



Australian Residents & Anglo-Indian Association

*Alone we achieve little
.....together we can make a difference*

ARAIA HEAD LINES

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

◇ **HAVE YOU DONATED \$100 TO THE TRUST FUND.**

DO YOU KNOW THAT IF ONE PERCENT DONATES \$1000- ONE MILLION \$\$\$ WOULD BE CREATED.

◇ **OR**

TEN PERCENT WHO DONATE \$100 WOULD GENERATE THE SAME AMOUNT.

YOU BELIEVE IN OUR FUTURE?

THEN ENSURE THAT WE HAVE RESOURCES TO BUILD FOR OUR FUTURE.

Dear Members,

We have crossed two years of the coronavirus pandemic. News of new variants continues and the disease lingers impacting our way of life.

We turn to God as a Christian community in times of fear and uncertainty as we do in times of joy & celebration.

Join us in our prayers for Gods love and mercy and to show us how to face the challenges before us.

Pray for members who are vulnerable, sick, and for those experiencing depression, anxiety or loneliness.

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil. For you are with me: Your rod and staff comfort me.” - Psalm 23.

ARAIA EVENTS 2021:

We had three successful events.

1. Postponed NYE Dance

of 2020 on Valentines day 2021.

2. Mothers Day, the Queens long weekend.

3. AGM on 11th Dec:

The First Council and Trustees joint meeting was held and the following portfolios to the elected councilors were distributed for the year 2022.



Members at the 24th AGM.

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FUNCTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2022

⇒ February 12th 2022.
“Valentines Day” /postponed
Maharajas Ball
CANCELLED /POSTPONED
Refer Trustees page 2
NEW DATE TO BE ADVISED.

⇒ March 1st. 2022
“Holiday to Cairns”
CANCELLED

⇒ March 26 th 2022
“Saturday HIGH TEA”
Welfare Committee = Guest

Speaker - **Dr. Joan Haliburn** -
Ex: Federal President,
Australia and New Zealand
Association of **Psychotherapy**
to address young adults and
families.— **To be advised.**

⇒ APRIL 17th 2022
Easter Sunday Function
Sports Committee
To be advised

⇒ May 15th 2022
Mothers Day Function
Social Committee

⇒ 6th August 2022
Board of Trustees Premier Function. Includes Dinner in exclusive Venue..
Details to Follow.

⇒ September 10th
ARAIA Annual AGM

⇒ December 11th
Children Xmas Tree Welfare Committee .

⇒ December 31st
New Years Eve 2022 Social committee

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS '22

Chairman
Max French

Vice Chairman
Bruce Soans

Hon Secretary
Coral Dillon

Jt. Hon Secretary:
Max French

Treasurer
Vernon Bocarro

Public Officer;
Basil Cardis

Membership:
Bruce Soans

Social:
Arthur DeSouza

Welfare:
Basil Cardis

Sports:
Vernon Bocarro

Migrant:
Joe Dillon

International Fed:
Max French &
Glynnis Soans

State Federation;
Basil Cardis &
Arthur DeSouza

Membership Secretary:
Christine
Conquest in
conjunction with
Bruce Soans.

Permanent Invitees to the Council Meetings:

Peter Cotter,
Kevin Fernandes,
Davina Smith,
Members of the
Sports committee,
Members of the
Social Committee,
Rebecca Wright,
Peter van Ross,
Avril Soans,
Pastor Robert Wright,
Jenny Cardis,
David Jacob,
Allison Sigmund,
Allan Jacob,



Councilors
Arthur DeSouza, Max French,
Basil Cardis



Board of Trustees

Basil Cardis, Glynnis Soans,
June DeSouza, Arthur DeSouza

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*The Board of Trustees
have recorded the
following important
decisions at their
meeting for information.*

1. **Valentines Day/ post-
poned Maharajahs event**
that was to be held on
February 12th '22 is
cancelled due to covid
restrictions on indoor
settings.

The function will be reset
to another day, maybe an
open event with Music,

Food and entertainment
to be advised to suit the
required restrictions.

**Tickets already sold will
be honored for the
revised date.**

Details to follow.

2 The Trustees **Annual
function** on the 6th of
August will be held with

Dinner at an exclusive Cen-
tre with Music, Dinner and
Dancing.

Details in flyer will follow.

3. **Purchase of Property** will
be placed before the
Chartered Members at a
special meeting in May '22.

BIRTH OF THE ANGLO-INDIANS

Past newsletters carried
facts on fore runners of
the Anglo-Indians.

The reign of king Henry
stripped the catholic
church of its wealth that
nearly created a civil war.

Bloody Mary, his daugh-
ter followed. It was dan-
gerous to be a
protestant.

It was the period of the

reformation of the
church headed by
Martin Luther.

Queen Elizabeth
succeeded, brought
peace between the
religious factions, built
the Treasury with raids
on Spanish and
Portuguese treasure
ships.

Her pirates, encouraged

by her, came to her
rescue in the defeat of
the Spanish Armada.

Her reign also saw a
brilliant flourishing of the
arts, Science, stability
and peace.

Followed by evidence of
families from that era,
Drake, Hawkins, Gilbert,
Shakespeare, Marlowe;
poets **Edmund Spen-**

ser & Sir Philip Sidney;
prose writers **John
Lyly and Thomas Nashe.**

English inventor and
engineer, **Thomas
Savery,** of steam power
and **Isaac Newton** the
telescope etc;

There are Anglo-Indian
families with these
names in India

BIRTH OF THE ANGLO-INDIANS

THE PORTUGUESE

BY HERBERT STARK

Quote: Blue o'er the silver flood
Malabria's mountains gleam:
The sailors on the main-top's airy
round,
"Land! Land!" aloud, with waving
hands, resound:
Aloud the pilot of Melinda cries,
"Behold. O Chief, the shores of
India rise!"

