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28th August 2025

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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 19 August 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1) Why WEB as stated were approached/selected instead of a related Indian community entity.*
- 2) Did WEB approach you guys for presentation if yes please provide details including a copy of communication if any.*
- 3) Please provide copy of any communication if any with WEB.*

The Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) selected the WEB because it is a community service that provides advice to West Auckland ethnic groups and Council on a voluntary basis.

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Yours sincerely

GA Motley
Brigadier
Chief of Staff HQNZDF

Enclosure:

1. Email correspondence

Ministerial Services

From: Gurdeep Talwar s. 9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 27 September 2024 2:30 p.m.
To: s. 9(2)(a)
Subject: Re: Website Contact

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Hi s. 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email.

Happy to assist.
Can we get on a call sometime ? Or zoom ? And see how we can assist.

Regards
Gurdeep Talwar
President - Waitakere Ethnic Board
s. 9(2)(a)

From: s. 9(2)(a)
Sent: 25 September 2024 16:51
To: gurdeep@waitakereethnicboard.org.nz <gurdeep@waitakereethnicboard.org.nz>
Subject: Website Contact

Name

s. 9(2)(a)

Email

s. 9(2)(a)

Comment or Message

Hi

I am from Pan Asian Network at the RNZAF Base Whenuapai. We are a small employee led group who is looking at creating opportunities to connect, network, and engage with our local ethnic community.

This year, we are keen to celebrate Diwali at the base, and is after some ideas and assistance from the ethnic board.

We are wondering what kind of Diwali related activities or educations can the Waitakere Ethnic Board provide? Maybe presentations around what Diwali is, education around cultural protocols, DIY workshops, exhibitions, or even temple visits?

We have currently reserved a spot on base to do a lunchtime event on 31st Oct. We would like to do a Diwali presentation or workshop or exhibition of some kind for not only ethnic Asian people but the whole of base could can and learn about the culture.

Looking forward to heard from you. I am happy to come meet up with the board members if an in person discussion is easier.

Regards.

s. 9(2)(a)

Sent from [Waitakere Ethnic Board](#)

Ministerial Services

From: Gurdeep Talwar s. 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 28 October 2024 11:29 p.m.
To: s. 9(2)(a)
Subject: Re: Website Contact UNCLASSIFIED

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Hi Icy

Below are the names of the attendees.

1) Gurdeep Talwar

s. 9(2)(a)

Things going to do.

- 1) Presentation on Diwali
- 2) Bollywood dance -5 minutes
- 3) Odissi Dance - 5 minutes
- 4) Indian costumes display
- 5) Rangoli Competition - 15 to 20 minutes

Things bringing.

- 1) Pull up banners x 2
- 2) Rangoli power, Chalks and measuring tape
- 3) Stereo with mic
- 4) Wrapped two gifts
- 5) Indian costumes.

Please advice what time we can come in to get everything ready.

Thanks

Gurdeep

s. 9(2)(a)

From: s. 9(2)(a)
Sent: 21 October 2024 07:46
To: Gurdeep Talwar s. 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Website Contact UNCLASSIFIED

Noted. Thanks Gurdeep.

s. 6(a), s. 9(2)(a)

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CELEBRATING 85 YEARS OF SERVICE TO NEW ZEALAND

From: Gurdeep Talwar s. 9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2024 4:06 PM
To: Guo, Icy, FLTLT <ICY.GUO@nzdf.mil.nz>
Subject: Re: Website Contact UNCLASSIFIED

Hi s. 9(2)(a)

This event will be fully and completely managed by "Ethnic Arts & Trade Foundation NZ", not Waitakere Ethnic Board.

And there will be 5 people in total coming thru, including the performer.

Thanks
Gurdeep

From: s. 9(2)(a)
Sent: 18 October 2024 15:41
To: Gurdeep Talwar s. 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Website Contact UNCLASSIFIED

Hi Gurdeep

How many people will be here from Waitakere Ethnic Board on 31st Oct?

To enable me to introduce you to the attendees, could you please provide me a little bit of background about the Ethnic Arts & Trade Foundation NZ and the performance on the day?

Regards.

s. 6(a), s. 9(2)(a)

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From: Gurdeep Talwar s. 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 2:37 PM
To: s. 9(2)(a)
Subject: Re: Website Contact UNCLASSIFIED

Hi s. 9(2)(a)

This is perfect.

Thanks
Gurdeep
Sent from my iPhone

On 16 Oct 2024, at 2:25 PM, s. 9(2)(a) wrote:

We are expecting around 20-40 people.

Attached a photo of our last event there. We had about 55 people came and go. Indoor is 130m2 floor area, and we can also open up the bi-fold doors, which will extend the lounge onto a sheltered deck which is about 50m2. We can move the couches, tables and chairs around to create a bigger space for the performance. For health and safety reasons, the maximum number of people allowed in that lounge is 119.

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