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9-00 AM, Sunday,  
30 July, 1972Tasmanian  
INAUGURAL MEETINGMINUTES

1. A need for an Indian Cultural Society in Tasmania was felt by some local residents of Hobart. Mr. I. Naqvi took the lead and made correspondence with the Indian High Commission, Canberra and other cultural societies fostering Indian culture in Australia and gathered information about these organisations and their cultural activities in Australia.
2. Following these efforts and local publicity including an advertisement in the news paper (Mercury) a meeting was held on 30th July, 1972 in the Union Building, University of Tasmania to consider the formation of an Indian Cultural Society in Tasmania.
3. At this meeting Mr. Naqvi proposed the idea of forming an Indian Cultural Society in Tasmania and after discussions, the proposal was unanimously accepted by all present at the meeting. It was generally agreed that it would be advantageous to form an autonomous branch of an existing Indian Cultural Society in Australia so that ready and immediate access could be had to the information about the Indian culture and cultural activities such as visiting artists, feature films etc.
4. After examining and discussing the available constitutions of 'Indian Cultural Society of Australia' (Perth, W.A.) and 'India Australia Society of Victoria' (Melbourne, Vic), it was decided to adopt the constitution of 'Indian Cultural Society of Australia' and to form an autonomous branch of this Society in Tasmania. Mr. Naqvi presented and read the constitution which was unanimously adopted marking the establishment of Tasmanian branch of the Indian Cultural Society of Australia.
5. The following persons were elected members of the Society's first Council for the years 1972/73.

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(1)	Mr. I. Naqvi	President	Nominated by Mr. Pathik & Seconded by Mr. Parker		
(2)	Mr. A. Singal	Vice-President	"	Mr. Naqvi	" Mr. Pathik
(3)	Mr. S. Parker	Member	"	Mr. Pathik	" Mr. Singal
(4)	Mr. M. Pathik	"	"	Dr. Pashua	" Mr. Parker
(5)	Dr. I. Pashua	"	"	Mr. Singal	" Mr. Naqvi
(6)	Mr. S. Blythe	"	"	Mr. Naqvi	" Mr. Singal
(7)	Mr. G. Wilson	"	"	Mr. Singal	" Mr. Pathik
(8)	Mr. B. Macklin	"	"	Mr. Singal	" Mr. Pathik.

6. At the same meeting Mr. S. Parker was appointed Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for the year 1972/73.

7. It was decided to convey the decision to the Indian Cultural Society of Australia (Perth) and to publish the formation of the society in the local press. It was emphasised that the members of the Council publicise the society to the best of their ability in order to attract increased membership and gain public interest.

*I. Naqvi*

Chairman



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24 Sept, 1972

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 24th September, 1972, 2 PM  
at 12, England Avenue Montrose

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Present: Mr. I. Nagvi, Mr. M. Pathik, Mr. A. Singal, Mr. S. Parker  
Mr. S. Blythe, Mr. B. Macklin.

Apologies: Mr. I. Pasha, Mr. G. Wilson.

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Minutes of the 30th July inaugural meeting were circulated and taken as read and confirmed.

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The Chairman Mr. I. Nagvi reported that the formation of the Tasmanian Autonomous Branch of the Indian Cultural Society of Australia was conveyed to the parent body at Perth (W.A.) and their reply is awaited.

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The Secretary Mr. S. Parker presented applications for the membership of the Society received. The Council approved all the applications received.

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Mr. B. Macklin moved that there being no provision in the Constitution regarding membership fees the Council may decide fees for each class of membership. After discussions it was decided to have the following membership fees for each class of membership:

\$ 4.50. Family membership

\$ 3.00. Single membership

\$ 2.00. Associate membership (family)

\$ 1.00. Associate membership (student)

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The Secretary reported in brief the financial aspect of the Society and stressed the importance of attracting more membership in order to strengthen financial position of the Society. He also reported the receipts of membership fees and the preliminary expenses incurred which was noted.

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Mr. M. Pathik suggested that a bank account should be opened in the name of the Society. On the suggestion



of Mr. B. Macklin it was decided to open an Account in Bank of Adelaide, Hobart. The president Mr. I. Naqvi and the Secretary and Treasurer Mr. S. Parker were authorised to open the Account and operate the same with their joint signatures.

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Mr. A. Singal suggested that in order to have more close contacts with the Community and attract membership, we must arrange social and cultural programmes. The Secretary Mr. S. Parker suggested that we may arrange a function celebrating 'Diwali' festival which falls ~~early~~ in the first week of November this year. The proposal was discussed and it was decided to celebrate this festival either on 4th or on 11th November 1972 depending on the availability of a Hall for the function. Mr. B. Macklin was entrusted with the responsibility of arranging the booking of a hall, Mr. A. Singal was put in charge of Dinner, Mr. I. Naqvi took the responsibility of arranging Documentary Films and Musical items, Mr. S. Parker and M. Pathik were given the charge of Publicity. Mr. Naqvi suggested the Minister for Tourism Mr. Miller and Mrs. Miller be requested to be our special guests for the occasion.

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It was brought to the notice of the Council that a few Indian residents here felt that they should have been personally consulted before the formation of this Society. In order to seek their support an informal meeting was held on 27th August, 1972. However, after some discussion it was decided that Mr. Naqvi and Mr. Singal on behalf of the Indian Cultural Society of Australia (Inc.) should have further discussions with Dr. N.B. Roy and Dr. A. Roy in this matter. Mr. Naqvi reported that discussions were held with Dr. N.B. Roy and Dr. A. Roy on 3rd September, 1972 and that they



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wanted to change the name and the constitution of the Society as a condition for their joining the Society. The Council decided that they should be informed that they first become the members of the Society and any change they wish to suggest shall have to be moved within the framework of the existing constitution of the Indian Cultural Society of Australia (Tasmania).

14. The Chairman Mr. Naqvi moved that the Council meetings should be held on the last Sunday of every month but in view of Diwali festival, he suggested that the October meeting be held on Sunday the 22nd October, 1972.

  
Chairman.



22 Oct. 1972

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 22nd Oct. 1972, 2 PM  
at 12/15 Greenlands Ave. S'RAY

Present: Mr. I. Naqvi, Mr. M. Pathik, Mr. A. Singal,  
 Mr. S. Parker, Mr. B. Macklin, Mr. G. Wilson  
 Apologies: Mr. S. Blythe, Mr. I. Pasha.

15. Minutes of the meeting held on 24th Sept. 1972  
 were taken as read and confirmed.

16. The Vice-President Mr. Singal move that Society's  
 correspondence should be presented in the Council Meeting.

17. 'Diwali' function to be held on 4th September, 1972  
 was discussed at length and the distribution of responsibilities  
 for various activities was finalised as under:

Dinner	Mr. A. Singal
Hall Decoration	Mr. B. Macklin
Films & Music	Mr. I. Naqvi
Tickets	Mr. S. Parker
M.C.	Mr. A. Singal.
Reception	The Council Members.

18. Mr. Naqvi moved that the subscription for the function  
 should be fixed at \$2.00 per adult (over 10 years of age)  
 and \$1.00 per child (over 2 years of age). This was  
 approved by the Council.

19. Mr. Naqvi read a letter received from the Indian  
 High Commission about the availability of film "Ashirwad"  
 After discussion it was decided to screen the film  
 on Sunday the 10th December 1972. It was also  
 decided that the subscription for the film show  
 should be kept at 50c for general public and  
 20c for the members.



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Mr. Naqvi moved that Society's participation in the function organised by the Royalette Stars Baton Twirlers in aid of mentally retarded children should be recorded. This participation was in the form of an Indian fashion parade in which the following persons took part.

Mr. I. Naqvi

Mrs. J. Naqvi

Mr. S. Parker

Miss Nasima Parker

" Andrea Runny

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The Secretary Mr. Parker requested that if possible he may be relieved of his additional responsibility as a Treasurer.

After some discussion Mr. Naqvi moved that the matter be postponed till next meeting in view of the forthcoming 'Diwali' function.

  
Chairman



26 Nov, 1972.

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 26 Nov., 1972 at 2 PM  
at House No. 5, Royal Derwent Hospital Compound New Norfolk

Present: Mr. I. Nagvi, Mr. S. Parker, Mr. M. Pathik, Mr. A. Singel  
Mr. I. Pashe.

Apologies: Mr. G. Wilson, Mr. B. Macklin.

Observer: Mr. M. Hardaker.

22. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd October 1972 were read and confirmed. Mr. A. Singel proposed the approval of the minutes which was seconded by Mr. M. Pathik.

23 The Secretary Mr. M. S. Parker read the correspondence received since the last Council meeting as follows:

(i) Letter of resignation as a member of the Council from Mr. S. Blythe. The Council accepted Mr. Blythe's resignation with regret. It was decided to write to Mr. Blythe appreciating his interest and thanking him for his efforts in promoting the Society in Tasmania.

(ii) Letters of compliments on our organising a successful cultural programme synchronising with 'Diwali' festival:

- (a) Indian High Commission, Canberra.
- (b) Mr. B. K. Miller, Minister of Tourism, Tasmania
- (c) Govt. of India Tourist office, Sydney
- (d) Greek Society, Hobart.

(iii) Letters appreciating our cultural activities and offering assistance for our future programmes:

- (a) Govt. of India Tourist office, Sydney.
- (b) Indian High Commission, Canberra
- (c) Hobart Savings Bank Building Society.

It was decided to acknowledge these letters with thanks.

24 The Secretary presented the applications received for membership of the Society from ~~Mr & Mrs~~ <sup>Mr & Mrs</sup> B. K. Miller, Dr. and Mrs



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Hegde, Dr. and Mrs. Bhaskar, Dr. Sharma and Dr. & Mrs. Goel.

The Council approved the applications received.

The President Mr. Naqvi pointed out that the names of the applicants were not mentioned in the previous minutes and suggested the names of applicants be included in the future minutes. The suggestion was accepted by the Council.

25 'Diwali' Programme held on 4th November, 1972 at Police Club of Tasmania, Argyle Street, Hobart was discussed.

The President Mr. Naqvi elaborating on the successful presentation of this first Indian cultural programme in Tasmania appreciated the efforts of all Council members. He also thanked Mrs. Ruhina Pasha, Mrs. Safia Parker, Mrs. Sabita Pathik and Mrs. Jean Singal for their active part specially in preparing and organising <sup>main</sup> Indian dishes for the festival dinner. It was also decided to send letters of thanks to Mr. Pellmar of the Australia Cafe for catering other dishes and conducting the festival dinner, and to the Secretary of the Police Club of Tasmania for making the Club and other facilities available for the festival night.

26 Future Programmes: Mr. Naqvi put forth the following for the future programmes for the year 1972-73:

(1) a Picnic

(2) an Exhibition

(3) a Dinner Evening.

