

# Australian Residents & Anglo-Indian Association



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# ARAIA

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*ARAIA begins to fulfill its Charter - TRUSTEES appointed to develop Funds to build our own Institutions — Charity begins at Home and new Bank trust account set aside .*

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## Special points of interest:

- Constitution amended to fulfill chapter on building our own Institutions.
- Trustees Elected
- Bank Trust account opened . Profits of Functions diverted to Trust Funds.
- To reach out to as many Anglo Indians as possible.
- Membership has been easy to access

Welcoming the Founder & Chartered Members the **Chairman Max French** stressed the need for each one to accept change. What that means?

From this moment on every voice that told you can't - is silenced & every reason that tells you things that it will never change disappears.

The person you were before this moment - that person's time is over. Now it is your turn.

**Chairman's Message.** ARAIA leads the way by our policies and dedication to the support of the needy Anglo Indians here and abroad and more especially - stability enabling us to lay the roots of the community in our new country.

The Governing Council has continued in its stride to **implement operational changes** to deepen the foundations.

**Membership** fees were reduced and receipt books given to a number of committee members. This strategy is to bring in many AI families so that our messages could reach them over the next ten years.

**Branches.** The term of Branches has been increased to two years for continuity.

ARAIA to achieve turns to those whose hearts belong to the community, whose passion will serve as building blocks.

I want you to remember that traditionally A I's love a fight. All real AI's, love the sting of competition. When you were kids you always admired the skill of the

the Crimea, the First World War, the African Campaign, the Second World War, in fact in almost every theatre of War or campaign of the empire.

In the defence of India, partition, the last wars with China & Pakistan recorded a large proportion of the gallantry awards were to a microscopic community.

We have the finest people, the best spirit, the best educated



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hockey players, the fastest runner, and the toughest boxer, the finest dancer. You loved a winner.

**We were the European Expansion of over 400 years on the Subcontinent including, Burma, Ceylon & Pakistan.** Our roots began with the Portuguese, Dutch, and later the French & Anglo Saxons.

In building and defending the British Empire we sent tens of thousands of troops, which included the Indian troops, to every thousand Australia contributed.

We were in the forefront in

young men & women and the strategic objectives identified by the Council will be followed and achieved ---

We will gather around us those who love the spirit of adventure, and achievement.

Draw in the new generation and offer them continuity.

Continued growth through acquisitions, assets & foundations to help ourselves.

**Charity begins at home, we will build, assist & protect..**

**APPRECIATION.**

# HONOURS FOR THE YEAR 2007\8 at The General Council Meeting

## *Bruce Soans, Treasurer & Councilor*



Bruce's reputation in ARAIA rose to its present heights as treasurer that altered the representation of ideas in presentation of the accounts, formatting membership in colored detailed on XL sheets and the hard work between branch meetings

and functions that require time, dedication and constant devotion to ensure success.

Though busy running a large franchise, work & home he still answers ARAIA's call to duty and is an important respected office bearer always in the forefront of

any function.

For his commitment, his passion and devotion as the General Treasurer of the branch and towards the building of his community. ARAIA recognizes his dedication & honors **Bruce Soans** for the years of Service to ARAIA



## *Vivienne Manuel, Vice President & General Secretary.*

Born in Meerut, educated at the Pratt Memorial, Calcutta, professionally an Executive Secretary, married with two lovely young daughters, Vivienne is very highly respected & Popular member of the Community,

always in the forefront of ARAIA's activities.

Acclaimed genius in Cake recipes, singled out for dedication and extreme hard work at all our meetings and Functions over the past 12 years, inspite of her busy schedule with work,

home & Family

For her commitment, her passion and devotion as the Vice president & General Secretary of the branch towards the building of her community ARAIA honors **Vivienne Manuel.**



### **Lisa Jacob**

Special Guest artiste performed at ARAIA's Black & White Ball.

Talented Seventeen year old is the hottest star under guidance for next years Australian Idol song contest entry.



