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Official Newsletter of the Fiji Association in Auckland Inc.

Happy New Year to all of our Members. We trust you enjoyed the Christmas and New Year break with your families.

#### **Soljans Estate Island Night:**

Members are invited to a theme event, where we can enjoy the tranquil atmosphere of one of our most well known vineyards.

When: Saturday 13 March, 2010

Where: Soljans Estate, 366 State Highway 16, Kumeu,

Time: 6.30pm to 11pm

Dress Code: Fiji Bula (Island style) - Prizes for best dressed female and male

Buffet Menu - attached

Members: Adult \$40, Child (under 15): \$20

Non Members: (one guest couple per member): Adult \$45, Child (Under 15): \$25

#### **HURRY - STRICTLY LIMITED NUMBERS**

You may send the return form, with your cheque to the PO Box Number or contact a committee member for tickets.

### **Chandan Das Ghazal Night:**

The Association is making arrangements for a discounted group booking for the upcoming concert in Auckland by well known singer from India, Mr. Chandan Das. Interested members please contact Mr. Pravindra Singh.

This event promises to be a memorable one.

New Zealand

**Children's Event:** Amazing Maze, early April

AGM: To be held at Armenesco House, Sunday 20 June

### <u>Disc of Essays – S S Syria Essay Competition:</u>

The thirty five winning essays will be placed on disc and copies donated to secondary schools and community libraries in Fiji. The Essays will also be available for members to view on the Association Website (www.fijiassociation.co.nz)

#### Email:

The Association supports Eco Friendly practices.

If you have an email address and would like to receive updates via email, please email the association at info@fijiassociation.co.nz to register.

# Essay Competition Marking 40<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of Fiji's Independence:

The Fiji Association in Auckland Inc., supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand, via the High Commission in Suva, offers an essay competition to Fiji secondary schools. The competition runs in term one, and winners will be announced by the High Commission.

The theme of the competition is Fiji's role in international or regional institutions on issues such as environment, gender or social concerns.

Students are encouraged to research the topics and entries must be submitted through the school.

Lady June Hillary and Dr Satendra Singh have agreed to continue as adjudicators.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded in four major categories, while other prizes may be granted at the judges' discretion.

Category 1: Two overall winners will be selected; each will receive \$1000 cash, a Trophy and a Certificate of Distinction.

Category 2: Three winners will receive \$500 each and a Book, plus a Certificate.

Category 3: Five winners will receive \$300 each, a Book and a Certificate.

Category 4: Five winners will receive \$200 each, a Book and a Certificate.

## Funding-

The Association's contribution will be approx \$800. However, due to the generous offers from several members, this has been reduced.

Donations - Lady June Hillary and Dr Satendra Singh have donated the two sterling silver trophies, valued at \$150. (Total \$300)

Mr. Ganges Singh and Mrs Pritam Singh have donated \$100.

Mr. Rup Singh and Mrs Amarjeet Singh have donated \$50.

Salon Judi Marie (Mrs Kriti Singh) has donated \$50.

Any members wishing to donate something may do so – please send this to the Treasurer.

### **RETURN FORM FOR SOLIANS ESTATE ISLAND NIGHT 13 MARCH 2010**

Name
Address
TelEmail
Membership Paid/Attached (please circle one) Subs remain at \$20
Tickets requested: Member (\$40) Adult Child \$20
Non Member (\$45)Child \$25
Enclose cheque made out to: Fiji Association in Auckland Inc.

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