After discussion it was decided to arrange a picnic on Sunday the 14th January 1973 at New Norfolk Esplanade of all the members of the Society. It was also agreed that the Exhibition be held in March 1973 and the Dinner Evening be arranged in May 1973. The dates and the detail programme for these events should be discussed in the next Council meeting.




27 Other Business:

i) Council vacancy: With the resignation of Mr. Blythe a vacancy of a member occurred on the Council. Mr. Nagvi proposed the name of Mr. M. Hardaker. Mr. Parker seconded the proposal. Thus Mr. Hardaker was coopted as Council member which Mr. Hardaker was glad to accept.

(ii) It was decided to issue <sup>occasional</sup>~~quarterly~~ newsletters so as to keep the members informed of the Society's activities and programmes.

28 The Secretary's request for a possible shift of his dual responsibility as Secretary and Treasurer was discussed. The President Mr. Nagvi suggested that Mr. Parker may continue to hold both the responsibilities for the rest of the year and offered to assist Mr. Parker and share his duties as Secretary. The Council approved this suggestion and Mr. Parker tentatively agreed to this arrangement.



Chairman.



Minutes of the Council Meeting <sup>(Tasmania)</sup> held on 7th January 1973 at 2 PM  
At 15, Reynolds Court S'BY.

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Present: Mr. Nagvi, Mr. S. Parker, Mr. A. Singal, Mr. P. Pathik & Dr. I. Pasha.

Apologies: Mr. Wilson, Mr. R. Macklin, Mr. M. Hardaker.

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th Nov. 1972 were read and confirmed as amended in item no. 23(iii) and 27(ii). Dr. Pasha proposed the approval of the Minutes and Mr. Pathik seconded the proposal.

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Letters from Indian High Commission and Mrs. Fitze were read. It was decided to write a letter to Quality Films requesting information about the availability of Indian feature films for screening at Hobart.

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Application for membership of the following persons were approved:-

Drs. Ulhas and Geeta Lal

Drs. G. S. Aurora.

Mr. & Mrs. Glasby.

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The Council decided that a reminder is to be sent to the members about the picnic at New Norfolk Crescent on 14th January 1973.

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The following decisions were made in respect of the exhibition to be held as decided (item 26(2))

(i) Place: Friends School - Asian Centre.

(ii) Date: ~~10th Friday~~ <sup>Saturday the</sup> 14th April 1973 to ~~Sunday~~ <sup>Monday</sup> 16th April, 1973

(iii) Opening: Indian High Commissioner to be invited.

(iv) Committee: For the purpose of this exhibition the Council has appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. S. Hegde (Chairman), Mr. Rex Glasby, Mrs. R. Pasha, Mrs. J. Nagvi, Mrs. J. Singal, Mr. M. Pathik, Mr. M. Hardaker (Secretary of Exhibition Committee) Mrs. S. Parker



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Dr. Pashe was appointed in charge of the Mogul  
Dinner to be held on Saturday the 26th May, 1973

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28.1.73

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28.1.1973 at 2 P.M.

At 7, Wendover Place New Town - 7008

Present: Mr. I. Naqvi, Mr. M. Pathik, Dr. I. Pasha, Mr. A. Singal, Mr. M. Haddad,  
Mr. S. Parker, Mr. B. Macklin;

Apology: Mr. G. Wilson.

35 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7th January 1973 were read and confirmed. Mr. A. Singal proposed the approval which was seconded by Mr. M. Pathik.

36 The Secretary Mr. S. Parker read the correspondence. As regards importing Indian feature films, the Council requested Mr. Singal to look into the possibility of such a venture.

37 The President Mr. I. Naqvi elaborated on the members Picnic arranged <sup>held</sup> at New Norfolk Esplanade on 14th January 1973. The interest shown by the members was appreciated by the Council.

38 The Exhibition to be put up by the Society on 14th, 15th and 16th April, 1973 was discussed in general and following decisions were taken:—

(a) Mr. A. Singal was appointed Coordinating Chairman at Hobart.

(b) All <sup>the</sup> members of the Council shall be taken as the members of the exhibition Committee in addition to other appointed members.

(c) To hold a Raffle offering various prizes of Indian Arts and Crafts.

(d) A maximum of \$50-00 was sanctioned from Society for exhibition expenses.

(e) The Committee to prepare list of guests for opening of exhibition

(f) The President Mr. Naqvi and the Chairman of the Committee Mrs. Hegde were put in charge of the publicity.

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*A. Singal*  
Chairman



25.2.1973

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25.2.1973 at 2 PM  
At 12 England Ave. Mountrose.

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Present: Mr. I. Nagvi, Mr. S. Parker, Mr. M. Pathik, Mr. M. Hardaker  
 Dr. I. Pascha & Mr. A. Singal.

Apology Mr. G. Wilson.

39 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th January, 1973  
 were read and confirmed.

40 The President Mr. I. Nagvi and the Secretary Mr. S. Parker  
 read the correspondence received by them. Further action  
 on correspondence received was not necessary.

41 The arrangements for the exhibition on 14th April 1973  
 were discussed in general. The Chairman of the Exhibition  
 Committee Mrs. Hegde was asked to invite Indian High  
 Commissioner for the opening of the exhibition. If the  
 Indian High Commissioner was not available for the  
 opening it was decided to invite the Governor of  
 Tasmania, the Premier of Tasmania or the Minister  
 for Tourism Mr. Miller whosoever was available, in  
 that order.



Chairman



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1.4.1973

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1st April, 1973 at 2 PM  
At 331 Brooker Avenue, Moonah

Present : Mr. I. Naqvi, Mr. Parker, Dr. Pasha, Mr. Pathik, Mr. Hardaker &  
Apologies : Mr. Singal, Mr. Macklin, Mr. Wilson.

- 42 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25th February 1973 were read and confirmed. Mr. Singal proposed the approval which was seconded by Mr. Hardaker.
- 43 The Secretary read the letter of resignation as Council member from Mr. George Wilson. The Council accepted the resignation of Mr. Wilson with regrets. Mr. Singal moved that Mrs. S. Hegde be coopted to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Wilson's resignation. Dr. Pasha seconded the proposal.
- 44 The President Mr. Naqvi read a letter from Mr. G. Rouhani ex Secretary of the Indian Cultural Society of Australia (W. A.) reporting the present state of affairs of that Society. The discussion on this subject was deferred to further Council meetings.
- 45 The forthcoming Dinner Programme was discussed. As Dr. Pasha has expressed his difficulties to be incharge of the Dinner Programme owing to his professional duties, the Council appointed Mr. M. Pathik and Mr. M. Hardaker incharge of the Dinner Programme.
- 46 Mr. Naqvi moved that for the purpose of auditing Society's Accounts an Auditor has to be appointed. Mr. Pathik proposed Dr. Hegde's ~~name~~<sup>name</sup>. The proposal was seconded by Dr. Pasha. The appointment is for the year 1972/73.
- 47 Final arrangements for the Exhibition were discussed and responsibilities were allotted to each member of the Exhibition Committee.

  
Chairman



29-4-1973

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29th April 1973 at 2 PM

At 131, Carrela Street HOWRAH

Present: Mr. Naqvi, Mr. Parkar, Mr. Pathik, Mr. Singal, Dr. Pasha  
Mr. Hardakar, Mrs. Hegde.

Apology: Mr. Macklin.

48 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1st April 1973 were read and confirmed. Mr. Singal proposed approval and Mr. Pathik seconded.

49 Mr. Naqvi read the correspondence received by him from:

- (1) The Royal Commonwealth Society regarding the display of Indian Art at Commonwealth of Nations' display to be held at Hobart in June 1973. The Council requested Mrs. Hegde to represent the Society in that display.
- (2) Indian Enterprises regarding supply of Indian magazines. It was decided to communicate the contents of this letter to the members for information in the next Newsletter (No. 2).
- (3) State Librarian regarding the possibility of making a shelf-space available in the State Library for Indian literature, magazines and periodicals. Mr. Naqvi was requested to have further discussions with the State Librarian on that respect.

50 Appointment of Hon. Auditors: In addition to the appointment of Dr. Hegde, the Council appointed Mr. R. Glasby as another Hon. Auditor as provided by the constitution. The appointment is for the year 1972/73.

51 Mr. Hardakar presented the Exhibition Accounts which were discussed and approved by the Council subject to outstanding payments.

52 Arrangements for the forthcoming Dinner Programme were discussed and finalised. It was decided that the charge for the dinner would be \$1.00 per adult member and that there would be no



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charge for the children of the members.

- 53 Membership Subscription: The Council decided that subscriptions received in the last quarter of the year should be considered for the following financial year, although these members will be eligible to attend Society's functions in the current year.
- 54 Annual General Meeting: It was decided that the Society's annual general meeting will be held on 15th July 1973 at Union Bldg. University of Tasmania, Hobart.

  
Chairman



27. 5. 1973

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th May 1973 at 2pm  
At 9, Kestral Street, CLAREMONT

Present: Mr. Singal Mr. Pathik Mr. Hardaker, Mr. Macklin Mr. Parkar.  
Apologies: Mr. Naqui, Mrs. Hegde, Dr. Pasha.

55. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th April 1973 were read and confirmed. Mr. Pathik proposed approval and Mr. Macklin seconded.

56 The Secretary Mr. Parkar read letters from Indian High Commission, Canberra and from Royal Commonwealth Society requesting the Society's participation in the Commonwealth of Nations' display at Hobart. As decided in the previous Council meeting Mrs. Hegde will represent the Society and with the help of other members will participate in exhibiting India's Art and Culture in the display organised by the Royal Commonwealth Society.

57 Mr. Hardaker presented a report and accounts of the <sup>Moghut</sup> Dinner organised on 26th May 1973. The Council approved the accounts.

58 Mr. Singal proposed a social gathering at the close of the year. The Council decided to hold an informal gathering of members at supper party on 14th July 1973 at Hobart.

59 Amendments to the Society's Constitution. Mr. Macklin moved that an amendment to the effect that no member shall be elected or appointed to the positions of President, Vice President Secretary or Treasurer for more than two consecutive terms, be proposed to the General body at the annual general meeting. Mr. Singal moved to propose the change in the name of the Society from 'Indian Cultural Society of Australia (Tasmania)' to 'Indian Cultural Society of Tasmania'.

Mr. Hardaker proposed an amendment to Clause 24 of the Constitution by adding the words "at those meetings" in the second sentence after the words "present".

These motions were discussed and it was unanimously decided to propose these amendments to the general body.



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at the annual general meeting.

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60. The Council decided that the voting at the General election will be by secret ballot.