### **Michael William French**

10 yrs Old—Winners

Six a side Knockout Knockout competition Soccer Ass: team award. Clubs team award



### **Daniel Soans**

11yrs old—Soccer highlights—Hits the News Stands

Unique Talent , Simply Stunning

**Athlete of the year—Winner**

**100m, 200m, 800m, Long jump, High jump, Shot-put**

**TODAY'S TALENT, TOMMORROWS STAR****“ AARON D'MELLO ”****SELECTED TO TOUR EUROPE WITH THE NSW SOCCER TEAM.**

The highlight of his achievements was selection for the Football NSW Under 12 squad. They will be touring Portugal, Spain and France in October this year to play games against different European Youth Teams.

~Soccer, hockey, cross country running, athletics and AFL – these are all sports close to the heart of 11 year old **Aaron D'Mello**. He is an extremely talented and highly gifted young athlete.

~In 2006, Aaron played soccer for the Saints United under 10 “A” team and was their leading goal scorer.

~His Under 11 Panthers side won the Grand Final.

~He was selected to play for Gladesville Hornsby Football Association for the Under 11 Rep Team. At the end of the season Aaron won the Golden Boot for being the highest goal scorer in the Metropolitan League for GHFA.

~In 2008 Aaron was invited to play again for GHFA as a core player for the under 12 metro squad. He has also reached the regional's for school PSSA soccer and will be trialling for the Met North team in May.

~His European Tour will not only be an enriching experience but also an expensive one! Sponsors for Aaron's trip overseas in October are needed and if you could help support Aaron in any way could you kindly contact 02-88125975 / 0431251232 or write to us at [rashne@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rashne@optusnet.com.au).

**ARAI A in recognition of this lads exceptional talent presented a purse for his achievement at the ANNUAL CHARITY BALL in July 2008.**

**Melanie Sears.**

**Melanie Sears** and Mark Perkovich are Currently the number one Ballroom Dance couple in Australia. Having been the highest placed Australian couple at the 2008 British Championships, and most recently the South Pacific, National Capital and ADB Australian Professional Ballroom Champions. They are currently preparing for the upcoming World Professional Championships which they are honoured to be named the number one representative for 2008.

**Melanie a former World and Australian Professional Champion has been one of the shining lights of Australian dancing for the past 20 years.**

**Her list of achievements include:-**

- \* World Professional New Vogue Champion
- \* Australian Champion
- \* South Pacific Champion
- \* East Coast Classic Champion

Melanie has also been greatly involved in the hit tv show 'Dancing with the Stars' here in Australia, coaching Jennifer Hawkins and Dawn Frazer and also Performing in the world renowned stage show

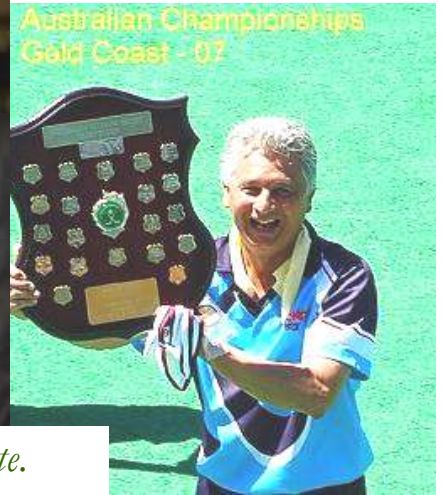
'Burn the Floor'.



# GODFREY PHILLIPS

*Captain of Australia Masters Hockey Team 2005 to 2008*

*Scheduled Trans Tasman 15 Nations tournament in Hongkong October 2009*



*Godfrey receives trophy from Sharon White.  
ARAIA Honours his achievement..*

**Godfrey** graduated in 1965 from **St Vincent's, Asansol, in West Bengal State**, home to many Anglo Indian Hockey Olympians. He was Captain of the School's Hockey, Cricket, Soccer and Athletic teams, and school records of his in the triple jump and 100 and 200 meter relays still stand today. As a 14 year old he played in the Beighton and Kaivan Cups in Calcutta.

With the help of Australian Christian Brothers of St Vincent's the family emigrated to Sydney, in 1966, where his hockey career started. He played Premier division hockey from 1966 to 1986 and NSW from 1967 to 1978.

He was Captain/Coach of the men's team from 1974 to 1978, and Coach [the first] of the women's state team from 1978 to 1980 and **State Selector for 15 years**. He stepped down because his son Matthew and daughter Yasmine, talented hockey players, were coming through the NSW system. He wanted them to make it on their own. Both are members of the NSW team and NSWIS scholarship holders.

