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1. [Message from the President – Devraj Singh JP](#)

Dear Sadh Sangat Ji,
Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to SAWA's 5th Issue of the Newsletter. There is not much to report in this edition, as all the sub-committees of SAWA are doing well including Religious, Youth, SPDC, Maintenance, Sports and Cultural.

The SPDC sub-committee is working hard to deliver the positive outcome soon, as they have had a preliminary meeting with an experienced Architect, who is going to advise and assist in designing the next future multi-purpose project to enhance the existing building. We will keep you updated with the forthcoming project developments.

Keeping in mind the importance of *Naam Japna*, your committee has invited a Jatha from *Sarab Rog Ka Aukhad Naam* mission from India in July. Please look for more information for their programs at our Gurdwara Sahib and in this issue of the newsletter in Forthcoming events. Let us try our best to attend their sessions as it is a very rare for us to get such opportunity.

The Chappati Machine is still under final phase of completion and hopefully, it should be up and running soon. My sincere thanks go to S. Ajmer Singh Ji for attending all the meetings with the authorities to get the machine up to the Australian standards.

Please take extra care when parking your car in the new car park as there are no stoppers to stop the front tyres as yet which are going to be installed soon. Thanks to S. Kanwal Jit Singh Ji for taking care of this and attending to the Council's demands and requirements.

On behalf of SAWA, I would like to thank PCSC for taking care of sports and cultural needs of our community.

I would also like to thank all the sangat, langar donors and sewadars for their services and generosity. Let us pray for *Sarbat da bhala* and May Waheguru bless us all with *Naam Daan*.

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa , Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

2. SAWA News

- PCSC REPORT – Gurdarshan Singh Kailley

To celebrate Teeyan in Perth, Punjabi Cultural and Sports Club (PCSC) is organising the Indian Women's Expo in South Perth on Sunday 24th July 2011. The Teeyan function will be held from 3pm until 9pm at South Perth Civic Centre. The main attractions of the evening will be Live Gidha, Boliyan, Antakshri, Cultural performances, DJ and Dholi. Apart from delicious food, Indian Jewellery, Clothing, Beauty products, Mehndi, Make up consultants, Nutrimerics and Classic Photo Shoots will be on display and available for sale.



Please don't miss this opportunity to enjoy an evening full of fun and cultural activities, as only limited tickets are left for sale. The tickets are priced at \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under 5yrs. Please contact Serina Punia on 0414 292 488 or Barjinder Kailley on 0408 955 377 for more information.

- SAWA PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT –Sarawan S Vogel

I would like to thank all members, who provided feedback on the 'Needs & Issues' list that was sent out. This feedback was used to finalise the list and separate the items into the respective areas of responsibility between the SPDC and the SAWA ExCo.

Going through the list, the SAWA ExCo and SPDC agreed that many of the items would be addressed if we had more space and better facilities. To this end, the SPDC is investigating the construction of a 'multi-purpose' building. We are having discussions with Archicentre who would provide a 'Design concept' and preliminary report for this building. Once we have this, the SPDC will review it and if we decide to progress with the plans, we will put a formal proposal to the SAWA membership.

Thank you for your patience.

- SAWA's PUNJABI RADIO PROGRAM –Amrit Pal Singh

Radio program will like to thank Rivaaj fashions and Malaysian Airline for which we must thank Mr Manjit S Sekhon from Raj Travel. We are still looking for 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 .

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**

- **PUNJABI SCHOOL & LIBRARY REPORT - Tarun Preet Singh**

Punjabi School

As usual the term end is fast approaching and the kids are looking forward to holidays. The school now has 3 adult students as well, besides the other 30 regular students. The staff members are putting in a lot of effort every week in preserving and promoting our mother tongue. The students also use internet a lot nowadays in learning Punjabi during the school hours and they can extend their learning at home by the use of Information technology.

SAWA Library

We are happily experiencing the growth of interest by the community members in borrowing books and other reading material. We now get a copy of the 'Sikh Phulwari' every month which is in great demand. As mentioned earlier, we have ample of material for kids, which can be borrowed and will be very helpful during the forthcoming school holidays. We have heaps of books and other study material on Sikh literature, philosophy, religion, culture, etc. Besides, we have audio and video material as well.

