



## **MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF CHRISTCHURCH MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL (INC.)**

**Held on Thursday, 7:00 PM, 17 April 2025  
at the Meeting Room 3, Upper Riccarton Library,  
71 Main South Road, Sockburn, Christchurch.**

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Zoom Meeting**

**1. Welcome and Introductions.**

Meeting opened by Surinder with Karakia

**2. Apologies.**

Emmie King, Farah, Jennifer, Esther,

**Attendees:**

Surinder Tandon, Audrey Davies, Nancy Goh, Naomi Peters, Gopal Poudyel (Zoom), Archana Tandon (Zoom)

Moved by Audley, Second by Naomi

**3. Minutes of the last monthly meeting (March).**

All correct

Moved by Surinder, Seconded by Audley

**4. Matters arising from the last monthly meeting (March).**

Nil

**5. Correspondence. New membership applications. Updates.**

No membership applications received.

All correspondence has been shared by email to members.

**6. Financial Update – Acting Treasurer - Audrey Davies**

- Balance as of 31 Mar 2025
  - Check Account Balance: \$11,713.15
  - Women's Committee Account Balance: \$1,722.19
  - Term Investments Account Balance: \$7,062.27
- Income
  - Credit interest \$2.48
  - Membership Renewal: \$440.00
- Expenses
  - CCA \$17.20 - reimbursed
  - CCC Meeting room \$36
  - CCA review for 2024 statements: \$230
  - AGM Printing \$24
  - Covid-19 Hand Sanitizer

The financial report for 2024/25 is in preparation.

Proposed by Audrey, Seconded by Nancy

- Membership renewal. Invoicing, Funding applications.

Friendly reminder will be sent by Audrey to those not paid.

Thank you to all those who renewed and paid subs.

For those who have not yet paid the subs, please make the payment as soon as possible.

- New Accounting statement format  
Christchurch Capacity Accounting advised us that financial statements need to be the in new format from next year (2025/26)

From next year 2025-2026 we will need new Tier 4 financial statements.

We will ask CCA to send us a new template. Extra \$50 for new format accounting if we want them to do it.

#### **7. Guest presentation on Elderly Empowerment Network.**

- By Shirley Wright, General Manager – Christchurch Resettlement Services.  
Now scheduled for the next month (May) meeting.

#### **8. Meetings, Activities and Events**

- CMC Constitution being revised for submission to the Incorporated Societies Office. To be presented at AGM after feedback from members.  
The draft was sent to MNZ to review and help us further. Now we have received a revised version. Still the work needs to be done, then it will be shared with the committee first for their feedback. Planning to present a revised version at AGM in June.

Advice to members – If the organisation is registered with Incorporated Societies, all community groups of incorporated societies must re-register.

Community Law Canterbury can help if needed.

- CCC Online meeting for Strengthening Communities Funding. Tuesday 25 March.  
Surinder attended. A couple of more sessions will be held. New portal for grant application.
- INFoRM Meeting at Multicultural Centre. Tuesday 1 April. Report has been shared.  
Surinder attended (partially). Presentation from Shirley Wright of ChCh Resettlement Services  
Emergency preparedness for multicultural communities. Online survey is being conducted. Please complete.
- Race Unity Speech Contest. 25 and 26 March. Christchurch Baha'i Centre.  
Surinder and Hero – judge. Speeches on the race unity were thoughtful & impressive.  
Winners from locals are going to Auckland for the semifinal. High school students.
- Attended Nadanu Pa Cultural Evening organised by the NZ Sri Lanka Cultural Foundation. Sat 22 March.  
Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to them for their contribution to the NZ multicultural society from CMC at Aurora Centre.
- Attended Buddha Birthday Multicultural celebration and World Peace Prayer. Sat 12 April. BLIA Temple.  
Surinder attended. Surinder did a Hindu prayer. Very impressed by the Temple's work on Multiculturalism & Social Cohesion.
- CMC website: [chchmc.org.nz](http://chchmc.org.nz)  
Members need to register to be able to login to access documents. Please register for log in.  
Members are encouraged to register. Those who haven't – please.  
Naomi is to help admin. Couple of documents will be sent to Naomi explaining how to administrate the website.
- Citizenship ceremonies – Christchurch and Selwyn.  
Next is Wed 30 Apr – Surinder & Audrey  
May – Emmie is interested.

### **Upcoming**

- Changes to Charities Laws. Workshops by Community Law Canterbury. Lunchtime 17 April, evening 12 May. Evening 12 May – email been shared
- Christchurch Holi – Festival of Colours. Saturday 26 April. 11am-3pm, Hagley Park North. Day of the race unity happiness & harmony.
- At CMC May Meeting, guest presentation on Elderly Empowerment Network by Shirley Wright, General Manager – Christchurch Resettlement Services. The speaker will talk about elderly abuse in our community – network and their action plan. Work with Age Concern. Office for Seniors.
- CMC AGM. Thursday 19 June. 7pm. Upper Riccarton Library, Meeting Room 3. Change – it will be held on 26 June. 6.30 pm Upper Riccarton. 2 meeting rooms will be used.
- Other projects/activities: Sports Day with Netball Centre and Sports Canterbury.

### **9. Women Council Projects**

- International Mother's and Family's Day. Saturday 17 or Sunday 18 May. Planning is in process. Proposed venue: Aldersgate Centre, 309 Durham Street North, Christchurch Archna will check availability and decide this weekend. Contents: Performance and game. Archna will get in touch. Food: Catering rather than potluck.
- Bollywood Dance Fitness Classes. It started on Saturday 8 March. Lincoln Event Centre and Pioneer Stadium. Lincoln: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Pioneer: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday – very popular No class on Easter weekend.
- Self-Defense course – to be planned. Funding is there. It has been very popular.
- Cross-cultural parenting workshops – to be planned.

### **10. Members' reports.**

Audrey: International Club organizing Sat 10 May lunch on Sat 10 May. Venue and menu are to be decided. Please check the International Club FB page

Naomi: Sports Day 6 Apr within the Japanese community. Planning to have seminar about pension system.

Nancy: Malaysian Hari Raya – celebrating at the end of fasting Malaysian society is organising event this Saturday night.

### **11. General matters – nil**

Meeting closed 8:30pm