



ஆக்லாந்து தமிழ் அஸாசியசன்

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**Auckland Tamil Association**

2015 - 2020

# AUCKLAND TAMIL ASSOCIATION INC



## Registered Office

**9, Linden Street, Lynfield, Mount Roskill,  
Auckland – 1041**

**MISSION :** Our mission is to tap the boundless energy, creativity, ideas, and fully harness the potential of its members for the betterment of the Tamil community in Auckland, New Zealand.

## **AUCKLAND TAMIL ASSOCIATION IS COMMITTED TO**

- ✦ To promote Tamil language and Indian cultural awareness and engagement through festivals and regular events
- ✦ To provide a social platform for Tamil communities and other communities in Auckland to engage and network across New Zealand
- ✦ To promote, organise and teach the Tamil language in New Zealand
- ✦ To provide a base for Tamil and broader Indian youth to participate in sports media and arts
- ✦ To give advice on employment-related issues and provide comprehensive social support services for new Tamil and Indian immigrants

# HISTORY OF AUCKLAND TAMIL ASSOCIATION



It was established on 23rd November 2014, during a small family get together organised by Mr Vai Ravindran, with the aim of uniting the Tamil community in Auckland, New Zealand and work for the well-being of the Tamil community, to preserve the Tamil Culture and also work for the society on humanitarian endeavours.

The members responsible for the birth of the "Auckland Tamil Association" called the Founding Members are, Mr Vai Ravindran, Suresh E, Ganesh RV, Ashwin.T, Meenakshi.V, Murali Kumar, Prakash.R, Ponnappa M.M, Gayathti.C, Umayal.R, Vikram.M, Barani.R, Sridhar.C and Nagesh.N.

Initially, a Facebook page was created to bring all the Tamil community under one umbrella.

The Facebook page now consists of almost 2,983 members and 3,086 people following, irrespective of their language. This Auckland Tamil Association, page keeps all the Tamil community members connected and updated about the upcoming events organised by the association.

The website for the association, <https://www.aucklandtamilassociation.co.nz> was launched by Mr Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi, M.P,

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**MR. VAI RAVINDRAN**  
PRESIDENT

ஆக்லாந்து தமிழ் அசோசியேஷன் 2014 ஆம் தமிழ் குடும்பங்கள் மாணவர் புலம்பெயர்ந்து வாழும் தமிழ் உறவுகளுக்கு ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டு 5 ஆண்டுகள் பயணம் தொடர்ந்து வளர்ச்சி பாதையில் நடந்து கொண்டு இருக்கிறது.

### “யாதும் ஊரே யாவரும் கேளிர்”

என்ற முதுமொழிக்கு ஏற்றவாறு தமிழின் மீது ஆர்வர், பற்று, காதல் கொண்ட யாராக இருந்தாலும் எம் சங்கத்தின் உறுப்பினர் ஆகலாம். கடந்த 2015 ஆம் ஆண்டில் இருந்து தமிழ்நாட்டில் கொண்டாடப்படும் விழாக்களில் முக்கியமானதாக தீபாவளி, பொங்கல், தமிழ் புத்தாண்டு ஆகிய விழாக்களை வெகு விமர்சியாக கொண்டாடி வருகின்றோம். நியூசிலாந்தில் இதுவரையில் நடந்திடாத வகையில் திரு. முனைவர். ஞானசம்பந்தம், திரு. சின்னி ஜெயந்த், திரு. Y. G. மகேந்திரன், திரு. K. வீரமணி ராஜ், திரு. G. S. மணி போன்ற சிகரங்களை வைத்து கலை விழா, இசை விழா போன்ற தமிழ் சார்ந்த விழக்கலை நடத்தி வந்துள்ளோம்.

மாணவர்களுக்கு பயன்பெறும் விதமாக பயிற்சி பயலரங்கள் நடத்தி வந்துள்ளோம். மாணவர்களுக்கு பயிற்சி பட்டறைகள் மட்டும் இல்லாமல் கிரிக்கெட் பேட்மிட்டன் போன்ற விளையாட்டுகளிலும் ஆர்வத்தை ஊக்குவிக்கும் விதமாக வருடா வருடம் போட்டிகள் நடத்தி வெற்றியாளர்களுக்கு பரிசளித்து வந்துள்ளோம். தமிழ் கல்வியை புலம்பெயர்ந்து வாழும் தமிழர்களின் குழந்தைகளுக்கு கற்றுவிக்கும் விதமாக தமிழ் கல்வி கடந்த ஓர் ஆண்டாக செயல்பட்டு வருகிறது. சுமார் 40 குழந்தைகள் இப்பள்ளியில் தமிழ்கற்று வருகிறார்கள். மேலும் ஆக்கலலாந்து வாழ் தமிழர்கள் கேட்டு மகிழ மெல்லிசை என்ற வானொளி நிலையத்தையும் சிறப்பாக நடத்தி வருகிறோம்.

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*V. Ravindran.*

**VAI RAVINDRAN**  
PRESIDENT



# OUR TEAM

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**MR. VAI RAVINDRAN**  
PRESIDENT



**MR. VEL MURUGAN**  
VICE-PRESIDENT



**MURALI KUMAR**  
SECRETARY



**MR. ARAVIND KUMAR**  
TREASURER



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EC MEMBER



**MRS. MEENAKSHI  
VEERAPPAN**  
EC MEMBER



**MR. SYED KABIR**  
EC MEMBER



**MR. NAGESH NEMANI**  
EC MEMBER



**MR. HARI**  
EC MEMBER

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PRO



**MR. BALARAMAN**  
PRO



**MRS. PRIYA CHARAN**  
COMMITTEE MEMBER



**MRS. ASWINI  
SWAMINATHAN**  
COMMITTEE MEMBER



**MRS. DURGA ANAND**  
COMMITTEE MEMBER

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**MR. SINDHUR GOWDA**  
COMMITTEE MEMBER



**MR. POOVAARASU**  
COMMITTEE MEMBER



**MR. KRISHNA**  
COMMITTEE MEMBER



**MR. NAVEEN**  
COMMITTEE MEMBER

# **EVENTS ORGANISED BY AUCKLAND TAMIL ASSOCIATION 2015**

- ▶ English New Year celebration
- ▶ Introducing Cricket Teams
- ▶ Tamil New Year Celebration
- ▶ Independence Day
- ▶ First home buyer
- ▶ Deepavali
- ▶ Deepavali celebration at NZ Parliament
- ▶ Blood Donation 2015
- ▶ Spirit of Cricket Competition 2015



2015

# EVENTS



## 1. ENGLISH NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

After being officially announced, ATA arranged its first family gettogether on 1st January 2015 at the residence of Mr Saravanan. This is where it all started to unite the Tamil Community residing in Auckland. This gathering witnessed 6 families, where they enjoyed and celebrated the welcoming of the new year with happiness and prosperity. This small gettogether was a stepping stone in uniting 1000's of Tamil people in Auckland.



## 2. INTRODUCING CRICKET TEAMS

Auckland Tamil Association is pleased to sponsor two groups 'TAMIL TITANS' and 'TAMIL SUPER STRIKERS' to partake in the 'Relianz Forex Intercommunity Cricket Tournament' that was inaugurated on 4th January. This was the first initiative of the Auckland Tamil Association to support the Tamil Community.



## 3. TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

It's the first day of the year in Tamil Calendar. Accordingly, the first Tamil cultural event was organised by the Auckland Tamil Association on 18th of April 2015 at Westley Community Hall in Sandringham. It was an honour for Auckland Tamil Association to invite Mr Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi, M.P, East Manukau as the chief guest for the ceremony. Mr Bakshi congratulated the members for starting "Auckland Tamil Association", and then he appreciated the hard work of the team in uniting the Tamil people in Auckland. Later on, he also launched the official website of ATA "<https://www.aucklandtamilassociation.co.nz>" on that occasion.

