

Australian Anglo-Indian Melbourne Rangers Club

Newsletter - June 2018

CLUB'S VISION "To foster a spirit of unity & friendship in a relaxed environment; offer a range of social, & cultural events & contribute to various charitable organizations within the Community"

The aim of the club is to promote activities bringing members together, be it social or fund-raising.

Dear Members and Friends,

The last seven months has passed so quickly since the new committee was elected. Many members have been asking why we have not produced a newsletter, as they would like to catch up on some club news and information about our many events that have been run over the last months. So here we are our first newsletter for 2018.

Our membership has increased with about 25 new members joining the Club in 2018 bringing our membership to a very healthy 245 members. It has also been very pleasing to see many familiar (old faces) coming back to the club. All Friday night functions have been a success with record number of members and guests attending to enjoy fantastic food, music and fun.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Jenny Gray who has stepped up into the role of acting Secretary/Entertainment Co-ordinator and Ronny Mayne as acting Vice President. A very big thank you also to George Morris, Nigel Rose, Stephen Madeira and George Sarkies. I would also like to thank Jenny Peril who has volunteered her services to help Jenny Gray with her heavy workload. As you know this small but dedicated committee has been working very hard behind the scenes and will continue to do so for the club and its membership. I must not forget to thank our dear wives who are always there to give a helping hand along with our regular helpers Gloria Wright, Irene Bitzer and many others.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that membership renewals for 2018/2019 are due on the 1st July.

Adrian D'Souza
President AAIMRC

Committee News

We have sent our 2 flyers with upcoming events for the coming months. While we are able to email these out to a majority of our members, we experienced some difficulty with emails that have bounced back to us. Please ensure you update your email addresses, telephone numbers etc. so that you can receive flyers and club information in due course.

We send our deepest condolences to our members who have lost loved ones during this year in particular Mel Agacy who lost his mother in Perth. The Rose and Fernandez families on the loss of their sister Jean (Dollar) Green and also the Townsend-Booth family on the loss of their brother Malcolm. May they rest in peace.

We acknowledge and keep in our prayers all those who are experiencing sickness and ill health and wish them a speedy and complete recovery.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR YEAR 2018/19 ARE DUE ON THE 1st JULY, 2018. Renewal form is attached with this newsletter. Please fill in the renewal forms with all your latest details, especially your email address, so we can update our database and correspond via email with all our members. Please mail your renewal form with your cheque/cash to "The Secretary, AAIMRC, P.O. Box 105, Noble Park, Vic 3174 by no later than 31/07/2018. Or you can scan and send it via email to aaimelbournerrangersclub@gmail.com and deposit the monies into the bank account directly. Payments of membership fees can also be made directly to:

CBA bank account: BSB No. 063-175 A/c. No. 10450074 Account name: Australian Anglo-Indian Melbourne Rangers Club. Please mention your name and membership as a reference.

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The children's Christmas party was well attended with about thirty-five children and some forty adults attending. The kiddies had a lot of fun with Noodles the Clown who performed magic, made animals from balloons and also did some great face painting for them. The BBQ afterwards was enjoyed by all, especially the hot and spicy sausages.

The Members Christmas lunch held at the Dandenong Workers Club was well attended with about 140 members and guests, always a good recipe for a good time. Kris Kringle gifts were exchanged and the atmosphere was very festive leading into the Christmas Season.

The New Year's Eve Ball held at the Hungarian Hall in Boronia was very well attended with 429 people who danced the night away to the music of the Dynamic Duo and Vibes. A great time was had by all, admittedly, it was a bit over crowded.

As usual, our first function for 2018, a family picnic at Caribbean Gardens, was also well attended with some 80 members and friends attending. Our usual gazebos were reserved and a delicious barbecue lunch was catered by the committee. A special thanks to our chefs for the day, Ron Mayne, Nigel Rose and Stephen Madeira with a lot of help from Jenny Gray and George Sarkies. We welcomed family and guests who mixed with our friendly members. The beautiful weather added to the relaxed and very pleasant afternoon. The raffle was drawn with our major winners being Darryl D'Mello and Gloria Wright.

Lucky Member of the Month at the Worker's Club lunch was Robert Stokeo.

The Fish Curry and Bingo Night was a terrific success with a full house attendance!! The food was catered by Shan from Oz Lankan in Doveton and most members commented on the delicious fare provided on that night. We had two sessions of Bingo...thanks to Nigel Rose our caller who made sure there was plenty of fun and laughter with his calling. It was a fun night of friendly chatting and some music. Lucky Member of the Month was won by Jenny Rose. A special thanks to the additional helpers who assisted the committee to clean and pack up the hall.

The coach for our Pokies Trip to Albury and Mulwala was filled to capacity (60) that included members and guests for our weekend. As usual there was plenty of delicious snacks made by everyone for our morning tea. We played Bingo on the coach which made the drive there a very pleasant one. Apart from the usual pokies stops at the various clubs, a group went to another club to watch a rock and roll band while others sat around the tables at the motel telling ghost stories and jokes. Lots of loud laughter was heard all around. We are not sure if there were any "big winners" as no one admitted to their losses or gains. The trip home was busy with bingo, raffles, music and singing, and of course, jokes. Many members were already inquiring when the next Pokies trip would be. Special thanks to Jenny Gray and all the committee members who planned every detail of this trip which resulted in a wonderful time

