



NEWSLETTER – NOV 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA, WAHEGURU JI KI FATEH

Dear Sadh Sangat Ji,

The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.

I am honored to be SAWA President again for the 10th time since inception in 1974. I thank all of you for the confidence in my leadership and I'm humbled, excited at the same time. My sincere apology for not able to give winning speech on 24th Sept 2022, as I had to leave Australia for urgent overdue family matters. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of outgoing EXCO led by Mr. Paramjit Singh Kahlon.

Prior to election, few Sikh Community members approach me, seeking my vision for SAWA. My election manifesto was, make SAWA accommodate every Sikh, regardless of Nationality or Caste. I also want to make SAWA transparent, for every Sikh to come to Gurdwara and perform his duty regardless of being an office bearer or just a volunteer (sewadar). There is a misconception in community, which is leading members to belief, by becoming an EXCO only then a person can perform sewa. In fact, becoming an EXCO member is for those who wants to take responsibility for their action & decisions, as Compliance is critical for the very existence of SAWA. SAWA is governed by Constitution and it's my great pleasure to also publish SAWA By-Law informing members our day to day operating envelope. By-law is currently being reviewed by EXCO and shall be available to members from 20th November onwards. This document can be downloaded from this link <https://www.sikhwa.org.au> and I'm excited to hear feedback from members.

COVID has not only disrupted the well being of our lives, it has also disrupted the programs we used to have in Gurdwara. Our 2nd Guru of Sikhism, Guru Angad is remembered in Sikh tradition for systematizing the institution of langgar in all Sikh Gurdwaras, where visitors from near and far could get a free simple meal and equal seating, regardless of status. Having this in mind and providing continuous presence in Community Kitchen, Mr. Nashatar Singh "Nash" is appointed as single focal person managing kitchen affairs. It's a huge responsibility to Nash, however to assist him, all of us as sewadars are welcomed to participate in preparing Guru Ka Langgar.

Naujawan programs which stopped a few years ago, shall start again in February 2023, bi-weekly on Thursdays 6-9pm. I encourage, parents to bring their kids and encourage them to participate in program. Details shall be made available late January 2023.

Christian Community got in touch with SAWA and keen to visit and learn Sikhism. The first group visited SAWA on 22nd Sept and 2nd group is planning to visit on 22nd Jan 2023 and participate in Asa Di Vaar. Scouts Western Australia has also planned a visit sometime in February 2023 and date to be confirmed.

Bandi Chor Divas celebrated on 24 Sept was a huge success. Sikhs from all walk of lives, made their way to Gurdwara and the event saw an estimated 6 thousand people attending from sunrise until late night. Many sewadars stepped forward is assisting SAWA in planning and managing the huge crowd. My sincere gratitude goes to all of you in maintaining safety and keep the spirits going.

As your elected leader, I had the privilege to attend Diwali get together at Western Australia Parliament. I have met honorary General Consulate of India in Perth and have extended my invitation to him and his family to join SAWA in celebrating Guru Nanak Ji Akandh Path bhog on 13th November. I also would like to share great news. Money pledged by Federal Government for Community Centre has been approved and allocated. I'll be having a meeting with Honorary MP Sam Lim together with MP Matt Keogh and discuss this further. I will update once more information is available.

There is also another event planned on 13th Nov. Mr Amarjit Singh Pabla has organized a recruitment visit by Australian Defense Force (ADF) for 13th Brigade. Sikhs are known for the bravery and anyone interested to join ADF, don't miss this opportunity.

SAWA Punjabi school is planning to commence their classes from February onwards. SAWA VP, Mrs Jaskiran Kaur Cheema is leading the Punjabi School and would encourage everyone to support this initiative. We are also looking for 3 Punjabi teacher, anyone interested please submit your resume to Secretary and we will organize an interview.

Month of December is another busy month for SAWA with number of programs outlined. SAWA Secretary will be broadcasting this program from time to time. SAWA is also exploring broadcasting these messages via text, those interested to receive latest SAWA programs via text, please register for this service at SAWA website. Members who will be away visiting their loved ones and on holidays with family, take extra precaution as COVID is still looming in North Hemisphere and **please stay Safe**.

SAWA has the ability to achieve much more for our community and we can only achieve this, if we work together on common course and within the committed framework. In my next Newsletter, I'll be rolling out committed framework and would be seeking volunteers to take the framework further. This will not only bring community together, but it will also benefit our future leaders. To understand members view and expectation, SAWA has prepared survey and please take 5-7 mins of your valuable time to answer. The link is <https://tinyurl.com/bdn5mhw6> and with QR code. Survey is open for 3 weeks only.

Our Giani Jasvinder Singh Ji left for holiday with his family and visited his extended family in India, first such visit since commencing employment with SAWA since July 2013. While he was away, his duty was delegated to his brother Giani Manvinder Singh Ji. SAWA extends gratitude to Giani Jasvinder Singh Ji and Manvinder Singh Ji for their seamless transition and continue their services with full devotion. As a farewell to Giani Manvinder Singh Ji, a Saropa ceremony was held in front of morning Congregation, acknowledging his valuable contribution.

Before I log off, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to the current EXCO for their support – you make the tasks achievable.

Together, we can make a difference!

“He who regards all men as equals is religious.” quote from Guru Nanak Ji

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Diwali Meet at WA Parliament



Giani Ji Manvinder Singh Saropa



Christian Group Visit during Diwali period



Guru Nanak Gurburab program

GURDWARA SAHIB OPENING HOURS

WEEKDAYS: 6.30AM – 7.30PM

SATURDAYS: ISTRI SATSANG 2.00 PM – 5.00PM

SUNDAYS: 6.00AM – 8.00PM

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8 Nov Guru Nanak Gurpurab
11-13 Nov Akandh Path Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Avtar
24 Nov Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji Shaheedi
27 Nov Culture Care Clinic @ SAWA
30 Nov Baba Zorawar Singh Ji Birth

DEC 2022

16 Dec Sangrand Poh
21-23 Dec Shaheedi Vaday Sahibzaday
28 Dec Shaheedi Chotay Sahibzaday
29 Dec Guru Gobind Singh Ji Prakash
31 Dec Kirtan Darbar (movina into New Year)

Weekly Punjabi Awaz Perth Radio Program

6EBA95.3FM

Tuesday 6pm – 7pm

Thursday 7am – 8am



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This would not be possible without the dedication and passion of the volunteers conducting this program. Thank you

SENIOR PROGRAM

Senior Program are run in the langar hall every Thursday from 9am -2pm

COMING SOON

NAUJAWAN PROGRAM
FROM FEBRUARY ONWARDS
START DATE FEB 2023
(date to be finalized)

