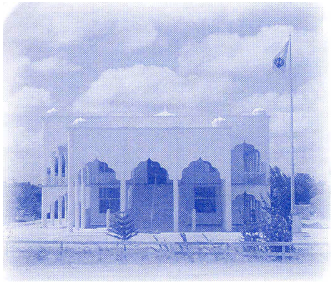

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1. Message from the President – Devraj Singh JP

Dear Sadh Sangat Jeeo,

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa – Waheguru Ji KI Fateh.

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Vaisakhi and a prosperous new year. As you know that your committee has been very busy over the last couple of months in organizing few events such as the closure of Dementia Project, The Adenia Park Sikh cemetery function, SAWA/PCSC Vaisakhi Annual Games and the Vaisakhi Gurpurab Akhand Paath along with other regular functions.

On the behalf of SAWA, I like to thank and congratulate the entire team of Dementia Project led by S Amarjit Singh Pabla for the success of the project.

A big thanks to the whole team of the PCSC who worked shoulder to shoulder with SAWA in organizing this year bigger and better SAWA/PCSC Vaisakhi annual games at the Curtin University as it was a great success. I would also like to congratulate and thank all the participants, organizers, refrees and umpires who helped in the games.

Congratulations also, to all the winners/runner-ups and all the other participants from WA who took part in the Sikh National Games which were held in SA.

At the same time my sincere thanks to the whole sangat for helping, donating funds, donating langar, doing path and many other types of sewa during the Vaisakhi Akhand Paath.

I would like to give you a topic for discussion among yourselves regarding having Akhand Paaths in future or not, as we have had some suggestions from some members of our sangat that in future we should have Sehaj Paath instead of Akhand Paath due to the lack of not only sewadars but also due to the lack of sangat to listen to the paath. As we know that during the Akhand Paath, at both days especially at the both nights, most of the time there is only person (paathi) alone, in the Darbar Sahib who is doing the paath sewa. The committee members who are on duty roster, they are down stairs doing cleaning, making tea including watchman's and other duties at night. It can be a serious concern for the security and the safety of the persons concerned. With having Sehaj Paath it could be seven days celebration instead of three days.

We look forward to your valued comments/suggestions on the above matter as your committee will do whatever our sangat wants us to do.

As you know that the planning committee (SPDC) is working hard to get your views/opinions for the future development and I sincerely hope that you have done your bit in forwarding the same to them.

We are approaching the financial year end (30.06.2011) therefore you are requested not to forget that the donations to the building fund are TAX DEDUCTABLE. If you would like to take the advantage of you tax deduction then please make sure that you donate to the building fund before 30th June.

Once again, I thank each and every one for their support in cash or kind. May Waheguru bless us all with naam daan.

Yours in Sikhism.

Devraj Singh JP

2. SAWA NEWS

- **Dementia Awareness Report – Amarjit Singh Pabla**

Raising the awareness of Dementia among the communities of the Indian Sub-continent

To mark the successful completion of the **Dementia** Project, a function was organised at Gurudwara Sahib on 27th March 2011. Hon Helen Morton MLC, Minister for Mental Health represented the government, and other VIPs included: Hon Kate Doust MLC, Mayor of the City of Gosnells, Mayor of the City of Cockburn, Dr Judy Edwards, Mr Jason Burton A/CEO Al, Consul General of Malaysia and leaders of many other community organisations.

The Minister praised the efforts of the SAWA to raise the awareness of dementia among the communities. Future collaborative initiatives with Alzheimer's Australia and McCusker Foundation were announced during the function.

The project was very well received and supported by the other communities. We have made an application for further funding from the Department of Health and Ageing.

I wish to thank the Project Team for their superb efforts and SAWA's executive team for their ongoing support. I also want to acknowledge active participation of our Sangat.

- **PCSC Report – Gurdarshan Singh Kailley**

It has been eventful part of the year for Punjabi Cultural and Sports Club. First of all, we are thankful to all the co-ordinators, participants and organisers for the success of Perth Vaisakhi Mela, held at Curtin University.