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61. The Secretary presented new applications for membership from :  
Mrs. J. Duffer-Hayms, Bishop Crenshawick, Mrs. E. McKay, Mr. A. Gregson  
Miss P. Hewitt, Mrs. K. Wells, Mrs. H. Allen and Dr. A. Goel for the  
year 1973/74. The applications were approved by the Council.

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Chairman



24. 6. 1973

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th June, 1973 at 2 PM  
At 12, England Avenue, MONTROSE

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Present: Mr. Naqvi, Mr. Pathik, Mr. Macklin, Mr. Hardaker, Mr. Singal  
Apologies: Mr. Parkar, Mrs. Hegde, Dr. Pasha.

- 62 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th May, 1973 were read by <sup>Mr. Naqvi</sup> and confirmed. Mr. Singal proposed approval and Mr. Macklin seconded.
- 63 The ~~proposed~~ social gathering to be held on 14th July, 1973 was further discussed. Mr. Hardaker reported that the Diocesan Hall at Macquarie Street Hobart was booked for the occasion at a charge of \$6.00.
- 64 The three proposed amendments to the constitution were discussed and having given further consideration to them it was unanimously agreed that the name "INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA" would be most appropriate for the Society.
- 65 The President Mr. Naqvi read the correspondence. Of the particular was a letter from the State Librarian inviting the President to discuss in person on 25th June, 1973 the coverage of Indian literature and other cultural media in the State Library at Hobart. The Council requested the President to discuss with the State Librarian the possibility of stocking more records, cassetts of Indian feature films and important newspapers, magazines and other literature, books on Indian culture etc., not only for the local Indian community but also for the public in general.
- 66 The Council Members were unanimous in a note of thanks to Mrs. Hegde <sup>and the members of the Exhibition Committee</sup> for successfully organising the display of Indian Arts and Crafts at the recent Exhibition put up by the Tasmanian Branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society at Hobart.



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- 67 The President. the Council Members for all their hard work put in by them for the efficient working and functioning of the Society during the past year as well as all the assistance given to him during the period in the performance of his duties as the President of the Society.

Chairman



15-7-1973 Minutes of the First Annual General Meeting held on  
15th July, 1973 at 2 pm <sup>in</sup> at Union Building, University  
of Tasmania, Sandy Bay.

1. Present: Mr I. H. Naqvi, Mrs M. J. Naqvi, Mr M. S. Parker, Mrs S. Parker,  
Mr M. Hardakar, Mr A. Singal, Mrs J. Singal, Mr M. Pathik,  
Mrs S. Pathik, Dr M. I. Pasha, Mrs R. Pasha, Dr R. Hegde, Mrs  
S. Hegde, Mrs Dulfec - Hyames, Dr F. A. Khan, Mrs S. Khan,  
Mr B. Macklin, Mr A. Browne.
2. Apologies: Mrs D. Hardakar, Mr R. Glasby.
3. Opening: By President, Mr I. H. Naqvi.
4. Annual Financial Report



INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (TAS)

FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on 15th July, 1973 at 2 p.m. in the Union Building  
University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay

M I N U T E S

1. Present - Mr. I. H. Naqvi  
Mrs. J. Naqvi  
Mr. M. S. Parker  
Mrs. S. Parker  
Mr. M. Hardaker  
Mr. A. Singal  
Mrs. J. Singal  
Mr. M. Pathik  
Mrs. S. Pathik  
Dr. M. I. Pasha  
Mrs. R. Pasha  
Dr. R. Hegde  
Mrs. C. Hegde  
Mrs. Dulfer-Hymes  
Dr. F. A. Khan  
Mrs. S. Khan  
Mr. B. Macklin  
Mr. A. Browne
2. Apologies - Mrs. D. Hardaker, Mr. R. Glasby
3. Opening - by President Mr. I. H. Naqvi
4. Annual/Financial Reports - Mr. M. S. Parker Hon. Secretary and Treasurer presented Annual General Report and financial report for the year ended 30th June, 1973. The reports were circulated and taken as read.  
Mr. A. Singal proposed adoption of both the reports, Mr. Hardaker seconded.
5. President's Address - The President Mr. I. H. Naqvi reviewed the Society's activities and stressed the importance of making the Society a successful venture. He expressed hope to maintain the non-religious and non-political nature of the Society. He elaborated on future activities viz. feature films, artists and literature through Indian High Commission and State Library of Tasmania. He thanked the members of the Society in general and the members of the Council, the Secretary, Treasurer and the Auditors in particular. He made a special mention about the services rendered by Mr. Hardaker.
6. Constitutional Amendments
  1. Mr. Hardaker moved a motion to amend clause 24 of the Constitution by adding the words "at those meetings" in the second sentence after the word "present" Mr. Singal seconded. Carried out.
  2. It was proposed by some members to insert the following clause in the Constitution in respect of the tenure of office of the executive officers:  
  
"13A. Tenure of Office of Executive Officers.  
  
"No member shall be elected or appointed to the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer for more than two consecutive years".  
  
Mrs. Dulfer-Hyames suggested the period be amended to 3 years.  
Mr. Naqvi proposed that at this stage there was no need of such restrictions. This position was accepted and the proposed amendment was defeated.



3. Mr. Naqvi proposed that the name of the Society be changed from "Indian Cultural Society of Australia (Tasmania)" to Indian Cultural Society, Tasmania. Dr. F. Khan seconded. Carried out.

7. Election

	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>	<u>Person Nominated</u>	<u>Result</u>
<u>President</u>	Mrs. S. Hegde Mr. B. Macklin	Mr. M. Pathik Mr. A. Browne	Mr. M. Hardaker Mr. A. Singal	Elected
<u>Vice-President</u>	Mr. Hardaker	Dr. F. Khan	Mrs. R. Pasha	Elected unopposed
<u>Council Members</u>	1. Mrs. Pathik 2. " 3. Mrs. Hegde 4. " 5. Mr. Pathik 6. Mrs. Pathik 7. Mrs. Hegde 8. Mr. Hardaker	Mr. Pathik " Dr. Hegde Mr. Pathik Dr. Hegde Mr. Pathik Dr. Khan Dr. Khan	Dr. Hegde Mr. Singal Mr. Pathik Mr. Naqvi Dr. Khan Mrs. Singal Mr. Parker Mrs. Naqvi	Elected " " " " Withdrawn by candidate Withdrawn by candidate Elected

Mr. Naqvi was also nominated by Mrs. Dulfer-Hynes for President but he withdrew his name.

3. Other Business

1. Reminder re Migrant Art competition
2. " " International Ball organised by Austcare
3. Mr. Naqvi to represent the Society in Austcare Committee

Meeting closed at 3.45 p.m.

The following people were elected in a Council meeting at 4 p.m. straight after the Annual General Meeting:

	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>	<u>Person Nominated</u>	<u>Result</u>
<u>Hon. Secretary</u>	Mr. Pathik	Mr. Hardaker	Mr. Naqvi	Elected
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mr. Naqvi	Mr. Pathik	Mr. Singal	"
<u>Auditors</u>	Mr. Naqvi	Dr. Khan	Mr. Parker Mr. Glasby	" "

IKRAM H. NAQVI  
Hon. Secretary



INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA  
(TASMANIA)

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1972-73

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COUNCIL: 1972/73

Mr. I. H. Naqvi  
Mr. A. C. Singal  
Mr. M. S. Parkar  
Dr. M. I. Pasha

Mr. M. Pathik  
Mr. B. Macklin  
Mr. M. Hardaker  
Mrs. S. Hegde

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: 1972/73

Mr. I. H. Naqvi :  
Mr. A. C. Singal :  
Mr. M. S. Parkar :

PRESIDENT  
VICE-PRESIDENT  
HON. SECRETARY & TREASURER

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HON. AUDITORS: 1972/73

Dr. R. Hegde  
Mr. R. Glasby

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INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA  
(TASMANIA)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HOBART  
15th July, 1973

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Member,

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the first annual report of the Society's activities since its inception in July, 1972.

It would seem appropriate to commence this report by recording briefly the events that led to the establishment of the Society in Tasmania.

A need for an Indian Cultural Organisation was felt by some interested persons of Indian origin resident in Hobart. The proposal of forming a cultural society was initially discussed amongst friends and interested persons, and eventually it was decided to call a general meeting to consider the formation of such a society. This was advertised in the daily press, and an inaugural meeting was held on Sunday the 30th July, 1972 at the Union Bldg. University of Tasmania, Hobart.

At this meeting, the aims and objects and the constitutions of other Indian cultural organisations in Australia were discussed, and it was unanimously decided to adopt the constitution of the 'Indian Cultural Society of Australia' W.A., and to form an autonomous branch of this society in Tasmania. Thus emerged the Indian Cultural Society of Australia (Tasmania), its objective being to foster and stimulate Indian culture, and its membership being open to all interested in Indian culture.

At the same meeting the following members were elected to the Society's first Council:

Mr. I. H. Naqvi	: President
Mr. A. C. Singal	: Vice-President
Mr. M. S. Parkar	: Council Member
Dr. M. I. Pasha	: Council Member
Mr. M. Pathik	: Council Member
Mr. B. K. Macklin	: Council Member
Mr. S. W. Blythe	: Council Member
Mr. G. Wilson	: Council Member

The Council then appointed Mr. M. S. Parkar as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for the year 1972/73. Dr. R. Hegde and Mr. R. Glasby were later appointed as Hon. Auditors for the year 1972/73.

During the year, Mr. S. W. Blythe and Mr. G. Wilson resigned from the Council Membership, and Mr. M. Hardaker and Mrs. S. Hegde were co-opted to the Council for the rest of the year 1972/73. The other Members of the Council continued to serve to the present time. Since the formation of the Society the Council met ten times to dispose of its business.

With the constructive efforts of the Council Members, the Society in a short space of time received wide publicity and acclaim, and attracted people not only of Indian origin but also of other Asian countries and of Tasmania. At the close of the year the total financial membership of the Society was 49.



Association and Affiliation with other Bodies: Soon after the formation of the Society, relations were established with the Indian High Commission in Canberra whence the Society has been receiving assistance in cultural field. Contacts have also been made with other cultural organisations, societies and clubs in Hobart and elsewhere. The Society also became affiliated with Good Neighbour Council of Tasmania.

Participations: The Society participated in the following functions:

- (a) Indian fancy dress parade in a function organised by the Royalette Stars Baton Twirlers, Hobart in aid of mentally handicapped children.
- (b) Display of Indian Art and Culture in the Commonwealth of Nations' Display, organised by the Royal Commonwealth Society (Tasmania) in Hobart.

