



November 2020 Newsletter

Opening Hours

Weekdays	6:30 am to 7:30 am 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Sundays	6:30am to 8:30am
Istri Satsang	No Satsang will be held during COVID-19, Stage-4 Restrictions
Langar Serving Timings	Sunday Breakfast 8:30am- 9am Tea & Biscuits
Bandi Chorr Diwas Sat 14/11/20	7am to 8pm for Matha Tekna only

President's Message

Dear Sadh Sangat Ji

WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA, WAHEGURU JI KI FATEH

I would first of all, like to take this opportunity to thank Waheguru Ji for bestowing His blessings upon me with this sewa to serve SAWA as a President for which I am very much humbled and honoured.



On behalf of the Sikh Sangat, I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their services rendered to the community.

Since we took the charge the Exco has been busy in various tasks including kar sewa cleaning the entire complex to open the Gurdwara Sahib for Assa Di Vaar morning program keeping Covid-19 restrictions in mind. We have had a great success so far and I would like to convey a big thanks to the sewadars who helped in this big task.

Some sub-committees are being formed to assist and to engage our community in the day to day running tasks as well as in some major tasks.

I would like to request all members to come on board with me to restore unity, peace and harmony in our community as we can't afford the divisions in our SAWA extended family.

Contrary to the rumours floating around, I would like to assure you that our Giani Ji and his family is a part of our SAWA family and he is supported by Exco without any changes to his remuneration package including the Kirtan Bheta or his employment contract. I am glad to announce that the Exco has raised \$10000.00 for Miss Prabhnoor Kaur to assist her in her University study fee.

You will also be glad to know that with intense communication with the Dept of Social Services the Federal Govt Grant for "Australian Sikh Games 2021" has been re-instated. On the behalf of SAWA, I thank Sardar Amarjit Singh Pabla for his assistance.

I sincerely thank our community for their valuable feedback and constructive ideas to improve SAWA's services. My humble request to the entire sangat for the undivided and ongoing support to achieve our goals.

Wishing you a very Happy Bandi Shod purab, greetings for Diwali and Heartiest Congratulations on the 551st Avtar Diwas of Sahib Siri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

Devraj Singh JP, President, SAWA 2020-2021

Giani Jaswinder Singh Ji

0449 812 540

(Head Priest Canning Vale Gurdwara)

Upcoming Events

RELIGIOUS

Bandi Chorr Divas

Saturday – 14/11/2020

551st Prakash Gurburab

Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji

Monday – 30/11/2020

SANGRANDS

No special Sangrand Diwans will be held during COVID-19 Stage 4 restrictions.

Magar

Sunday 15/11/2020

Poh

Tuesday – 15/12/2020

Magh

Thursday 14/01/2020

CULTURAL

Bandi Chorr Divas

Diwali

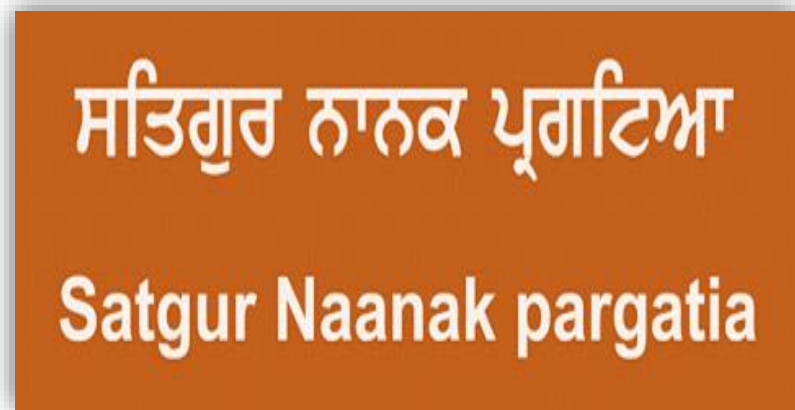
Saturday – 14/11/2020

551st PARKASH DIWAS SHRI GURU NANAK DEV JI

Monday 30 Nov 2020

Due to COVID-19 Stage-4 restrictions, Gurburab Celebrations will be low key. Sahaj Path will be commencing on Sunday, 15/11/2020 at Gurdwara Sahib. Sahaj Path will conclude on the morning of Gurburab Day (Monday 30/11/2020)

Pathi sewadars are requested to give their names to Giani ji. Gurdwara Sahib will stay open all day for Matha Takena only.



