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Respected Sadh Sangat ji,

Waheguru ji ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji ki Fateh.

Thanks to all the EXCO members, volunteers and their families for their tireless efforts towards community service. Apart from the day to day running of Gurdwara Sahib, the year so far has been full of constructive activities/works resulting in a very fruitful and satisfying year

In a short span of time, we have accomplished a few mile stones:-

- **The Australian Sikh Heritage Trail project**
- **Gurdwara Sahib Extension Project**
- **Punjabi Telethon Initiative**
- **Introduce Punjabi Language in WA schools**
- **Vaisakhi Mela 2018**
- **ANZAC participant**
- **Harmony day participant**
- **Punjabi school classes- 2 session**
- **Mighty Khalsa Camp 2018**

Within this newsletter we will provide details on each milestones and progress to the sanggat

I am also thankful to all the volunteers for their exceptional support in preparing langar, cleaning dishes and Gurdwara Sahib Premises.

May Waheguru bless all with Chardikala.

Regards & best wishes,

Gurdarshan Singh Kailley.

Punjabi Awaz Perth are looking for volunteers who are keen to start their journey to be a Radio presenter aka DJ : full training and guide will be provided from using the DJ station and the best practice to be a Radio DJ.

Current program timing are as below 6EBA 95.3FM

Every Tuesday: 6pm – 7pm

Every Thursday: 7am – 8am

For more information please contact
DJ Amirt Pal Singh @ 0426825142

PUNJABI AWAZ PERTH 95.3 FM

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL DIWANS

Bhai Gurkirat Singh ji –Hazoori Ragi Jatha

02 June Saturday 6:30 - 7:45pm
03 June Sunday 7:00 – 8:30am
Kirtan Assa Ki Vaar
03 June Sunday 11:00 – 12:00 n

Manpreet Singh Ji – Tuhi Tuhi Walle
08 June Friday 6:00pm to 7:30pm
@ Bennett Springs Gurdwara

09 June Saturday 6:15 – 7:45pm
10 June Sunday 11:00 – 12:00 n

Sangrand Assar (Har)
15 June Friday 6:00 – 7:30pm
Evening Prog.

Gurdwara Sahib Opening hours daily (5:00am to 8:30pm)
Morning Nitnem starts at 5:00am
Evening Rehras Sahib starts at 6:30pm followed by Kirtan Sohila and Sukhasan of Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji.

Langgar booking:
Please contact resident Giani Jaswinder Singh **(0449 812 540)**

The Australian Sikh Heritage Trail project:

The Australian Sikh Heritage Trail project at Adenia Park in Riverton has been completed, the Environment minister, Stephen Dawson, officially opened the trail along with Cannington MLA Bill Johnston and the Mayor of city of Canning. This site was allocated as a separate Sikh cremation place in 1932. The Sikh Association of WA came to know about this fact in 1992 and laid a plaque in honour of Sikh pioneers. Since 2007, SAWA has been organising a commemoration day on the first weekend of March, every year to pay tribute to ANZAC and pioneer Sikhs. Australian Sikh heritage Association has worked hard to convert this park into a Heritage Trail. I congratulate the whole community for achieving this milestone and appreciate your support and generosity in accomplishing this momentous task. This historic site is rapidly becoming a point of interest within our wider community. Hon Alan Tudge MP, the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, visited the site while on his tour to WA and was extremely impressed with the efforts of our small community

Gurdwara Sahib Extension Project:-

On the home front, the kitchen extension project at the Gurdwara Sahib, is in progress and expected to be completed within proposed timeframe. Thanks to the project committee for working on the task with due diligence, please be mindful of the construction area and restricted access to the site. You are responsible of your own safety and must abide by the warning signs. The modified Evacuation plan is on the noticeboard, please familiarize yourself with the changes.

In addition, a new tilting Kettle (150 litre) has been installed in the Kitchen for Cooking Dhal, going forward; we look to install additional Kettles to improve safety and efficiency in the kitchen. All the stoves will be shifted against the kitchen walls enabling better usage of space.

Timeline of Extension

- 16th Jan 2018 – Start Earth works
- 26th May 2018 -- successful completion of the 1st floor slab
- Target November 2018 – Completion of Extension

CONDOLENCES:

SAWA expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences to

- Santbir Kaur Bassi, Surinder Mann Kaur, Gurpreet Kaur, Gurmeet Singh Sidana and their families on the demise of their mother Bibi Gurbir Kaur Ji, wife of the Late Sardar Harbans Singh Ji.

