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NOT A HERO

The ANZAC Day march was over - the old Digger had done his best. His body ached from marching - it was time to sit and rest. He made his way to a park bench and sat with lowered head. A young boy passing saw him - approached and politely said, "Please sir do you mind if I ask you what the medals you wear are for? Did you get them for being a hero, when fighting in a war?"

Startled, the old Digger moved over and beckoned the boy to sit. Eagerly the lad accepted - he had not expected this! "First of all I was not a hero," said the old Digger in solemn tone, "But I served with many heroes, the ones that never came home. So when you talk of heroes, it's important to understand, The greatest of all heroes gave their lives defending this land.

"The medals are worn in their honour, as a symbol of respect. All diggers wear them on ANZAC Day - it shows they don't forget." The old digger then climbed to his feet and asked the boy to stand. Carefully he removed the medals and placed them in his hand. He told him he could keep them - to treasure throughout his life, A legacy of a kind - left behind - paid for in sacrifice.

Overwhelmed the young boy was speechless - he couldn't find words to say. It was there the old Digger left him - going quietly on his way. In the distance the young boy glimpsed him - saw him turn and wave goodbye. Saddened he sat alone on the bench - tears welled in his eyes. He never again saw him ever - but still remembers with pride, When the old Digger told him of Heroes and a young boy sat and cried.

Clyde Hamilton

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ANZAC DAY

25 APRIL

SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY

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Please contact Sophia Karutjindo in Joondalup Office on (08) 9300 2720 or austasia2@iinet.net.au

Office Hours: 9.00am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday, except Tuesdays: Sophia meets with CaLD women's group at Community Centre, Merriwa

EMERGENCY RELIEF:

Funded by Lotterywest and Department of Family and Community Services.

Available to those who find themselves in a crisis situation.

- AAA Perth 275 Stirling St, Perth (08) 9328 6202
- AAA Joondalup Lotteries Complex Office Suite 10/70 Davidson Terrace, Joondalup (08) 9300 2720
- AAA Gosnells Community Lotteries House Suite 3/2232C Albany Hwy, Gosnells (08) 9398 9156
Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm

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Contact Chris Brama

CACP Coordinator on (08) 9228 9833

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Funded by Department of Health (State).

Contact Sarojini Fernando

HACC Coordinator on

(08) 9328 7688

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Contact Manil De Mel

CPP Coordinator on

(08) 9328 3435

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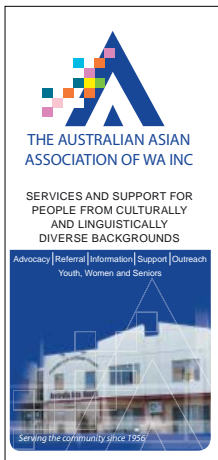
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Contact Olga Ramasamy on

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President's Message



Greetings to our ever expanding family and best wishes to our community groups from India for Holi, Iran for Nouroz, Pakistan on their National Day and Bangladesh on their Independence Day. The recently concluded Harmony Day in our State and the United Nations Day to celebrate racial harmony extend the concept of a happy global family.

We regret at the moment the inconvenience caused to several of our many member groups who regularly use the hall. Members would be aware that in early December the association received a Lottery West grant for renovation work on our constantly used main hall and kitchen. Renovation is currently in progress. At the end of this exercise our members will enjoy brand new facilities, including a replaced Jarrah polished floor (better get those dancing shoes ready), with the latest digital technology and a commercial kitchen with bigger cookers and new tiles. In this regard and with the current groups who have offices in our building, a new Manual for the administration of the Lotteries Complex) has been drawn up by the Association to meet the conditions of Lotterywest.

A joint audit of our aged care programmes (HACC and CACP) were conducted by the Department of Health. They were pleased with the overall delivery of services. A few regulatory requirements were recommended to further improve the efficiency. We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of further funding for HACC services requested under the growth Funding application.