Cultural and Social Events: Although in its first year, the Society has been fairly active and during the past year organised interesting and successful programmes:

- (1) Diwali Festival: This was celebrated in November, 1972 at Hobart. The function included an Indian style dinner, musical items, dancing and documentary films and was attended by over 200 guests in addition to the members.
- (2) Screening of award winning Hindi feature film "Ashirwad": The film was screened in December, 1972 at Hobart, for the members of the society as well as for the general public.
- (3) Picnic: A picnic of the members of the Society, was organised in January, 1973 at New Norfolk Esplanade. This was an interesting event and was well attended.
- (4) Exhibition of Indian Arts and Crafts: The Exhibition was staged by the Society in the month of April, 1973 at Hobart, displaying India's Art and Culture, ancient and modern. This was viewed by over 2,000 people. The Exhibition was the first of its kind exhibited in Tasmania and proved to be an outstanding success.
- (5) Moghul Dinner: The Dinner comprising a variety of Moghul dishes was arranged in May, 1973 at Hobart in the form of a Social Evening for the members.
- (6) Social gathering: A social gathering of the members of the Society was organised at Hobart on 14th July, 1973 i.e. on the eve of Annual General Meeting.

The enthusiasm displayed by members of the Society and of the public interested in Indian Culture has brought much encouragement in the past year, and promises well for the prosperity and growth of the Society in the years that lie ahead.

M. S. Parkar  
Hon. Secretary



TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA  
(TASMANIA)

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending June 30th, 1973 <sup>1974</sup>

1973 RECEIPTS	\$ c	1973 PAYMENTS	\$ c
To Annual Subscriptions:		By Printing & Stationary	28.35
1972-73 102.00		" Postage	15.10
1973-74 56.50	158.50	" Sundry Expenses	26.18
" Bank Interest Mar. 1973	1.68	" Expenses for dinner	42.51
" Net Proceeds of:		" Balance at year end	184.10
Diwali 75.17			
Exhibition 54.54			
Film 6.35	136.06		
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	296.24		296.24

Statement of Affairs as at June 30th 1973

1973 LIABILITIES	\$ c	1973 ASSETS	\$ c
Subscriptions in advance	56.50	Balance in Bank 30-6-73	184.10
Net Capital: 1972/73	127.60		
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	184.10		184.10

M. G. HARDAKER  
PRESIDENT & ACTING TREASURER  
M. S. PARKAR  
Hon. Treasurer

Audited and found correct.

M. S. PARKAR

R. Hegde

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Hon. Auditors

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15th July 1973 at 4 P.M. in Board Room, University of Tasmania.

Present : Mr M. Hardaker, Mrs R. Pasha, Mr I. Naqvi, Mr A. Singal, Dr F. Khan, Dr R. Hagde, Mr M. Pathik, Mrs J. Naqvi.

68. Mr J. Naqvi was elected Hon. Secretary for 1973-74 by unanimous vote.

Mr A. Singal was elected Treasurer for 1973-74 by unanimous vote.

Mr S. Parker and Mr R. Glasby were appointed Honorary auditors for 1973-1974.

69. Mr Naqvi moved that the Society should organize sports for its members. Dr Hagde was appointed incharge of sports. He was asked to look into the possibility of organizing a badminton and table tennis tournaments. Swimming and cards could also be included. Dr Hagde was asked to find a sports hall and other relevant information for this tournament and report in the next Council meeting. Dr Khan suggested that prizes should be awarded to the winners.

70. It was decided to hold the next Council meeting at Mr Hardaker's place on Saturday, 11th August at 3 P.M.

71. Mr Naqvi informed the Council about the request to the Society by the Austcare, Tasmanian branch for co-operation in the forthcoming International ball to be held on Friday, 14th Sept., 1973 at Polish Hall. Mr Hardaker moved that Mr Naqvi be the Society's representative on the



Austcare ball committee and that the Society will give full support to this worthy cause.

72. Reminders should be sent to those members who <sup>have</sup> not paid their subscription for 1973-74.
73. Letters should be sent to <sup>those people considered</sup> prospective members in an efforts to increase the membership.

The meeting closed at 4.30 P.M.

Harrie J. Handker  
Chairman.

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Secretary



Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August<sup>1973</sup>  
at 3 P.M. at 303 Brooker Ave, Moonah.

Present : Whole Council

74. Mr Singal moved that the Minutes of the last Council meeting be accepted. Dr Khan seconded the motion.
75. Mr Singal moved that the Council ask the Society's members to make every effort to support the Austcare ball by going to it and by contributing supper, and that no money should be spent from Society's funds. This motion was seconded by Dr Hagde.
76. Mr Singal moved that Mrs Pasha be made co-ordinator of the supper arrangement for the Austcare ball. She may call upon other members to assist. Dr Khan seconded the motion.
77. Activities for 1973-74: Mr Hardakar read a letter from Mr S. Parkar suggesting that the Society celebrate Eid this year in the same way as Diwali was celebrated last year. Mr Parkar also suggested Indian Music Evening (different languages), Indian sporting event Indian costume parade and an Essay competition on Indian culture (for children).

The following were tentatively selected to be the activities for the year 1973-74.

- (1) Eid (2) Ball with Indian supper and fashion parade (3) Essay on Indian culture (4) Raffle (5) Picnic in which members could bring their friends who are prospective members.

It was decided to hold a special meeting



to work out the programme for Eid function on Sunday, 2nd Sept., at 2 P.M. at Mr Singal's place.

78. The Secretary read a letter from the "Task Force Tasmania" requesting the society to report to this body if there was any problem in settlement of the Indian people in Tasmania.

Mr Singal moved that the President may approach any new arrival of the Indian origin to Tasmania and assist ~~them~~<sup>him</sup> with a view of this person joining the society. Mr Naqvi seconded the motion.


79. The secretary read the copy of a letter he sent to Cosmopolitan Motion Pictures Pty Ltd of Melbourne asking them to send a list of Indian feature - films and the rental charges.

80. The Secretary presented new applications for membership from: Miss Gillet and Dr Prakash. These were approved by the Council.

81. Dr Hagele presented an outstanding bill for \$ 7.50 in connection with last years exhibition at Friends School.

82. It was decided to send a Newsletter about the Austcare hall supper and the "Task Force".

  
Secretary

  
Chairman



Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 Sept, 1973  
at 2.30 P.M. at 12 England Ave., Montrose.

Present : Mr Hardakar, Mrs Pasha, Mr Naqvi, Mr Singal, Dr Hagde, Dr Khan  
Apology : Mr Pathik, Mrs Naqvi

83. Mr Hardakar gave a resume of his discussion with the Police Club. The main points being  
(a) Police <sup>Club</sup> is available only on 3rd. Nov., 1973, (b) Police Club will ~~receive~~ charge the society \$ 2.25 per head, (c) 20 to 25 tickets should be available to the Police Club members, (d) No liquor is to be served after 11.30 P.M. (e) The maximum guests should be 150, (f) The programme should not be advertised, (g) Tickets will be printed by the Police Club.

84. Mr Singal moved that the Police Club should be booked tentatively for 3rd. Nov., 1973 and that we should get quotes from Paul Meyer and Snake charmer for catering. We should also get a quote from Laetare Gardens. The motion was seconded by Mr Naqvi.

85. The tickets should be \$ 3.00 per person for adults and \$ 1.50 per person for children.

86. Dr Hagde came to the meeting at this stage at 3 P.M. and gave a letter to the President. The letter was signed by Dr & Mrs Hagde, Dr & Mrs Aurora and Dr & Mrs Lad. In this letter they requested that Diwali as well as Eid be celebrated by the Society this year. After much discussion nothing was resolved.

The meeting closed at 6-30 P.M.

Prince J. Hardakar  
Chairman



Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1973 at 2 P.M. at 131 Carella Street, Haverah

Present : Mr Hardakar, Mrs Pasha, Mr Naqvi, Mr Singal, Mrs Naqvi and Mr Pathik.

Apology: Dr Khan, Dr Hagde

87. Mr Singal moved that the Minutes of the Meetings of 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. and 9<sup>th</sup> August be accepted. This was seconded by Mrs Naqvi.
88. The Secretary read letters from Cosmopolitan Pictures, Melbourne and the Indian Film Combine, Singapore regarding Indian feature films. It was decided to look into the possibility of screening these films in association with the Greek Club of Hobart.
89. The secretary presented new applications for membership from: Mr & Mrs Faulkner, Dr and Mrs Owen, Mr & Mrs Bose and Mr and Mrs Dutta. The applications were approved.
90. While Mrs Pasha took the chair, Mr Hardakar moved that the Society should hold "I D - MILAN" on either 3<sup>rd</sup>. or 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1973 as was agreed unanimously in the Council meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> August, 1973. The motion was seconded by Mr Singal and was carried with one abstention (Mr Pathik).  
 It was decided to invite Mr B.K. Miller, Minister for Immigration & Tourism and Mrs Miller to be our guests of honour for this evening.  
~~Mr Hardakar~~ It was decided to hold the function at the Police Club and



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the catering to be done by Mr Paulmeyer.  
at \$1.75 per head.

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Oct. 14, '73  
at 2.30 P.M. at 303 Brooker Ave., Moonah.

Present: Mr Hardakar, Mrs Pasha, Mr Naqui,  
 Mr Singal, Dr Khan, Mrs Naqui, Mr Pathik.

91. Mr Singal moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of 16th Sept. be accepted. This was seconded by Mr Pathik.
92. Mr Hardakar read a letter of resignation from the membership of the Society from Dr & Mrs Hagde.  
 Mr Singal moved that the resignation be accepted and that the Secretary send a letter of acceptance to these people. The motion was seconded by Mrs Naqui.
93. Mr Pathik moved that Mr Bose be co-opted to fill the vacancy in the Council caused by Dr Hagde's resignation. This was seconded by Mr Singal.
94. The President gave a resume of the arrangements for the Id-Milan programme. The Secretary read a letter from Mr B.K. Miller that he and his wife will not be able to come to Id-Milan due to prior engagement. It was decided to invite Mr M.C. Everett, Attorney General and Mrs Everett to be our guests of honour for this evening.  
 Mr Singal moved that supplementary dishes be donated by the members of the Society for the Id-Milan dinner on a voluntary basis and that Mr Bose and Dr Khan be made co-ordinators.



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of the dinner. This motion was seconded by Mr Naqui.

The following duties were assigned:

- a) Mr Singal to be the M.C. for the programme. He will also provide the sound equipment and the projector.
- b) Mr Hardakar is to be the incharge of tickets sale.
- c) Mr Pathik — Door
- d) Allan Browne — Sound.
- e) Islam Naqui — Decoration.
- f) Mrs Pasha — Fashion Parade
- g) Mr Naqui — Cultural programme.

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Naqui  
Secretary

James J. Hardakar  
Chairman



Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th Dec, 1973  
at 2 P.M. at 267 Lenah Valley Road, Lenah Valley.

