

AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS & ANGLO-INDIAN ASSOCIATION



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

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Chairmans Message.

Dear Members,

It is a great privilege to wish you a Happy Easter and Gods Blessings abundantly to you and your family.

A reminder that we are descendants of the blood of Europeans and the subcontinent.

A community that stands out. **Our ancestors were the roots of the largest empire, the world has ever known.**

Our language English, our Culture is the same as Australia, UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand and a number of other countries.

There's an old Jewish saying:

“The only truly dead are those who have been forgotten”.

We gather members who have faith in the future of the community that reflects honesty, freedom and Justice, inherited from our own schools in India.

We will build our future by building our resources to shape the community and reach out to the new forgotten generation.

We hope this message to build for the community will resonate in every Anglo-Indian heart.

The community will never be forgotten.

Max French
Chairman

LEST WE FORGET.



GERALD JOSEPH MASCARENAS
18/06/1946 - 29/01/ 2023

Popular in karaoke, singing events passed away after a long illness. He specialised in electrical equipment.

Patricia, his wife, on behalf of the family wish to thank ARAIA and members for the love, comfort, support extended to the family.

Regular Events

- * Selfless dedication and outstanding achievement - **Members honored.**
- * Triangular Cricket Tournament.
- Future Events Premier Function Theme: **“Gypsies & Thieves”**
- * Sports Easter Nite Club:

TRUST FUNDS

The new generation had a privileged childhood. You have given them security.

The growth on the future of the community is slow. Members with faith and interest in the generations that follow are very important to ARAIA.

We are striving to build a new and energetic community.

“Only a Life lived for others is a Life worthwhile”

We will honor our Philanthropist and those who work to build.

We will never forget.

A “Trust Fund” is in place. Leave a amount in your legacy to escalate the fund.

Spread the word.

One percent of us in the state donates \$1000 we will have the resources to start building.

Events of the present year.

The Annual General Meeting was held in December. '22.

Council OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 2022/23

Chairman and Social activities:
Max French

Vice Chairman and Membership:
Bruce Soans

Hon: Secretary and Welfare:
Basil Cardis

Hon: Treasurer and Sports:
Vernon Bocarro

Council Member
Arthur DeSouza

Trustees Premier Function Saturday August 8th.

SPECTACULAR Hollywood "OSCAR BALL"

A NIGHT of GLAMOUR with International singer Kamahl as a Guest and Music provided by a leading Anglo-Indian Band, "Moonshine Drive", Rare that we

gathered in such large numbers.



Elaine Roache



Glynnis Soans

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY on 31/ 12/2022

An evening in a beautiful new hall with the "Silva Stars" and "The Echoes" thrilling a very young audience of families and children.

Glynnis Soans in large measures is the catalyst around which ARAIA revolves, decorated the tables, set the programme with dinner served by waiters at your table and ensured the program was strictly followed.

Sponsored by Elaine Roache

It was a Sell out.



Linda & Carl Chater

For selfless dedication and outstanding achievement on the work for the community. ARAIA honors their "Labor of Love"

Also for the Queen's honours, OAM's Hector Soans and Godfrey Phillips



Triangular Cricket Tournament SUNDAY 29th May 2022

Cricket Funday by ARAIA, MCAS & EAST INDIANS.

Opened to all ages. In the absence of the Goans it was a 3 cornered contest. Captain, Vernon Bocarro led the team to victory, with Nereus DeMello playing a very supportive roll.

Kyle excelled with the bat that led us to victory.

The Mangalorean's with President Stanley D'Cruz and Rowena with their youth catered for the day, with a delicious selection of food.



FUTURE EVENTS 2023

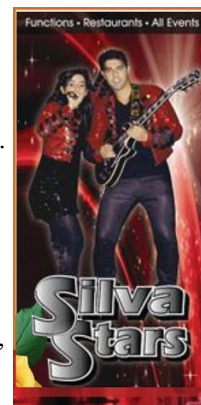
EASTER SUNDAY NITE CLUB - April 9th - by THE SPORTS COMMITTEE..