Finally, ATA honoured Mr Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi for his presence and spending his precious time attending the celebration. Association had also arranged for the festival feast after the ceremony.





**INDEPENDENCE DAY**



**PROPERTY INVESTMENT**

## **4. INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

Away from the Mother Land, India, Auckland Tamil Association organised an event for the celebration of the Independence Day which displayed their patriotism towards the Mother Land. Auckland Tamil Association celebrated the 69th Indian Independence Day on Saturday 15th August 2015, at the Wesley Community Hall, 740, Sandringham Road, Auckland. The association also held speeches and a fancy-dress competition for children and enjoyment

## **5. HOME BUYERS & PROPERTY INVESTMENT**

Auckland Tamil Association was proud to organise a seminar on "First Home Buyers and Property Investment Seminar" Buying a home is probably the single biggest investment you will ever make in your life. There are many decisions to make when buying your home and it is not always easy. This is why it is so important that you understand the cost of your mortgage. Also choosing the right Mortgage and interest repayment to fit your lifestyle is important as



**DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION**

you may require flexibility, which was explained by Mortgage Express.

Mr. Lalit Bajaj (BA (Economics), MBA (Finance), GrDip in Fin PI) from Greenline Financial Solution addressed this seminar and clarified the doubts for the first home buyers on various factors on finance.

Mr Denis Dias from LJ Hooker and Mr Calvin Roche from Barfoot and Thompson shed light on the current housing market trends. Mr Bhavesh highlighted the financial side of buying a house in New Zealand.

## **6. DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION 2015**

Deepavali, The Festival of Lights is one of the most popular festivals of Tamilians. Deepavali symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance". Auckland Tamil Association celebrated its first Deepavali celebration at the Freemans Bay Community Centre on 14th of November. Mr Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi, a List member, Labour party of New Zealand was invited as the chief guest for the function. Lot of cultural performances like dance, singing were performed and followed by dinner at the end.



## 7. DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION AT NZ PARLIAMENT

The Indian community is one of the largest and fastest growing ethnic communities in New Zealand.

The numerous communities that form the broader Indian community are distinguished by factors such as religion and language.

"One of the things that make New Zealand such a wonderful place to live is the way in which communities actively participate across wider society to share and celebrate their cultures and traditions."



Attended by Prime Minister Rt Hon John Key, along with other MPs, dignitaries and representatives from across New Zealand's ethnic communities, the Prime Minister, opened the evening by acknowledging and recognising all Indians for their various contribution to New Zealand.

Auckland Tamil Association was invited to join the Deepavali celebration which was held at the New Zealand parliament in Wellington. It was a proud moment for Auckland Tamil Association to take part in such a wonderful event.



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## 8. BLOOD DONATION CAMP- 2015

The Auckland Tamil Association in association with NZ Blood service organised a blood donation camp for the community on Wednesday, May 24, 2015 in Epsom, Auckland. The drive was successful with more than 20 members attending the event. People from not just Tamil but also from other communities came to support the campaign. ATA was formed in 2015 to provide a platform for the cultural, educational, social and developmental activities in Auckland. The purpose of establishing the association was to connect with the increasing number of Tamilians in New Zealand and to develop the Tamil culture across the country.

## 9. SPIRIT OF CRICKET COMPETITION 2015/16

Auckland Tamil Association extend our heartiest congrats to the Tamil Super Strikers group supported by ATA on your exciting triumph in the last debut Soul of Cricket Competition 2016.

Your competences, and determination to win, exemplified by the Leadership of the Skipper Deepan and Vice-Captain Sai, took Tamil Super Strikers to a meriting triumph over extremely commendable adversaries, Bengali Group.

We likewise accept this opportunity to compliment and express gratitude toward Mr Giri from Relianz Forex and Radio Tarana for their endeavours in bringing the young of the Indian community together for such a creative and pleasant occasion.

Special thanks to Avondale Law and Midcity Subway for Sponsoring the T-Shirts to both the Groups.

The numerous communities also took an interest - going from Bengali, Punjabi, Marathi, Telugu, Kannada Koota, Tamil. The broad

BLOOD DONATION  
CAMP 2015



# EVENTS ORGANISED BY AUCKLAND TAMIL ASSOCIATION 2016

- ▶ Tamil New Year celebration 2016
- ▶ CPNZ (Community Patrol of New Zealand)
- ▶ Indian President Visits Nz
- ▶ Tsamanz 2016
- ▶ Deepavali 2016
- ▶ Meeting with NZ Prime Minister
- ▶ Relianz Cricket Tournament
- ▶ Parliament Deepavali celebration
- ▶ Condolence to the demise of Ms. Jayalalitha 2016
- ▶ Condolence to demise of Cho Ramaswamy 2016



2016

# EVENTS

## 1. TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 2016

Followed by the success in the year 2015, Auckland Tamil Association continued its development by organising another successful Tamil New Year event in 2016. ATA celebrated the Tamil New Year on 16th April, at Wellesley Community hall, Sandringham. It was a fun-filled event with dance and singing followed by South Indian dinner at the end.





## 2. COMMUNITY PATROL OF NEW ZEALAND (CPNZ)

A team of volunteers have been patrolling the streets of Mt Roskill to ensure safety in the community. The Mount Roskill Community Patrol is affiliated to Community Patrols of New Zealand (CPNZ), which has more than 160 community patrols, involving around 6,000 volunteers nationwide. It also covers Sandringham, Three Kings, Balmoral, Lynfield and Hillsborough. A growing number of active volunteers have been signing up for community patrolling to help the NZ police make the city a safer place to live in. Any individual over 18 who shares concerns over the safety of the town can be a part of this group.

The applicants are vetted by the police and trained within the patrol. Those selected abide by the code of conduct and sign a declaration of confidentiality. A police liaison officer is also allocated to work with the patrol.

Mr Vai Ravindran and the members from Auckland Tamil Association actively participated in community patrolling to ensure safer neighbourhood.

It is hoped that a recent reduction in crime in the Mt Roskill area may be as a result of the supervision and regular scrutiny by the community patrol group.



Finally, Auckland Tamil Association's President Mr Vai Ravindran has been recognised and awarded in appreciation for services to the community and the Mount Roskill Community Patrol.

### 3. INDIAN PRESIDENT VISITS NEW ZEALAND

President Mukherjee and his delegation arrived on Saturday 30 April for a series of events in Auckland, including an official welcome at the Government House Auckland, a State dinner hosted by the Governor General, and talks with the Governor General and the Prime Minister.

"It was an opportunity to highlight our warm relationship, based on a shared Commonwealth heritage, commitment to democracy and the over 160,000 New Zealanders of Indian-origin, who make an important contribution to business, cultural and sporting life in New Zealand.

The government of New Zealand organised a Community Reception with the Honourable President of India, SH. Pranab Mukherjee on 1st of May 2016 in Auckland, New Zealand which was hosted by the High Commission of India. It was an honour for Auckland Tamil Association to be a part of a great event of the Presidential Visit. Members from Auckland Tamil Association participated in the beautiful event.

