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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa
Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

Dear members,

I hope you are all keeping warm during this cold and blustery winter. As we continue through these colder months, I'm reminded of the warmth and strength of our community – something we lean on especially during difficult times.

The community and the MC especially is saddened at the loss of one of our MC member, Mrs Varinder (Binder) Kaur Kang. Our deepest condolences to Mr Harvinder Singh Kang (who is a member of the Governing Council) and the entire family. Her presence and contributions will be deeply missed.

Much has taken place since our last newsletter in February. Below are some key updates and highlights.

GOLF CLUB ANNUAL DINNER:

Members of the MC attended the annual Golf Club dinner on 22 March 2025. It was a wonderful evening and we were honoured by the acknowledgement extended to our committee by the Chairperson/Captain.

JATHA:

Our last Jatha (Bhai Daljeet Singh, Bhai Amarjeet Singh and Bhai Harjinder Singh) departed on 26 May 2025. Unfortunately, despite our efforts, we have faced challenges in securing a new Jatha from India, with three visa applications being rejected.

Thankfully, Bhai Jaspal Singh, who has previously performed sewa at our Gurdwara, was available at short notice and commenced his sewa on 29 May 2025. We are grateful to our local tabla Sewadaars for stepping up and supporting at short notice.

We are also fortunate to now have Bhai Simranjeet Singh from Melbourne assisting Bhai Jaspal Singh. Both are currently on bridging visas and are expected to be with us for a minimum of three months.

We have very recently had good news that a Jatha has had their visa approved and we are working to bring them to Adelaide later this year.

SCREENS IN THE DARBAR SAHIB:

Many of you may have noticed improvements to the TV screen in the small foyer outside the Darbar Sahib, which now mirrors the content displayed on the main projector screen inside. This has enhanced the experience for Sangat seated in the rear foyer and small Darbar Sahib.

Given the importance of these screens for following Paath, Shabads, and Hukamnama, the MC has taken measures to protect the system from viruses. We have disabled the USB access on the computer used for screen display.

If you wish to use a USB to display specific content, please contact the Secretary at least 1–2 weeks in advance, so arrangements can be made.

Programmes

Darbar Daily:

Gurdwara open 6am – 7pm
Rehraas: 6.00pm–6.30pm

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays:

Tea: 4pm – 6.30pm
Sukhmani Sahib: 4.30pm – 6pm
Rehraas: 6pm– 6.20pm
Kirtan: 6.20pm–7pm
Langgar (after main Ardas): 7.15pm – 8pm

Saturdays:

Asa Ki Vaar: 6am – 7.30am

Sundays:

Breakfast: 8am – 11am
Sukhmani Sahib: 8.30am – 10am
Sangat Kirtan: 10am – 10.30am
Jatha Kirtan: 10.30am – 11.30am
Langgar (after Ardas): 11.30am – 1pm

JP services are available every Sunday from 10.30am to 11.30am



Some snapshots from the 2025 Golf Club dinner.



MAINTENANCE:

We are pleased to announce that the Society has been awarded a one-off "Expand Together – Infrastructure and Equipment" grant of \$19,084 for 2025–26.

We thank the Hon. Zoe Bettison MP, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for her continued support. This will help us in upgrading and purchasing of essential kitchen equipment.

We will also be looking at upgrading the large sink unit at the rear of the kitchen that is used for washing the large cooking pots.

Additionally, the shower in the downstairs Jatha room has been removed and the space converted into a secure storage space for audio-visual and IT equipment.

Our in-house maintenance team, along with dedicated volunteers and Sewadaars, continue to manage general upkeep, and we are deeply thankful for their undivided commitment.

LIBRARY:

The room adjoining the Jodha Ghar (shoe area) has been re-furnished and now houses the SSSA Library, previously located off the Eliza Room. The room off the Eliza Room can now be utilised by the Punjabi School as an extra classroom.

The relocation has made the library more accessible to the Sangat. It is open during program times and is also being used by the Gurbani class.

Plans are underway to display Golf Club trophies in this room, and additional lighting will also be installed soon.