SAWA/PCSC, Volleyball (men) and Netball (girls) teams represented WA in the Australian National Sikh Games in Adelaide. Our Netball team scoring the 2nd position in the tournament and Alan Hopkins winning the Golf Championship brought the glory home. Mrs Panna Hopkins has been elected the vice president of Australian National Sikhs Sports & Cultural Council Inc (ANSSCC) while Sonny Punia (Chairman- PCSC) will serve as a committee member and Preeti Gill as Netball coordinator for the sports council. During these games, we scored another chip on our shoulder, with the recognition of Amritpal Singh (Secretary-PCSC) for his excellent service to Punjabi Culture through SAWA Radio Program (6EBA- FM 95.3). He has been representing this Punjabi radio Program for more than 13 years, which is broadcasted on every Thursday morning from 7 am to 8 am.

Punjabi Cultural and Sport Club (PCSC) organised a high tea function to celebrate Mother's Day and had overwhelming response. The Tickets were sold out within 10 days. I thank all the PSCS Committee members, especially Ravinder Kaur Kahlon for delivering a well organised event.

The next function, PCSC Indian Women's Expo2011 is scheduled for 24th July to celebrate Teeyan. Please check PCSC facebook for more info on this event.

Once again the club is grateful for all the community support and appreciates your feedback to serve Punjabiat and Punjabis better.

- **SAWA Planning & Development Committee Report –Sarawan S Vagel**

The **SPDC** has prepared and sent out the list of 'Needs & Issues' for comments to members. Copies have been also posted in the Langgar Hall for the benefit of the Sangat. Please spare a few moments to review this list and provide your feedback by 15th May. **The deadline for feedback is 9:00am, 15th May.**

- **SAWA's Punjabi Radio Program –Amrit Pal Singh**

The SAWA's Radio Program SIKH SANGEET is doing well in 2011 and is getting popular. We are getting positive feedback about the Radio program from all walks of life. You can now listen to this programme on the web on www.6eba.au so stay tuned on every Thursday from 7am-8am on **World Radio 6EBA 95.3 FM**

We are pleased to inform our listeners that Radio program has got a new sponsor, Malaysian Airlines for which we sincerely thank Mr Manjit Singh Sekhon from Raj Travel. We are still looking for 3 more sponsors. We have got very reasonable rates. Monthly, quarterly, half yearly or yearly rates are available.

If you are willing to participate in Radio Program in any way please do not hesitate to contact **Amrit Pal Singh** on 041 7911 803, jgeet 24@gmail.com
All the training will be provided.

- **Punjabi School & Library Report - Tarun Preet Singh**

The **Punjabi school** timings are 10.00 am to 11.30 am. The details about the curriculum, etc can be had from the teachers, who are always present in the school. As we all are well aware that the class room is not sufficient enough to fit all the students, the teachers try to manage the students present somehow. We are planning to upgrade our curriculum and make it evaluative. We use internet also to teach Punjabi.

The **Library** timings are from 11.00 am to 12.00 am. We try to serve the community outside these hours as well. We have heaps of books on Sikh religion, philosophy, history, politics, culture and literature. We have a unique 4 volume set of Sri Guru Granth Sahib in English. It is exactly word by word and page by page translation and explanation in English. Besides, we have few old Sikh Phulwari periodicals, and some illustrated pictorial books on history.

3. Community News:

- **Gurbani Vichaar:**

Gurbani Vichaar Programme is held fortnightly i.e every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after Langar, at about 12:30pm.
For more information contact Dr. Amarjit Singh on 9386 6379.

- **Istri Satsang:**

Istri Satsang is usually held on every second Saturday of the month at Gurdwara Saheb from 2.00 – 4.30 pm. The programme starts with Sukhmani Saheb Path, followed by Kirtan, Ardas and Langar. Thanks to the following ladies for organising the Satsang and doing the Langar Sewa:

12 March 2011	Ravinder Kaur Kahlon and family
09 April 2011	Harleen Kaur & Guneet Singh
23 April 2011	Harcharan Kaur and Minjit Kaur families

On 23rd April, we had a special speaker, Miss Jasvir Kaur who gave a talk to the ladies on " Food Awareness in the Minority Community especially for working women". It was an interesting session and we learnt a lot about healthy eating, food labels and their interpretation.