**Godfrey founded the NSW Hockey Institute** was a founding member and President of the NSW Coach's Federation, an Australian representative and Olympic Squad member in 1968 and 1972, and Channel 9 commentator for the Montreal Olympics.

He was honoured with NSWHA Life Membership. And has chaired the NSW high performance coaching seminars for the past few years, and been a consultant coach in Oceania, Asia and North America in the same period.

Godfrey has just accepted the role of Chair of the NSW Selectors from 2009 where his experience will be invaluable and priceless. **Godfrey has been a LIFE MEMBER of ARAIA.**

**ARAIA is extremely proud of Godfrey who was honoured at the Annual Charity, Black & White Ball held Annually on the last Saturday of July every year, and we watch with interest Godfrey & Beverly's descendants, the rise of Yasmine and Matthew in the Hockey Circuit.**

# NOEL CYRUS FRENCH

*Australia Masters Hockey Team (Centre Forward)*

*Scheduled Trans Tasman 15 Nations tournament in Hong Kong October 2009*



*Noel receives trophy from Marina Soans.*

*— ARAIA Honours his achievement.. —*

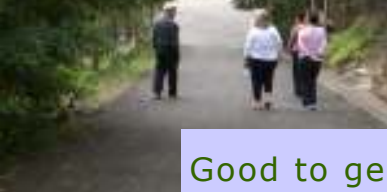
Born in the Railway Colony at Bezwada along the Krishna River, in the state of Andhra, where hockey fields in these colonies were occupied by every teenager from dawn to dusk during the holiday periods. Schooled as a boarder on a 300 acre campus of St. Georges, Ketti, conveniently nestled in a Valley on the beautiful Blue Mountains, Noel excelled in the field of Hockey, Cricket and Boxing. Popular at School he was Selected as the School Captain and Noel's supremacy in Cricket and Hockey led him to be selected for the District teams in India.

Immigrating to Australia in 1971, his great drive and energy and opportunistic skills in scoring goals placed him in demand and he was chosen to play in first Grade Hockey in the city of Sydney. By the mid seventies his goal scoring attracted the News headlines and for the next ten years he was very often the leading goal scorer for his team.

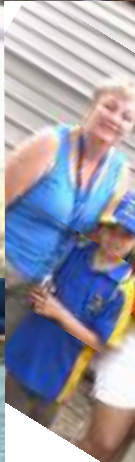
*Noel* represented Australia in the Masters (over 55's) this year in New Zealand in the Tran Tasman series. Selected as Centre Forward, and main striker he will be representing Australia in the 15 Nation Tournament in Hong Kong. His love for the sport has continued with his participation and support of the Sutherland Hockey club and ARAIA sporting events. His Son Darren & Wife Janice have supported his passion and are deeply involved in coaching junior Hockey players.



# CROSS LANDS Annual Weekend away 2007



Good to get away and enjoy quiet country life with added sport for relaxation.



**Cricket Boating Swimming Tennis  
Children's play areas Campfires  
Barbecues & Beautiful walks  
Yes Loads of FUN**



Socials, Good Food, Sharing meals,  
Music, name it and  
you have the time of your



MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS



Mothers day has become a regular feature on ARAIA's Calendar. Gift's donated, the array of Food & sport, fun & games has been drawing the young parents to this Annual event. The mix of Gymkhana games for the elders to the popular sports for the younger generation fills the sparkling day.

FEDERATION BALL—CANBERRA— May 2008



A Glamorous Nite with Ministers and Politicians to mix with amidst the Glitz & Glamour of a well organized, rich event held every year in Canberra