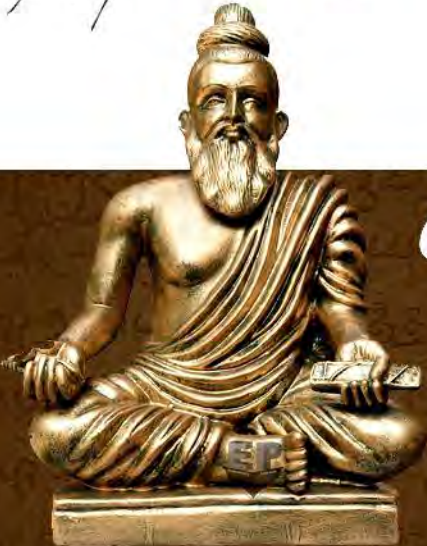


### 4. TSAMANZ 2016

Auckland Tamil Association - The proud sponsor of the Tamil - Short Film "Bing Bang Blussey" screened on 9th July 2016.

Thanks to all the cast and crew who made this a great success.

**BING  
BING  
BLUSSEY  
2016**



“ அகர முதல எழுத்தெல்லாம் ஆதி  
பகவன் முதற்றே உலகு. ”  
-திருவள்ளுவர்

## 5. DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION 2016

The Auckland Tamil Association (ATA) facilitated its yearly Deepavali festivities at the Freemans Bay Community Hall on Sunday, November 5.

The social occasion was attended by pioneers of various community associations, for example, Kalyan Kasunganti from the Telangana Association of New Zealand, Kannada Koota and Bhiku Bhana from the New Zealand Indian Central Association (NZICA).

The reason for such a fabulous occasion in Auckland was to pass on the legacy and beauty of the Indian culture to the up and coming youngsters here and furthermore to commend the Diwali with full social (Tamil) ethos at a land far from the home nation.

"The Auckland Tamil Association will keep on advancing the Tamil dialect and culture in New Zealand through major occasions and facilitating activities that draw in the network".

The occasion was filled with various cultural performances including a Bharatanatyam dance. Both youngsters and senior individuals from the community participated in the event.

## 6. MEETING WITH NZ PRIME MINISTER



It was an honour for Auckland Tamil Association to meet New Zealand Prime Minister John Key in a Community Meet.



## 7. RELIANZ CRICKET TOURNAMENT 2016

Auckland Tamil Association was pleased to arrange the Relianz Cricket Tournament season 2016-17. ATA's home group the Super Strikers participated in the competition. Twelve different groups were supported by different Indian Communities, corporates and educational institutes who took part in this sports meet.





## **8. PARLIAMENT DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION 2016**

Following its tradition of celebrating major cultural events, New Zealand Parliament will host 300 people on the occasion of the Hindu festival of

Diwali at Parliament on Monday 26 September 2016. These celebrations are almost one month in advance, as Indians worldwide celebrate Diwali on 26 October.

Diwali, or Deepawali, marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year according to the Lunar calendar. It celebrates the victory of the good over the evil, by lighting lights. The word Deepawali literally means a row of lights. It is the victory of light over darkness

It is celebrated by NRIs and Indians worldwide with great zeal and has become a well-established part of New Zealand's cultural calendar.

While lights and firecrackers symbolise Diwali, the celebrations in the New Zealand parliament will be quieter. The Parliament witnessed the Diwali spirit of togetherness, light, warmth and happiness.

The audience, which is expected to consist of people from many ethnicities, will hear speeches, watch a traditional dance performance, a slide show, and enjoy delicious food. The Parliamentary event also offers an opportunity for the Indian community to be thanked for their contribution to New Zealand.

There is a growing relationship between India and New Zealand, particularly in the areas of tourism, education and trade, which helps to organise the events.

"This relationship is set to grow with the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement, which is currently being negotiated. "Sharing celebrations such as Diwali plays an important role in making New Zealand a more tolerant and vibrant nation."







## **9. CONDOLENCE TO DEMISE OF MS. JAYALALITHA**

No one can prepare you for a loss; it comes like a swift wind. However, take comfort in knowing that Ms. Jayalalitha is now resting in the arms of our Lord.

Members of from ATA express their profound sorrow at the demise of Ms. Jayalalitha, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

In her we saw the ideal blend of the strong will of a capable administrator and the sympathy of a philanthropist. In her sad demise, we have lost a unique mother's touch that had lit up the lives of a large number of individuals during the last three decades. She was the greatest lady political pioneer in contemporary India.



## **10. CONDOLENCE TO DEMISE OF CHO RAMASWAMY**

Senior Political satirist Srinivas Iyer Ramaswamy, popularly known as Cho Ramaswamy, died in Chennai on Wednesday morning following a cardiac arrest. He was 82.

Cho was a nominated member of the Rajya Sabha from 1999 to 2005. Cho Ramaswamy was a close friend of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa. Cho campaigned for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the latter called him his "Raj Guru".

Cho was insightful, frank, brilliant. Pained by his demise. Condolences to his family and countless readers of Thuglak, " Modi tweeted.

Every year, on January 14, he held a public meeting to meet his readers and honour staff of the magazine. Senior leaders also attended the annual meeting.

He went to be the political advisor and satirist and criticised senior politicians, including former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and former chief ministers M Karunanidhi, M G Ramachandran and Jayalalitha.

**No Person is ever truly alone.  
Those Who live no more, Whom we loved.  
Echtill within our thoughts,our words, our hearts**

# EVENTS ORGANISED BY AUCKLAND TAMIL ASSOCIATION 2017

- ▶ Tamil New year celebration 2017
- ▶ Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame
- ▶ TYO NZ Tamil Short film festival
- ▶ Tamil New Year in Parliament
- ▶ Indian Independence Day
- ▶ Incorporated Society
- ▶ Deepavali celebration 2017
- ▶ Blood Donation camp 2017
- ▶ Radio Program F.M 104.6
- ▶ Christmas celebration 2017



2017

# EVENTS

## 1. TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 2017



ATA was proud to host the Tamil New Year event on 30th April 2017 at the Freeman's Bay Community Centre, 52 Hepburn Street, Ponsonby, Auckland City.

"VEHAARA ARTS" a group of Malaysian artists performed at the event.

Malaysian Cultural dances were the centre of attraction and stole the show.

This grand event was witnessed by a huge gathering at the venue. The event was followed by dinner.



## 2. KIWI INDIAN HALL OF FAME

It's an opportunity for ATA to thank the Indian Weekender for inviting them for their "Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame" award ceremony along with their 9th year anniversary, which was held on 8th June 2017 and congratulating ATA for our community work, on the stage. Members of ATA also had an opportunity to talk to the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr Bill English



# 3. TYO NZ TAMIL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL 2017

ATA and 9:50 PM Studio proudly presents (Inai), a Tamil short film written and directed by Vishwa Balasubramanian.

**Cast:** Madan, Senthil, Vai, Ravindran, Pradeep, Raj, Milton Joseph, Jerome Aquino  
**Background Score:** Sashank Sivasubramanian  
**D.O.P & Editing:** Vishwa Balasubramanian

ATA welcomed everyone for the screening of the film at TYO NZ Tamil Short film festival, held at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre on 5th of August 2017.

ATA is also happy to announce that, the INAI short film, which it sponsored, won the Best Short Film award of the year, at TYO short film competition 2017.

INAI also won the following awards –

- Best Cinematography - Vishwa Balasubramanian
- Best Actor - Madanbarath Senthil
- Best Music Director - Sashank Sivasubramanian



Thanks to the New Zealand Tamil Youth Organisation (TYO) for giving such an opportunity to exhibit youth talents in short filmmaking.



# 4. TAMIL NEW YEAR IN PARLIAMENT 2017

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Auckland Tamil Association participated in the Tamil New Year celebration which was conducted by The Government of New Zealand at the Parliament in Wellington. A lot of members from various associations involved in the big event. The show commenced with classical dance and followed by multiple performances.



## 5. INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Auckland Tamil Association celebrated 71st Indian Independence Day on 19th August 2016, Saturday from 6:00pm at Mt Eden War Memorial, Chamber Hall, 489 Dominion Road, Auckland.

