



Waitakere Indian Association
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2008 Waitakere Diwali – A Festival of Lights.

India's biggest Festival! **Diwali**, “**The Festival of Lights**” is coming to Waitakere City. This event will be held on Sunday 26th of October at the The Trusts Stadium, Henderson. The evening's programme will start at 1.00pm with a colourful presentation of rich Indian culture and tradition on the theme of *Diwali – A festival of lights*. The organisers **Waitakere Indian Association** wish to extend a warm invitation to one and all. Get involved and experience the richness of India's culture and heritage, right in the heart of Waitakere. The Waitakere Diwali is now a premier event in the Waitakere City's calendar of events attracting over 10,000 people.

The overwhelming support from both the Indian and wider communities has helped to inspire and motivate us to make this yet another successful Diwali Festival celebrated in Waitakere City. This year there will be a spectacular fireworks display along with traditional and bollywood type performances.

Diwali has great cultural, moral and religious significance to Hindus all over the world. Diwali, commonly known as the festival of lights throughout the world is celebrated in a cordial atmosphere embracing Indian culture and heritage. It is the time for happiness, renewing friendship and work towards collective unity.

Last years festival was a huge success with thousands of people enjoying food, festivities and fabulous weather. We were thrilled by the support of the diverse community; be it patrons, stallholders, performers and the business community. Maori, Pacific Islanders, European, Chinese, Thai, Malaysian, Indians and other ethnic communities all came under one roof to the 'House of Diwali' – The Trust Stadium.

We need **YOUR** contribution to make this years festival even bigger and better. We believe that your participating in this event will further enhance the celebrations.

If you are interested to perform, have a stall or demonstrating crafts, please fill in and return the attached application forms. Please include as much information as you can and return form ASAP.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Manoj Tahal
President.