The coordinators of our various programmes stretching from Joodalup to Gosnell's have been extremely busy. Manil Coordinator for the CPP Program has organized information seminars for many of our different groups in areas of Elder Abuse, Diabetes, Alzheimers, Arthritis and Osteoporosis at various locations including the Sikh Temple where a successful Day Centre has been established for members of the Sikh community. Chris from the CACP programme has been busy arranging home care for 35 of our clients; Saro from the HACC Programme has been coordinating programmes at the association for members utilizing this service. KC coordinating the Youth programme has been arranging English language classes. He is also organizing an ethnic cricket match in April. Sophie our Immigration Grant worker from the Joondalup office has been busy providing face to face and telephone service to humanitarian entrants and refugees, as well as organizing information sessions on healthy eating and finance.

It was a great delight to promote the association at the recent functions organized by the Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffaldi to welcome the Mayor of Nanjing and the inauguration gathering organized by the Indonesian Consul General to welcome Indonesia's largest petroleum corporation into Western Australia.

On behalf of the association we welcome the arrival into our West Australian family the first lady Director of Immigration Peta Dunn and our new Archbishop His Grace Tim Costello. We wish them well.

I take this occasion to wish you and your families a very happy Easter. May the risen Lord envelop you with his special peace and blessing.

Unity in Diversity

Mel. Fialho



Coctail Party 8th December 2011



Cocktail Party 8th December 2011 – Australian Asian Association hosted a cocktail party on the 8th December 2011 for invitees/members/staff to celebrate the presentation of the cheque by LotteryWest for the renovations to be undertaken at Australia Asia House. The renovations/improvements will be done in the main hall, small hall, washrooms and the kitchen. The cheque was presented by Ms. Liz Behjat MLC to Mr. Mel Fialho – President of the Australian Asian Association. Joni Sercombe – Grants Manager from LotteryWest was also present on this occasion.



Friday's Seniors Christmas Lunch 2011



The Friday seniors group which consists of Indian, Srilankan, Burmese seniors were taken out to "Sawanee" a nice Thai restaurant in North Perth. The group enjoyed a glass of wine and very delicious Thai meal.



Special lunch to celebrate **Aunty Flossy's 103rd birthday**. The staff at AAA and the seniors group that meet on Friday each week at AAA arranged a special lunch to celebrate this occasion. Aunty Flossy has been a long standing senior member of the Friday group.

SPECIAL LUNCH TO CELEBRATE AUNTY FLOSSY'S 103rd BIRTHDAY





Session on “Elder abuse” for a group of Iranian seniors



Mike Claire and Barbara Black Blundell who were working on a project with Advocare conducted an information session on “Elder Abuse” to a group of Iranian seniors on the 31st January 12 at AAA. Taryn Ford from Advocare also spoke at this information session. The feedback was good and the group indicated that it was very informative.



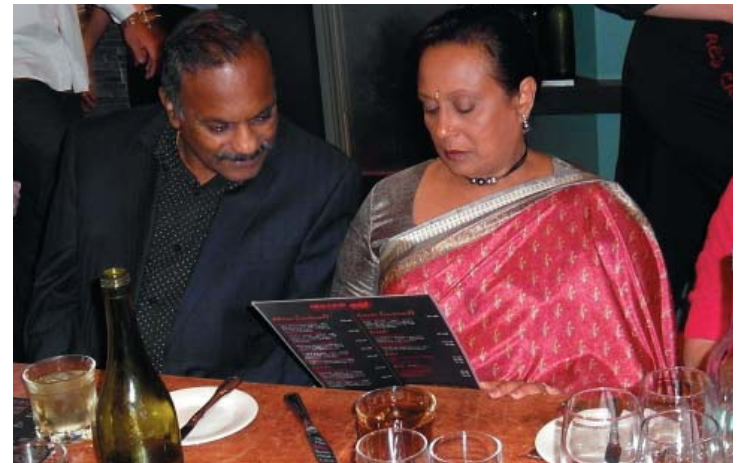
New HACC Day Centre Program at Sikh Temple in Canning Vale for South East Corridor

A new day centre program was started on December 11 at the Sikh Temple with additional funding received for the HACC Program. A regular group of seniors from the Indian Sikh Community attend this program weekly on Thursdays. Other seniors interested in this program can also attend. The program was inaugurated by Delle Donne OAM JP the Mayor of Canning Vale Council and Mrs Olga Ramasamy.



