

Wishing you a **HAPPY EASTER!**



May God bless you at Easter,
And keep you all year through.



May God give you all the faith it takes,
To make your dreams come true.

May His love and wisdom always help,
To guide you on your way.

May His light shine down upon you now,
To bless your Easter Day.

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President's Message



Greetings once again to our dear family members and thank you for your generous support in the many different programmes run by your association.

It would indeed have warmed the cockles of our member's hearts to see the association proudly hosting its 18th Harmony Concert, "A Rainbow of Cultures across the Globe" at the Perth Concert Hall on March 20th 2011. This occasion marked the close of Multicultural Week in Western Australia. Members would still have fond recollections of our concerts in Forrest Place between Myer and the Central Post Office. From there to the Burswood, Convention Centre and now the Perth Concert Hall. The concert was representative of multicultural Australia, with items from every global continent and representing the wide international coverage of the association. Hon. Minister Castrilli in his message congratulated the Association for hosting the event. The 2000 strong crowd cheered every item and the grand finale had the audience on their feet. Once again thanks to the Producer and Director Olga Ramasamy OAM, The Programme Co-ordinator and Stage Manager Marlene Robbins, the Artistic Director Miguel Angel Soto Figueroa, my executive committee and the many volunteers who have given of their time and effort. I wish to also place on record my thanks to Lotterywest, Healthway and the Office of Multicultural Interests for being the major financial sponsors and to West Television WTV for the broadcast and production. This concert will be well remembered.

The association in true tradition celebrated the lead up to Christmas with its traditional Christmas Party hosted in early December. The function was enjoyed by the member's children. Special association buses ferried our African members and children from Joondalup and the Northern Suburbs.

The Executive Committee has discussed some of the outcomes of the Lottery west feasibility study for two of our member organizations – the Burmese and Thai associations to provide a purpose built facility to meet their needs. There is a possibility that these member organizations could join in with the AAA to re-develop our current premises or seek an alternative site. Discussions are still in progress. As the hall is widely utilized and due to current security considerations the executive committee is in the process of considering the installation of monitored Close Circuit Television (CCTV). This would hopefully help in maintaining congenial surroundings in the premises and surroundings.

I was greatly honored and delighted to attend several of our community functions ranging from the Sri Lankan Republic Day, to the Chinese Community New Year Dinner and the Karen Welfare celebrations. New organizations are continuously joining our conglomerate, with the Congolese Association of WA being in the process of obtaining office space in the building. I wish to thank Siripatanakulkajorn Tewin our Youth Co-ordinator who has been excellent in his job and who is taking up a placement in Thailand. I also personally thank you our family for your personal support and tremendous trust you have placed in me as your President to lead the Associations into exciting new multicultural heights in the future.

Unity in Diversity

Mel. Fialho





CEO'S Message



We have to apologise for not getting the first quarter newsletter to you in time. Several staff changes at the end of last year have left us without a dedicated person to undertake the production and despatch of the News letter. If there is any retired person amongst our members with a journalistic background, who would like to spare some time each quarter to produce the newsletter, we would be delighted to welcome you as a volunteer. We have a very talented part-time graphic designer on staff which is a great help. The Association has grown but the staff strength has not kept pace with this growth. A great deal of my time is spent sourcing funding opportunities to expand our service delivery with new projects.

It is over 12 years since we redeveloped 275 Stirling Street with a generous grant from Lotterywest. We are currently exploring the possibility of obtaining funds again from

Lotterywest to modernise the kitchen facilities, re-do the wooden floors in the hall and try to increase the capacity of the main hall. I am sure regular users of our facilities will be pleased with this news.

We were very sorry to lose the services of Tewin who decided to return to Thailand. He was a very efficient and pleasant front man for the Association. His place has been taken by KC who is gradually learning the work and is very dedicated.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter and a restful and enjoyable holiday time.

Olga Ramasamy

A BIG THANKS!!!

We all remember the floods in Pakistan which caused a large number of deaths, left over 20 million people homeless, and destroyed crops worth millions of dollars. There are still hundreds of thousands people in distress who have not received any help at all. The Australian Asian Association in August 2010 made an appeal for support to help the Pakistan Flood victims. I undertook the mission to travel to Pakistan at my own expense and supervise the construction of homes for those who lost all using funds from AAA fund-raising and donations from other organisations. Initially 16 houses were to be built. However the construction team did an amazing job. As a result of their hard work, dedication and honesty 24 houses were built, consisting of a big room 6m x 4.5m with a hand pump, bathroom with septic tanks and a boundary wall covering about 750 m. sq. area. Now the PERTH VILLAGE project in Pakistan is complete.