Present: Mr Hardakar, Mrs Pasha, Mr Naqvi,  
Mr Singal, and Mrs Naqvi.

Apology: Mr Pathik, Dr Khan

95. Mr Singal moved that the minutes of the  
the Council Meeting of Oct. 14, 1973 be accepted.  
This was seconded by Mr Bose.

96. (a) The Secretary informed the Council of a  
request he has received from Mr B.K. Miller, MLC  
(Minister for Tourism & Immigration) to provide  
him with 36 names of the people to  
be invited to a reception to be given by  
the Minister to celebrate Indian Independence  
Day on 1st. February, 1974 in Parliament House  
at 5.30 P.M. This list was compiled and the  
Secretary was asked to thank the Minister  
for this fine gesture.

(b) Music records: The Secretary informed the  
Council of his efforts to acquire Indian music  
records through <sup>the Indian National Library through the Indian High Commission</sup> the State Library of Tasmania,  
and the Discuria Company of Melbourne. (i) On  
this subject he read a copy of ~~the~~ a letter from  
the Indian High Commission to the State Library  
regretting that due to budget commitments  
this financial year they can not donate  
Indian music records. They suggested that the  
Library approach them again in the new  
financial year which begins in March, 1974.

(ii) The Secretary also read a letter from the Discuria  
company of Melbourne in which they  
requested that at least 50 records should be  
included in their order. A long delay can  
be expected in the <sup>They also sent a recent catalogue</sup> delivery. It was decided



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that the secretary approach the state library on this matter and urge them to buy most of the records but the society <sup>should</sup> recommends the records.

(c) Adult Education course: The secretary read a letter from the Adult Education Board requesting the society to & organize a short course on "Indian life and culture". The tutor's fee is \$8.50 per session. It was decided to circulate this information in the next Newsletter and ask the members of the society to and their friends to offer themselves as tutors for this course.

(d) The secretary read a letter from Dr Byrne requesting the society to authenticate <sup>his own</sup> antique table believed to be <sup>pre-</sup> Mogul <sup>time</sup>. It was decided to inform Dr Byrne that the society does not have <sup>any</sup> expert in this field.

97. The Secretary presented new applications for membership from Mr Eicoff and Mr Jatan. These applications were approved by the Council.

98. Mr Hardakar presented the account for the Id-Milan function. It was accepted. The Council felt that in future a better check should be kept on the tickets sold and <sup>appeared to be</sup> the gate. It was felt that there <sup>were</sup> more people present in the Id-Milan than could be accounted for by the number of tickets sold. which resulting in reduced profit.

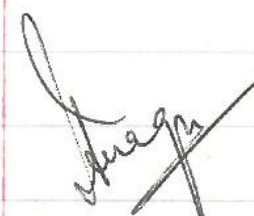
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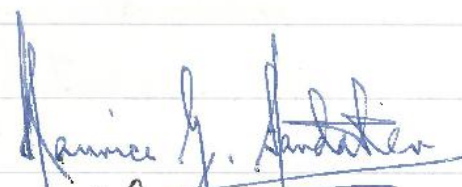
(a) Picnic: It was decided to investigate the possibility of holding a picnic on the first saturday in February, 1979. ~~Mr~~



The council appointed Mr Singal and Mr Bose to be the co-ordinators of the picnic and asked them to report their findings to the Executive.

(b) Feature - films: The secretary was asked to arrange <sup>the</sup> screening of an Indian feature - film from Singapore in the Teacher's Federation Building in April, 1974. The secretary also reported to the Council the possibility that the Greek Society may screen an Indian movie as a result of his discussions with that society.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman



Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th April  
at 2 P.M. at 131 Carella Street, Howrah

Present : Mr Hardakar, Mr Naqui, Mr Singal,  
 Mrs Naqui, Mr Bose and Mr Pathik.

Apology : Mrs Pasha, Dr Khan.

100. Mrs Naqui proposed that minutes of the  
 Council meeting of <sup>Dec. 8</sup> ~~Oct~~ 14, 1973 be accepted.  
 Seconded by Mr Bose.

101. Adult Education Course : Mrs Naqui was  
 appointed the coordinator of the course. She  
 was asked to report <sup>on</sup> her progress in the  
 next meeting of the Council.

102. Records & Books : The secretary informed the  
 Council that the Society's recommended list  
 of records have already been ordered by  
 the State Library, and that the <sup>State</sup> Libra-  
 rian is willing to buy some books on  
 India if the Society recommends them.

Correspondence

103. (a) Grant : The secretary read a letter <sup>from Mr Chakrabarty</sup> of the Second  
 Secretary of the Indian High Commission in Canberra  
 informing the Society that a grant for \$113.00  
 has been given to the Society for the year 1974-75.  
 to promote better understanding between India and  
 Australia. The Council asked the secretary to  
 thank the Indian High Commission for their cheque  
 of \$113.00. It was decided to defer the <sup>decision</sup> method  
 of to use this grant to the next Council meeting.

(b) Sitar player's visit : The secretary read a letter  
 from Mr Gaiind <sup>Press Attache, Indian High Commission</sup> informing the Society of the  
 forthcoming visit by Mr Chowdhury and his  
 troupe to Hobart in August. It was decided  
 to put this information in the next Newsletter.



- (c) A letter was received from Mr H.K. Mahajan, Acting Indian High Commissioner to Australia thanking Mr Naqvi and Mr Bose for their hospitality during Mr Mahajan's visit to Hobart in March, 1974. The secretary informed the Council that <sup>he gave</sup> a list of ten suggestions to Mr Mahajan during his stay in Hobart relating to better functioning & and co-ordination between the Indian Cultural Societies in Australia and the Cultural Section of the High Commission.
- (d) The secretary read a letter from Mr Gaud on the subject of "Report on All India Radio's External Services". It was decided to put this information in the next Newsletter.
- (e) A letter was received from Mrs Keil, Migrant Education with regards to "English classes for Migrant Women" in the Salvation Army Moonah Youth Centre. The Council decided to put this information in the next newsletter.
- (f) Letters from the Gramophone company of India with regards to records and the Principal of Domain House regarding the use of facilities were also received.
- (g) "International Drop-in Centre": The secretary read a letter from Captain Lorimer of the Salvation Army with regards to the establishment of a "International Drop-in-Centre" for social gathering of all newcomers to Hobart.

104. New application for membership was received from Dr P.C. Rao and family. This was approved.

105. The Treasurer reported that the bank balance of the Society is in excess of \$300.00. A balance sheet from the bank is expected soon.

106. Mr Hardakar wished the following to be recorded: "I wish to place on record my



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personal thanks and appreciation to Mr Singal for every assistance given by him to the Society in the screening of "Nakli Nawab" and I ask the remaining members of the Council to also record their personal thanks and appreciation to him by raising of their right hand." This was carried.

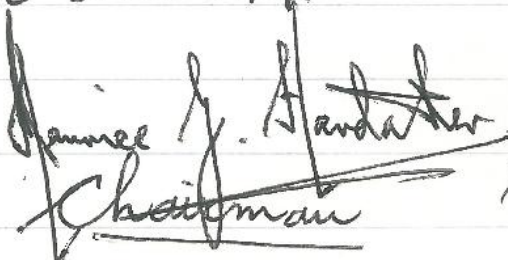
107. Feature feature-film: It was decided that secretary write letters to some matriculation colleges asking them to make their auditoriums available to the Society for feature-films. These included Friends School, Rosny college, and Hobart Matriculation college.

The secretary should arrange screening of <sup>another</sup> Indian feature-film from Singapore in the third week of June. The price of the ticket will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Mr Pathik and Mrs Bose will be responsible for selling tickets. 1

108. Membership Dinner: It was tentatively decided to hold a dinner on ~~1st June, 1974~~ to coincide with the subscription due date (1st June, 1974). The final arrangements will be made in the next Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 1974. In the mean time Mr Singal ~~or~~ the following enquiries will be made (a) Mr Singal to find about the availability of ~~the~~ a hall in Montrose (b) Mr Bose to give a quote for the dinner and to find the availability and the charges of Polish Hall (c) Mr Pathik to get quotes for the dinner from the "Snake charmer" and "Omar khayam" restaurants.

109. The meeting adjourned at 5.30 P.M.

  
 Secretary

  
 Chairman 5/74



Minutes of the Council Meeting, 19 May, 1974  
at 18 Reynolds Court, Wynnyene.

Present : Mr Hardaker, Mr Naqui, Mr Bose,  
 Mr Pathik

Apology : Mr Singal, Mrs Naqui, Dr Khan  
 and Mrs Pasha

The meeting was unofficial because of  
 lack of quorum. Informal discussion  
 on the forthcoming dinner and feature film  
 was held.

Naqui  
Secretary

Naanee J. Hardaker  
Chairman. 2/4



Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 July, 1974 at 12 England Ave, Montrose at 2 P.M.

Present : Mr Hardaker, Mrs Pasha, Mr Naqvi, Mr Singal & Mr Bose.

Apology : Mr Pathik, Mrs Naqvi, Dr Khan

109. Mr Bose proposed that minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 April be accepted. Seconded by Mr Singal.

110. Mr Naqvi informed the Council on behalf of Mrs Naqvi that the Adult Education course on India entitled "India, its people - their culture" will consist of 7 lectures. The arrangements are complete. It will be offered in the third term.

### 111. Correspondence

(a) Membership applications: New applications for membership were received from Dr George (Full family), Dr S. V. Rao (Assoc. family), Mr Ramchand (Student, single), Mr Islam Naqvi (Full single), Dr Saha (Full single), Dr N. Hussain (Full single), Mr G. Zealand (Assoc. Family), Dr P. Fernandes (Full single), and Mr Iqbal Ahmed (Student single). These were approved.

112. (b) Charter flight to India: The Secretary read two letters from Air India and two from Mr Gained of Indian High Commission with regards to a possibility of organizing a charter flight to India in December this year and perhaps annually in future. Mr Naqvi also ~~sent~~ informed the Council of 14 letters he has sent to various Indo-Australian



Associations in Australia seeking their support for the charter flight and <sup>mutual</sup> co-operation in propagating Indian culture in Australia.

(c) Letter from Mr A.J. Grassby (Ex Federal Minister of Immigration as of 10 May when this letter was written) regarding Australian ethnic heritage programme.

(d) Letters from Good Neighbour Council regarding possible establishment of an International Centre and the "Information Seminar, 1974." and timetable for Migrant English classes.

(e) Letters from Principal of Hobart Matriculation College and Rosny College regarding <sup>unavailability of</sup> an auditorium for films screening in reply to our request.

(f) Letter from Indian Enterprises with regards to Indian movies and magazines.

(g) Letter from Hon. B.K. Miller with a cheque for \$3.00 towards the cost of Shahi dinner.