AAA Staff breakup dinner

The annual breakup dinner for the AAA Executive Committee members, staff and their spouses was held at the Red Lobster restaurant in Belmont. The dinner was well attended and the President of AAA thanked the staff for their hard work during the year.





AAA CHRISTMAS PARTY

4th December 2011

On the 4th December 2011, at the Australia Asia House, a Christmas party was organised for our clients, the newly arrived migrants, their children and our seniors.

children laugh and engage in various activities. Also, a big thanks to our president Mel. Fialho who organised a lovely little performance with children singing Christmas Carols.

We thank the funny magician who made all the

It was a very enjoyable day for everyone!





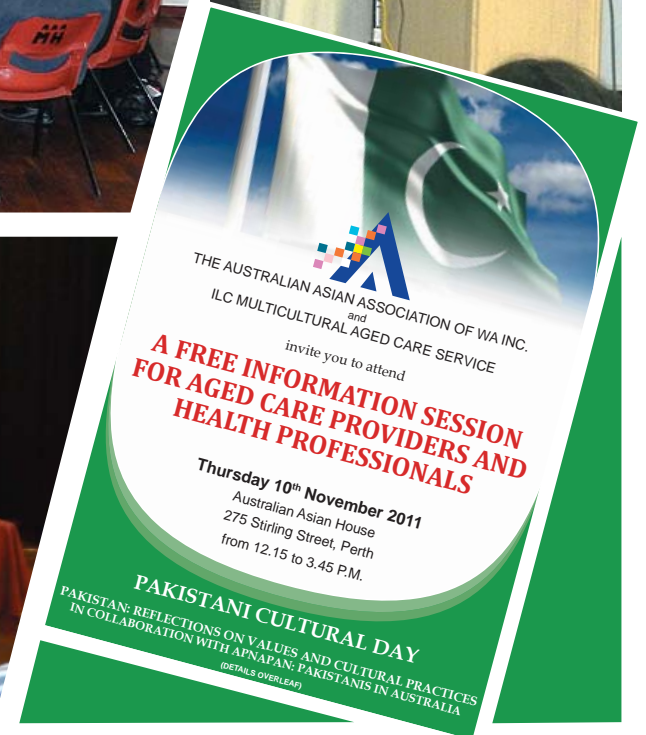


PAKISTANI CULTURAL DAY SEMINAR



A very successful Pakistani Cultural day was held on the 10th November 2011 at Australia Asia House to educate residential care service providers/ health professionals on the Pakistani Culture. At this seminar we had eminent speakers Mr. Khalid Bashir – President

of APNAPAN, Dr Zarrin Siddiqui, Dr. Fehmida Fasim and Dr Asifa Farhat who delivered very good presentations. The participants were very satisfied with the presentations and indicated that they had been able to gather much information.

THE AUSTRALIAN ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF WA INC.
and
ILC MULTICULTURAL AGED CARE SERVICE
invite you to attend
**A FREE INFORMATION SESSION
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Thursday 10th November 2011
Australian Asian House
275 Stirling Street, Perth
from 12.15 to 3.45 P.M.
PAKISTANI CULTURAL DAY
PAKISTAN: REFLECTIONS ON VALUES AND CULTURAL PRACTICES
IN COLLABORATION WITH APNAPAN: PAKISTANIS IN AUSTRALIA
(DETAILS OVERLEAF)

WA Carers Conference 2012

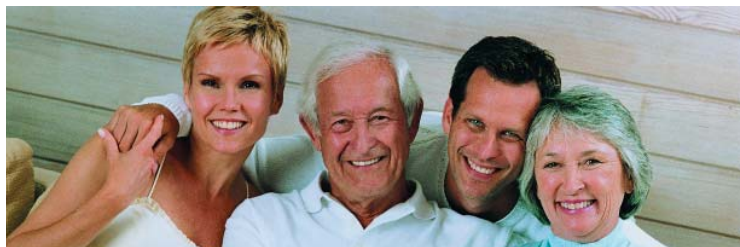
Carers WA and Mental Health Carers Arafmi (WA) are jointly hosting a carers conference titled “**WA Carers Conference 2012: Caring at the Crossroads**” on **23 and 24 August 2012** at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Carers Conference will be WA’s principal carer event to be highlighted in the calendars of family carers, community services and care related organisations.

