Senior Citizens Hall,
Main Street, Palmerston North

Bhajans from 7:00pm to 8:30pm,
followed by Aarti and Mahaprasad

Navratri 2019

CDIA held Navratri over 9 nights and were pleased to see the great numbers that showed up for each day. It is great to see the Indian community get together, with both members and non-members turning out.

On the last night, Mahaprasad was provided by members of the CDIA community which was well received. A big thank you to those who attended Navratri, hosted evenings by way of donation for hall hireage, made garlands, helped set up the hall, sound system, cleaning up at the end.

(Photos courtesy of STUFF)



Navratri 2019



nzica community service award



NZICA have developed the NZICA Community Service Award to give individual Indian Associations a chance to show their appreciation by nominating a person for the valuable contributions made within their own Association and community.

To be considered for this award the person you nominate must meet the following criteria:

1. Active participation and be a long standing member of an Indian Association
2. Provided service to the betterment of the Indian Community within their local branch
3. Active participation and service to other organisations within New Zealand or internationally
4. Details of other specific achievements

We have members in our Association who have worked hard and are well deserving of this award. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Anita Naran or Nanubhai Patel with your nomination by **Friday, 20th November 2019**. Each association is allowed one nomination for this award hence final decision will be made by CDIA committee should we receive more than one nomination.

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.

2019 rugby world cup



We wish the All Blacks all the very best.
Quarter final games begin on Saturday 19th October
with the final on
Saturday 2nd November 2019

Manawatu district council



Cemeteries Management Strategy – Multi-Cultural Focus Group Invitation

Manawātū District Council is embarking on the development of a Cemeteries Management Strategy. The strategy will define strategic goals, objectives and operational considerations for the management of Cemeteries in the Manawātū District.

There are eight Council operated cemeteries in the Manawātū District:

- Feilding Cemetery
- Halcombe Cemetery
- Kimbolton Cemetery
- Pohangina Cemetery
- Rangiwahia Cemetery
- Rongotea Cemetery
- Sandon Cemetery
- Waituna West Cemetery

As part of the early development of the strategy, we want to hear from representatives of multi-cultural groups about the following questions:

1. What do you expect from Cemeteries in the Manawatu District? Do they currently meet the needs of the community?
2. What do you think our Cemeteries should look like in the future?
3. What do you think the key issues for the management of Cemeteries will be in the next 20-50 years?

Interested parties are invited to give feedback at a facilitated workshop:

Date: 4th November 2019

Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Location: Manawatu Room, Manawatu District Council, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding

We hope to see you there, and look forward to receiving your valuable feedback!

If you are able to attend, please RSVP by 30th October 2019 via phone or email to Brittney Evans Brittney.Evans@mdc.govt.nz or 06 323 0000.

Manawatu District Council are reviewing or developing cemeteries strategy for the area and they are interested to understand the cultural, religious cemetery requirements for ethnic groups so they can consider it .

They are holding a Multi-Cultural Focus Group session **6 pm on 4th November 2019** at Manawatu District Council/Feilding.

This is an opportunity for members to attended the meeting and voice their opinions. If anyone who isn't able to attend but would like suggestions brought forward, please contact the Committee and we can put it forward at the meeting.

Please forward your views to us by 30th October 2019.

Students

**Don't Stress.
Do Your Best.
Forget the Rest.**

CDIA would like to wish all students sitting exams in the following month, best of luck.



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Congratulations



On behalf of CDIA we would like to congratulate:

Motibhai (Peter) from Dannevirke and Roshniben on becoming first-time grandparents to their granddaughter Malika Patel who was born on 29th September 2019.

CDIA extend congratulations to the proud parents Melesh and Priscilla.

And we also congratulate Suneal and Beverley Singh on the arrival of their granddaughter Shylah Desai who was born on 8th August 2019.

CDIA extend congratulations to the proud parents Sherelle and Hrushu Desai

MMC annual dinner

Manawatu Multicultural Centre is hosting their **Annual Dinner (buffet) with entertainment on Friday 8 November at the Distinction Hotel, 175 Cuba Street, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.**

This is a good opportunity to network, celebrate our cultural diversity and acknowledge our wonderful volunteers, funders and supporters.

If members are interested to attend this function please contact Anita Naran by 28th October 2019. After the date stated we will not accept any more bookings.

CDIA will subsidise members for this event. Members will pay a **cost of \$25 per person** after a subsidy of \$15.

A promotional poster for the MMC Annual Dinner 2019. It features images of various dishes like a bowl of soup, a plate of meat, and a bowl of noodles. The text includes the MMC logo, the event title 'ANNUAL DINNER 2019', the date 'FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2019' from 6PM to 9PM, the location 'DISTINCTION HOTEL, 175 CUBA STREET PALMERSTON NORTH', and the price '\$35 PER PERSON'. It also lists where tickets are available from: Manawatu Multicultural Centre, 77-85 King Street, Palmerston North, with contact number 06 3581572 and email INFO@MMCNZ.ORG.NZ.

MMC Manawatu
Multicultural Council Inc.

ANNUAL DINNER 2019

Wear your favourite cultural dress and join us for an evening of entertainment and fun over a buffet dinner

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CDIA newsletters

CDIA aim to provide our members with information on upcoming events, along with what has been happening within the local community. We do rely on members to let us know if there is anything they would like to place in the newsletter that will be informative to our members.

This can include events, school fundraisers, student achievement, advertising etc. If you have any information for future newsletters, please contact a committee member.

