

# Australian Residents & Anglo-Indian Association



# ARAIA

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## 1. Annual General Council Meeting

Spring heralded the fourteenth Annual General Council meeting.

### Chairman's Message.

The Chairman, *David Conquest*, appreciated the confidence given to him by the council and pledged to strengthen and maintain the objectives of ARAIA aggressively to produce change and progress.



*David Conquest*

The immediate target was to increase membership and encourage a number of active and dedicated workers to join ARAIA in their quest to support those who were in genuine need.

He also urged members, their family and friends to help and serve the community to establish a place of recognition in Australian society.

He praised the Trustees for their enthusiasm in raising a record amount of funds at the "Trustees Annual Premier Dances".

With the Trustees operational he was sure that there would be more growth in the development of funds to enable ARAIA to establish a community centre of their own

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*Courtesy a Lahore-based columnist, Masood Hasan writings on Anglo-Indians.*

*Although the British Empire at one point held absolute power in over 52 countries there was only one undisputed 'jewel' in the royal crown. India. Many experts believe that had it not been for the Anglo-Indians, the British Empire would have collapsed.*

*The Anglos were superb musicians and dancers. The floors full on Saturday nights, Sunday afternoons, jam sessions - and other handy occasions - sometimes they didn't even need to have a reason.*

*The Anglo-Indians could set a floor on fire as they jived, jitterbugged, rocked & rolled, swung, waltzed or shook sensuously to Latin-flavoured mind blowing melodies.*

*And it was on the dance floors that you saw girls who could break your heart.*

*With them gone, an integral part of decent civilian life was snuffed out. Guns replaced guitars. Laughter has changed to anguish.*

*They left by the droves, never to come back. The clubs died, the dance floors uprooted, the many services they offered fell by the wayside. Anglo-Indians gave Pakistan a unique gift.*

*The joy of living and of being alive.*

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We're on the web—Visit—  
[www.araia.org.au](http://www.araia.org.au)

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## ARAIA'S Targets

### "Charity begins at Home"

*A rejuvenated ARAIA emerges as we expand and move forward to build a unified Community.*

The movement is directed in restoring a lost generation. Many more events will be focussed towards the aspirations of young families.

### Membership

Expansion of membership - that is our priority. There are over 28,000 Anglo Indians in the City of Sydney.

All we need is \$ 10/-, a contact name and telephone number. You could also use the net to join up by logging on to [araia.org.au](http://araia.org.au).

***It is the responsibility of every member dedicated to the community to recruit.***

*Enrol a Member*

### Community Centre

The trustees continue to build funds while the Councillors pursue to search for a Centre where the community will be encouraged to meet more frequently and co-ordinate activities.

## ARAIA welcomes the newly Elected Councillors.

### Councillor Arthur DeSouza



**Arthur DeSouza**

*Arthur, an astute business person, owns a successful business operation. Born in Karachi, Pakistan, Arthur is*

*the youngest of five children. Completing High School at St. Patrick's, Karachi, he continued to complete his technical studies in Electrical Engineering.*

*Lover of sport, a good hockey player, Arthur was very skilful as a goal keeper.*

*Arriving in Australia he saw the vast opportunities and quickly offered his services as a contractor and shortly thereafter opened his own engineering business.*

*Major contracts flowed on Installation and*

*Maintenance of Road Cameras, Traffic Lights etc; across Sydney and New South Wales*

*Arthur was actively engaged in the Rotary Club of Rouse Hill, where he was **the President elect** and was honoured with the **Young Business Person's award for 2010** .*

*As Councillor in charge of Membership, ARAIA has seen the meteoric rise in numbers on our Rolls.*

***ARAIA is fortunate to have the talents of Joe & Arthur on board to help guide the organisation on matters of policy, strategy and growth.***

*his own amplifiers that are on sale.*

*The purity of sound from these amplifiers being exceptional.*

*A quiet, organized person, Joe, an intellectual is a valuable asset to the development of ARAIA's objectives.*

### Councillor Joe Dillon



**Joe Dillon**

*A southerner from Trichinopoly, Joe was among the last group of Anglo-Indians to join Indian Railways in large numbers.*

*A mechanical cadet with a passion for audio equipment, self taught, changed his profession and took over designing audio equipment on arriving in Australia 20 years ago.*

*In charge of setting up audio systems at large events and Councils alert systems, Joe builds*

## ARAIA sadly bids farewell to Vivienne Manuel



**Vivienne Manuel**

*A very active member as secretary and Vice President, Vivienne was better known for the delectable cake creations that caused ripples at ARAIA auctions, bids reaching four figures.*

*We know whatever she does, she will always be firmly with ARAIA.*

*Outgoing, dedicated and devoted to*

*ARAIA activities, we will miss this brilliant personality on the committees.*

*However we know that she will always be supportive and can be called upon to help strengthen ARAIA.*

***Farewell out going active members. They helped build the foundation and consolidate ARAIA***

# THE TRUSTEES

“ARAIA has envisaged acquiring suitable land/building to stabilize our operations, offering our community, a Community Centre for socials, weddings, meetings and other functions, and a project to build/acquire a Home for the Aged.”

The Trustees, appointed to develop funds with a view to building our own institutions are in position and have begun functioning admirably well.

