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*There is **magic** all around us,
You can feel it in the air,
For the lovely signs of **autumn**
are unfolding everywhere.*



*It's a time of fulfilled **promise**,
It's a time of **hope** and **cheer**,
The Joyful time of the **Resurrection**
Blessed Easter time.*



***Wishing
You All
A Blessed
Easter.***



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Karma

When people insult you, don't take offence, don't take it personally, but do listen to their words. They are telling you how they see the world, and they are telling you the exact negative qualities that they possess.

"The Law of Mirrors" states that one can only see what's in them, regardless if it is what is actually present in reality or not.

Release the need to defend or try to explain to them that you're not being whatever-nasty-insult-they've-thrown-at-you, but evaluate instead all of these insults, and realize that this is who they are. Then, decide if a person with those qualities is one who you'd like in your life or not.

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President's Message



Dear Members of our AAA family

My greetings and good wishes to you for 2016. Harmony Day has been celebrated in Australia since 1999 and we at the Australian Asia Association celebrated Harmony Day on the 19th of March 2016. Our diversity is exceptional and this was displayed on the 19th evening as the hall was packed to capacity to witness the younger generation display their talent, skill and culture of their mother country through song and dance. We witnessed cultural performances from China, Scotland, Brazil, Eritrea, Nepal, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Oromo People (Ethiopia), India, Indonesia, Russia, Burma, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Vietnam, Australia and Cuba. The function began with the traditional Lighting of the Lamp by Our Chief guest Hon Dr Mike Nahan MLA, Hon Janine Freeman and our retired CEO Mrs Olga Ramasamy. Harmony Day presents an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate their differences. Different food, customs and beliefs and ways of dressing. It is an opportunity to celebrate the rich life in Australia.

I would also like to remind you our valuable members of the various services offered at AAA. We would encourage you to use the facilities available at AAA –

- The printing and designing of cards, flyers and booklets for all occasions*
- Excellent hall and kitchen facilities. (A Big hall and a Smaller hall)*
- A conference room for small groups.*

We are also conducting a work shop for Young CALD women to improve their knowledge, confidence and skills to manage their financial resources. Please contact the Youth Coordinator Mr KC Yam on 93286202 to register for the above classes in April.

On behalf of the Executive committee I wish you all the best.

Mrs Marlene Burnaby

President



The Australian Asian Association of WA supported by the Department of Local Government and Communities - Office of Multicultural Interests



2016 Harmony Week CULTURAL EVENING FOR CALD YOUTH at AAA



GREETINGS from the Australian Asian Association of WA

We at AAA celebrated Harmony Day on the 19th of March 2016. Planning this event began in early February and as the Youth Coordinator I took on the task of planning the events for the day. The Executive committee suggested that a Function Committee be set up with members representing various ethnic Communities. This committee met regularly to liaise with other organisations and to structure the programme for the day. The members of the Committee included Mrs Saro Fernando from AAA, Amie President of the Thai Association, Negash from the Eritrean Association, Sanjoy Dhar and Robyn from SVAI Association. Invitations were sent to the Presidents of the various associations informing them of the function and also inviting them to participate by displaying the culture of their country through music and dance.

In response to our invitation we had almost 19 communities from 17 countries participating which reflected the diverse cultures and identities in Australia. We had participants from Nepal, Sri Lanka, India, China, Pakistan, Russia, Burma, Cuba, Indonesia, Vietnam, Oromo, Scotland Brazil,

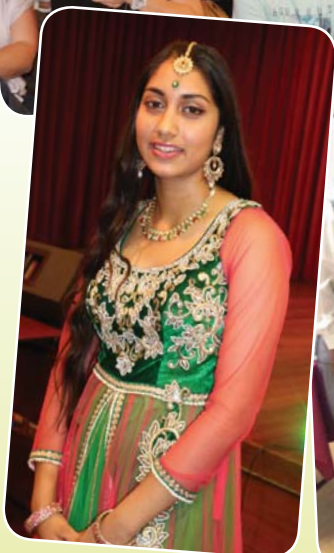
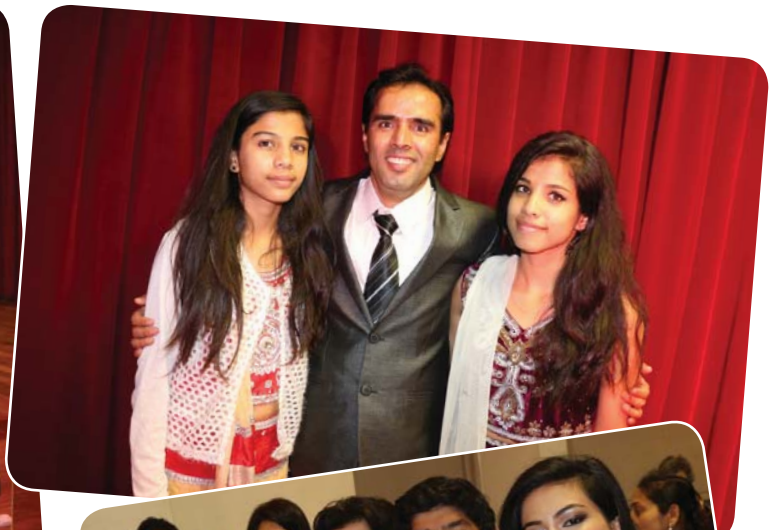
Australia and the Eritrea, Thailand. The program commenced with Amie explaining the Significance of Harmony and AAA President Mrs Marlene Burnaby welcomed the special guests and members of the participating communities. The traditional Lighting of the Lamp was done by Hon Dr Mike Nahan, Hon Ms Alannah MacTiernan and Mrs Olga Ramasamy. The vice president of AAA Mr Melville Fialho, invited Hon Dr Nahan and Hon Ms Janine Freeman to address the communities. A special thank you to all the participants who spent much time and effort for their practice which was evident in the talent displayed that night the performers were presented with Certificates of Appreciation followed by a delicious meal.

