



AUSTRALIAN Residents & Anglo-Indian Association

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

**Patrons: Hector Soans OAM
Noel French**

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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN

Dear Members,

The last few years has delivered disasters in all forms, natural , man-made, war, rising prices delivering turbulence to the world.

We have our wealthy middle class and a lower income group. **Wealth is not the means to an end to grow the community.** Networking amongst ourselves is important. Investing in each other and by engaging with each other. Simple truth is many are rich, many are poor in every community.

There are no problems only opportunities for growth. ARAIA's policies are frequently repeated.

1. To preserve our identity and raise Visibility of the community, both Politically & Culturally.
2. Urge Anglo-Indians to remember their roots.
3. To achieve the vision of the Founders for our own estate.

Our communities future depends on the resources that we are able to muster in times of need.

Building the future

Hector Soans OAM, received the Queens honor's for **Services to the Anglo-Indian community.** Asked by reporters what he hopes to achieve in the future with his OAM.

Hector unwavering said "I hope to build a Community Hall and also houses that new migrants need for initial accommodation. I hope the government will support this dream and help us with a grant of land or money".

While most of us don't have quite as much at stake financially, it doesn't mean **leaving a legacy, passing down a charitable or philanthropic amount in your will for the future of your community** is an answer to support the critical question of building urgently.

Things get solved if you get involved. Build the future by giving in the present to the TRUST FUND.

Kind regards,

**Max French
Chairman**



SPECTACULAR HOLLYWOOD "OSCARS BALL"

A NIGHT of GLAMOUR, Guests in their best attire, Dance Floor filled with fun and laughter. With International singer Kamahl as a Guest.

It was a night constructed by **Glynnis Soans** the President of the "Trust Board" who has over many years maintained a high standard. The night began with



photos on the red carpet capturing the members arriving, with back-ground Music played by an Anglo-Indian Band, "Moonshine Drive".

Rare that the community gathers together in such large numbers.



OSCAR'S NITE YEAR '22

Nereus D'mello as MC welcomed guests, our Patrons, Guest Kamahl an International singer, leaders of MCAS, Joe Bailey, President, Canberra.



ELAINE

Elaine Roache introduced the sale of Raffle Tickets, mentioning the major sponsors, donations from Hector Soans \$1000 & herself gifting, the bonus prize — *Hotel Accommodation-5 day 4 night Australia wide or Overseas.*

Raffle Tickets were a sell out.

Gerard Rodrigues, Band leader of Moonshine Drive" summed up the evening in his note: "Congratulations to ARAIA and to Glynnis

in particular to have organised an event to a packed house. I totally understand the planning, time, energy and not to forget the stress and uncertainty due to the COVID situation but kudos to you and the rest of Team ARAIA".



Tribute was paid to members with the Queen's honours and also those whose "Labour of Love" support the community.

Community CRICKET.

ARAIA team led by captain Vernon Bocarro won the Social Community triangular Cricket held on 29th May.



ARAIA CRICKET TEAM

Kyle batted with a flurry of boundaries in the finals assuring us the CUP..

COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Councilors have opened invitations to members interested in ARAIA moving forward to attend Council meetings.

You are what you do, not what you say you'll do. Help us build the future by giving in the present your knowledge and intellect.

Join us to "Lead the way".

Please contact for an invite to either

- Coral Dillon** **Ph: 040 371 3144 or**
- Max French** **Ph: 041 338 7041**

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Kamhl & Hector Soans OAM

Joe Bailey, President of the Canberra branch introduced Hector Soans.

Honored by the Queen for his Services to the Anglo-Indian community, Hector strongly supported his Anglo-Indian roots and his vision as the first Chairman of ARAIA was to purchase land and build our very own club house: a meeting place for all.

Resilience and perseverance will help us achieve this goal.

This kept the Anglo-Indian dream alive of building our own estate. Till, today, Hector continues to actively support every ARAIA function, gathering his friends, inspiring, motivating and donating liberally.

For his vision, and for his services to the Anglo-Indian community, the crowd stood and applauded this amazing gentleman, Hector Soans OAM.

"BRICK SCHEME" DONATIONS to escalate the "TRUST FUNDS".

Our Premier function is the main contributor towards the "Trustees Funds".

Records show younger members are main donors to the above scheme.