Independence Day is a day to feel proud of and celebrate our victory in the struggle for independence. It is a day to remember the arduous struggle for freedom and the immortal sacrifices of freedom fighters. It is a day of joy and happiness for all Indians, irrespective of where they reside in any part of the world.

There was a massive gathering at the celebration to meet and greet friends and new faces and to spend some time with each other. ATA had also organised a fancy-dress competition for children, dance, speech, music and some great activities for their enjoyment.



## 6. INCORPORATED SOCIETY

On 27th September 2017, Auckland Tamil Association was incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and became Auckland Tamil Association Incorporated.



### CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

AUCKLAND TAMIL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED  
2682771

This is to certify that AUCKLAND TAMIL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED was incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 on the 27th day of September 2017.

*[Signature]*

Registrar of Incorporated Societies  
25th day of October 2017



For further details visit [www.societies.govt.nz](http://www.societies.govt.nz)

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# 7. DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION 2017

The Auckland Tamil Association (ATA) hosted its annual Deepavali (Diwali) celebrations at Freemans Bay Community Hall on Sunday, November 5, 2017

The cultural event was attended by leaders of different community organisations such as Kalyan Kasunganti from the Telangana Association of New Zealand, Lingappa Kalburgi from the Kannada Koota, Bhiku Bhana from the New Zealand Indian Central Association (NZICA).

Members of Parliament, Michael Wood from the Labour Party, Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi and Parmjeet Parmar from the National Party also attended the event at this auspicious occasion.

To commemorate the biggest festival of the Indian community, representatives from the Muth Tamil Sangam Wellington, Dunedin Tamil Society and Hamilton Tamil Society also graced the occasion.

The purpose for such a grand event in Auckland was to pass on the heritage and cultural richness of the Indian culture to the next generation of children here and also to celebrate the Diwali with full cultural (Tamil) ethos at a land away from our home country.

The event commenced with some cultural performances including a Bharatanatyam dance. Both children and older members of the community participated in the event.

Besides hosting cultural dance performances, ATA also felicitated the achievers who have made the community proud. Mrs Varshini was complimented for publishing ten books in Tamil, Yugendran Vasudevan for his contribution towards Tamil arts and culture, Vishwa and his team for winning the Best Short Film of the year for the film 'Inai' which was produced by ATA, Magesh and Deepan were honoured for leading two different cricket teams supported by ATA

ATA has supported different initiatives throughout the year that benefits the community such as organising cultural events, blood donation camps, cricket, football and badminton tournaments etc. The event concluded with a dinner served to every visitor to the event..



## 8. BLOOD DONATION CAMP 2017

The Auckland Tamil Association in association with NZ Blood service organised a blood donation camp for the community on Oct 4, 2017 in Auckland.



## 9. RADIO PROGRAM F.M 104.6

Auckland Tamil Association participated in the annual cultural meet of the Planet F.M 104.6.



# 10. CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2017

The Auckland Tamil Association hosted an evening of musical extravaganza for the community members on the occasion of Christmas celebrations.

The event "Mannil Intha Kathal a Musical Night" was held at Freeman's Bay Community Hall on Tuesday, December 26, 2017, and more than 190 members of the community attended the event.

The star of the event was Tamil actor and singer Yugendran Vasudevan who is the son of veteran popular playback singer-cum-actor Malaysia Vasudevan and has sung more than 600 songs in Tamil. Singer Yugendran sang the famous numbers of music Maestro Ilaiyaraaja and A R Rahman with whom he has performed and sung in the past.

Auckland Tamil Association also felicitated Ravi Muthumanikam, a famous face of South Indian community who has performed in many musical events in Auckland, with a title "Iasi Thendral" for Ravi's service to all the South Indian Associations with his melodious voice for more than 10 years. The event also had other dance and musical performances given by members of the local Tamil community.



# EVENTS ORGANISED BY AUCKLAND TAMIL ASSOCIATION 2018

- ▶ Finding Employment
- ▶ Tamil New Year celebration
- ▶ Mother's Day Celebration
- ▶ International Yoga Day
- ▶ Workshop
- ▶ Blood Donation 2018
- ▶ TASMANZ
- ▶ Guest Lecture
- ▶ Independence Day celebrations
- ▶ NZITA
- ▶ Ragasyam Parama Ragasyam  
"Meet and Greet"
- ▶ Kiwi-Indian Hall of Fame
- ▶ Laugh out the evening at Hamilton
- ▶ March for Global Peace
- ▶ Bathukama Event
- ▶ Badminton Tournament
- ▶ Annual Short Film Festival
- ▶ Deepavali celebrations at Dunedin
- ▶ Deepavali 2018
- ▶ Diwali Celebration hosted  
by Dr Parmjeet Parmar
- ▶ Diwali Celebration with Telugu  
Association
- ▶ Congratulating Ms Ashwina  
Krishnakumar
- ▶ Inauguration of NZ Tamil Sports  
Association



2018

# EVENTS

## 1. FINDING EMPLOYMENT IN NZ 2018

Auckland Tamil Association is always there, in helping youngsters of our community. ATA had arranged for a half a day seminar for students in FINDING EMPLOYMENT in New Zealand. Topics that are covered are CV writing, Covering letter and on Job Interviews. It was a golden opportunity for the students who were looking for employment now and in the near future. This seminar was conducted on 7th January 2018 at Imperial College of New Zealand, Level 3, 16 Waverley Street, Auckland CBD, Auckland



## 2. TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 2018

The Tamil New Year falls around April 14 every year and marks the first day in the Tamil calendar. The Auckland Tamil Association has always made sure to leave no stone unturned when it comes to celebrating one of its most significant events, Tamil Puthandu or Tamil New Year. The Association has hosted a big celebratory event at the Freemans Bay Community Centre on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

The Rameshwaram Group of Dance is a renowned Tamil performing group from Singapore that has been roped in to showcase its famous dance at the event. Renowned Tamil singer, actor and music director Yugendran Vasudevan Nair also performed at the event.

List MP for Maungakiekie Priyanka Radhakrishnan, Under Secretary for Ethnic Communities and MP for Mt Roskill Michael Wood, wished the Tamil diaspora in New Zealand on the occasion of Tamil New Year earlier last weekend over a social media video. National Party leader Simon Bridges also conveyed his message to the Tamil community on this occasion through a Facebook video.

## 3. MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION 2018



Mother's Day is special for each one of us and is celebrated everywhere across the globe. In fact, this day is celebrated with great zeal. The relationship of mother-child is the most beautiful and an inseparable bond that we all have in this world. Auckland Tamil Association organised an event on Mother's Day on 13rd May 2018.





# 4. INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATION 2018

Auckland Tamil Association bid farewell to Shri. Sanjeev Kohli, the High Commissioner of India in New Zealand. On behalf of the wider Tamil Community, we wish him all success in his future endeavours.





## 5. WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS 2018

Auckland Tamil Association conducted a workshop for International Students those who are coming to New Zealand. The seminar called "Settling well in New Zealand for International Students". This workshop helped students to know how to prepare their CV and cover letters, how to attend the interview. It was explained by Mr Adon Kumar English teacher who has a more than 25 years of experience in New Zealand. This workshop was successful learning experience for students. This workshop was on 21st July 2018 at the Mt Eden war memorial, Auckland.


