



From New Delhi to New Zealand

"I was born and raised in New Delhi, in the northern part of India, with my parents and siblings. I could see my brother struggling, so together we decided to move and start looking for a better place.

New Zealand gave me everything I had hoped for. As we travelled between Auckland and Tauranga, I met my beautiful wife. We have three children together." - Bhupinder



Two cultures together

"We've learned to embrace both of our cultures, the Kiwi way and the Punjabi way, and bring them together as one family.

Me and my children learned to speak Punjabi, and over time I was drawn to Sikhism. That feeling of genuine peace and unity... it's beautiful." - Britnay



Going south

"In 2019 we decided it was time for a slower-paced life. We knew the South Island could give that to us." - Britnay

Bhupinder & Britnay



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Building a life in Hurunui

“It was the beautiful surroundings, the lifestyle, the business opportunities... and much more than we ever hoped for.” - Bhupinder

Sharing our culture

“We loved being involved in the Diwali celebration. It was really good for my children to embrace their culture through the school. It was awesome.” - Britnay

“We were the first Punjabi family in the school. My son wears joora, and at first he felt a little uncomfortable because the other kids had short hair. The principal invited me to speak to the classroom and share my religion, and it really made a difference.” - Bhupinder



Building a business

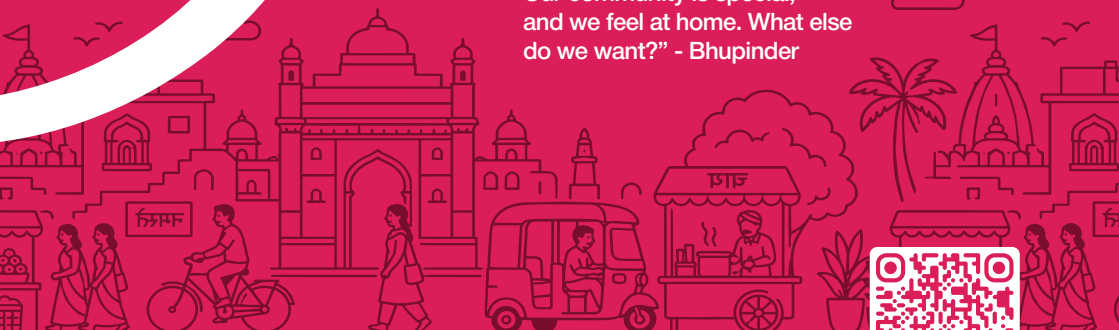
“We opened Spice Village, an Indian restaurant. Starting a new business was hard, but we were dedicated to making it a success.” - Britnay

“It took time to build those new connections and trust. Soon people saw we weren't just here to do business, we were here to be part of this lively community.” - Bhupinder

Home in community

“We'd like our children to grow up with compassion and community, and carry that not just at home, but in the community as well.” - Britnay

“Hanmer has given us the chance to build the future we were hoping for. Our community is special, and we feel at home. What else do we want?” - Bhupinder



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