## 112. Financial Report

(a) 42 Financial Members as of 6/7/1974. { Full members - 35  
Associate " - 4  
Students " - 3

(b) Balance as of 30 June, 1974 " \$ 242.47  
Deposited since 1st July, 1974 for "Amanat" 86.40  
Deposited for " " for Shahi Dinner" 11.40

In bank as of 6/7/1974 \$ 340.27

Membership fee to be deposited 91.00

FINAL BANK BALANCE BY 13/7/1974 \$ 431.27

(Includes \$113.00 High Commission Grant)

(c) "Shahi Dinner": Detail account presented and accepted (see accounts for detail).  
Society spent \$20.00 (approximately).

(d) "Amanat": Income \$ 109.00  
Expenses \$ 110.60  
Net loss \$ 10.60.

Mr Hardaker informed the Council that one



the auditors (Mr S. Parker) has been critical of the ~~see~~ way the accounts are kept this year. Mr Parker wishes ~~to see~~ the account to be written in journalistic manner. Mr Hardaker pointed out that he himself would have preferred the journalistic accounts. However, under the circumstances when he had to do the Treasurer's job in addition to being the President, he could not devote the time required to keep a journalistic account. The Council <sup>agreed with this arrangement and</sup> accepted the account in its present form and thanked Mr Hardaker for taking this extra responsibility. It also took note of Mr Parker's ~~and~~ comments.

113. It was decided to place on record Council's appreciation of the work done by Mrs Pasha Mrs Bose and other lady members of the Society for the "Shahi dinner".

114. Various ideas were presented for the use of Indian High Commission Grant of \$113.00. These included (a) school essay competition (b) Guest speaker, (c) International Centre (subscription to Indian books and magazines <sup>purchase of</sup> and musical instruments. It was decided to leave the final decision to the next Council.

115. Mr Hardaker thanked the Council for their co-operation.

The meeting adjourned at 3.45 P.M.

Secretary

A. C. Singhal  
Chairman.







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COUNCIL: 1973-74

Mr. M. Hardaker  
Mrs. R. Pasha  
Mr. I. Naqvi  
Mr. A. Singal (Mr. Hardaker, Acting Treasurer)  
Dr. F. Khan  
Mrs. J. Naqvi  
Mr. M. Pathik  
Dr. R. Hegde (until 14 October, 1973)  
Mr. S. Bose (since 14 October, 1973)

President  
Vice-President  
Hon. Secretary  
Treasurer  
Council Member  
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HON. AUDITORS

Mr. R. Glasby  
Mr. S. Parkar

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TASMANIA



INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA  
TASMANIA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hobart  
13 July, 1974.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

It gives me pleasure to present to you the second annual report of the Society's activities since its inception in July, 1972.

NAME OF THE SOCIETY

At the last Annual General meeting it was decided that the Society become completely independent of the parent body in Perth because that Society appeared to be defunct. The name of the Society was changed from Indian Cultural Society of Australia (Tasmania) to Indian Cultural Society of Australia, Tasmania.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

In October 14, 1973 Dr. R. Hegde resigned from the Council. Mr. S. Bose was co-opted to the Council for the rest of the year 1973/74. The Council met eight times to dispose of its business.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

As at 30th June, 1973 the total financial membership of the Society was 73 as compared to 45 last year.

ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER BODIES

INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION

The Society continues to enjoy warm relations with the Indian High Commission in Canberra, with which we have had frequent correspondence and assistance including the weekly "Hindustan Times".

Visit of Acting Indian High Commissioner

Mr. Mahajan, the Acting Indian High Commissioner to Australia and Mr. Gorswami, Director, Tea Promotion paid a brief visit to Hobart in March, 1974. During his visit Mr. Mahajan met Mr. Brown, the State Librarian of Tasmania regarding the supply of Indian books, journals and records through the Indian High Commission. Mr. Mahajan was very receptive to a written list of ten suggestions given to him by your Secretary regarding more effective assistance by the Indian High Commission towards working of this and other Indo-Australia Associations.

Indian High Commission Grant for 1974/75 : In April 1974 the Society was given the happy news by the Indian High Commission in Canberra that a grant for \$113.00 has been given to the Society for the year 1974/75 to promote better understanding between India and Australia. I am sure the members of this Society will welcome this initiative by the Indian High Commission. It will be up to the next Council to use this money wisely and effectively so that we may continue to receive such grants in the future.

Charter Flight to India

Through the co-operation of the Indian High Commission we have been in touch with Air India and 14 other Indo-Australian Associations to see if a charter flight to India can be arranged for December, 1974 and annually in the future. The matter is at an early stage and more information will be given as it becomes available.

In our letter to other Indo-Australian Associations we have also urged more co-operation between us. I am sure that with this co-operation in pulling our resources together we can be more effective in our endeavours to propagate Indian culture in Australia.



## GOOD NEIGHBOUR COUNCIL

We have continued to be closely associated with the Good Neighbour Council of Tasmania by receiving regular correspondence and attending meetings. It is through this organization that we were informed of the "English course for Migrant Women" and the establishment of this International Drop-in Centre (venue for this meeting). Recently we have been informed that due to the initiative by the Tasmanian Minister for Immigration (Hon. B. K. Miller), an International Centre might be established at Battery Point. We are delighted with this development as this may make it possible for us to have a room which we can use as our centre. It may be possible for us to have a small library in this room. The possibilities are enormous and exciting.

## STATE LIBRARY OF TASMANIA

We have been fortunate in getting the co-operation of the State Librarian. The State Librarian has placed an order to buy 50 LPs of Indian records (mostly music), as recommended by the Society. If these prove successful there is possibility that another 50 LPs will be ordered in the next financial year. The State Librarian has also now started to subscribe to "Filmfare" in addition to the "Illustrate Weekly". He has promised to do his best to buy any books on India that we recommend to him.

## ADULT EDUCATION COURSE (Domain House)

On the request of the Principal of Domain House to the Society, Mrs. Jane Naqvi is co-ordinating a course on India entitled, "India - its people: their culture", to be given from September 23 to November 4, at Domain House. The course will consist of 7 lectures each to be given by a guest lecturer (or a pair of lecturers) and followed by discussion. Should be stimulating and interesting.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

The Society has been fairly active and during the year organised a variety of programmes.

### Id-Milan

The Society celebrated "Id-Milan" on 3 November, 1973 at the Police Club, Hobart. The function included an Indian style dinner, musical items and documentary films. This was attended by over 200 guests including Mr. M.V. Everett, then Deputy Premier of Tasmania. This November venue has proved to be very popular resulting in overcrowding and the Society may have to look for a bigger place next year.

### India's Republic Day

Hon. B. K. Miller (Tasmanian Minister for Tourism and Immigration) invited 36 members of the Society along with many others guests on 1st February, 1974 at 5.30 p.m. to a reception given by him in the Parliament House to celebrate India's Republic Day. Everybody enjoyed the function and appreciated this fine gesture of Hon. B.K. Miller.

### Picnic

On Sunday, 17 February a number of the members drove out for a picnic and sports to the Tolosa Street Reserve, Glenorchy.

The attendance was disappointing but all those present had a good time.

### Feature-films

This year the emphasis was given to the screening of feature-films. Altogether 3 movies have been screened as compared to one last year.

### "Adalat"

At the request of the Society the Greek Society of Hobart screened this 35 mm movie on Sunday, 17 March 1974 at 8 p.m. at State Theatre, North Hobart. This was attended by over 150 people.



### Feature-films from Singapore:

After two years correspondence with various organisation the Society has finally made a contact with a film distributor in Singapore. The following two films have already been screened through this source.

#### "Nakli Nawab"

This was screened at Teachers Federation Building, 32 Patrick St., on Friday, 5 April at 7.45 p.m. and Saturday, 6 April, 1974 at 2.30 p.m.

#### "Amanat"

This was screened at the Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay, on Saturday 22 June and Sunday 23 June, 1974 at 7.45 p.m.

This venture is still in experiment stage. The Society made a profit of 1 dollar on "Nakli Nawab" and lost ten dollars in the screening of "Amanat". It is hoped to screen these movies at a regular interval. To make this venture successful it requires more support from Society's members and friends.

A very popular film ("Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam") is scheduled for screening in the Friends School Lecture Theatre on Saturday 24 August and Sunday 25 August, 1974. Your support is vital.

#### Shahi Dinner

This dinner comprising mostly of exotic Indian dishes was held on Sunday 30 June, 1974 in the Diocesan Hall, 125 Macquarie St., Hobart at 6.30 p.m. The dishes were cooked by the lady members. The dinner was followed by dance and musical items. This annual function proved very popular as it was attended by 71 adults and 27 children. This gave members an opportunity to get to know each other. Everyone present had a good time. The enthusiasm and co-operation of the members was excellent.

#### GROWING RECOGNITION OF THE SOCIETY

Evidence is constantly being manifest of the wide recognition that the Society has achieved in such a short time. Letters from various organizations many telephone calls from interested persons; requests for assistance from United Nations Association and Life Line service, and requests from Indian domicilled in Australia seeking help and advice. We receive good press coverage particularly from "The Mercury" newspaper. "Australian Information Service" also takes keen interest in our activities. Members will be interested to know that through the efforts of this service a story and photographs on our last years exhibition of Indian Arts and Crafts were published in India in "Hindustan Times" and "Western Times".

In an effort to keep the members well informed of the Societys activities six newsletters were sent this year as compared to two last year.

#### FUTURE

Considering the small size of our Society we have achieved a lot in such a short time. However, there is a lot more that needs to be done. The possibility of an International Centre is an exciting development for us as this may provide us with a room which we can use as our centre consisting of office, display and library etc. Although some of our members have musical instruments we still lack performers. They are essential to any Cultural programme that we wish to organize. In the light of this shortage, at present, we should concentrate on Indian feature movies. This is compactly easy, light and entertaining way of showing our culture to our children our non-Indian members and friends. To make this venture an economically success it needs full co-operation of all members.

At the initiative of this Society the possibility of regular charter flights to India and close co-operation within all Indo-Australian Associations is exciting and can be of enormous value for all of us.



The Indian High Commission Grant for \$113.00 to promote better understanding between India and Australia gives us great opportunity to do our job more effectively.

In the past, Hobart has missed out on the visit of many Indian musicians who come to Australia every year. After our many complaints to the Indian High Commission it appears that the drought is over as we have been recently informed that the famous Indian Sitar player, Mr. Chowdbry will visit Hobart in August, 1974.

The State Librarian is very receptive to our suggestions and is willing to buy books that we recommend. Members should inform the Secretary of any books that they wish to recommend.

"Promising" seems to be the most appropriate word for the year ahead.

IKRAM H. NAQVI  
Hon. Secretary



## TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

TASMANIA

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending June 30th 1974.