Lusiad, Book, 1'1.



It was the birthday of a new era when Vasco Da Gama, landed at Calicut in 1498.

Portuguese established large areas of territory. The great Alfonso d' Albuquerque, advanced trade that was not the only object for which they had come so far



East. They were sent as missionaries of the Christian Gospel. Thus, the policy of colonisation had religious as well as secular support.

He consolidated power by peaceful measures and embarked on the policy of encouragement to his compatriots to marry native women. Many of the brides were the widows and dependents of Muhammadans whom the Portuguese had slain in battle.

Albuquerque presided at their weddings, and he gave dowries to those who married the women who were the daughters of the principal men of the land.



1498: VASCO DA GAMA MEET THE ZAMORIN OF CALICUT

There was a miscalculation. The inexorable law of action and reaction had been overlooked.

From the moment of their baptism, the Indian wives suffered the inexpressively severe penalty of being put out of caste by their kinsfolk, who on their part smarted under the stigma of being related to social-derelicts. The wronged families brooded over the disgrace that had overtaken them, and this bred rancour in their hearts against the Portuguese to whom they owed their degradation.

The atmosphere thus engendered and highlighted the prospects of Portuguese trade, and embitterment developed into the causes which ultimately ended Portuguese hopes of domination in India" - unquote

The Moghul emperor, when slighted by Portuguese who built unauthorised fortifications around trading posts at the mouth of the Ganges, swept them into the river with embarrassing ease.

THE HONORABLE EAST INDIA COMPANY

Mughal capitals were busy with traders, artists, poets, aristocrats, warriors, and clerics, all of whom contributed to the flow of around £100m annually, equivalent to roughly £10bn today, to the imperial exchequer.

John's Company, the name given to HEIC by their employees, arrived at this exotic land. Major shift in European consumption was responsible for a fast growing demand for cotton, silks and for tea and coffee.

The Dutch ascendancy reduced Portuguese trade.

Quoting from Herbert Stark,

"The Soldiers and employees of the HEIC began to form in the stages by which the English obtained a footing in India were fortuitous and unpremeditated

In India there were Armenians, Arabs, Jews and others, of whom, landed before 780 A.D. on the Malabar Coast, settled in India.

John's Company utilised the Armenians whose language was Persian. The relationship was obviously of mutual advantage and inter-marriages were many.

Peace and intermarriage with the Portuguese were the first choice. These spouses were proud of their heritage.

themselves by taking for their partners in life the women of the land :: and they were in position to pick the best.



Portuguese Ladies in year 1612

Englishmen coming out to India were completely cut off from their homeland, deprived of women of their own race.

They accordingly solaced



Then to, not infrequently Indian women at nightfall visited the battlefield to minister to the wounded and dying, and there were some who would not pass a white man, because he was a white man. What more

A NEW COMMUNITY IS BORN – HERBERT STARK

natural that a soldier or officer married the dusky village maid who had staunch his wounds or moistened his parched lips?



While the soldiers occupied these “barracks”, their wives and children lived in the groups of huts provided for them beyond the glacis.

At first buildings were mere magnified huts erected for the storage of cargoes awaiting shipment, or of consignments to be sold. The money and commodities lying in them represented wealth which attracted the cupidity of bandits and outlaws, and of freebooters.

In times of danger, they came into the “fort” for refuge, but at other times they and the soldiery were engaged in bringing trade into the factory, superintending weighments, and directing the loading or unloading of cargo.

The children formed the beginnings of a new race standing in detachment from the people of the soil, and separated from them by speech, religion, dress, customs and habits by those fundamentals which go to constitute nationality.

The children grew up in attachment to, and in dependence upon, the nation of their fathers.

**The Pioneer Englishman and his Indian Wife
I am a man more sinned against than sinning”
King Lear.**

It was imperative that the factories should be rendered capable of being effectively defended. Buildings and Forts of a more permanent character were erected, and canons were mounted.

British ships brought out men to garrison the factories, and to take up residence. Indeed, the Fort had become too small to accommodate all the soldiers on the establishment and many of them were compelled to live in the native quarter of the town.

It thus came about marriages with Indian women increased in proportion as marriages with Portuguese women decreased.

President of Madras said “The marriage of our soldiers to the native women is a matter of such consequence to posterity that we shall be content to encourage with some expense.”

The authorities of the Company were not slow to recognise and appreciate the advantages from the alliances formed by their servants with Indian women.”

unquote.

Quote: Clarion call of the Early Period.

Go, call thy sons; instruct them what a debt

They owe their ancestors; and make them swear

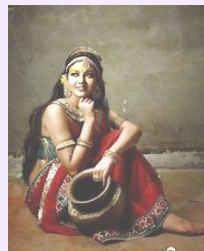
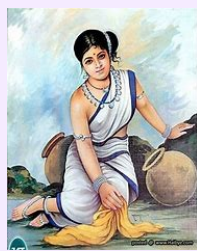
To repay it, by transmitting down entire

Those sacred rights to which themselves were born.

Mark Akenside

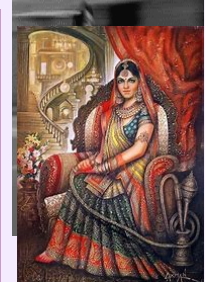


Paintings South Indian Ladies in the Seventeenth Century.



Bred with spartan contempt for luxury, inured by the vicissitudes that the company's fortunes experienced, the first arrivals had laid the foundation of a trade which necessitated protection during its infancy, Local labor during its expansion, defense by arms during its consolidation.

John’s company received all three from its Indian born sons.



Sixteenth Century Drawings.

FRANK ANTHONYS VIEW TO FOLLOW ON THE BIRTH OF THE COMMUNITY.