The Satsang bookings for the months of May, June, July, August and September have been done. Please contact Juginder Kaur, Tel: 9276 3923 or Giani Balbir Singh Ji at Gurdwara Saheb, if you would like to book the Istri Satsang for the remaining months of this year.

- **For Sangat Information:**

The Sangat is growing and so are our programs at Gurdwara Sahib, to make sure that all the facilities are utilised and looked after properly, SAWA Exco has decided to schedule all the private functions through an Application Form, which is attached at the end of this newsletter. The terms and conditions are written on the back of this application form. There will be a nominal fee for the use of kitchen facility for wedding cooking etc and a refundable bond for the use of langar/prayer hall. Application for non-religious private parties will NOT be accepted. The proposed fee (with effect from 1st June) for the facility use is as per table:

Activity	Amount in $
Cooking in the kitchen o Sweets for the Wedding/parties etc or vegetarian cooking for any private function.	100
Wedding Function o Cooking on the function day (B/Fast & Lunch) o BIN Hire (subject to vary) o Bond (refundable after inspection only)	150 250 250 to 1000

To make the bookings for any function other than Sunday Langar in advance you can also obtain this application form from Gianni ji. Your committee is humbly requesting your co-operation in this matter.

Condolences :

SAWA expresses sincere and heart-felt condolences to:

- Jyoti Parkash Kaur Sanghera and family on the demise of her brother S. Parduman Singh in India in March.
- Rajinder Singh Sunner and family on the demise of his younger brother S Charanjit Singh Sunner in Sydney.
- Dr. Mala Kaur and family on the demise of her father S. Hardev Bahadur Singh in India in April.
- Bibi Parkash Kaur (mother of Prem Kumar Singh) and family on the death of her sister Swaran Kaur in India in March.
- Mrs Kuwant Kaur on the demise of her husband Mr John Leslie Withers.

- Mrs Rekha Bassan and family on the demise of her brother Mr Amu Bhai Shah in Kenya in April .
- Mr Amarjit Shah Singh and family on the Akal Chalana of his father S Anand Shah Singh in India in April.

Births Birthdays! Weddings!

Congratulations are due from SAWA and Sadh Sangat to

- Mrs Iqbal Kaur (Nani Ma) and Mr & Mrs Lakhbir Singh Sidhu on the 20th birthday of their daughter Kiranjit Kaur Sidhu.
- Guneet Singh on his birthday on 19th April.
- Mr & Mrs inderjit Singh Sekhon on the birthday of their daughter Satinder (Tina) in April.

Please, note that the condolences and congratulations section is based on the information made available to us. We apologise for any omissions.

Special Congratulations to:

- Amritpal Singh for getting an Award for his excellent service to Punjabi Culture through SAWA Radio Program (6EBA- FM 95.3). He has been managing and co-ordinating this Punjabi radio Program for more than 13 years.
- Mrs Panna Hopkins for being elected the vice president of Australian National Sikhs Sports & Cultural Council Inc (ANSSCC).
- Sonny Punia and Preeti Gill on their nomination in the sports council.

4. Forthcoming Events:

▪ Sangrand	15 May (Sunday)
▪ Guru Arjan Dev Ji's Shaheedi Diwas	5 June (Sunday)
▪ Sangrand (Evening Programme)	15 June (Wednesday 6:30pm – 8:00pm)
▪ Istri Satsang	18 June 2011 (2:00pm – 4:30pm)

Sincere thanks to all those, who have contributed to this newsletter. Please don't forget to give your email address to the SAWA Secretary Gurdarshan Singh Kailley or to me so that we could email you the newsletters promptly. If you would like a hard copy i.e the printed version only, do let us know. May Waheguru ji shower his Blessings on us all and bless us with the ability to Naam Jappo and Naam Japao.

NB: This newsletter is also available on SAWA's website http://www.sikhwa.org.au/
For more information Contact Ajmer Singh (0402853987).