We need 1% of Anglo-Indians to donate a thousand dollars to reach a million.

We specially thank the following large donors.

- Late Audrey Murton \$3276
- Sports Comm: \$1600
- Anonymous \$1000
- Hector Soans \$ 1000
- Glynnis Soans \$ 1000
- Max French \$ 1000
- Wendy Bailey \$ 500
- Sandra Jacobs \$ 500
- Dean Farquhesan \$ 200

Total Sixty three donated many \$100 a few \$50.



Kamhl & Godfrey Phillips OAM

Hockey is a grassroots sport.

Colin Allerdice introducing Godfrey said he was a great player ... represented NSW at a very young age and overnight found himself in the Australian Team'.

It wasn't a successful era for NSW state. The late 1970's Godfrey moved on to the role of NSW Coaching Director. Coaching the coaches, both men & women

The proof was "in the pudding" .. 1988 NSW won its first Australian Men's Hockey Championships since 1957 and a number of NSW players entered the Australian team.

Godfrey's dedication & commitment to coaching was a standout. He thoroughly deserves to be honored with an OAM and join the ranks of Ron Riley and Pat Nilan as other Australian & NSW hockey heroes of the era.



Max & Glynnis Soans

Glynnis, every year on the First Saturday in August every year organized the the Trustees Premier ball. The themes took us through many a continent. Hawaii, Ireland, France, South America, Spain, India, and the night of all, "The Oscars Nite".

Her selfless dedication and outstanding achievement in building the "TRUST FUNDS".

ARAIA honors her **"Labor of Love"** over many, many years."



ELAINE ROACHE

Active sponsor, builder, at every fundraiser for charity, assemblies, of Anglo-Indians for many years right from her period in the Middle East.

In fact, no event is complete without her presence.

ARAIA appreciates her devotion, outstanding support & promotion of Anglo-Indian activities and honors her "Labor of Love".



Linda and Carl Chater

Many years, this couple have been dedicated to maintaining the disadvantaged aged members in Calcutta, India.

Profits from their catering business and donors have helped them to sustain and continue their sacrifice.

"Selfless dedication and outstanding Services to Anglo-Indian Seniors". ARAIA honors their "Labor of Love"

India - It is known a highly sophisticated urbanized culture - the Indus civilization, dominated the north-western part of the subcontinent from about 2600 to 2000 BC, which gave rise to a distinctive tradition associated primarily with Hinduism.

The Moghul Empire Years (Mid 15th to 18th century)

Into this civilization enter the Mughal Empire, a superpower founded by Baber in Uzbekistan, seized Delhi and much of north India for two centuries.

Tolerant, rich, sophisticated empire. They brought the riches from the conquest of Persia into India. It was during the reign of the 4th Emperor Jahangir – 1605 to 1627- that Europeans were attracted to India the unrivalled textile manufacturing hub of the world, and they began to consolidate.



William Dalrymple

ANGLO-INDIANS Continued Blood Lines - Kind courtesy. William Dalrymple – World Historian proud of the Moghul and Bengali blood in his veins. Birth of the Community/Seventeenth Century. Sr. 3C

Early European soldiers of John company (HEIC) were soldiers of fortune of different nationalities including English, French, German, Russians, Danish, Swiss and Dutch. Also employed were native soldiers, included Rajput's, Hindustanis (mainly from Bombay), Arabs (mainly from their settlements in Bombay), Topasses (Christian offspring of Portuguese and native women) and Coffrees (natives of East Africa and Madagascar brought as slaves).

Quote Dalrymple:

"It all began in the Moghul port of **Surat** on the east coast of Gujerat was the focus for the first contact between HEIC traders and the people of the Moghul Empire. Here the British 'factors' as they called themselves, inhabited a building that combined elements of both a college and a Moghul caravanserai. On one hand, the

day started with prayers and ended in a communal meal presided by the President and a Chaplain, whose job it was to monitor the behavior of the factors, to ensure regular attendance at chapel and prevent un-Christian behavior, was partly a reflection of the disgusting conditions in which soldiers and sailors many of whom had not chosen to come to India of their own volition in the first place. On the other hand, this cozy English scene took place within a Moor's building and after dinner the factors could wash and unwind in a 'hummum' (Turkish bath). In the absence of European goods, the factors quickly adapted themselves to the material culture of India, and very soon such specifically Indian luxuries as 'a beetle box, two pigdanes {from the Hindi pikdan, a spittoon, & a rose water bottle' began to turn up in the inventories of the factories.