BANDI CHORR DIWAS/DIWALI

Saturday 14 Nov 2020

Due to COVID-19, Stage-4 restrictions, Gurdwara Sahib will be open for Matha Takena only between 7am to 8pm. No langar will be served.

Lighting of Candles and firecrackers will be strictly prohibited.

Please observe safe distancing & use hand sanitizers.

Please enter your details into the Visitor's Register



Diwali celebrations at Gurdwara Sahib pre COVID

**SAWA EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
2020-2021**

Devraj Singh 0411 834 336	President
Bahadur Singh Mann 0433 795 380	Vice President
Darshan Singh Sidhu 0431 363 553	Treasurer
Rajinder Singh Bassi 0402 839 995	Asst Treasurer
Harmeek Singh 0431 725 620	Asst Treasurer
Harbir Singh 0404 630 043	Secretary
Pushpinder Singh 0419 901 470	Asst Secretary
Amarjit Singh (Amar) 0412 944 395	Asst Secretary
Ajmer Singh 0402 853 987	Comm Member
Parmjit Kaur 0424 300 018	Comm Member
Jaskiran Kaur Cheema 0403 028 284	Comm Member
Juginder Kaur 0408 927 639	Comm Member
Paramjit Singh Nagra 0423 966 939	Comm Member
Rani Kaur Samra 0403 555 112	Comm Member
Harminder Singh Dhammu 0403 156 942	Comm Member
Joginder Singh Deol 0414 157 787	Comm Member

RECENT NEWS & DEVELOPMENTS

GURUDWARA REOPENED FOR ASA-DI-VAR EVERY SUNDAY

Every Sunday morning Asa di Var is being conducted from 6:30am to 8:30am.

There is a limit of 150 people in the Diwan Hall. Please maintain safe distance seating.

Crosses have been marked on the carpet for your convenience.

Please enter your details in the Visitor's Register on arrival.

Sanitisers are provided.

Parshad and Tea with Snacks are served down at the Patio

As and when the WA Govt allows more restrictions will be lifted

PUNJABI SCHOOL

Punjabi School has reopened since August 2020 after 6 months closure due to COVID-19

Summer Timings are as below:

Sunday 10-11.30 Saturday 8.30-10.15

COOL ROOM

New Cool Room with stacking racks has been installed at the specified zone near the Deliveries at the back of the washing area.

GOOSEBERRY HILLS SCHOOL TEACHER'S VISIT

Gooseberry Hills Primary School teachers visited our Guru Ghar on 12th October 2020.

Prof Pritam Singh gave them a brief talk on Sikhism, History of SAWA and Sikh History. This was followed with a light lunch

Visitors thoroughly enjoyed the visit and found it very interesting and educational.

SAWA Punjabi School

Keep Punjabi culture & language alive.
Enrol your child in Punjabi School. For
further information please contact
School Manager
Mrs. Jaskiran Kaur Cheema
0403 028 284

Punjabi School Canning Vale has 7
teachers at present.

A special thanks to the Manager and
teachers

Summer School Timings

Saturday 8:30 AM – 10:15 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM



SARDARI

SARDARI is the title of the 2 & half-minute clip, which will be on display at
different times of the day. Without revealing much it is about the sanctity &
importance of turban tying for the Sikhs.