1973/74	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	\$	¢	1973/74	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	\$	¢
B.F. from 1972/73		184.	10	By expenses for "Id-Milan"			
To Annual Subscriptions				function		487.	41
1973/74		76.	00	By hire & expenses for film			
To Donations 1973/74		3.	00	"Nakli Nawab"		99.	13
Misc. cash in hand		3.	22	By rental of GPO Box		25.	50
By Bank Interest		7.	68	By postage and stationery		16.	16
To Proceeds of:				By picnic expenses		5.	00
Id-Milan function	\$527.22			By Bank charges		1.	50
Film "Nakli Nawab"	<u>\$100.00</u>			By hire & freight charges on			
	627.22			film "Amanat"		97.	05
By Grant from Indian				By advance for Shahi Dinner		40.	00
High Commission, Canberra	113.00			By balance at Bank		242.	47
Total:	\$1,014.22			Total:	\$1,014.22		

M. G. Hardaker  
President & Acting Treasurer

Audited and found correct.

M.S. Parkar R. Glasby

Hon. Auditors



INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (TAS)

FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on 15th July, 1973 at 2 p.m. in the Union Building  
University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay

MINUTES

1. Present - Mr. I. H. Naqvi  
Mrs. J. Naqvi  
Mr. M. S. Parker  
Mrs. S. Parker  
Mr. M. Hardaker  
Mr. A. Singal  
Mrs. J. Singal  
Mr. M. Pathik  
Mrs. S. Pathik  
Dr. M. I. Pasha  
Mrs. R. Pasha  
Dr. R. Hegde  
Mrs. C. Hegde  
Mrs. Dulfer-Hymes  
Dr. F. A. Khan  
Mrs. S. Khan  
Mr. B. Macklin  
Mr. A. Browne
2. Apologies - Mrs. D. Hardaker, Mr. R. Glasby
3. Opening - by President Mr. I. H. Naqvi
4. Annual/Financial Reports - Mr. M. S. Parker Hon. Secretary and Treasurer presented Annual General Report and financial report for the year ended 30th June, 1973. The reports were circulated and taken as read.  
Mr. A. Singal proposed adoption of both the reports, Mr. Hardaker seconded.
5. President's Address - The President Mr. I. H. Naqvi reviewed the Society's activities and stressed the importance of making the Society a successful venture. He expressed hope to maintain the non-religious and non-political nature of the Society. He elaborated on future activities viz. feature films, artists and literature through Indian High Commission and State Library of Tasmania. He thanked the members of the Society in general and the members of the Council, the Secretary, Treasurer and the Auditors in particular. He made a special mention about the services rendered by Mr. Hardaker.
6. Constitutional Amendments
  1. Mr. Hardaker moved a motion to amend clause 24 of the Constitution by adding the words "at those meetings" in the second sentence after the word "present" Mr. Singal seconded. Carried out.
  2. It was proposed by some members to insert the following clause in the Constitution in respect of the tenure of office of the executive officers:  
"13A. Tenure of Office of Executive Officers.  
  
"No member shall be elected or appointed to the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer for more than two consecutive years".  
  
Mrs. Dulfer-Hyames suggested the period be amended to 3 years. Mr. Naqvi proposed that at this stage there was no need of such restrictions. This position was accepted and the proposed amendment was defeated.



3. Mr. Naqvi proposed that the name of the Society be changed from "Indian Cultural Society of Australia (Tasmania)" to Indian Cultural Society, Tasmania. Dr. F. Khan seconded. Carried out.

7. Election

	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>	<u>Person Nominated</u>	<u>Result</u>
<u>President</u>	Mrs. S. Hegde Mr. B. Macklin	Mr. M. Pathik Mr. A. Browne	<u>Mr. M. Hardaker</u> Mr. A. Singal	Elected
<u>Vice-President</u>	Mr. Hardaker	Dr. F. Khan	<u>Mrs. R. Pasha</u>	Elected unopposed
<u>Council Members</u>	1. Mrs. Pathik 2. " 3. Mrs. Hegde 4. " 5. Mr. Pathik 6. Mrs. Pathik 7. Mrs. Hegde 8. Mr. Hardaker	Mr. Pathik " Dr. Hegde Mr. Pathik Dr. Hegde Mr. Pathik Dr. Khan Dr. Khan	Dr. Hegde Mr. Singal Mr. Pathik Mr. Naqvi Dr. Khan Mrs. Singal Mr. Parker Mrs. Naqvi	Elected " " " " Withdrawn by candidate Withdrawn by candidate Elected

Mr. Naqvi was also nominated by Mrs. Dulfer-Hynes for President but he withdrew his name.

8. Other Business

1. Reminder re Migrant Art competition
2. " " International Ball organised by Austcare
3. Mr. Naqvi to represent the Society in Austcare Committee

Meeting closed at 3.45 p.m.

The following people were elected in a Council meeting at 4 p.m. straight after the Annual General Meeting:

	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>	<u>Person Nominated</u>	<u>Result</u>
<u>Hon. Secretary</u>	Mr. Pathik	Mr. Hardakar	Mr. Naqvi	Elected
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mr. Naqvi	Mr. Pathik	Mr. Singal	"
<u>Auditors</u>	Mr. Naqvi	Dr. Khan	Mr. Parker Mr. Glasby	" "

IKRAM H. NAQVI  
Hon. Secretary

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Minutes of the <sup>shadow</sup> Council Meeting held on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1974 at Salvation Army Youth Centre, 73 Hopkins Street, Moonah at 3.30 PM.

Present: Mr A. Singal, Mr S. Bose, Mr J. Naqvi, Mrs H. Bose, Dr N. Hussain, Mr S. Parkar, Mr A. Browne. Mr B. Dutta.

116. Elections of Hon. Secretary & Treasurer:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Person Nominated</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>	<u>Result</u>
Hon. Secretary	Mr J. Naqvi	Mr S. Bose	Dr Hussain	Elected
Treasurer	Mr S. Parkar	Dr Hussain	Mr Bose	"

117. The Council appointed Messrs R. Glasby and B. Macklin as Hon. Auditors for 1974/75.

118. The Council approved a "Demand Draft" of A\$ 50.00 for the Movie "Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam" to be screened at Friends school on 24 and 25 Aug. '74.

119. It was decided that an advance of \$20.00 be made to the Secretary for petty cash.

120. Constitution <sup>Review</sup> Committee:

In the light of the lack of quorum in the Annual General Meeting and the consequent appeal by the members present in that meeting to review the constitution, a committee was set up to make the recommendations to the next "Shadow" Council meeting on Sunday, 28 July, 1974 at 10 A.M. This committee consists of Mr M. Hardaker, Mr S. Bose and Mr J. Naqvi.

The meeting closed at 3.30 P.M.

J. Naqvi  
Secretary

A. C. Singal  
Chairman



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Minutes of the Shadow Council Meeting held on Sunday, 28th July, 1974 at 12 England Ave, Montrose.

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Present : Mr A. Singal, Mr Bose, Mr Naqvi,  
Mrs Bose, Dr Husain, Mr Parkar  
Apology : Mr Browne

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121. Mr Bose proposed that the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 6th July, 1974 be accepted. This was seconded by Mrs Naqvi. Mr Dutta moved that the minutes of the "shadow" Council meeting held on 13th July, 1974 be accepted. This was seconded by Dr Husain. These were carried.

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- Constitution  
122. Mr Singal enquired as to Council's feeling on the appointment of a Patron. He drew attention to the lack of clause in the Constitution of the Society with regard to the appointment of a Patron.

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Mr Naqvi mentioned the name of Mr B.K. Miller, MLC, Minister for Tourism and Immigration as a possible choice as he has shown to have a genuine and lasting interest in India and Indian culture.

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Mr Bose agreed to look into this when considering the "amendments to the Constitution". Mr Bose apologised for the failure of the "Constitution Review Committee" to present the report at this time and requested some further time. This was accepted.

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- Mr Parkar drew attention to clause 6 and 7 of the present Constitution and recommended "review" with regard to removal of the anomaly.  
123. Correspondence : (a) Mr Naqvi read out letter from India Association of Canberra of 8th July '74



in reply to Mr Naqvi's letter re: charter flight to India and mutual co-operation, in.  
 Mr Naqvi read <sup>his</sup> a letter of 2nd July, 1974 to 15 Indo-Australian associations re: chartered flight to India and mutual co-operation in propagating Indian culture in Australia.  
 (b) Letter from Department of Immigration of July  
 (c) Letter from Good Neighbour Council regarding Information Seminar at Launceston.

124. Mr Naqvi informed the meeting that a firm order for 50 Indian L.P. Records has been placed by the State Library of Tasmania Hobart. He also advised that the State Library was having difficulty with other Indian magazines due to <sup>paper</sup> printing difficulties in India.

125. Mr Parker read a new <sup>membership</sup> application from Mr & Mrs Pearson of 336 Murray Street, Hobart for Full membership. This was approved. Mr Parker informed the Council that Miss Bowden has renewed her membership and paid a donation of \$3.00.

126. Plans and Goals for the year 1974/75: An introduction to the above subject was made by Mr Singal. Mr Bose suggested 3 main functions for this year: (a) Raffle (b) Tagore Day and (c) members outing.

Mr Naqvi agreed to a "Tagore Day" function to be the major event <sup>(open to public)</sup> for this year. Further to this he suggested that we organize two "Shahi Dinner" type <sup>and picnic outings</sup> functions for our members only. He pointed out the limited manpower and financial resources of the Society. In Screening



of Indian movies was recommended by Mr Naqvi.

Mr Singal suggested put forward an enquiry whether <sup>Eastern</sup> a Week end Group Travel to a place of interest within the state could be organized. This was agreed in principle. It was decided to put this information in the next Newsletter <sup>asking members for their response</sup>. Mr Naqvi was asked to enquire into hiring of cottages for this purpose and to approach Mr B. K. Miller with regard to obtaining any possible concessions.

Mr Singal felt that two "Shahi Dinner" type events should take place.

Mrs Bose felt that of these two occasions one be organized entirely by ladies in the first week of February, 1975.

Mr Singal suggested June, 1975 for the other "Shahi Dinner".

Main Function: <sup>"Memorial Tagore Day"</sup> It was agreed that he organized on either 2nd. or 9th Nov, 1974.

Mr Bose talked of Tennis Centre, Domain and Polish Hall as possible venue. Mr Singal talked of Laetie Gardens, Moondah. A Committee consisting of Mr Bose Mrs Bose and Dr Hussain was appointed to look into the detail arrangements of this function. This Committee was asked to report on the availability of the halls and recommend charges for this functions for Council's approval.