Sikh Heritage Site : Adenia Park, Ferndale

This 80 year old Sikh Cemetery was again in the news recently. The Royal Western Australian Historical Society carried out an article about our heritage site in its June newsletter. The more than 120 year old recorded contribution of Sikhs by serving the greater outback was the highlight of the plaque installation ceremony held at the site on 3rd April. SAWA thanks Mr John Parker – the President of the Canning Districts Historical Society for liaising with RWAH Society for this. A copy of the article has been put up on the notice board in the Langar Hall and an original copy is in the SAWA library. This 10kg plaque of brass was manufactured by Mr John Parker himself by melting the metal and solidifying in a self-designed pattern..

Participation by SAWA in the Annual Canning City Historical Society Foundation Day on 6th June at Cannington

A static pictorial display was setup highlighting the Sikh philosophy and the contribution of Sikhs in WA and Australia as merchants and sacrifices during the World Wars. The theme was 'Promoting the more than century old relationship and contribution of the Sikh community with greater Australian outback'.

Dr Harmohinder Singh Dhammu and Tarunpreet Singh represented SAWA during these day long celebrations held at Woodloes Homestead Museum in Cannington and Kent Street Weir on 6th of June. The other major participants were Australian Cadet Corps, the Australian Navy Cadets and various other groups. Besides, there was a fully functional display of trains by the Miniature Railways Museum, Wilson and there were ample of opportunities for kids entertainment and amusement . SAWA thanks Mr John Parker for the invitation to participate.

Display of Ancient Sikh Artefacts at Canningvale Gurdwara Saheb:

The Perth Sikh Community enjoyed the rare opportunity of viewing the ancient artifacts that belonged to their gurus. These rare religious artifacts were given to Bhai Roop Chand Ji, who was a selfless devotee of Guru Hargobind Saheb ji. Bhai Boota Singh, who is the 13th descendant of Bhai Roop chand Ji visited the

Gurdwara Saheb on 15th May, displayed the rare Sikh historical artefacts and narrated the history behind each artefact. Some of the relics displayed were:

- Dhal of Guru Gobind Singh Ji
- Serving spoon “Kadchha” of Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji.
- Wooden shoes “Kharawan” of Mata Ganga ji
- Hand written Sikh Scriptures “The Pothi Sahib”
- “Hukumnamas” - Handwritten commands by Guru Hargobind Saheb Ji; Baba Banda Singh Bahadur and Mata Sunder Kaur Ji.



Bhai Boota Singh Ji



Serving Spoon- Karchha



Dhall



Poster of relics presentation

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. If there is demand for another Satsang, it can be booked in the 4th Saturday of the month. 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:

07 May 2011	Darshan Kaur Deol; Sharon Kaur Gill; Harbans Kaur; Gurmeet Kaur, Kushminder Kaur Khaira Harbhajan Kaur & Darshan Kaur Sandhu
11 June 2011	Amar Kaur & Ranjit Singh family
18 June 2011	Manjit Kaur and Kuldeep Singh Pannu family

The Satsang bookings for the months of July, August, September, October and November have been done. The only booking available is for December 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 month of December.

Condolences :

SAWA expresses sincere and heart-felt condolences to:

- Avtar Singh (Tari) and family on the demise of his grandmother Mataji Kishan Kaur in Malaysia
- S John Singh Bejawan on the demise of his brother S. Hardev Singh in Canada.
- Mrs Bachan Vagel and family on the demise of her brother S. Gurcharan Singh in Malaysia and her sister Sohan Kaur in Canada.

- Mrs Satinder (Jas) Kaur Sidhu and family on the death of her father S. Jasbir Singh in Melbourne.

Births

Birthdays!

Weddings!

