



280, Shreeve Road, Canning Vale, 6155

## Newsletter No : 1 for Oct-2011

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### *Message from the President Zorawar Singh Gill:*

*Dear Sadh Sangatji,*

*Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.*

*I thank you all in giving me an opportunity to serve you all for the next term. The new committee was elected on 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2011 maintaining the SAWA tradition of unity by selecting the new members unopposed. A special thanks to our returning officer S Daljit Singh Dhillon. The new committee is a blend of youth and experience. On one hand there are 4 members who are coming on board for the first time while at the same time there are a couple of members who are the founders of SAWA. Besides, there are 4 members from the outgoing committee to facilitate a smooth transition.*

*Special thanks to ex-President Devraj Singh and ex-Secretary Gurdarshan Singh Kailley for helping whenever requested for a smooth changeover.*

***Chapatti Machine*** - *S.Ajmer Singh has updated the exco about the current status of the machine and his efforts are highly appreciated. According to him all the trials so far have failed to meet the permissible Carbon Mono-oxide ( poisonous ) gas level in the exhaust fumes. The next option is to try another type of jets which may or may not meet the specifications at an extra cost of \$20k (approximately). Till date the machine has incurred a total cost of nearly \$40k. The Exco is deliberating on the new option. We will explore the availability of a local chapatti making machine before committing any more funds.*

***Car Park*** – *As a result of all the correspondence by the previous committee ( S Kanwaljit Singh) the Gosnells City Council has now given the planning approval to build the car-park. They have given us 30 days to submit the necessary plans and construction documents which shows all the details for the actual construction of the car-park. Since the Exco has not received any such detailed plans handed over to us, we did not have enough time to get them ready. Consequently the date has lapsed. So in fact the car-park though already built does not exist in council records and we just keep using it as it is. The only thing the Exco will do is fill up the big holes after taking out the chips for movement of vehicles. The rubber stoppers will be taken out and we will try to get some refund. The total cost of the carpark is not available to the Exco.*

**SPDC** - The SPDC committee chairman Mr Sarwan S Vagel has briefed the architect that he should plan the new complex keeping the present Gurdwara sahib building. The architect has been clarified that he may position the new building anywhere including the car park.

### **Miscellaneous -**

1. *Boundary Wall Lighting* : The boundary wall lights which have been broken for a long time will be replaced with sand stone balls to match the existing. New lights will be mounted on the inside face of the pillars. In case they are also vandalized then new metallic guards will be put around them.
2. The road verge along the Nicholson road will be landscaped for the entire length. The Gosnells City Council architect has already agreed to help us with the purchase of plants at trade rates and she will cover the whole lot with wood chips free of charge. The work is planned to finish in Nov.2011. We also plan to finish the inside part of the wall as well in the same time.
3. Grease pit – A new metal cover will replace the wooden cover of the grease pit located in the paved area on the Shreeve Road side. The new cover will be stronger and easy to remove for the cleaning the grease with caustic soda.
4. Mr Peter Abetz the local Liberal MLA has expressed his desire to attend one of our Sunday deewans. He is a very helpful person and we have discussed the various details about our premises. He is keen to help us get vehicle access to our complex from Nicholson Road. The gate on the Nicholson Road is presently marked only for emergency purposes and there is full kerbing along the road in front of the gate. He has visited the site and he is confident that the council will agree to provide a proper access through it. It might only be off peak and restricted to limited number of vehicles. The council may build the slip road and allow left-in and left-out access only.
5. Gianiji ( Bhai Balbir Singhji) – The exco has authorised the President to manage the granthi's role in accordance with the employment contract which was signed between SAWA and Gianiji. The period of the contract is for 3 years which expires on 30June2012. It contains all the information regarding the position and its salary package. It includes the fully furnished, serviced and maintained 3 bedroom house and a cash portion of \$20k. The exco has nominated 2 persons to inspect the entire house for renovation and repairs to keep it in excellent condition both inside and outside. Presently, Gianiji is having some reservations on this and hope that the necessary repairs and renovations will be carried out without any inconvenience to either party. SAWA reiterates its responsibility to maintain it. Our Gianiji is going on annual leave for 6 weeks in mid-Nov and a 3 member jatha of Bhai Sandip Singh has been invited during the leave period.
6. The Payment procedure – The Treasurer will not make any payment unless the invoice received by him is authorized for payment by the person responsible. All employees are requested to collect their pay cheques from the treasurer in person and sign on the payment book as a proof. He is not supposed to chase the employees to handover the cheques and get their signature. Further, the treasurer will not cash any private cheques from SAWA money.