- Amardeep Singh Vohra and family on the demise of his father Sardar Harmahinder Singh on 23rd January in Mumbai, India.

- Surinder Kaur Mann and family on the passing away of her husband Jaspal Singh Mann, son of late Joginder Singh Mann and late Mata Hardev Kaur Mann of Ballajura and brother of Jasbir Singh Mann, Amarjit Singh Mann, Kulwant Kaur and Gurdip Kaur.

- Ranee Gurdev, Panna Hopkins, Savinder Hans and their families on the demise of their brother Mr Deepak Prakash in Malaysia

- Prabhjot Singh, Bhupinder Singh and Mohinder Pal Kaur on the demise of their mother Mrs Vishni Sarna wife of Late Mr. Inderjit Singh Sarna

- Sukhneet Kaur and her family on the Akaal Chalana of her husband Japneet Singh at the very young age of 31

- Avtar Singh Multani and his family on the demise of his father in India

May Waheguru give peace to the departed souls and strength to the families to bear this loss.

Punjabi Telethon Initiative:

This year, SAWA has taken the initiative to give back to our local community. The charity of choice is Telethon, a group of 11 volunteers, under the banner of "Punjabi Telethon Initiative" have been raising funds through various activities. Please support this noble cause and get behind our team. You can make a donation by clicking on the following https://tff.everydayhero.com/au/punjabi-telethon-initiative

Vaisakhi Mela

Vaisakhi Mela was held at South Perth foreshore on 5th May 2018. This fun filled family event was enjoyed by a large number of people from all age groups. Hon Paul Papalia MLA, Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, Mr John McGrath MLA South Perth, Mr Yaz Mubaraki MLA Jandakot, Cr Sue Doherty, Mayor of South Perth, Cr Glenn Dewhurst, Mayor of Gosnells and Consulate General of India Mr Amit Mishra also attended the event.

Our aim is to make this an annual event, showcasing our vibrant culture and rich heritage and at the same time provide a platform for our youth to stay connected with their culture through folk songs, dances and skits. Thanks to all the sponsors, participants and organisers. A special thanks to Virsa club for their collaboration and support.

This year SAWA received a grant of $5,000 from the Office of Multicultural Interests, with a promise to support this event on going. SAWA is very grateful for the support received from the Office of Multicultural Interests.

More photos at facebook.com/RavindersPhotography

CONGRATULATIONS:

Lakh Khushia Patshahiya Je Satgur Naddar Kareh

SAWA expresses sincere congratulations to

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

- Kiran Kaur & Harvinder Singh Randhawa on the 21st Birthday of their son Pardev Singh Randhawa, grandson of Swaran Kaur and Amar Singh Kahlon.
- Jaswant Singh Brar and Ranjit Kaur Brar on being blessed with twin grand daughters Ashleen & Jasleen, daughters of Sarjit Singh and Kiranjit Kaur.
- Satinder Singh Rikhraj and Manmohan Kaur Rikhraj on the birth of their grandson Nihal Singh, son of Gurpreet Singh & Arvinder Kaur.
- Harjinder Singh and Baljinder Kaur on the birth of their grand daughter Jennika Kaur, daughter of Kuljinder Singh & Mandeep Kaur.
- Bhajan Kaur (June) on the birth of her grandson Ari Singh Kooner, son of Harjit Kaur & Kulraj Singh Kooner
- Mandeep Singh Grewal and Amandeep Kaur Grewal on the birth of their son Gurjag Singh Grewal.
- Dr Avtar Singh and his family on his 70th Bday.
- Dr Didar Singh Cheema and Jaskiran Kaur Cheema on being blessed with a grandson and to Harpreet Singh Cheema and Simran Kaur on the birth of their son Yuvraj Singh

If you would like any info to be published in the next newsletter, please contact secretary@sikhwa.org.au

ANZAC:

The Sikh community of WA led by The Sikh Association of WA, marched in the annual Anzac Day parade in Cannington. The Sikh community remembers its rich Sikh military history. The marching squad, dressed in blazers and sky blue turbans were well received by the crowd.

A Dedication Service for Pvt Charles Fairbeard was held on Sat 19th May 2018 at Kings Park. Born on April 14, 1891 at Kirkee (Maharashtra, India), Charles moved to Australia with his parents. He was among the very first soldiers to die in the Gallipoli campaign, which began on April 25, 1915. Records show that Pte Fairbeard died on May 4, less than two weeks after the Gallipoli landing.

A dedicated plaque was laid at Kings Park on Sat 19th of May 2018 in honor of an Indian origin ANZAC from WA. This plaque is under the same tree as Pvt Nain Singh Sailani in Lovekin Drive, Kings Park.