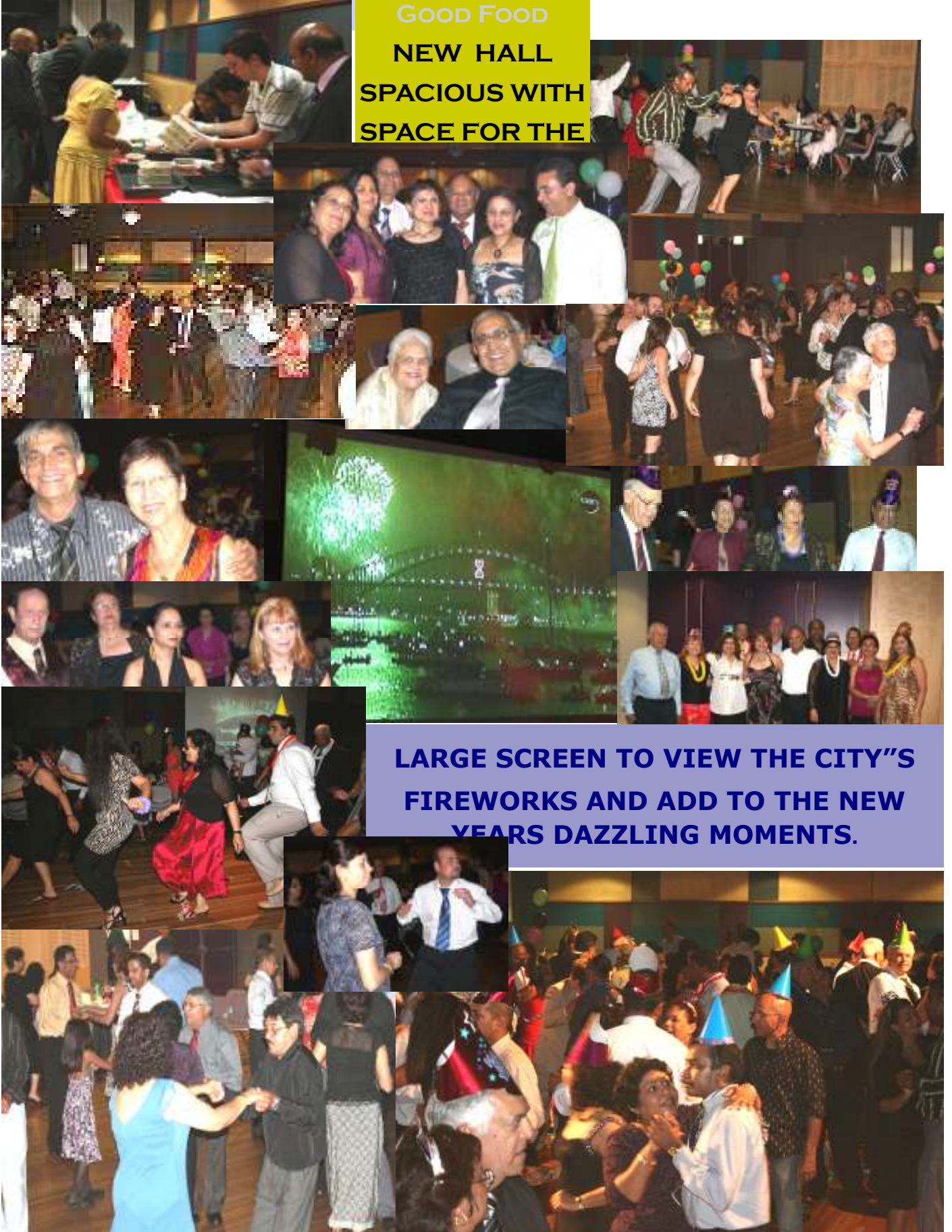




# New Years Eve with all its Glamour and exuberance

A Night presenting the best that could be brought together for New Years. Competitions, Plenty of Prizes, the air filled with wild abandon of Fun, Laughter and pleasant moments.

**GOOD FOOD  
NEW HALL  
SPACIOUS WITH  
SPACE FOR THE**





"THE BLACK & WHITE BALL" 26th



Noel French receives award from Marina



Godfrey Phillips receives award from Sharon White

Larry Stellar receives appreciation for his performance. On the right are the Bailey Sister, with Audrey Murton, Vivienne Manuel & Avril Soans on



Yolanda Gibbons receives bouquet for her exceptional commitment and dedicated Social work.



Aaron D'Mello receives award & Hug from Audrey Murton & Bruce Soans

**The AURA of ARAIA's ANNUAL CHARITY This year was sensational with the "Classic Dances" set amidst "the Black & White theme".**



Singer " Lisa Jacob" receives Flowers from Avril

We have the finest people, the best spirit, the best educated young men



Singers " Laura & Kate Bailey" receives Flowers from Elaine



The "Classic Dance" Winners Glynnis Soans & Partner with June & Hilton