GURBANI CLASSES:

The Gurbani Vichar class initially established by the Late Master Joginder Singh in the early 1990s and continued under the expert guidance of Sardar Ajmer Singh Randhawa (who retired earlier this year), are currently on pause.

We are actively seeking volunteers to continue this important sewa. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to the MC.

SSSA ANNUAL DINNER:

What a fantastic evening we shared on 7 June 2025 at The Observatory 23, with approximately 250 attendees! This event was made possible thanks to a Multicultural Grants Program grant of \$4,370 through the support of Minister Zoe Bettison MP and the South Australian Government.

A big thank you to all the MC members for their contribution and efforts in bringing this evening together. A special appreciation also goes to the volunteer team – Amritpal Kaur, Parvinder Kaur Dhillon, and Manvinder Kaur who worked with Randip Kaur and provided support to the MC throughout the planning process.

We also appreciate the generous individuals and businesses who donated raffle and door prizes. Your contributions reflected the goodwill and generosity that lives within our community. Your support truly helped create a warm, memorable, and vibrant night.

OTHER EVENTS:

On 18 May 2025, Adelaide Sangat SA hosted a community outreach stall in our car park, featuring brochures, children's books, and other resources. Proceeds from sales went toward their charitable projects, which include hospital support, grocery assistance, and funeral aid.

On 2 June 2025, a special kirtan program by Sant Baba Kashmira Singh Ji Alhoran Sahib was held, organised by Sikh Services Australia, and attended by many from the wider Adelaide Sangat.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING –

Constitution Review:

The EGM that was originally planned for 28 June 2025 was deferred to 19 July 2025 due to the passing of Mrs Varinder Kaur Kang.

The EGM focused on discussing, finalising, and voting on proposed motions submitted at the 2024 AGM by Mr Pirthipal Singh and the outgoing Governing Council, concerning amendments to the Constitution. These motions from the GC stemmed from a review process initiated by the previous MC and GC in late 2023, with legal guidance from lawyers, Randle & Taylor.

The first part of the EGM was spent clarifying some concerns regarding the MC's intent and process integrity. I want to assure members that the current MC has reviewed all proposed amendments thoroughly and exercised its responsibility to recommend further improvements – including those that enhance clarity, consistency, and compliance.

Some members questioned the lack of a formal sub-committee. I would like to clarify that there is no constitutional requirement to form a sub-committee or provide written rationale for each amendment. While a sub-committee was formed in 2012, it was disbanded after completing its work. Since then, three constitutional reviews have occurred without a sub- committee.

Due to time constraints, not all proposed changes could be deliberated. Members agreed to reconvene for an adjourned EGM later this year (post-AGM). I sincerely hope more members will attend and contribute constructively to these discussions for the benefit of our Society.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The SSSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Saturday, 30 August 2025. I strongly encourage all members to attend and participate in shaping the future of our Society.

IN CLOSING

I'm incredibly proud of what we've accomplished together, thanks to the hard work, dedication, and collective spirit of our MC and the Sangat. Your continued support and involvement make all the difference.

Warm regards,
Gurdev Kaur Bahl
President, SSSA

REMINDER

44th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

- The will be held on Saturday, 30th August 2025 at 1.00pm in the Eliza Room

AKHAND PATH IN CONJUNCTION WITH SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI PARKASH

- Akhand Path Arambh : Friday, 5th September 2025 at 8.00am
- Akhand Path Bhog : Sunday, 7th September 2025 at 9.00am, followed by Kirtan and Program Conclusion by 12pm.



The Adelaide Sangat SA community outreach stall that raised proceeds toward charitable projects that includes hospital support.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER – SIKH SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER 2025

What an incredible evening it was! The Sikh Society of South Australia's Annual Dinner at Observatory 23 (Hackney Rd) on Saturday, 7 June 2025 was a night full of joy, laughter, and community spirit. With delicious food, and great company, it was the perfect celebration of our shared culture and connection.

From heartfelt speeches to fun-filled moments, the night brought us all closer and reminded us why our community is so special. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it such a memorable event!







