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SAWA News
FEBRUARY, 2024

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President's Message

Waheguru ji ka Khalsa, Waheguru ji ki Fateh

I trust this communication finds each of you in good health and high spirits, championing the path to success amidst challenging conditions. As leaders within our community, your well-being is paramount, and I encourage you to lead by example in prioritizing health and safety.

The recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) was a testament to our shared commitment to excellence. The formation of the Executive Committee (EXCO) with exceptional talents has set the stage for a remarkable journey ahead. The ongoing Naujawan programs, designed for balance and inclusivity, exemplify our dedication to fostering unity within our community.

Looking ahead to a promising year, the Vaisakhi celebration is on the horizon. Our EXCO is diligently working on plans to elevate the festivities, and I am excited about the positive impact it will have on our community.

In the realm of education, the SAWA Punjabi School has started with a significant enrollment of 90 students .I am pleased to share that Madam Nirbir Kaur Mann has volunteered to lead as the Punjabi School Manager. Let us collectively extend our support to ensure the success of our educational initiatives for the benefit of future generations.

I am pleased to report the successful completion of the directive for SAWA to conduct the AGM. All required evidence has been submitted to DMIRS, and the matter is officially closed. I express my gratitude to everyone who played a role in resolving this matter, showcasing our community's resilience.

This Saturday, on the 17th of February 2024, marks a crucial moment for our community - a Special General Meeting (SGM). It is an opportunity for collective decision-making regarding the Multi-Purpose Hall. I encourage each of you to participate in the SGM, fostering a constructive and respectful dialogue as we shape our collective future.

As leaders, your involvement and commitment are instrumental in guiding our community towards success. Let us continue to lead with purpose, unity, and a vision for a thriving future.

Our community's strength lies in its collective leadership. Let's continue to forge ahead, unfurling a tapestry of success and resilience. Your unwavering commitment and indomitable spirit shall be the catalysts propelling us to new heights.

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President: Sdr Harbhajan Singh Bejawn

Founder 1975 President 2023/ 2024

Gurdwara Sahib Opening hours

Opening Hours	
Weekdays	6:30 am to 7:30 am 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Sundays	6:00 am to 8:00 pm
Istri Satsang	Saturdays 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

For all bookings please contact Giani Jaswinder Singh Ji on 0449 812 540

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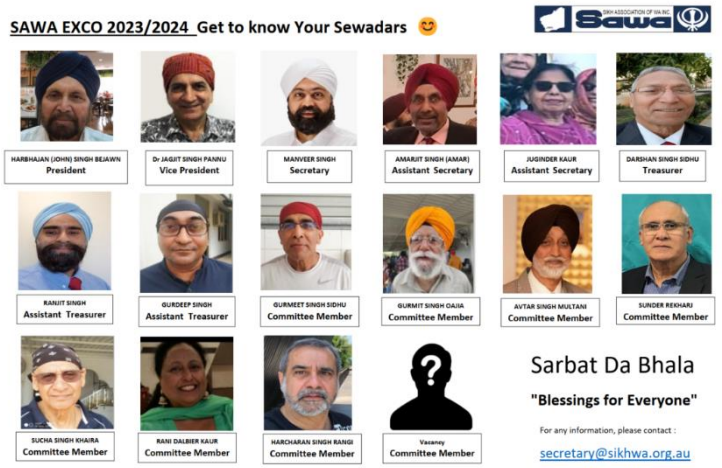
SAWA ExCo 2023/24

OFFICE BEARERS		COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESIDENT	Sdr Harbhajan Singh Bejawn	Sdr Gurmit Singh Oajla
VICE PRESIDENT	Sdr Jagjit Singh Pannu	Sdr Gurmeet Singh Sidhu
SECRETARY	Sdr Manveer Singh	Sdrn Rani Dalbier Kaur
ASST SECRETARY	Sdr Amarjit (Amar) Singh	Sdr Harcharan Singh
ASST SECRETARY	Sdrn Juginder Kaur	Sdr Sucha Singh
TREASURER	Sdr Darshan Singh	Sdr Sunder Singh
ASST TREASURER	Sdr Ranjit Singh	Sdr Avtar Singh Multani
ASST TREASURER	Sdr Gurdeep Singh	Vacancy