A night for the youth guided by Dominic Carr, President Sports. The program is designed for the younger generation.

A typical Night Club. No Speeches, No Competitions, No Raffles, No Prizes.

Only DANCING NON-STOP.

Bring the younger generation with you, a family friendly nite,



We look forward to the attendance of Bands, Cricketers, and the younger generation, who have played at functions or represented ARAIA.

We will be disappointed if they do not appear.

We have our Favourite Band, the "Silva Stars", our DJ, "Darren Jacobs", & Fabulous "Alfie Vaz",

Elvis impersonator, to thrill you.



Gypsies & Thieves Dance - 5th August '23

Note from Glynnis Soans President "Board of Trustees"

Dear Members,

Please join us for another fun, frivolous dress up dance at the exquisite Fontana Ambrosia Reception Centre in Blacktown.



Ladies, be 'Cher' for the evening- dig out your colourful gipsy like outfits- scarves, fake gold & silver chains & big gaudy earnings..



Gentlemen, let loose, toss out the formal clothing & you too don your gipsy shirts or be Aladdin, Robinhood, Blackbeard, Pirate or any other thief in history .



Returning to the stage is dynamic 8 piece band "Moonshine Drive" & they will rock your socks off playing Rock n Roll, Ballroom & Disco tunes to excite you & entice you onto the dance floor

Our raffle with a fab 1st prize, plus other great prizes, will be drawn on the night. Tickets on sale pre the event.

So dear ones, gather up a table of Gypsies & Thieves & deposit to secure your seat! \$60pp or \$20 for Children up to & including 11yrs requiring a seat - no matter what age.

Ticket includes all you can DRINK- Wines, Bubbly, Beer & Soft drinks. A variety of Hors d'oeuvres on your tables, followed by a sumptuous all you

can eat Greek food BUFFET Tea, Coffee & Dessert will be served at your tables

Please email Glynnis the amt banked & full names of all attending for door list. (gsoans1@gmail.com)

This is a ticketless function.

Araia Trust Account BSB: 611 100 Acct: 900077602 Ref: your name Amt: \$60pp- **Get your tickets now.**

Do not miss out on this sizzling evening of gipsy fun, thieves frivolity, eating, drinking & dancing

Glynnis Soans
ARAIA Trustee President



Wanted: Sponsors, Brochure adverts, Prizes Raffle, Individual donors.

ANGLO-INDIANS

The **Blood Lines.** 'Roots' of a Unique Community.

Know your Roots.

Eighteenth Century. 1700 – 1800

Who is an Anglo Indian in this century?

The first use of "Anglo-Indian" was to describe all British people who lived in India.

Anglo-Indian authors of this period, the days of Prosperity, state there was no distinction between European and mixed descent,

Anglo-Indian sons were taken freely into covenanted ranks and reached the highest positions of trust and responsibility. Many sent to Britain for their education. Ninety percent of Europeans, including the most highly placed, married Anglo-Indian women. The main contribution during this period was to the military history of India. This was to be expected, as the **Anglo-Indian, predominantly from professional soldiers or unashamed military adventurers who lent their swords to the highest Princely, bidders.** There were over a million Anglo-Indians by the turn of the century,

Entries in Wikipedia—Definition

The term **Anglo-Indian** can refer to at least two groups of people: **those with mixed Indian and British (specifically English) ancestry and people of British/English descent born or living in India.** The latter sense is now mainly historical, but confusions can arise.

Anglo-Indian Roots

In previous Newsletters we gave you chapters of

- 1, Our Fore Runners in the Elizabethan era.
2. Evidence of their descendants in India.
3. Birth of the community 1600 by Anglo-Indian Authors,
 - 3a By Hebert Stark
 - 3b By Frank Anthony
 - 3c By William Dalrymple

The chapters following is the 1700—1799 our best years. This will be given condensed in three series beginning with:

Who is an Anglo-Indian? In the years 1700 to 1800,

ENSURE THAT NEWSLETTERS ARE PASSED ONTO THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS.

EUROPEAN QUARRELS.