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BOOKING APPLICATION FORM

Please return this form to:
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secretary@sikhwa.org.au

Please Print Information Clearly

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name of Applicant:_____ SAWA Membership Number_____

Telephone: _____(Home)_____(Mobile)_____(Email)

Postal Address:_____

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Name of Referee:_____ SAWA Membership Number_____

Telephone: _____(Home)_____(Mobile)_____(Email)

Postal Address:_____

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NATURE OF EVENT

Type of Event:_____

Number of Guests: _____ Date of Event: _____

Day(s) and time (s) required:

Mon	_____	(Start)	_____	(Finish)	Tue	_____	(Start)	_____ (Finish)
Wed	_____	(Start)	_____	(Finish)	Thu	_____	(Start)	_____ (Finish)
Fri	_____	(Start)	_____	(Finish)	Sat	_____	(Start)	_____ (Finish)

VENUE (please tick the appropriate box)

Kitchen ☐ Langar Hall ☐
Prayer Hall ☐

EXTRA BIN REQUIREMENT

Will you need extra bin for your function? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have 50 or more people attending, and you are consuming food, extra Bin is required.

BOND REQUIREMENT

You are required to pay a bond of you intend to erect marquee or cooking in the kitchen. We may need to arrange an on –site meeting with you to discuss the location of reticulation pipes, etc. A bond is also required for ALL prayer hall and langar hall bookings.

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CONDITIONS OF USE

NOTE: All potential applicants must familiarize themselves with these conditions at the time of preparing this Booking Application Form.

1. SAWA EXCO reserves the right to refuse to use the facility to an applicant without assigning any reason for refusal.
2. Application for birthday parties or any non religious private parties will NOT be ACCEPTED.
3. The person using the facility must ensure that the areas used are left in the same condition as it was given/any extra cleaning of kitchen, toilets or floors will be deducted from the bond.
4. The charges for the usage of gas, electricity and water etc for private functions apply. The amount, as determined by the committee at the time of approval, must be deposited with the Secretary or the Treasurer before the function.
5. When using the facility, a bond must be lodged as a guarantee that the venue and its facilities will be left clean and tidy and in the undamaged condition. The bond will be refunded subject to compliance with all of the conditions listed herein.
6. The bond money to be paid in cash between $250.00 to $1000.00 depending upon the function and its duration.
7. SAWA EXCO may, at anytime, cancel the agreement of using the venue. Such action would only be taken in the event of extreme necessity.
8. In the event of two or more applications being received, SAWA EXCO may determine to which application shall be approved depending on the nature and severity of the event.
9. No offensive impersonations or anything deemed likely to produce disturbances shall be permitted. The approved applicant shall maintain good order and behaviour within the property and shall be solely responsible for compliance with these conditions and for meeting the costs of any damage or loss of equipment.
10. SMOKING or any other intoxicant substance IS NOT PERMITTED within the SAWA Complex.
11. The guests should cover their head and remove the shoes while in the prayer hall, Langer and kitchen.
12. The approved applicant shall ensure that all the guests follow the code of conduct and house rules according to the Sikh values.
13. The hirer of the premises will have to arrange their own insurance cover as SAWA is not responsible for any personal and any loss of property claim.
14. Kitchen is to be used for preparing of vegetarian meals ONLY.
15. Kitchen should be locked when not attended and no cooking allowed after 9:00pm unless extreme necessity and pre approved by SAWA Exco.
16. Use of CHAPATTI machine is not permitted without the SAWA's technician being present on site.
17. Use of the premises is subject to SAWA's normal Rehat Maryada and the offerings will remain the property of SAWA.
18. Nothing to be changed around, fiddled with or taken away from the premises including the sound system.
19. In the event of religious program SAWA's head priest will perform the religious duties.

DECLARATION

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Conditions of use as above.

Signature of Applicant_____ Date:_____/_____/_____

SAWA's Acceptance/rejection.....

PAYMENT CAN NOT BE MADE WITH THIS FORM
ONCE APPROVED, YOU WILL RECEIVE A VERBAL OR WRITTEN APPROVAL AND A TAX INVOICE
COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE APPROVAL