**ஆக்காந்து தமிழ் அசோசியேசன்**  
**Auckland Tamil Association**



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- Importance of WhatsApp, FB & LinkedIn

- Importance of Kiwi CV & Covering Letter
- Job Hunting & Driving Licence
- Tenancy agreement, Insurance, Medical
- Employment laws & Exploitation



**Workshop Facilitator**  
**Mr Adon Kumar**  
 A. B.D., M.A Applied Linguistics MPhil JP  
 & successful businessman, IT professional,  
 TESOL/English Coach, Run a lot  
 with over 25 years NZ experience

Only 25 Applications will be accepted on first come first serve basis

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Mr. Vas Ravindran  
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Mr. Ashwin  
 0222657402  
 ashwin\_reganathan@gmail.com

**Date:**  
**21st July 2018**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm**  
**Venue:**  
**Mt Eden War Memorial Hall**  
**487-489 Dominion Road**  
**Mt Eden, Auckland**



# ஜஸ்க்கட்ட

# 6. KARIKALAN TROPHY -2018

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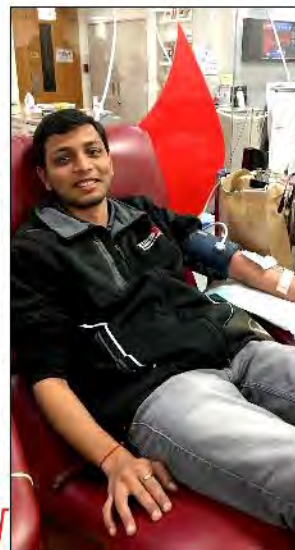
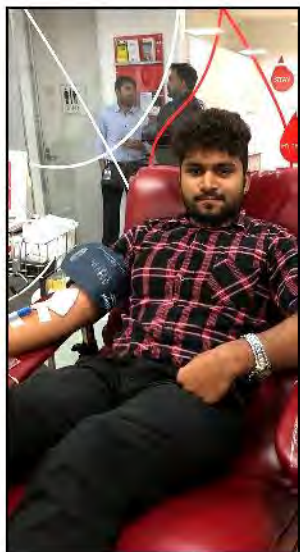
# SHARE YOUR BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE

## 7. BLOOD DONATION CAMP 2018

"Blood donation camps are to inspire people to contribute to the social welfare and to alleviate the fragile condition of humankind. It also installs a feeling of saving lives and serving the community. It makes one exhibit empathy, compassion and respect towards the life of ailing patients whose lives depend on this. It creates a sense of responsibility and oneness towards the community,"



There are many ways to contribute and give one's due to the community – donating blood is one of them and mostly one of the most significant contributions to society.



Auckland Tamil Association facilitates this as one of its many activities to bring the community together, hosted two blood donation camps in July at the Epsom Donor Centre. The first camp was held on Thursday, July 5 and the second on Thursday, July 12.

The first day of the camp witnessed ten people turn up to donate blood as volunteers from ATA welcomed them to the donor centre and provided them with refreshments. Photos.





## 8. TASMANZ 2018

Auckland Tamil Association is proud to produce the short film "Pughai Padam" for the Tasman short film competition. Our boys demonstrated their talents by bagging 8 awards.

1. Best Film
2. Lead Actor -Madan Senthil
3. Music Director -Sashank Sivasubramanian
4. Production designer -Anamika Balachander
5. Cinematographer -Santosh Durai
6. Dialogues -Madan Senthil and Vishwa Balasubramanian
7. Screenplay - Vishwa Balasubramanian
8. Director - Vishwa Balasubramanian.



## 9. GUEST LECTURE 2018

Stress is a silent killer and sometimes called a killer without a face. Stress can have a very adverse effects on the body and has been known to cause high blood pressure, stroke, and heart attack. Many people have died from having too much stress in their life, and it slowly took its toll on that person's health.

Auckland Tamil Association arranged a lecture by Mr Angajan who is a Philosopher who gave a speech on "How to deal with STRESS at the workplace and at home". It was held on 22nd July 2018 at Mt Roskill War Memorial, Auckland.

**Auckland Tamil Association**

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For the past 30 years, Angajan M.K. has been deeply involved in the research and assimilation of Vedanta, Philosophy, Spiritual literatures from the East and West, human values and psychology. He has inspired and empowered thousands of large and distinguished audiences globally on self-development, life management, and self-fulfillment.

He is an author of two books and several audio books and DVDs.

**Angajan M.K.**

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# 10. INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS 2018

Auckland Tamil association joins with other Indian communities to celebrate 72nd Indian Independence Day on 12th August 2018, at Mahatma Gandhi Centre, Auckland.

First time in Auckland, all major Indian community organisations, with a longstanding and proud history of celebrating India's Independence Day individually, have agreed to join hands with other fellow community organisations and gather together for one mega celebration. On this occasion, Auckland Tamil Association sang the Vanthe Maatharam song along with Shankar and Siva, and it was very much appreciated by all.



# 11. NZI NDIA TRADE ALLIANCE (NZIT)

Auckland Tamil association was invited for the 72nd Indian Independence Day celebration by New Zealand India Trade Alliance.



# 12. RAGASYAM PARAMA RAGASYAM "MEET AND GREET"

Auckland Tamil Association hosted the drama "Ragasyam Parama Ragasyam" on 25th of September 2018 at Mt. Albert War Memorial by the legendary dramatist Mr Ygee Mahendra and his 13-member crew. This event was a grand success, and people enjoyed the suspense and excellent comedy. It was the first full-length drama that was held in Auckland, New Zealand. Special thanks to Hon. Michael Wood MP, for participating in this wonderful event and enjoyed throughout the show.



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featuring  
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**\$100** RESERVED SEATINGS  
POST-SHOW BUFFET DINNER AT MT ROSKILL WAR MEMORIAL  
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**\$40** UNRESERVED SEATINGS. (FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS)

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**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

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**RAGASYAM PARAMA RAGASYAM "MEET AND GREET"**



## 13. KIWI-INDIAN HALL OF FAME

Auckland Tamil Association attended the Indian Weekender Kiwi-Indian Hall of Fame, where the rarest of rare, especially those who have contributed immensely to the community are honoured at a platform which is considered the biggest formal event of the Indian diaspora in New land.



# 14. DR GNANASAMBANDAN SPEECH 2018

Auckland Tamil Association celebrated the evening with Dr Gnanasambandan, along with Tamil Sangam Waikato on 15th September 2018, with his speech on Tamil literature and humour. His stunning speech made the audience glue to seat from first to last.



## 15. MARCH FOR GLOBAL PEACE

Auckland Tamil Association participated in "March for global peace" organised by High Commission today at Queen Street on the occasion of 150th birthday of Mahatma Gandhiji. Around 500 people attended this event, and the Auckland Tamil Association is proud to represent the Tamil community in Auckland on 30th September.



## 17. BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2018

Auckland Tamil Association hosted its very first badminton tournament in the year 2018. Around 60 plus players participated in the competition including the junior players and senior players. It was held at 38, Portage Road, New Lynn. Players were encouraged by giving refreshments. This tournament was arranged by one of our executive committee member Mr Ganesh Kumar.



## 16. BATHUKAMA EVENT 2018

Auckland Tamil Association participated in the Bathukama Event organised by the Telangana Association of New Zealand. Bathukama marks the floral festival celebrated by the women of Telangana state. Thanks, and congratulations to Mr Kalyan Rao and his team for inviting us. Prime Minister of New Zealand Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern also participated in this event today at Mt. Eden War Memorial Hall.



