



The Fiji Association in Auckland (Inc)

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ANNUAL DINNER

When- 7pm

Where- Curry Lounge, Manukau

Ticket – Member \$25 - Member's Guest \$30

Limited Number Only

Please complete and send the return form with your payment, or contact any Committee member.

Return Form for Dinner Event

Name.....

Address.....

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Member (yes/No)

Attach Subs - \$20

Number of Tickets Required- Member x \$25 () Non Member x \$30 ()

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED ()

Post to The Treasurer, Fiji Association in Auckland Inc, P O Box 19333, Avondale, Auckland 1746

NOTICE OF AGM

Members are invited to the AGM, to be held on Saturday 2 July 2011 at Curry Lounge, Manukau at 6.15pm.

Agenda

Welcome

Minutes

Annual Reports



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Officers and Committee

General

BEREAVEMENTS

Mrs Sushila Bai Prasad, JP

A Life Member of the Association, Mrs Sushila Prasad passed away recently. Mrs Prasad had been unwell for some time. Our deepest sympathy is recorded to Reverend Samuel Prasad and his family. A large number of people attended the funeral service for Mrs Prasad, which was held at Meadowbank. The service was conducted by Reverend Robertson and Pundit Sunil Sharma. Speaking at the service, Dr Satendra Singh mentioned many activities of the Fiji Association which Mrs Prasad had supported in the three decades of her involvement. Mention was also made of her appointment as the first Fiji Indian woman JP in New Zealand. Mrs Prasad had the distinction of being the first female student accepted at Natabua High School in Fiji. Her brother Mr Surendra Prasad and other family members from Sydney attended the funeral. Mrs Prasad received a Merit Award from the Association at the thirtieth anniversary.

Ratu Viliame Raikuna, JP

A well known Auckland resident formerly of Fiji, Bill Raikuna passed away recently, aged 87. Ratu Viliame, known to most as Bill, was the face of Fiji in Auckland during the 1960's and 1970's when he operated an office from High Street, Auckland city for the Fiji Visitors Bureau. Mr Raikuna had many friends among the various Fiji communities.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Darryl and Neema Singh on their marriage. Darryl is the younger son of Mr Pravindra and Mrs Lata Singh. Neema is the daughter of Mr Mahendra and Mrs Markwana.

2011 FIJI SECONDARY SCHOOLS NATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION

For the third consecutive year, the Association and the New Zealand High Commission offered a National Competition in Fiji during term one. This year, a record number of students took part from Forms 6 and 7. Fifty five secondary schools took part, from all over Fiji, with over 300 entries submitted by the schools through their teachers. The judges, Lady June Hillary and Dr



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Satendra Singh commended the high quality of the essays. The topics this year were – Rugby Linkages between Fiji and NZ and Where I see myself in 10 years.

Fifteen winners will be announced by the New Zealand High Commission. A prize giving reception for the winning schools will be held at the residency of the embassy in Suva. The overall winners will receive \$1000 cash, trophies and a Certificate of Commendation. Other winners will receive \$500 and a Certificate of Excellence or Merit. The Fiji Association wishes to record its gratitude to the judges and to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Wellington, together with the High Commission staff in Fiji.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Pramesh and Veena Maharaj on their 25th wedding anniversary.

SUBS DUE

Subs are payable now. You can send a cheque with your tickets return form if attending the dinner, or just the subs if not. Remember, it is still only \$20 per family per year.

Nomination Form

Name.....

Position Nominated.....

Signature of Person Nominating.....

Signature of Person Seconding this Nomination.....

Signature of Person being Nominated.....

ALL MUST BE CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Return form to

Secretary, Fiji Association in Auckland Inc

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