Introduce Punjabi Language in WA schools

The project to introduce Punjabi Language in WA schools is gaining momentum and our working Group is hoping to see a positive outcome in near future, watch this space!!

Punjabi school info

Great effort by all involve with Punjabi school , as now we have 2 days classes Saturday and Sunday
For more info on SAWA Punjabi school timing and rego please contact School office on Sunday

Photos of the recent school trip:

Mighty Khalsa Camp 2018

Sikh Youth Australia team up with SAWA Punjabi School held 2nd Mighty Khalsa Camp at Gurdawara Sahib.
We had **85 participants**, Basic of Sikhi Value (which are also Australian values) were shared using hands-on activates, talks and others

Heron Park 4th Harmony Day 2018

SAWA along with other Sikh communities groups have been participating within wider community on Harmony day festival, SAWA would like to thanks Sikh Youth Australia, Australian Sikh Heritage, EcoSikh ,Turban & Trust ,Sikh to Give and Virsa Club on their yearly effort to make this event a success.

ISTRI SATSANG

As you are all aware, Istri Satsang is held every Saturday from 2:00 – 4:30pm except when there is a private function at the Gurdwara Sahib.
It is pleasing to inform the readers that the attendance at the Satsang has increased tremendously and the Satsang bookings are in big demand. I sincerely thank all the families who hosted these progs with enthusiasm and devotion in the last four months and those who have done bookings in advance for the rest of this year.

Special thanks are extended to the ladies who kindly offer their services for doing Sukhmani Saheb Path, Kirtan and Langar Sewa. On behalf of all the families, I am extremely grateful to Giani Jasvinder Singh Ji as well for Kirtan, Ardas & Hukumnama Sewa during Satsang programmes.

Special thanks to the Sangat for their attendance and positive feedback. It is the Sangat that is making this programme so successful. It is a family Satsang and unites not only the family but also the community.

If you would like to do Kirtan Sewa during Satsang or make a booking, Please contact Juginder Kaur, Tel 92763923 or Giani Jasvinder Singh Ji, Tel 94557220.

May Waheguru ji bless us all with Naam Daan and Gursikhi Jiwan.

Pvt Charles Fairbeard Plaque dedication service Sat 19th May @Kings Park

Being descendants of unparalleled and unprecedented heritage of Sikh philosophy where we unconditionally offer our wisdom to teachings of Mian Mir - Bhai Kanhaiya ji - 36 Bhagats and Bhats of Muslim and Hindu wise men the Sikh community of WA attempts to humbly practically apply this by remembering and immortalizing Pvt Charles Henry Fairbeard - an Indian origin Anzac from WA

Sound System Upgrade

I am sure everyone would have noticed improvement in the PA system sound. The old analogue mixer which was installed in 2008, has been replaced with a new QSC 16 channel digital touch mixer. It is small in size but is more powerful than many large studio mixers. Some notable features are as following:

- Built in mp3 player. Recorded Kirtan from a connected USB drive can be played.
- Any performance can be recorded onto a USB drive.
- Can be remotely controlled by an ipad or a smartphone.
- Anti-feedback, Equalizer, various audio effects (FX) such as reverb, delay, chorus; ease of setup & setup memory.

A new monitor speaker has also been installed in front of Kirtan stage to provide sound feedback to performers.

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FORTHCOMING DIWANS JUNE 2018

FOR YOUR DIARY: Please make a note of these programs so that you don't miss any of these Diwans.

02 June	Saturday	2:00 - 4:30pm Istri Satsang
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03 June	Sunday	7:00 – 8:30am Kirtan Assa Ki Vaar **Bhai Gurkirat Singh ji –Hazoori Ragi Jatha** **Start Sahej Path- Shahidi Guru Arjun Dev Ji**
03 June	Sunday	11:00 – 12:00 noon Kirtan **Bhai Gurkirat Singh ji –Hazoori Ragi Jatha**
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15 June	Friday	6:00 – 7:30pm Evening Prog. **Sangrand Assar (Har)**
16 June	Saturday	2:00 - 4:30pm Istri Satsang (Available)
17 June	Sunday	9:30am – 1:00pm **Shahidi Diwan : Guru Arjun Dev ji** **Sahej Path Bhog**
23 June	Saturday	2:00 - 4:30pm Istri Satsang
30 June	Saturday	2:00 - 4:30pm Istri Satsang

For Langar Bookings, Contact Giani Jasvinder Singh Ji 94557220 or Juginder Kaur 0408927639.

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