## **18. ANNUAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL 2018**

Auckland Tamil Association produced the film "Maradhi" directed by Vishwa Balasubramanian and was filmed at the 4th Annual short film festival hosted by Tamil Youth Organization. Our film Maradhi bagged the second runner-up award, Best Cinematographer, Best Screenplay, Best supporting actor award today at the film festival. Auckland Tamil association congratulates the entire team for their tireless work and determination towards filmmaking



## 19. HOLI CELEBRATION IN PARILIMENT 2018



## 20. DEEPAVALI CELEBRATIONS AT DUNEDIN 2018

Auckland Tamil Association participated in the Diwali celebrations hosted by Dunedin Tamil society on 27th October 2018 at Dunedin. It was beautiful to meet our Tamil people living in Dunedin. The evening was lit up with beautiful experiences from the local artists. Thanks to Mr Luxmanan, President of Dunedin Tamil society for inviting us to be a part of this celebrations. The participation of Mr Siva Kumar, Past President of Wellington Muthamizh Sangam and Mr Raveen Annamalai, Vice President of the Multicultural council in this event is also noteworthy.



# 21. DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION 2018

Auckland Tamil Association hosted their annual Diwali celebration event, which was special this year for bringing a well-known artist Cinni Jayant from India to perform and entertain the audience on Saturday, November 17, at Freeman's Bay Community Centre, where the facilitation of Mr Wood took place.

The event started with a traditional Bharatanatyam dance performance followed by a dance show by local dance groups tapping the feet to both classical music and favourite Bollywood numbers, to the delight of the audience.

The first part of the event was dedicated to a formal ceremony including traditional lamp lighting, speeches by dignitaries, and individual facilitation of Labour MP Michael Wood.

In a first of its kind, the Auckland Tamil Association facilitated and bestowed the Labour MP for Mt Roskill and Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Minister for Ethnic Communities, Michael Wood, with the title Tamil-Selvan - "Son of Tamil."

Accepting the award, Mr Wood wowed a full-house audience by starting his acceptance speech in the Tamil language – a gesture well received by one and all in attendance.

Indeed, conferring of the title "Son of Tamil" to any MP, either Kiwi or Kiwi-Indian is historic for the Auckland Tamil Association.

The event was well-attended by other dignitaries including Kiwi-Indian MPs Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi, Dr Parmjeet Parmar and Priyanka Radhakrishnan and Hon. Consul of India, Bhav Dhillon, along with several prominent community leaders including Jeet Suchdev of Bhartiya Samaj, Rakesh Naidoo of Human Rights Commission, Bhikhu Bhana of New Zealand Indian Central Association and members of Tamil community and the wider public.



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Deepavali Celebrations With Dinner  
On Saturday, 17th November 2018  
6.00pm to 8.30pm at Freeman's Bay Community Hall,  
52, Hepburn Road, Auckland



**INDIAN WEEKENDER**  
Friday, November 23, 2018





## **21. DIWALI CELEBRATION HOSTED BY DR PARMJEET PARMAR**

Auckland Tamil Association participated in the Diwali celebration hosted by Dr Parmjeet Parmar, List based MP for Mount Roskill (National Party). All our EC members had a wonderful evening with dance, fun and enjoyment at the Fickling Convention Centre.



## **22. DIWALI CELEBRATION WITH TELUGU ASSOCIATION**

Auckland Tamil Association participated in the Diwali celebration hosted by New Zealand Telugu Association. It was a wonderful occasion where every community gets together and also it was a wonderful event with dance, fun and entertainment.



## **23. CONGRATULATING MS ASHWINA KRISHNAKUMAR**

Auckland Tamil Association congratulates Ms. Ashwina Krishnakumar for bagging the "Best Under 19 Cricket Player" award at the Fifth Annual Indian Newslink Sports & Community Awards 2018. She is the first Tamil girl to bag this award.

Twelve-year-old Ashwina has won several accolades and has been playing for the Howick-Pakuranga Cricket Club for the past seven years. She has represented the Mission Heights Junior College Boys & Girls Cricket team and is keen to move ahead to national level.



# 25. INAUGURATION OF NZ TAMIL SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Auckland Tamil Association is pleased with the launch of the NZ Tamil Sports Association on 15th December 2018. It's very heartening to see our wider young Tamils coming together and promoting sports and wellbeing of Tamil communities. We congratulate the new team and wish them every success and look forward to supporting and working with NZTSA



# EVENTS ORGANISED BY AUCKLAND TAMIL ASSOCIATION 2019

- ▶ Karikalan Trophy 2019
- ▶ Pongal celebration 2019
- ▶ Candle Vigil for Martyrs of Pulwama Attack
- ▶ Auckland Tamil School 2019
- ▶ Cinemavum Sangeethamum
- ▶ Workshop for International Students
- ▶ Condemn to Christchurch attack
- ▶ Saravanaa Bhavan
- ▶ Tamil language classes for Fiji Indians
- ▶ Farewell to Shri. Sanjeev Kohli
- ▶ Welcoming new Indian High Commissioner
- ▶ Tamil New Year Celebration 2019
- ▶ Ugadi Celebrations at New Zealand Telugu Association 2019
- ▶ NZ Parliament Tamil New Year 2019
- ▶ Pearl of Islands Foundation Inc Iftar
- ▶ International Yoga day 2019
- ▶ Stress management program 2019
- ▶ Indian Newslink's Sports and Community Awards 2019
- ▶ Special Ayappan Pooja 2019
- ▶ Family Fun day 2019
- ▶ Indian Independence Day 2019
- ▶ Canterbury Indian Tamils Association
- ▶ Career Seminar
- ▶ Annual Badminton Tournament 2019
- ▶ Erasing Boundaries by Zealandia.
- ▶ Deepavali Celebrations 2019
- ▶ Indian High Commission Summit 2019
- ▶ Diwali celebration in the NZ Parliament
- ▶ Christmas Kondattam - 2019.



2019

# EVENTS

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## 2. PONGAL CELEBRATION 2019

Auckland Tamil Association for the very first time celebrated the Pongal festival in a grand manner. The festival began with the Tamil traditional competitions which took place on 2nd of February. Various other competitions like tug of war, URI ADITHTHAL took place on 9th of February. The winners were distributed with prizes. Mr Michael wood, the Labour MP added essence to the Pongal festival by wearing the Tamil traditional outfit. Around 200+ participants participated in the event. The event was attended by Param Jeet Kaur and Bav Dillon Here are the glimpses of our recently concluded event.



### **3. CANDLE VIGIL FOR MARTYRS OF PULWAMA ATTACK**



On behalf of the wider Tamil community in Auckland, Auckland Tamil Association condemns the terrific attack of our soldiers in Jammu and Kashmir. Auckland Tamil Association is deeply saddened to hear that two brave Tamil soldiers were also victims of the Pulwama Terror attack at Jammu and Kashmir. On this note, Auckland Tamil Association mourns and prays for the departed souls of Mr. Subramanian and Mr. Siva Chandran and for all the Martyrs to rest in peace.



## 4. AUCKLAND TAMIL SCHOOL

Auckland Tamil Association is proud to announce that we are starting "Tamil School" to benefit Tamil people living in Auckland. Auckland Tamil School conducts Tamil language and cultural sessions weekly. This Tamil school will function at 83, Church Street, Onehunga every weekend and will be followed in the weeks to come. Our committee has modulated a wonderful syllabus to cater the children between 5 and 15. Our Tamil teaching staff have also started to teach Fiji-Indian Community based in South Auckland.



### ஒளவையின் அறம்

கற்பிளவோடு ஒப்பர் கயவர் கடுஞ்சினத்துப்  
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சீரஓழகு சான்றோர் சினம்

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# 5. CINEMAVUM SANGEETHAMUM



**Auckland Tamil Association**  
ஆக்லான்ட் தமிழ் அசோசியேஷன்  
presents  
**Cinemavum Sangeethamum**

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Murali Kumar : 022 429 1730

Images of the performers and the event logo are also included.