In Europe, the world is upside down. The American Revolution (1765 to 1785) with the support of the French and Dutch defeat the English. George III was crazy, and essentially the government was in chaos because of it. The British treasury was broken because of decades of European wars. Puritan movements pick up and behaviour patterns from the church set the character of the European communities. What is going on in Europe is also happening in India.

INDIA ANARCHY REIGNS.

The 6th Emperor Aurangzeb (1618–March 3, 1707). overstretches the empire. A ruthless leader who, despite his willingness to take the throne, by imprisoning his father and over the bodies of his brothers, went on to create a "golden age" of Indian civilization.

An orthodox Sunni Muslim, he reinstated taxes and laws penalizing Hindus and imposing Sharia law. In addition, thousands of Hindu temples, and shrines were often destroyed. His falling out with his own Rajput army shatters and the Mughals begin to disintegrate.



NADAR SHAH
Shah of Persia,

He tried his best to capture the deccan but could not subdue the revolts. The Maratha campaign, the militancy of the Sikhs and the Jats boded ill for the empire in the north continually draining the imperial resources. The financial pressure on the land strained the whole administrative framework.

Weakened by his own policies, the Persian warlord Nadar Shah of Persia (the son of a humble shepherd) with remarkable military talents defeats Aurangzeb and walks away with the accumulated Moghul Treasures of 358 years, including the Peacock throne, the Kohinoor Diamonds and 8000 wagons of Moghul treasures.

Without the capital the empire burns out, shatters, fragments, and goes into decline.



AURANGZEB
Mogul Emperor



PEACOCK THRONE



SHIVAJI
Maratha Emperor

The Marathas rise spreading out, marauding, burning villages, and adopting a scorched earth policy, the year 1719 atrocities took place.

Under Aurangzeb, the Mughal empire

reached the peak of its military power, but the rule was unstable. This was partly because of the hostility that his intolerance and taxation inspired in the population, but also because the empire had simply become too big to be successfully governed. When he died after a reign of nearly 49 years, the Moghul Empire was not yet declining but confronted with several menacing problems. The failure of his son's successors to cope with them, divided the

kingdom that led to the collapse of the empire in the mid-18th century. He was the last of the great Mughal emperors. Under him the Mughal Empire reached its greatest extent, then led to its eventual collapse.

The cream of the Moghul empire crumbled, and this period of instability, Anarchy reigned leaving the European rival companies to decide India's future. European companies had the technologies to defeat anything the Indian Rulers can throw at them.

Anglo-Indian writers explain, the French realises that the Moghul Military equipment is inferior and will need the latest. They threw their lot with the Moghuls and decide to train, equip, and lead their armies. The Honorary East India company (HEIC) started building its material base with Indian troops.



DUPLEIX, JOSEPH
Governor-general
French Forces

VS

ROBERT CLIVE - Johnny's
company (HEIC), young street
Fighter, with willingness to
take great risks.



Battle lines were evenly drawn.

The next chapter is the build up of the Military machine and Battles of this century in India.

Ensure these chapters are passed to the next generations. They are the descendants of the soldiers. They need to know their origins or we lose them.

GET YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS UPDATED.

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Building of ARAIA for the Community

The following building blocks moved into place:

- * The membership was rapidly built.
- **"Trustees"** were brought into the constitution, directly responsible to the Annual General meeting to safe guard and build the Trust Funds to invest in our own estate.
- **ARAIA pledges to Honour and offer a permanent memory to our Workers and Philanthropist.**
- Every large donor or dedicated worker will be diligently honoured. We will honour those who have been outstanding in working for our security and building the foundations of ARAIA. We will never forget them.

ARAIA has set in motion to escalate the "Trust Fund". **We need One percent of A-I's to donate \$1000, and we will have the resources to begin our plans.**

Trust Account Name: "ARAIA Trust Funds" - BSB: 611 100 Acc. No.: 900077602

Thank you to those who have already donated.

"Every noble work is at first impossible." Your involvement to implement the possibility mindset that all things are possible.

Spread the word.

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