A striking video clip directed by our promising youngster Mit Singh will be
on display on the Digital Cylindrical Screen (pictured below) located at
Yagan Square next to the Horse-Shoe Bridge, Wellington Street, Perth
from 13 November 2020. The 1st clip will be displayed between 6:30pm &
8pm.



CONGRATULATION

To Tur family for birth of their grandson Sukhraj Singh, to their daughter
Gurpreet Kaur and Kulwant Singh Mann

Contact information:

For further info visit www.sikhwa.org.au or write to secretary@sikhwa.org.au
Please inform any changes such as address/email address at the above email.

CONDOLONCES

To the families for their loss:

**Pooni & Thandi families for demise of
S Gurdev Singh Pooni**

**S Jaspal Singh Sidhu & family for
loss of his wife Mrs Gurmiet Kaur
Sidhu**

**Baldev Singh Ubhi & Piara Singh
Ubhi's families for sudden demise of
their nephew
S Daljit Singh**

Sudden demise of S Paramjeet Singh

**Sandhu family, Rajinder Singh Bassi
& Mahesh Singh Bassi and Pannu
families for the passing of
Mrs Surinder Kaur Sandhu**





6EBA 95.3FM

Punjabi Awaz Perth with presenters

Mr. Amritpal Singh
Mr Amarjit Singh
Mrs. Santbir Kaur

Current program timings are:

Tuesday: 6pm – 7pm

Thursdays: 7am – 8am

If you are interested in presenting the programme, please contact Radio Programme Manager Mr. Amrit Pal Singh 0426825142

Please support Punjabi Awaz and like us on Facebook



Australian National Sikh Sports and Cultural Council – WA



The 33rd Australian Sikh Games 2020 have been postponed and will now be held in April 2021. It was agreed that a postponement was the most appropriate response to the global disruption due to COVID 19. ANSSACC-WA had completed preparations when the virus started spreading into a worldwide pandemic. ANSSACC-WA worked tirelessly, securing Government Funding to deliver the best Games in the history of the Australian Sikh Games, with overwhelming support from all Clubs across Australia and with 2300 players already registered for the games, it was agreed to allow Perth to host the 2021 Australian Sikh Games, which is now scheduled for 2nd, 3rd and 4th April 2021. Australian National Sikh Sports and Cultural Council – WA (ANSSACC-WA) committee is thankful to all the associated clubs, ANSSCC and Woolgoolga committee for supporting the decision to reschedule the Games in Perth for 2021. In SAWA AGM 2020, ANSSACC-WA was requested to respond (Ordinary Motion, 6.3.1, item 7): - “Whether there are 1 or 2 transfers of \$60K funding to the games committee and written conditions attached to this loan”.

I take the opportunity to clarify: -

- An amount of \$60k funding was transferred in 2019, a single transfer.
- There are no written conditions.

The funding allocation was approved unanimously, the proposed motion read as below: -

Ordinary Motion (AGM 2018): -

This is to direct the Executive Committee of SAWA to advance \$ 60,000 to the Sikh Games 2020 organising committee, in order to plan, organise and coordinate the games in 2020. Any residual amount (if any) will be refunded to SAWA.

Proposer: Gurdarshan Singh Kailley.

Seconder: Prem Singh Judge.

I am also pleased to update that ANSSACC-WA & SAWA, with the grace of Waheguru, have been successful in re-instating the grant (\$300K) from Dept of Social Services (DSS) for this event. The previous EXCO of the SAWA advised the Dept of Social Services (DSS) that the games are cancelled and SAWA is no longer holding this event in April 2021, hence DSS issued a notice for return of funds. The games were never cancelled but postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. I commend current SAWA Exco and ANSSACC-WA Secretary, Mr. A.S. Pabla for liaising with concerned Dept. and rectifying the information. The ball is now in our court, lets come together and put on a great show and make 2021 Australian Sikh Games one to remember.

Regards,

Gurdarshan Singh

Chairman, Australian National Sikh Sports and Cultural Council WA Inc.