On 2nd of March, Auckland Tamil Association organised an event “Cinemavum Sangeetamum”, a musical concert to find the connection between Tamil movie songs and Carnatic music which was performed by the veteran Sri. G.S. Mani at Western Springs Garden Community Hall.



## 6. WORKSHOP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Auckland Tamil Association organized a workshop for International students on “How to settle well in New Zealand”. Mr. Adon Kumar facilitated this workshop for the students.



## 7. CONDEMN TO CHRISTCHURCH ATTACK

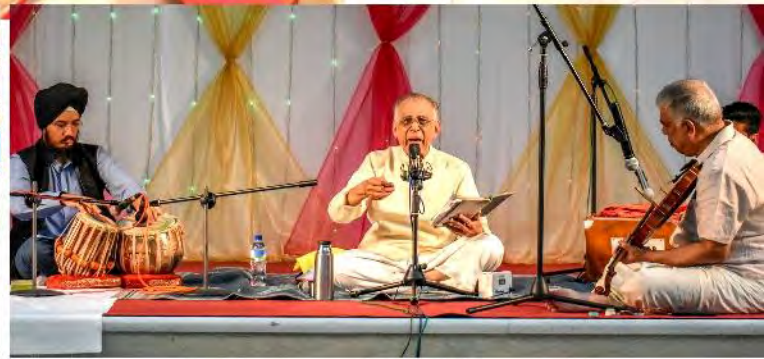
Auckland Tamil Association condemns the attack on Mosques in Christchurch. At this moment we share our condolences to near and dear of the Kiwi-Muslim Community.



# 8. SRI.G.S. MANI CARNATIC MUSIC 2019

Auckland Tamil Association' s next big event for the very first time in Auckland for those who love Carnatic music and who love tamil movie songs ! Never miss out this opportunity to meet the veteran Madurai. Sri.G.S. Mani and find the relationship between Carnatic music and Tamil movie songs !

Venue:Western Springs Garden Community Hall Date:Saturday, 02nd March 2019  
Time : 6pm to 8pm



## 9. SARAVANAA BHAVAN INAUGURAL FUNCTION

Auckland Tamil Association participated in the inaugural function of Saravanaa Bhavan at Hobson street, Auckland.

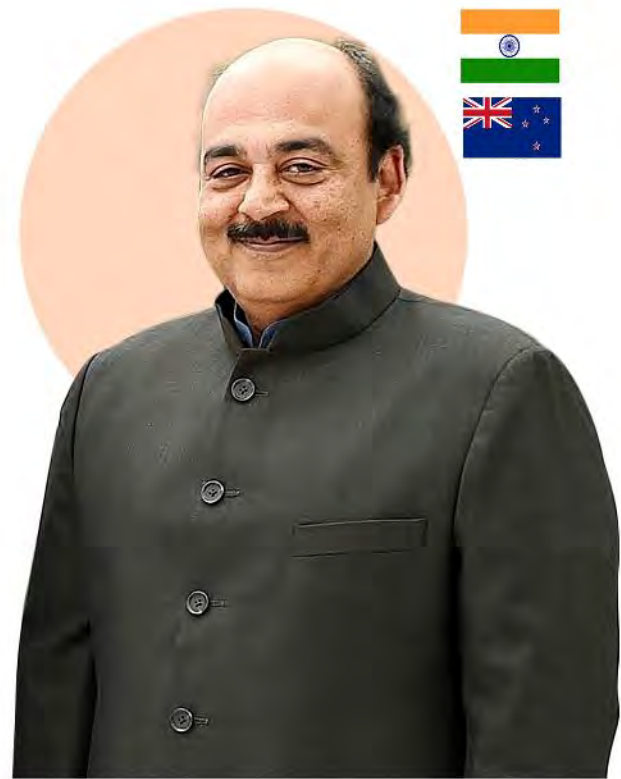
## 10. TAMIL CLASSES FOR FIJI INDIANS

Auckland Tamil Association's one of the milestones in spreading the richness of Tamil Language was a huge success in New Zealand. Our Tamil teaching staffs started to teach Fiji- Indian Community based in South Auckland. These classes are held weekly at South Auckland.



# 11. FAREWELL TO SHRI. SANJEEV KOHLI

Auckland Tamil Association bid farewell to Shri. Sanjeev Kohli, the High Commissioner of India in New Zealand. On behalf of the wider Tamil Community, we wish him all success in his future endeavours.



# 12. WELCOMING NEW INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER

Auckland Tamil Association welcomes the New Indian High Commissioner, Mr. Muktesh K Paradeshi, on his visit to Auckland.



# 13. TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 2019

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## 14. UGADI CELEBRATIONS AT NZ TELUGU ASSOCIATION

Auckland Tamil Association was acknowledged at New Zealand Telugu association's Ugadi Celebrations.



## 15. PARLIAMENT TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 2019

Auckland Tamil Association participated in the Tamil New year celebrations held at New Zealand Parliament.



## 16. PEARL OF ISLANDS FOUNDATION INC IFTAR CELEBRATION 2019

Auckland Tamil Association attended Iftar dinner hosted by the Pearl of Islands Foundation Inc. Auckland Tamil Association and the Pearl of Islands Foundation run by the Muslim Community have been working hand-in-hand for the last few years. We share a common goal i.e., "serving people".





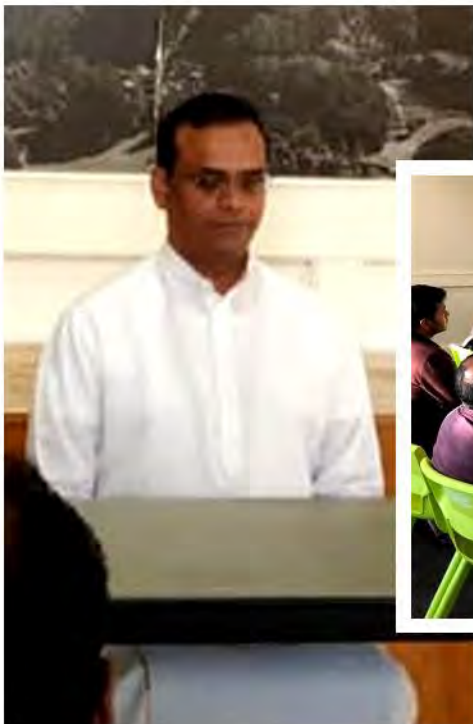
## 17. INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY 2019

Auckland Tamil Association participated in the International Yoga day session at Mahatma Gandhi centre.



## 18. STRESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM 2019

Auckland Tamil Association has conducted a lecture on "How to deal with STRESS at work place and at home", by a Philosopher Mr Angajan



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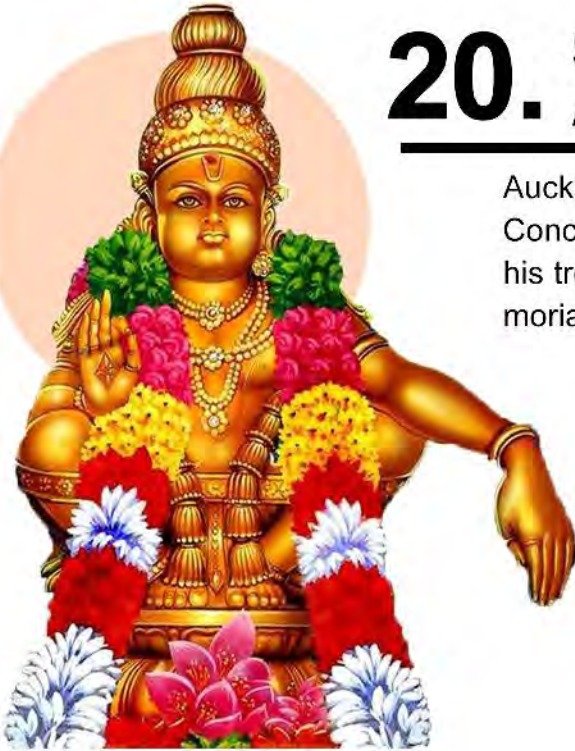
## **19. INDIAN NEWSLINK'S SPORTS & COMMUNITY AWARDS**

Auckland Tamil Association's President Mr. Vai Ravindran and his wife Mrs. Latha Ravindran was awarded for their Tamil community services in Auckland at the Indian Newslink's sports and Community awards.



