



Preface by H.E. Ms Neeta Bhushan, High Commissioner of India on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Wellington Indian Association in New Zealand

It is a great honor to congratulate the Wellington Indian Association (WIA) on its 100th Anniversary. This milestone highlights the strength and vibrancy of Indian community in New Zealand. Over the past 100 years, WIA has played a big role in preserving Indian culture, promoting diversity, and building connections between the Indian and Kiwi community. WIA has organized various cultural events like Namaste Wellington, Holi, and Navratri, offers community support, and collaborates with other groups to promote multiculturalism.

2. This book celebrates the WIA's remarkable journey, from its early leadership to the more recent accomplishments under female leaders. It also acknowledges the strong partnership with High Commission of India, along with the association's valuable contributions to cultural events and community support. In collaboration with the WIA and institutions such as Te Papa and the Alexander Turnbull Library, they have played an important role in preserving the history of the Indian community in New Zealand.

3. I would also like to extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Manisha Morar, President of the Wellington Indian Association, for her dedication, leadership, and efforts in uniting the Indian community through this esteemed organization.

4. As we celebrate this 100-year milestone, we look forward to the continued success and impact of the WIA in the next 100 years.

With my Best Wishes,

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