I take this opportunity to thank all the participants, their families, members of the Executive committee and the subcommittee, volunteers and all those who have contributed to a memorable evening – Harmony Day 2016.

It was my privileged to propose 'Votes of Thanks' to all the guests and participants who attended the function.

Yam K.C., AAA Youth Coordinator







Triple A Care

The Australian Asian Association of WA Inc

Christmas Luncheon 2016



The staff of Triple A Care welcomed the clients to a Christmas party. A buffet lunch was enjoyed by all who attended. Each of the clients also received a gift.

The President of the Australian Asian Association, Mrs Marlene Burnaby addressed the gathering and thanked the Clients and staff for their support throughout the year and wished them all a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year 2016!

Triple A Care continues to provide services to eligible clients over 65 years of age. Services provided are as follows: domestic assistance, meal preparation, personal care, social support to attend to shopping/errands and group social outings. Day Centres operate in Perth on a Tuesday for the Middle Eastern clients, Wednesday for the South East Asian clients, on a Thursday for the Spanish speaking clients and also in Canning Vale on a Thursday for the Sikh community.

If you wish to access any of the above services, please contact Dushy on 9328 7688 to arrange for assessment.

For Home Care Packages please contact Manil on 9328 3435.







AAA Christmas Party



On 20th December 2015, at the Australia Asia House, a Christmas party was organised for our seniors, clients, their children and grandchildren. 'Krystal Kids Parties' made all the children happy and entertained. Santa Claus dropped by to give out presents, after which everybody had a Christmas Meal.



Australian Employment Force Pty Ltd winner of The Australian Asian Association of WA 'Business Migrant of the Year Award' In 22nd Belmont Small Business Awards



Australian Employment Force Pty Ltd was one of many Western Australian small businesses awarded in the 22nd Belmont Small Business Awards on the 22nd of October 2015. The winners were showcased at the 'Night of Stars Event' in the ballroom of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The awards provide a fantastic opportunity for small and growing enterprises from Belmont and across Western Australia to be recognised for their achievements.

To start proceedings, a Welcome to Country was given by Ingrid Cumming from Kart Koort Wiern. Chair of the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre, Jules Lewin gave the official welcome, and then WA State Manager, Dianne May, from the Department of Industry delivered a message on behalf of The Hon Kelly O'Dwyer, Minister Small Business and Assistant Treasurer. The Mayor of the City of Belmont, Cr Phil Marks also gave an update on business in Belmont. MC's for the evening were Past Chair of Belmont BEC Tim Hammond and TCF WA Vice Chair Jasmyn Mumme. Attendees on the night enjoyed a WA Designer Showcase which was supported by Silverstar Designs (designer Margaret Sylvester), Ava (designer Petra Vanessa and Holly Barker Millinery), Breathless (designer Helen Rimpas), and Arcaro Couture (designer Angelina Arcaro). Thank you to all models and Danique De Kat from the Metro Modelling and Dance Academy in Cockburn.

Winner of the 'Business Migrant of the Year Award' was Australian Employment Force Pty Ltd. Australian Employment Force is a retailer and service provider. Their key products are mobile phone accessories, phone repairs, beauty, food and car washes. They have more than 80 shops which are located in more than 30 towns and cities throughout WA. They have

also expanded into Queensland and the Northern Territory. In 10 years the business has grown from 5 to 500 employees. Business owner Khoi Vo is a migrant from Vietnam, and is proud to have enriched the multicultural community of WA.

Vice President of The Australian Asian Association of WA, Mr Mel Fialho, said, "The Australian Asian Association is one of Western Australia's premier ethnic conglomerate bodies, providing rent free accommodation to 17 of their ethnic conglomerate associations from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe in their current building on Stirling Street. The building is used for services by the Chilean and Nepalese Consuls and the also some services of the Filipino Embassy. This building has a major and a minor function centre which are in constant use. The Australian Asian Association provides a range of services to their clients including Training, Legal Advice, Immigration Advice and Case Management, Welfare, Emergency Relief, Aged Care under the Community Aged Care Packages

and Health and Community Care and an Ethnic Secretariat that provides amongst its many services, help to new and emerging groups in preparing their constitutions and registration. Our congratulations to Australian Employment Ftlrce on their success."

For further details on all winners of the 22nd Belmont Small Business Awards 2015 visit www.belmontbec.com/awards



**Carol Hanlon, CEO
Belmont BEC**



Perth's suburbs that changed their names and the stories behind them

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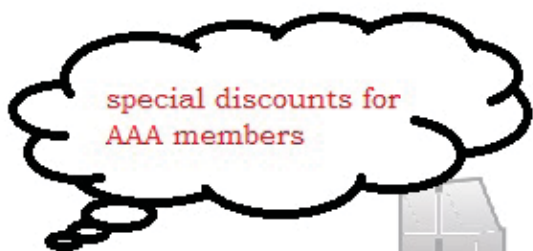
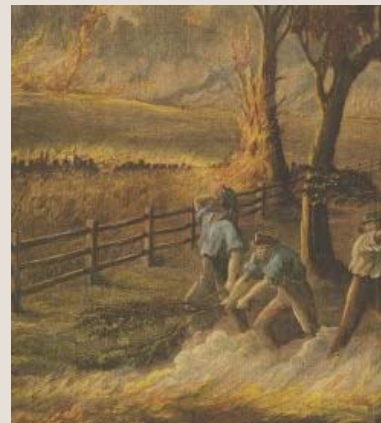
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Time: 9am to 5pm

Venue: Australia Asia House
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