## **20. SPECIAL AYAPPAN POOJA 2019**

Auckland Tamil Association proudly organised Live Concert by Kalaimamani Shree Veeramani Raju and his troupe on 3rd August 2019 at Mt. Roskill War Memorial hall from 5:00 pm onwards.



## **21. FAMILY FUN DAY CELEBRATION 2019**

Auckland Tamil Association proudly organised Family Fun day 2019. at Mt Roskill War Memorial Hall on 20th July 2019 at 10 am to 2pm

## **22. INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Auckland Tamil Association, joint hands with Indian Diaspora to celebrate Independence Day 2019 at Mahatma Gandhi Centre on 10th August 2019.

## **23. CANTERBURY INDIAN TAMILS ASSOCIATION**

Auckland Tamil Association president Mr Vai Ravindran participated in Canterbury Indian Tamils Association formation and their first event of Indian Independence Day celebration at Christchurch

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## 24. CAREER SEMINAR 2019

Auckland Tamil Association organised a seminar to assist international Students and Fresh Graduates who are looking for career opportunity, Seminar was on "What Employer Expects from a Job Seeker", that provided complete insight on Employer's hiring process starting from; filtering Resume using automation tool, offering an Employee in Large Organization.

Presented by Mr. Raj Yama, ICT Operations, Auckland Council This Seminar also provided opportunity to develop networking with professional people from various industry like Mechanical, Construction, accounting and Information Technology

## 25. ANNUAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2019

Auckland Tamil Association's annual badminton tournament on 12 th of October 2019.



## 26. ERASING BOUNDARIES BY ZEALANDIA 2019

Auckland Tamil Association is highly honoured, to be invited by Zealandia Academy of Indian Arts in association with Multicultural Council of Christchurch, presenting an absolutely mesmerizing cultural program featuring Indian, Chinese, Spanish, Polish, Bangladeshi, Tibetan and many other traditional dance forms.



# 27. DEEPAVALI CELEBRATIONS 2019

Auckland Tamil Association proudly celebrated Deepavali 2019 at Freeman's Bay Community Hall on Saturday 26th October at 6pm to 8 pm. the festival of lights was a huge success along with all our friends and family.



## **28. INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION SUMMIT**

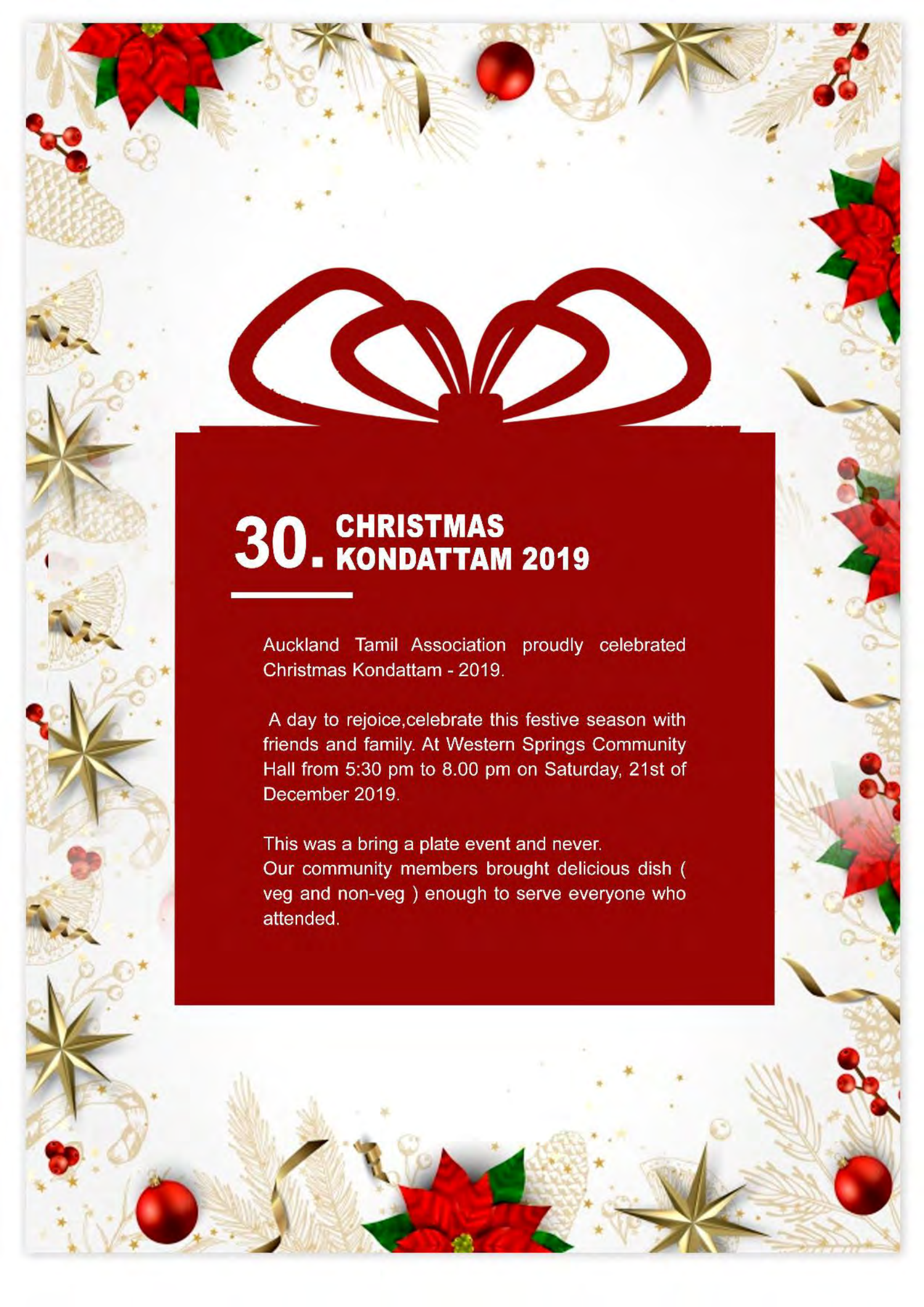
Hon Indian High Commissioner Mr. Muktesh K Pardeshi invited all kiwi-Indian community leaders to discuss about the various activities they undergo. He also widely appreciated the works of Auckland Tamil Association and promised to provide us books for Tamil School.



## **29. DIWALI CELEBRATION IN THE NEW ZEALAND PARLIAMENT**

Auckland Tamil Association was invited to attend Diwali celebration in the New Zealand Parliament, Wellington, hosted by the Minister for Ethnic Communities Hon Jenny Salesa with excellent dance performances the event went well





# **30. CHRISTMAS KONDATTAM 2019**

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Auckland Tamil Association proudly celebrated Christmas Kondattam - 2019.

A day to rejoice,celebrate this festive season with friends and family. At Western Springs Community Hall from 5:30 pm to 8.00 pm on Saturday, 21st of December 2019.

This was a bring a plate event and never. Our community members brought delicious dish ( veg and non-veg ) enough to serve everyone who attended.



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