In Feb 2011, I received a call to say that the building work is completed, and the houses are ready to be handed over to the families. Once again I travelled to Pakistan. All the deserving families along with the volunteering team and the Landlord who donated the land for the Perth village were invited. At a short ceremony the keys for each of the houses was handed over to the families. As soon as they entered their respective houses they were so overwhelmed with emotion tears of thanks were running down their

cheeks. They prayed loudly for the well being and good health of AAA, its membership and all the other donors.

My personal thanks to all our members for helping the flood victims. I hope that your generosity will always continue when help is required for people in distress.

Rahim Ghauri

V. President AAA





TRIPLE A CHRISTMAS PARTY 2010



HACC clients and the **CACP clients** celebrated their Christmas party at the Australian Asian Association on the 15th of December 2010. **Belysa and her dance group** entertained the crowd to a very energetic and colourful performance. Staff who have served Triple A for over 5 years were presented with certificates of appreciation and a gift.





RAINBOW OF CULTURES ACROSS THE GLOBE

HARMONY INTERNATIONAL FOLKFEST 2011

SUNDAY 20th MARCH



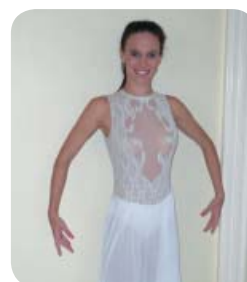
The Harmony International Folkfest 2011 has once again combined a riot of colour with tantalising music and exotic dancing in a **RAINBOW OF CULTURES ACROSS THE GLOBE**. This annual event in its eighteenth year of production is one of its kind where a vibrant ethnic mix of approximately 350 performers from the West Australian Community performed on the same stage. The high level of professionalism and the harmonious relationship amongst the performers is a true indication of harmony at its best.



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Afrah Belles - Exhilarate - Arabia



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Member for North
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representing Hon. John
Castrilli MLA, Minister
for Citizenship and
Multicultural Interests**



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Thai Srivichai Dance - Thailand



St. Andrew's Greek Dance Group - Greece



Pavithra Dance Troupe - Sri Lanka



Belyssa



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Government of Western Australia
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AAA Christmas Party 2010



On 5th December 2010, at the Australia Asia House, a Christmas party was organised for our clients, the newly arrived migrants, their children and our seniors.

Wozzo the Clown made all the children happy and entertained. Santa Claus dropped by to give out presents, after which everybody had a Christmas Meal.

It was a really lovely day for all the guests and our staff!







Australia Malaysia Business Council

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Profile



Australia and Malaysia continue to benefit from close bilateral ties across a broad range of sectors that includes agriculture, manufacturing, investment, food & beverage, education, defence, science and technology and tourism.

Private sector ties have been proactively supported by the activities of the Australia Malaysia Business Council (AMBC) at both the national level and by its state chapters in Australia.

AMBC is a dynamic, business focused member based organisation that was established to foster, support and promote business and investment opportunities between Australia and Malaysia.

The growth and success of trade between Australia and Malaysia has been significant with an increasing number of opportunities to invest and do business in Malaysia continuing to grow each year.

AMBC Australia acts as the collective voice of the Australian membership and provides a very effective platform for members to identify business opportunities in Malaysia, develop

useful long-term contacts and interfaces with the Australian and Malaysian Governments and their trade facilitation departments and organisations.

AMBC Australia also organises a number of business and related social functions to cater to the wider interests of the Council's membership and includes –

- business luncheons and networking events with high profile speakers,
- trade missions,
- topical seminars,
- industry briefings, and
- Social / cultural events

AMBC Australia also conducts combined events with other locally based business councils, chambers and associations in order to increase the opportunity for its members to network with a broader audience of business and investment experts and professionals.



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SCHOOL OF INDIAN CALSSICAL ARTS, PERTH WA

Sandhya Nritya

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You can phone us on 9267 7609 or email us on amep@polytechnic.wa.edu.au

We'd love to welcome you back to the AMEP!

www.polytechnic.wa.edu.au/amep

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