



**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
CHRISTCHURCH MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL (INC.)
Friday, 7:00 PM, 24 October 2025
Zoom Meeting**

1. Welcome and Introductions.

The meeting commenced with Karakia by Surinder, who welcomed all participants to the meeting.

2. Attendees

Surinder Tandon, Samantha Bandara, Jennifer Hsiao, Naomi Peters (minutes), Bishnu Pokhrel, Audrey Davies, Gopal Poudyel,
Archana Tandon, Hero Modares

3. Apologies.

Emmie King, Irinka Britnell, Kogi So, Farah Khosravi
Motion to accept: Audrey. Seconded by: Bishnu.

4. Minutes of the last monthly meeting (September).

Surinder presented the minutes from the last meeting held on 25 September 2025.
Motion to accept: Naomi. Seconded by: Samantha.

5. Matters arising from the last monthly meeting (September).

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

6. Correspondence. New membership applications. Updates.

- Correspondence received by the Chairperson and Secretary was shared with members via email.
- No new membership applications submitted.

7. Financial Update – Treasurer – Samantha Bandara

Samantha presented the financial report.

Balances as at 30 September 2025: Cheque account: \$10,858.35 Women's Committee account: \$1,272.19 Term Investment account: \$7,201.58 Income: Membership renewals received from several members: \$70. Expenditure: \$859.37

Motion to accept the report: Samantha. Seconded by Audrey.

a. Membership renewal. Invoicing.

Surinder to hand in bank statements to Samantha to reconcile (membership)

b. Update bank signatories.

Samantha to become signatory for CMC banking – process almost completed.

8. Meetings, Activities and Events

a. Local Elections 2025. Results. CCC needs to restart Multicultural Committee.

Sent messages to number of councilors and the mayor to re-establish Multicultural Committee. It was running until 3 years back, and then it was disestablished.

Selwyn has new mayor – Lydia Gliddon.

b. Japan Fiesta was a success, showcasing what Japanese Culture is all about with food & performance etc.

c. Constitution to be changed to comply with Incorporated Society Act 2022. The current constitution was sent to MNZ – now the draft document is there to share with core members to review.

Upcoming

- d. Shakti's 30th Anniversary Function. Friday 24 October. Lots of attendees including Lianne Dalziel
- e. INFoRM Meeting at Multicultural Centre. Tuesday 28 October, 10am-12pm. Also on Microsoft Teams.
- f. Funding workshop - Beyond the application: strategic funding through community narratives – workshop Organised by CCC with MEC, Dia and Rata Foundation. Saturday 8 November 2025. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Multicultural Recreation and Community Centre. Registration is needed.
- g. Christchurch Diwali. Saturday 25 October. 2pm onwards. QE II Park. Free. By Indian Social & Cultural Club.
- h. Selwyn Diwali. Saturday 1 November 3- 9pm. Lincoln Domain. Free. By Bhartiya Samaj Canterbury and Canterbury Indian Women Group.
- i. Meeting with Elder Empowerment Network (Elder Abuse). 4 November. Christchurch Resettlement Services, CMC and other agencies. Discuss draft Terms of Reference. All to be invited.
- j. Working with Civil Defense / CCC for community emergency hub to cater for different ethnic background. Scheduled for 17 Nov at Haswell library - Important meeting.
- k. The Stage – Annual Talent Show. Saturday 15 November. 4-8pm. Aurora Centre. By Canta Lankans Association.
- l. Bhutani Sanjh/Evening. Saturday 22 November. 5-8pm. Templeton Community Centre. By the Bhutanese Society of Canterbury. No tickets - free to attend (rsvp not needed). If representing your community let Gopal know
- m. Mental Health – forum to be organised with Bishnu Pokhrel's support and MHERC. A meeting is to be held to plan further.

9. Women Council Projects (Archna)

- a. Women health and wellbeing. Self Defense course.
- b. Bollywood Dance Fitness Classes. Lincoln Event Centre and Pioneer Stadium. To be resumed.
- c. Domestic violence.

10. Members' reports.

Jennifer – Taiwan 2025 world congress meeting in Malaysia.

Audrey – International Club – 1 Nov spring walk at The Groynes 1pm – 4pm walk around lake & have picnic together potluck food etc. Let Audrey know if interested.

Naomi – A Japanese Football club participated in NZ Ethnic Football Festival in Hamilton

Gopal – Bhutani Sanjh (Evening), Saturday 22 November.

Bishnu – picnic – Diwali cultural program - fund raising & lots of celebration.

Samanthi – The Stage – Annual Talent Show. Saturday 15 November. She will share further information.

Archna – Self-defense 22 Nov - more details to come.

Audrey - Idea sharing – Get blood pressure / glucose test etc. organised for CMC.

Approach Pegasus? May be in the new year.

11. General matters

Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 8:25 PM with thanks from the Chairperson.