SAWA Radio Program

Punjabi Awaz Perth ***current program timing is as below 6EBA 95.3FM***

Every Thursday: 7am – 8am

For more information, please contact.
DJ Amarjit (Amar) Singh
@ 0412 944 395

95.3 FM PUNJABI AWAZ PERTH

Radio Station is looking for volunteers.
Anyone keen please contact DJ Amar 😊

SAWA Membership

Membership subscriptions become due on 1st January of each year , for renewal and upgrade please email secretary@sikhwa.org.au , refer SAWA Constitution 7.4b

SAWA Punjabi School

Punjabi School Term Start 3rd & 4th February 2024 (details below)

Recent Events

Novembers 2023 till February 2024 have been a busy time for SAWA Community , below are some event Highlights

Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurpurab 2023 Celebrations at WA Parliament , The SAWA Exco extends its gratitude to Balwinder Singh (Balli Singh JP) in coordination of this event.

Together with SGP- Bennett Spring Gurdwara , local MP's and MLA's [more photos on SAWA Facebook page]

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External Prachaarak programs :

Katha by Giani Daljit Singh ji USA (Damdami Taksal Wale)

Katha by Sant Baba Hari Singh Ji Randhawe Wale

Kirtan by Bhai Harjot Singh Ji Jatha Hazoori Ragi

Katha by Sant Avtar Singh Ji (Sur Singh Dal Baba Bidhi Chand Ji)

Kirtan by Veer Manpreet Singh Ji Tuhi Tuhi UK

The SAWA Exco extends its gratitude to Ajmer Singh for his management of the sound system and Gurpreet Singh for his dedicated service on the tabla during the Veer Manpreet Singh diwan.

Naujawan Programs :

Naujawan Asa Ki War (Guru Gobind Singh Ji Parkash Purab)

Gurmat Based Parenting Talk – Workshop

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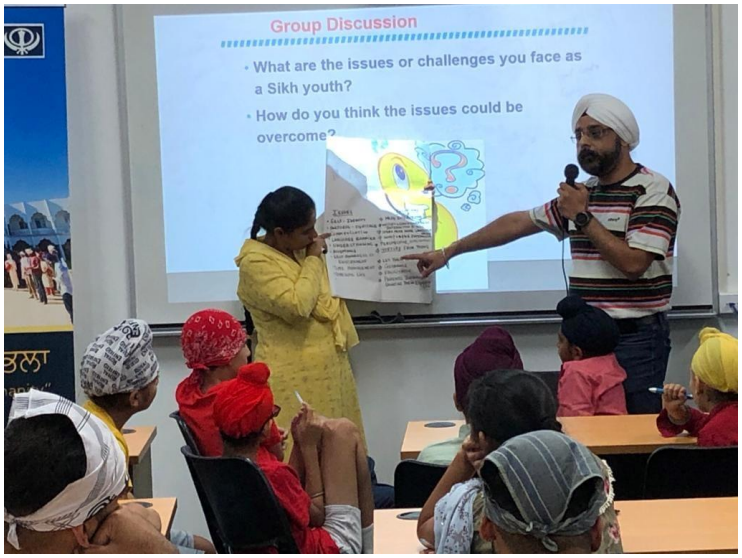
Nurturing Sikh Values Among Young People - Workshop



"He who regards all men as equals is religious."
quote from Guru Nanak Dev Ji

Walk the Journey of Life – Inspirational Talk - Workshop

Senior Program (Every Thursday)

Senior programs are held in the Gurdwara langar hall every Thursday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

For more information, please contact :

Neeranther Gourgaud : 0413 561 512

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Monthly Kar Seva

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KAR SEVA BY YOUTH

EVERY 4th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
(Learn on food preparation and how the kitchen functions)

For More Information Please Contact
GURMEET SINGH 0435334660
HARCHARAN SINGH 0410193717
RANJIT SINGH 0410204465

Join Us for monthly! cleaning up and learn on Gurdwara kitchen function.