Daily life of the Surat factory, there were hints as to a degree to which factors are adapting themselves to the world outside their walls. It was safest for an Englishman to Indianize, and, so conforming himself in some measure to the diet of the

country, the ordinary phisick of the country will be the best cure when any sickness shall overtake him.

The further the factors went from the English base in Surat, the more they find themselves adopting Indian ways. At the end of the century Job Charnock, the founder of Calcutta, adopted the Bengali Lungi and married a Hindu Girl whom he allegedly saved from a funeral pyre of her first husband.

It was in the Mughal capital of Agra, however, the factors found themselves most profoundly, challenged both by the might and prosperity of the Moghul Empire, and by the seductive elegance of Moghul civilisation at its zenith. One of the very first English envoys, William Hawkins, even accepted a wife offered to him by the emperor.

Many British Renegades, most of whom headed into the services of the Deccan Sultanates.



In 1654 many HEIC servants deserted Surat in a single mass breakout. Others soon followed, having first run amok in Surat in a matter of many later groups of hooligans on a night out abroad: their drunkenness and riots, hardened the hearts of the inhabitants against our very names. Little wonder the British



were soon being reviled in the streets with the names of Ben-chude and Betty-chude which my modest language will not interpret".

As with the Portuguese before them, the willingness of so many Britons to defect to the Moguls was partly a reflection of the conditions.

In 1670's the HEIC were disturbed to discover that the Moghuls had set up an active network of covert recruiting agents in Bombay, and by 1680' such was their success that it was found necessary to call home from India all Englishmen in indigenous services.

Few heeded and by the end of the century desertion had become a critical problem for the company as more Britons fled into Indian service, sometimes to the Moghul court, but increasingly, to the rich & tolerant sultanates of Bijapur and Golconda which between them still controlled much of southern and central India." Unquote.

The beginning of the end of the Moghul Empire.

A long campaign of conquest against the Deccan Sultanates, begun in 1636 by Shah Jehan and completed half a century later by Aurungzeb in 1687, that fatally overstretched the Moghul empire, initiating its gradual

150 year decline. This in turn created a vast vacuum of power in the heart of India, **a vacuum that Johns company {HEIC} were destined to fill.**

The "HEIC" a private trading company with offices in London that came to deal in silks and spices, ended up ruling India.

Renegade Anglo-Indians in the employ of tolerant Deccan and the Southern state Rulers, in large measures, contributed to the early decline of the Moghuls.

Anglo-Indians bred in the seventeenth century were the roots that fall into two different groups: those with mixed India and British ancestry and people of British descent, born or residing in India.

Anglo-Indians best years were in the eighteenth century, India for the first time united, under HEIC rule, estimated numbers of A-I's over a million in population at the turn of the century.

Anglo-Indians, with their fellow Indian soldiers became the Roots of the largest Empire, the world has ever known.

**SUBSCPTIONS DUE
YEAR 2022**

DEPOSIT INTO ARAIA
GENERAL FUND
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Civil War - British Isles

After Elizabeth I, passed away, religious intolerance raised its ugly head. Civil war broke out and the most famous was the 'Jacobite rebellion' between the English Protestants against the Scottish and Irish Catholics.

Oliver Cromwell, leader of the protestant sect was the winner.

Dalrymple explains that heads rolled unless the soldiers joined the HEIC in India. Many joined. With peace at the end of the century, Scottish immigration to India began in large numbers with the union of Scotland with England in 1707 to create the United Kingdom.

Under the deal, Scotland's landed families gained access to the East India Company, and gradually become its dominant force. Scots came into India as soldiers, writers, traders, engineers, missionaries, tea and indigo planters, jute traders and teachers.

By 1771 almost half of Johnny's company were Scots.

Also, it is a fact that tens of thousands of Irish men (often accompanied by their wives and children) were in India as civil servants with the East India Company and/or India Office (post 1858), or else soldiered there with the regular British army (in the mid-1800s, 42% of the British army was Irish), or as part of the EIC's own private armies.