The conference will seek to have an in-depth look at mental health and wellbeing; services, supports and skills, and transitions in caring and future planning.

The Conference Sponsorship and Exhibition Prospectus will be available on the website within the next month. If your organisation is interested in sponsoring the conference, or attending as an exhibitor, please view the prospectus for a range of packages.

Further information regarding the Conference will be published online at www.wacarersconference2012.com.au, in future e-bulletins and in the April 2012 edition of the Carers Quarterly.

Carers’ voices must be heard on mental health reform



Family members and friends are the major source of care and support for Australians with a mental illness. Mental health carers are a critical part of the care team and have a unique and deep understanding of the needs and concerns of people with a mental illness. Caring for a person with a mental illness can be tough and take its toll both physically and emotionally. At the release of the national policy position statement, Carers and Mental Health Reform, Carers Australia President, Mr Tim Moore, said that “it is critical that mental health carers are listened to by service providers and policy makers if we are to better meet the needs of people with a mental illness and the families and friends who support them”.

Carers and Mental Health Reform has been developed by Carers Australia and the eight state and territory Carers Associations and it is grounded in the views and experience of mental health carers.

To view the national policy position statement and media release please visit our website <http://www.carerswa.asn.au/news-and-events/latest-news/>

DO YOU HAVE A HACC CONCERN?

Are you a carer of a person and have a concern regarding the standard of care received from Home and Community Care (HACC) services? If so, there is a way to get help?

Advocare offers a free, professional advocacy service that can provide you with an independent advocate to assist you in resolving your concerns. You can express a concern on behalf of the person you provide care for. It is a way of supporting a person who may have difficulty safeguarding their own rights or representing and advancing their own best interests.

An advocate will work alongside you to listen to your concerns, give you information and discuss your options. They can also attend meetings with you, write letters or speak with service providers.

If you are a carer with a HACC concern, please contact Advocare on:

Phone: (08) 9479 7566

Country callers: 1800 655 566

Email: rights@advocare.org.au

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It is with pleasure that we advise all interested youth who have difficulty to access English language lessons because of cost involved, that we plan to commence English classes free of charge. The classes will commence in March to May and will run for three months at a time. It consists of 3 levels - with a Certificate of Participation at each level.

Group 'A': Beginner's course for persons who need to gain basic English language skills.

Group 'B': An intermediate course sufficient to attend an interview with confidence to access employment opportunities.

Group 'C': An advanced course which is designed to enable the students to understand and speak the language with confidence and to have the capacity to read, write and comprehend the language at a higher level.

If you are interested, please come and fill the form.

Although the classes will be free of charge, it is necessary to obtain a bond of \$50 to ensure regular attendance at classes and completion of each level. The bond will be returned with a Certificate of Participation at the end of each three month course.



YAM KC - YOUTH COORDINATOR

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www.aaawa.org.au/news.html



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In aid of "SAMATA SARANA" an approved charity in Sri Lanka.

**Saturday 30th June 2012
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Noranda Recreation Centre,
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- Srilankan Buffet Dinner by C&K Black
- Music by the Oceanites and Malcolm de Kauwe
- Liquor/wines/soft drinks to be purchased at the centre

Tickets - \$ 40.00 per person including dinner.

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WA Carers Conference 2012

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Carer Registration – Non-Member ¹	\$66	\$77
Community / Charity	\$395	\$475
Government / Corporate	\$495	\$585
Day Registration (cost per day)	\$280	\$350

^{*} Carer Registration – Members: Carers must be a member of Carers WA or Arafmi. Membership is FREE.
¹ The registration fee is partially subsidised although you may submit an application for full subsidy at the time of registration
[#] Early Bird closes Friday 29 June 2012

Country carers can apply for financial assistance to attend the conference.

To register, visit:
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Enquiries can be made to
EECW (Conference Secretariat)

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Contact us to check if you still have AMEP hours. Tell us your name (the name on your visa) and your visa number – or your old AMEP student number.

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