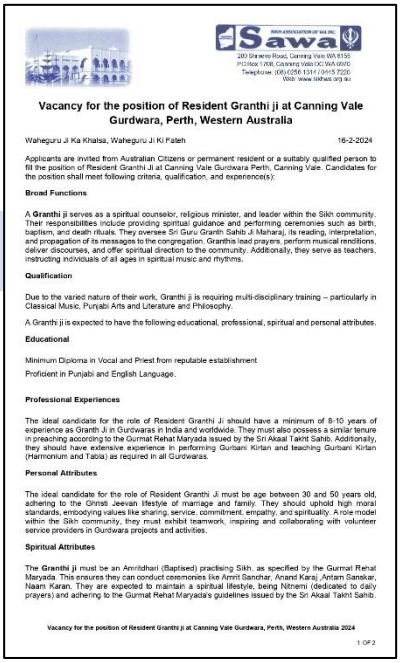
Forthcoming Events

- SAWA Special General Meeting – 17 Feb 2024
- Katha by Sant Baba Lakhbir Singh – 24 Feb 2024
- Kirtan/Katha by Gurpuri Children and Giani Sukhdaiv Singh - 2 and 3 March 2024
- Workshop – Concept of Khalsa – 16 March 2024
- Dastaar Workshop – 17 March 2024 onwards
- Naujawan Kirtan program (Monthly) to be finalized
- Vaisakhi 2024 Planning

--------Disclaimer Detail Program will be update on monthly program list -------

Resident Granthi ji Vacancy Advertisement

Respected Giani Jasvinder Singh dedicatedly serving at Canning Vale Gurdwara Sahib for nearly 11 years with his family, has addressed the increasing demands for various programs within the WA Sikh community. Discussions with the SAWA Executive Committee are underway regarding the necessity of an additional Resident Granthi, reflecting the community's evolving needs and aspirations in the region.



Vacancy for the position of Resident Granthi ji at Canning Vale Gurdwara, Perth, Western Australia

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh 16-2-2024

Applicants are invited from Australian Citizens or permanent resident or a suitably qualified person to fill the position of Resident Granthi Ji at Canning Vale Gurdwara Perth, Canning Vale. Candidates for the position shall meet following criteria, qualification, and experience(s):

Broad Functions

A **Granthi** ji serves as a spiritual counselor, religious minister, and leader within the Sikh community. Their responsibilities include providing spiritual guidance and performing ceremonies such as birth, baptism, and death rituals. They oversee Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Maharaj, its reading, interpretation, and propagation of its messages to the congregation. Granthis lead prayers, perform musical renditions, deliver discourses, and offer spiritual direction to the community. Additionally, they serve as teachers, instructing individuals of all ages in spiritual music and rhythms.

Qualification

Due to the varied nature of their work, Granthi ji is requiring multi-disciplinary training – particularly in Classical Music, Punjabi Arts and Literature and Philosophy.

A Granthi ji is expected to have the following educational, professional, spiritual and personal attributes.

Educational

Minimum Diploma in Vocal and Priest from reputable establishment
Proficient in Punjabi and English Language.

Professional Experiences

The ideal candidate for the role of Resident Granthi Ji should have a minimum of 8-10 years of experience as Granthi Ji in Gurdwaras in India and worldwide. They must also possess a similar tenure in preaching according to the Gurmat Rehat Maryada issued by the Sri Akaal Takht Sahib. Additionally, they should have extensive experience in performing Gurbani Kirtan and teaching Gurbani Kirtan (Harmonium and Tabla) as required in all Gurdwaras.

Personal Attributes

The ideal candidate for the role of Resident Granthi Ji must be age between 30 and 50 years old, adhering to the Ghinsti Jeevan lifestyle of marriage and family. They should uphold high moral standards, embodying values like sharing, service, commitment, empathy, and spirituality. A role model within the Sikh community, they must exhibit teamwork, inspiring and collaborating with volunteer service providers in Gurdwara projects and activities.

Spiritual Attributes

The **Granthi ji** must be an Amritdhari (Baptised) practising Sikh, as specified by the Gurmat Rehat Maryada. This ensures they can conduct ceremonies like Amrit Sanchar, Anand Karaj, Antam Sanskar, Naam Karan. They are expected to maintain a spiritual lifestyle, being Nitnemi (dedicated to daily prayers) and adhering to the Gurmat Rehat Maryada's guidelines issued by the Sri Akaal Takht Sahib.