*I would like to thank the entire sangat, langar donors and sewadaars for their services and generosity. Sadly, our Vice President Mr D S Cheema resigned expressing his inability to carry out his duties and wished good luck to the rest of the committee. I regrettable accepted his resignation.*

*Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.*

**SAWA NEWS :**

**New opening for Seniors and retirees :- SENIORS DAY CARE CENTRE**

*SAWA has decided to start a Seniors (aged above 70 yrs) Day Care Centre with support from Australian Asian Association to be operational every Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. Health and Community Care will assess the seniors to qualify for Day Care. There will be weekly activities and outings as agreed with Gurdwara support workers. AAA will provide transport, insurance and a vegetarian lunch will be provided. AA will also pay for 2 support workers and 1 cook. They will also provided appropriate furniture and other items if needed. Further details can be collected from Dr Amarjeet Singh or Secretary .*

**Sub committees “-**

**1. LANGAR :-**

*Kulwinder Singh Sidhu  
Tarlochan Singh  
Arvinder Singh Manik*

**2. MAINTENANCE :**

*Darshan Singh Sidhu  
Jaspal Singh Sidhu  
Arvinder Singh Manik*

**3. RELIGIOUS and ISTRI SATSANG:**

*Dr Harmohinder Singh Dhammu  
Harminder Kaur  
Tarlochan Singh*

**4. SPORTS and CULTURE :**

*Kulwinder Singh Sidhu  
Harmeek Singh  
Harminder Kaur*

**5. PUNJABI SCHOOL :-**

*Harminder Kaur  
Harmeek Singh  
Kulwinder Singh Sidhu*

**6. SENIORS:-**

*Dr Amarjeet Singh  
Zora Singh Gill  
Arvinder Singh Manik*

**7. SAWA RADIO :-**

*Amritpal Singh  
Gurdeep Kaur  
Santbir Kaur*

**8. YOUTH :-**

*Harminder Kaur  
Kulwinder Singh Sidhu  
Harmeek Singh*

**9. LIBRARY:-**

*Harmeek Singh  
Harminder Kaur  
Kulwinder Singh Sidhu*

**10. PUBLIC RELATIONS and SOCIAL EVENTS:**

*Zora Singh Gill  
Tarun Preet Singh  
Dr Amarjeet Singh*

**11. HERITAGE and HISTORY**

*Tarun Preet Singh  
Dr H S Dhammu  
Dr Amarjeet Singh*

**Gurbani Vichaar :** Gurbaani Vichaar Programme is held fortnightly ie. Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month after langar at about 12.30 pm. Pls contact Dr Amarjeet Singh for more information.

**Upcoming Events :**

**1. Diwali Mela:-** 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct Sunday at Herb Grahan Recreation Centre, Chesterfield Road, Mirrabooka. 1.00pm to 10.00pm. Entry fee is \$ 3.00 per person. SAWA Exco extends special thanks to Mahesh Inder Singh and Kanwaljit Singh for their assistance in organizing this Mela.

2. 2011 Swan Festival of Lights : 21 to 22 October at the Supreme Court Gardens, Perth. Entry is free.
3. Gurugaddi Shri Guru Granth Sahibji : 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011
4. Jyoti-jyot Diwas Sri Guru Gobind Singhji : 31st October 2011
5. Guru Nanak Devji Prakashotsav : 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011
6. Dept of Education inspection of Punjabi School :- 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011
7. Shahidi Gурpurab Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur ji : 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011

***New Committee members and their contact details:-***

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***LANGAR AND OTHER BOOKINGS:-*** Please contact Asst. Secretary Kulwinder Singh Sidhu for all your booking enquiries.

**Interesting Article:-**

**'Lord Singh of Wimbledon'** scripts history S. Indarjit Singh will be first turbaned Sikh to sit in UK's House of Lords -- Shyam Bhatia in London

*The first turbaned Sikh selected to sit in the UK's House of Lords says he is likely to be styled Lord Singh of Wimbledon, not because of his fondness for tennis but because that is the name of the London suburb where he lives.*

*Indarjit Singh told The Tribune in an exclusive interview, "That is most likely - Lord Singh of Wimbledon - its an obvious one and I haven't much imagination. I still haven't made up my mind, but I am meeting someone this week to discuss it."*

*Indarjit, 79, was born in Rawalpindi and came to the UK when he was only a year old. In recent years, he has become a familiar voice on the prestigious 'Thought for the Day' programme that is broadcast on BBC Radio 4. His contribution to the programme he has been broadcasting for 28 years invariably contains a reference to the Sikh faith, which means he can take personal credit for introducing British listeners to the life, times and ideas of Guru Nanak. His programme contributions over the years total more than 250.*

*A champion of inter-faith harmony, he has also edited a journal called 'Sikh Messenger', which has entitled him to represent the Sikh faith at many important official events, such as the recent wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.*

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Please do not forget to give your email address to SAWA Newsletter team of Ms Harminder Kaur and Dr Harmohinder Singh Dhammu for getting softcopies in future.

May Waheguru shower his blessings on us all and bless us with the ability to Naam Jappo and Naam Japao.

*In conclusion, the SAWA Executive Committee would like to thank all the Sewadaars and the Sikh Community for their co-operation and support.*

**WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA      WAHEGURU JI KI FATEH.**

***From :***

***SAWA Exco.***