Congratuatuons are due from SAWA and Sadh Sangat to

- Dr. Amarjit Singh and Dr. Harinder Kaur on their 50th Wedding Anniversary..
- S. Paramjit Singh and Mrs Lakhbir Kaur on their 50th wedding Anniversary.
- Mr and Mrs Gurdarshan Singh Kailley on the 14th birthday of their son Gurkamal. Special congratulations to both the grandparents as well Mr & Mrs Harmeet Singh Kailley and Mr and Mrs Jagdev Singh Dhillon.
- Mr and Mrs Jagdish Singh Gill on the birthday of their son Shivdeep Singh.
- Mr and Mrs Pushpinder Singh on the 21st birthday of their son Simartegh Singh
- Mrs Kuldeep Kaur Kaler and Harpreet Singh Kaler on their birthdays.
- Mrs Manjit Kaur Bassi on her birthday on 6th June.
- Mrs Jaskiran Kaur Cheema on her birthday on 6th June.
- Mrs Sharondeep Kaur Uppal on her birthday on 6th June.
- Mr & Mrs Dalbir Singh Sandhu on the wedding of their daughter Kieranjit to Gurpreet son of Mr & Mrs Gurcharan Singh Mangat.
- Mr Prem Kumar Singh on his birthday on 6th June

Please, note that the condolences and congratulations section is based on the information made available to us. We apologise for any omissions. If you would like to announce birthdays, weddings, wedding anniversaries or any other information to the community in the newsletter, please email me psjkrajpal@yahoo.com.au by the 3rd week of every month.

4. Forthcoming Events:

Sarab Rog Ka Aukhad Naam:

About the Mission:

Through the teachings of Shri Guru Granth Sahib we learn that the cause of sickness is forgetting God and the cure lies in remembering Him. Through the service of Guru comes the happiness which would be everlasting and no problem or worry would ever cross the mind anytime. One can live in ecstasy all the time. The Service of Guru is to follow His teachings in letter and spirit. This method of cure was defined and initiated by S. Hardial Singh IAS Retd. in 1983. He suffered from heart enlargement and used to have fever even after mild exertion. He could not be cured with any system of medicine even by the top most men in the respective fields. He prayed at a historic place sanctified by Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji at Gurdwara Paonta Sahib (H.P.) He got well and his heart size was reduced to normal. He tried this method of cure under the supervision of expert doctors of Medical College Amritsar and he found similar results.. On the request of patients this Sarab Rog Ka Aukhad Nam Mission was founded by him. Now this mission has many branches in India and abroad.

For more details, please visit www.gurmanakhealing.com or www.gurbanihealing.com

Four members of the Mission are coming to Perth from 21st July – 24th July, 2011.

We request sangat to give us the names and details before 15th of July, if you are interested in having one to one discussion as well. Depending on the numbers, we can organise the individual sessions in the rooms in Langar Hall at Gurdwara Sahib during the day times.

SAWA EXCO extends special thanks to Navpreet Singh and Harbir Singh for their assistance in organising this special visit of this Mission.

Sarab Rog Ka Aukhad Naam progammes:

21st July 2011(Thursday)	6:30 PM to 8.30 PM at Canningvale Gurdwara Saheb
22nd July 2011(Friday)	6:30 PM to 8.30 PM at Canningvale Gurdwara Saheb
23rd July 2011 (Saturday)	6:30 PM to 8.30 PM at Canningvale Gurdwara Saheb
24th July 2011 (Sunday)	9:00 AM to 11.00 AM at Canningvale Gurdwara Saheb

- Sangrand (Evening Programme) 16 July (Saturday 6:30pm – 8:00pm)
- Sangrand (Evening Programme) 17 August (Wednesday 6:30pm – 8:00pm)
- Istri Satsang 23 July 2011 (2:00pm – 4:30pm)
- Istri Satsang 30 July 2011 (2:00pm – 4:30pm)
- Istri Satsang 13 August 2011 (2:00pm – 4:30pm)

Sukhmani Saheb Paath and Ardas for Parvendar(Parven) Singh's recovery and good health

We have just come to know that Praven Singh is in hospital. SAWA committee has organised special prayers and Ardas for his recovery and good health on 16th July from 3:30 – 5:30pm at Canningvale Gurdwara Saheb. Sukhmani Saheb Paath will start at 3:30pm sharp, followed by a Shabad Kirtan and Ardas. All are welcome to join in the prayers.

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).**

WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA WAHEGURU JI KI FATEH.

Juginder Kaur
Assistant Secretary, SAWA