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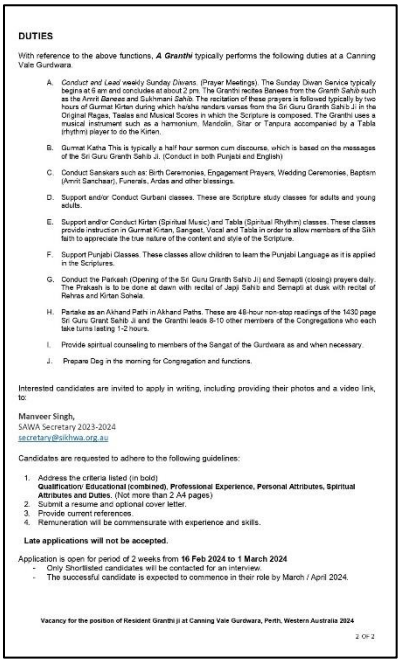

DUTIES

With reference to the above functions, ***A Granthi*** typically performs the following duties at a Canning Vale Gurdwara:

A. *Conduct and Lead* weekly Sunday *Diwans*, (Prayer Meetings). The Sunday Diwan Sanjog typically begins at 9 am and concludes at about 2 pm. The Granthi recites Banees from the *Granth Sahib* such as the *Amrit Banees* and *Sukhmani Sahib*. The recitation of these prayers is followed typically by two hours of Gurmat Kirtan during which he/she renders vanas from the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji in the Original Ragas, Taalas and Musical Scores in which the Scripture is composed. The Granthi uses a musical instrument such as a harmonium, Mandolin, Sitar or Tanpura accompanied by a Tabla (rhythm) player to do the Kirtan.

B. Gurmat Katha This is typically a half hour sermon cum discourse, which is based on the messages of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. (Conduct in both Punjabi and English)

C. Conduct Sanskars such as: Birth Ceremonies, Engagement Prayers, Wedding Ceremonies, Baptism (Amrit Sanchaar), Funerals, Ardas and other blessings.

D. Support and/or Conduct Gurbani classes. These are Scripture study classes for adults and young adults.

E. Support and/or Conduct Kirtan (Spiritual Music) and Tabla (Spiritual Rhythm) classes. These classes provide instruction in Gurmat Kirtan, Sangeet, Vocal and Tabla in order to allow members of the Sikh faith to appreciate the true nature of the content and style of the Scripture.

F. Support Punjabi Classes. These classes allow children to learn the Punjabi Language as it is applied in the Scriptures.

G. Conduct the Parkash (Opening of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji) and Sernapti (closing) prayers daily. The Prakash is to be done at dawn with recital of Japji Sahib and Sernapti at dusk with recital of Rehras and Kirtan Sohela.

H. Partake as an Akhand Pathi in Akhand Paths. These are 48-hour non-stop readings of the 1430 page Sri Guru Grant Sahib Ji and the Granthi leads 8-10 other members of the Congregations who each take turns lasting 1-2 hours.

I. Provide spiritual counseling to members of the Sangat of the Gurdwara as and when necessary.

J. Prepare Deg in the morning for Congregation and functions.

Interested candidates are invited to apply in writing, including providing their photos and a video link, to:

Manveer Singh,
SAWA Secretary 2023-2024
secretary@sikhwa.org.au

Candidates are requested to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Address the criteria listed (in bold)
   Qualification/ Educational (combined), Professional Experience, Personal Attributes, Spiritual Attributes and Duties. (Not more than 2 A4 pages)
2. Submit a resume and optional cover letter.
3. Provide current references.
4. Remuneration will be commensurate with experience and skills.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Application is open for period of 2 weeks from **16 Feb 2024 to 1 March 2024**
- Only Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.
- The successful candidate is expected to commence in their role by March / April 2024.

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Interested candidates who are keen to apply please reachout to SAWA Secretary for vacancy information:

https://www.sikhwa.org.au/Gianiji.pdf - please download Vacancy details here.

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