*The Trustees have created records in sizeable collection s with over thirty thousand dollars in their accounts in two years.*



**L to R -Noel French – Finance , Glynnis Soans - Secretary, Ronald Holmes - President , June DeSouza - Trustee**

## “IRISH NITE”

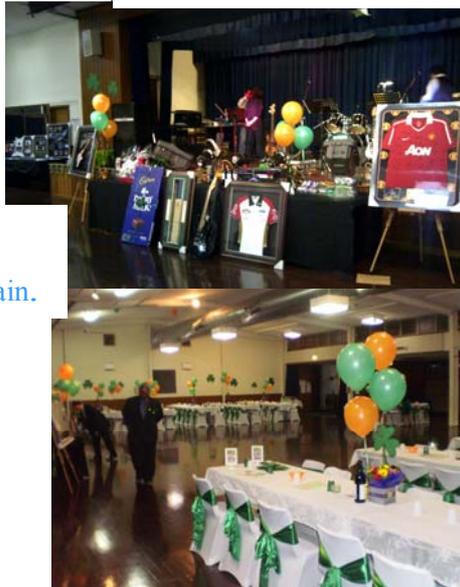
Dedicated to Members with Irish strain.

### *QUOTE : President’s Welcome Note.*

As most of us are aware the Anglo Indians formed the bulwark of the Raj in India. They had manned the army, the air force, and the police, fought many battles, ran the administration and trade, not to mention the railway systems which modernised India.

Free from any political, criminal or anti social activities, indeed, have adapted as readily to Australian life and have a reputation for courtesy and efficiency wherever they work.

The mark of an Anglo-Indian is an international person with a real feeling for and with links with East and West.



In keeping with this spirit of multiculturalism, the Trustees took you to Egypt two years ago, then to Spain last year and tonight have pleasure in presenting the remarkable young troupe of champion Irish dancers from the Carlingford School of Irish Dance.

**Ron Holmes,  
President, Board of Trustees**

*The high standard of the evening’s function, the tastefully decorated hall, the controlled numbers of attendees, the exquisite display of auction items and above all the fashion of the ladies in their beautiful green outfits equally matched by the men.*

*The highlight was the performance of the young Irish dancers.*

## ARAIA bids farewell to Hilton & June Byrne

*Hilton, a remarkable person, was a commanding officer in the Indian Air Force, awarded for distinguished services during the Chinese conflict. Elected as Councillor in 2004, helped shape, and steer the growth of ARAIA.*



**JUNE & HILTON**

*June was a committee member, caring and friendly. In tune with nature, it was only natural that she opened a florist shop to express her artistic creations.*

*ARAIA will miss their presence.*

### WEFARE - Committee

*Beginning with an overcrowded March Family Social, the committee continues to care for those in need or sorrow and help families in difficulty.*

*Mothers day was cancelled due to rain, but Fathers day filled the air with excitement, the Gymkhana games, the food and sport.*

*Marina Soans, Elaine D'Silva, Avril Soans, Heather Ryan and the happy band of committee members are eager to give us more and we look forward to the weekend away in Cross Lands in October specially designed for young families.*

### SOCIAL—Committee

*A year with a feast of activity. The social committee held six functions for the year. Led by Peter Khare, energized by Yolande Gibbons and ably supported by Coral Dillon, Jenny Schofield, Tangerine Khare and a host of willing helpers, donors and very dependable silent workers.*

*Events from chaat nites, Socials, Karaoke and sentimental favourites of Valentine, Easter and New Year dances were enjoyable and financially successful. We look forward to next year for more delightful functions.*

***Don't forget - Hollywood Night at the Don Moore Centre, Carlingford on Saturday October 1st.***

***Dance is a sport. We love sport. Dance plays a pivotal role in Anglo Indian social functions.***

*Whether it is a wedding or a party or community event, we do not miss our opportunity to Dance.*

### MIGRANT—Committee

- *Apart from helping new migrants the responsibility of this committee is to research government funding and divert state funds to the accounts to help fund activities.*

***We are desperately in need of volunteers to join this committee.***

*Contact any Councillor urgently.*

### SPORTS—Committee

*The committee is yet to develop. Controlled by Ashley Aviet the first Cricket match was dampened by rain.*

***Cricket match—ARAIA vs the Mangalorians***

*Venue : Horsley Park grounds, Horsley Park.*

*Sunday 18th September 2011. Time 9.30 am*

*Contact Ashley Ph: 0403053943*

***Ashley requests interested and sports loving members to contact him for induction on the committee.***

## Look out for proposed key events coming up in the New Year 2012

New Years Eve Dance - Don Moore Centre

February - Valentines Day Federation Dance hosted by ARAIA in Sydney.

28th Feb—Sunday. Aus vs India. One day International. Bus load ARAIA Group. Greg for Bookings: Ph: 0414968020

March - Social - Welfare committee

~~~~~Hockey - Sports committee

April - Easter Federation dance. Hosted by Victoria in Melbourne.

May - Mother's Day

Chat night

Karaoke

June: Queens Birthday long weekend - Federation Dance hosted by Western

Australia in Perth

Soccer — Sports committee

July - Trustees Dance

August - Anglo Indian day celebrations

September - Father's Day

Federation Dance hosted by ACT in Canberra.

Cricket - Sports committee

October - Weekend away.

Governing Council AGM/Social

November - Branch AGM & Social

January 2013 -International Reunion - Calcutta.

DETAILS WILL FOLLOW

*To gleam strength of purpose from the words of Buddha*

#### Quote:

***If you want to know your future, then look at yourself in the present, for that is the cause of the future.***

***If you want to get rid of your enemy, the true way is to realise that your enemy is delusion.***