Raffle: Mr Singal talked of the paucity of funds of the Society and outlined details of "Raffle" which would attract a good measure of support. It was agreed (a) that we have this Raffle, (b) 500 tickets would be printed and would be bound in tens and tickets would be valued at \$1.00 each, (c) \$150.00 to be spent on prizes and the first prize being an OPEN DRAFT for \$100.00, the second prize being



gift coupons of \$30.00 and the third prize \$20.00, d. Mr Singal agreed to investigate the printing of the tickets etc.

127. Mr Naqvi and Dr Hussain felt that rate of subscription required an upward revision and the Council should consider this seriously. Mr Naqvi pointed out that nearly 50% members have not paid their current dues and suggested that Council members should individually approach members where possible to obtain the amount outstanding. Mr Naqvi was requested to produce a list of the outstanding at the next Council meeting. Mr Naqvi drew attention to the cost of postage and suggested that each Council member takes on the responsibility of handing over circulars, Newsletters etc to a ~~group~~ <sup>signed</sup> Society's members and this was agreed to.

128. Mr Debu Chowdhury's Visit to Hobart: Mr Naqvi outlined the arrangements already tentatively discussed with regard to inviting Mr Chowdhury to a dinner by the Council. Mr Naqvi read out the recommendation with regard to the use of Polish Club premises. This was agreed. The cooking list was read and agreed to. The time was fixed for 7.30 PM on Thursday, 1st Aug<sup>74</sup>.

129. The next film would be "Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam" at Friends School on Saturdays 24th at 7.45 PM and Sunday 25 August at 2 pm. It was noted that there will be no fee for projection.



130. It was decided to hold Council meetings on third Sunday of each month, until. The next meeting would be at Mr Bose's residence at 307 Brooker Ave., Moenah on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> ~~August~~ Sept., 1974 at 2 PM. The meeting closed at 4.30 PM.

*[Signature]*

Secretary

*[Signature]*  
Chairman.



Minutes of the <sup>shadow</sup> Council Meeting held at  
131 Carella St. Howrah on Sunday, 18. Aug., 1974 at 2 PM

Present: Whole Council

131. Mr Parker moved that Minutes of the Council meeting held on 28th July, 1974 be accepted. Seconded by Dr Hussain. This was carried.
132. Various possible changes in the Constitution for the smoother running of the Society were proposed by the members of the "Constitution Amendment Committee". These were discussed by the Council. This Committee was asked to submit the proposed changes in writing to the next Council meeting on September, 15, 1974. for the final approval.
133. Mr Browne suggested that in the next financial year beginning 1st. July, 1974 the Society's subscription should be increased to \$6.00 for Full members and \$3.00 for Associate members. This suggestion was accepted.
134. Dr Hussain suggested that the Annual General Meeting should coincide with a Dinner function in order to attract more members to the Meeting.
135. Tagore Day: Mr Bose reported little progress since the last Council meeting. He informed the Council that he has written letters to his relatives in India for literature on Mr Tagore. The Council asked Mr Bose to



write a ~~simi~~ letter to Indian High Commission for their assistance. Mr Nagri suggested that the most immediate need was to find a suitable Hall ~~in~~ for this function. Mr Singal and Mr Bose were asked to look into this immediately.

136. Raffle: It was decided to keep the prizes under \$200 and the first prize to be a portable T.V. set. Mr Singal undertook to ~~look~~ <sup>obtain</sup> enquire about the prizes, ~~get~~ <sup>get</sup> police permission and have the tickets printed. He reported that Ansett ~~AAA~~ Airlines have agreed to bear the cost of the printing of these tickets.

137. Treasurer's Report: New <sup>membership</sup> application from Mr Hart was approved.

Mr Parkar reported an outstanding cheque for \$3.00 from Hon. B. K. Miller which he sent towards the <sup>cost of</sup> "Shahi Dinner" in which he could not come. Mr Parkar was asked to request Hon B. K. Miller to pay another \$1.50 so that his previous cheque could be counted towards his Annual subscription. Mr Parkar reported the current balance of the Society to be \$385.07.

138. Correspondence: (a) Letter from Mr Gaird of Indian High Commission enquiring about our interest in sponsorship a possible visit of four well-known Indian artistes from Fiji to Australia. It was decided to ask the Indian High Commission for more information regarding the cost etc. (b) Letters from Indian Club Newcastle, India



Club of Queensland and Indian Australian Association of South Australia were read. These were in reply to Mr Naqui's letter to 15 Indo-Australian Associations regarding charter flight to India and mutual co-operation in propagating Indian culture in Australia. These letters were encouraging as they echo the sentiments of this Society. It was decided to wait for the reply from other Associations.

(c) A letter together with receipt for \$50.00 for "Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam" were read from the Indian Film Combine, Singapore. Also enclosed with this letter was a comprehensive list their 16 mm & 35 mm films.

(d) Notice from Good Neighbours Council for their State Annual Meeting to be held in Burnie on Saturday, 28th September, 1974. It was decided that in addition to Mr Naqui, Mr. I and Mr Bose will also attend the meeting.

(e) Letter from the Tasmanian Regional Bhai'i community requesting our Membership Directory so that they can invite our members to their social activities.

139. Mr Naqui thanked the Council members for their co-operation in agreeing to come to his place, <sup>for this meeting</sup> because of his illness. It was decided to the next Council meeting at Mr & Mrs Bose's place on September 15, 1974 at 2 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 5 pm.

Secretary

A. L. Ingale  
Chairman



Minutes of the "Shadow" Council Meeting held at 12 England Ave., Montrose on 1st. Sept. 1974 at 2 P.M.

Present: Mr A. Singal, Mr S. Bose, Mr J. Nagui, Mr S. Parker, Mrs H. Bose, ~~Dr N. Hussain, Mr F~~

Apology: Dr N. Hussain, Mr B. Dutta, Mr A. Browne.

140. Mr Bose moved that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 18 August, 1974 be accepted. Seconded by Mr Parker.
141. Mr Bose informed the council that the Constitution Committee will report its recommendations in the next meeting.
142. Treasurer Report: New application for Single <sup>full</sup> membership was received from Mr B. M. Wheare. This was approved. A cheque for \$1.50 has been received from Hon. B.K. Miller towards his 1974/75 subscription. The balance of the society as of today is \$351.51
143. Tandoori Membership Dinner: This dinner for members only is to be called Tandoori dinner. It is to be held in Polish Hall on Monday, 18 Nov. 1974 at 6.30 P.M. The ~~cost~~ charges will be \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children (under 12 yrs). Mrs H. Bose will be the co-ordinator of food. Three girls will be hired for washing up at \$3.00 each. There will be a fancy dress competition for children with the first prize \$10.00, second prize \$5 and third prize \$2 to be given in cash. The ~~Pres~~ Manager of Polish Hall is to be invited as our guest.
144. Raffle: Mr Singal informed the council that the Australian Buying Group is willing to sell us 12" B.W. A.C./D.C T.V, National Cassette tape recorder and the digital clock <sup>for only \$200.00</sup> normally



retail price for \$259.00. This was accepted and Mr Singal undertook to get the tickets printed.

145. Tagore Dinner: This is to be held on 29 March 1974. Mr Bose was asked to enquire <sup>about</sup> the availability of Polish Hall. General discussion on the possible programme (eg. poetry, plays, and music) was discussed. Mr Parker reported that the Snake Charmer Restaurant has quoted \$1.75 per head for chicken and lamb curry, and Pulao and pickle. Mr Parker was asked to inform Snake Charmer Restaurant of the acceptance of their quote.

146. Feature films: In the light of the Society making loss in these movies it was thought that perhaps only two movies a year should be screened. Various ideas were discussed. These included selling of season tickets, contacting Greek Society, Fiji Society and Hobart Film Society for their co-operation.

147. Indian High Commission Grant 1974/75: Mr Singal suggested that subject to High Commission's approval the Society should spend part of the money to celebrate "Gandhijanti" in the form of cocktail party for local dignitaries and friends of India and this function is to be held on Wednesday, 2 Oct. 1974 at Polish Hall ~~at~~ between 5.30 PM - 6.30 PM. Mr Bose was asked to get ok from Mr Chakerberty of the Indian High Commission.

The other half of the grant is to be spent on an essay competition for High School children on statewide basis. The title of the essay will be "Gandhi - the Father of a Nation". First prize \$15, second \$10 and third \$5.



148. The next Newsletter of the Society ~~will~~ should contain information on Raffle, Tandoei Dinner and Tagore Day.

The meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

Diagn  
Secretary

A. C. Lingal  
Chairman



Minutes of the "Shadow" Council Meeting held at 9 Kestral street, Claremont on 5th October, 1974 at 10 A.M.

Present : Mr Singal, Mr Bose, Mr Naqui, Mr Parkar, Mrs Bose, Dr Hussain, Mr Dutta.

Apology : Mr Browne

149. Mr Parkar moved that Minutes of the last meeting held on 1st. Sept. 1974 be accepted. Seconded by Mrs Bose.

150. Correspondence : The Secretary read two letters from the Indian Film Combine, Singapore regarding future films. After much discussion it was decided to ask the members in the forthcoming Tandoori dinner for their support.

A letter from the President, Good Neighbour Council (Glenorchy Branch) thanking the Society for the participation in their annual International Dance.

Letter together with 12 brochures from Priestley Travel Services, Belmont, Victoria regarding a group tour to India from 4 - 25 January, 1975. These brochures were distributed to Council members and the information regarding the tour ~~will~~ be inserted in the next newsletter.

151. Raffle : The following people reported selling their books and gave money to the Treasurer.  
Mr Singal (\$140.), Dr Hussain (\$50.) Mr Naqui (\$50.) Mr Dutta (\$30.) and Mr + Mrs Bose (\$50) = Total \$320/-.  
outstanding Mr Hardakar also reported selling 30 tickets and promised to give the money soon. The outstanding books are Mr Singal (1) ~~Mr~~ Mr Hardakar (2), Mr Browne (5), Mr Parkar (5) and Mr Bose (1). Altogether 15 books are left to be sold. It was decided to sell most of these in the International hall on 11th Oct., 1974.



152. The cocktail party to celebrate India's Independence Day was cancelled as a result of the advice from the Indian High Commission.

153. It was decided to postpone the essay competition till March, 1975 in the light of the suitability of that time for the ~~the~~ participants.

Mr Parker pointed out that the essay topic should have been "Gandhi, the father of a nation" as was originally decided.

154. Tandoori Dinner: Tandoori chicken is to be cooked by Mrs Bose. She will coordinate the food arrangement. The dinner will be held at Polish Club at 6 P.M. on 18th Nov. 1974. Dr Husain will be the M.C. for the evening.

155. Tagore Dinner  
It should be held as close to Tagore's birthday (2nd. March) as possible. Mr Parker was asked to get a new quote from The Snake Charmer restaurant.

156. Constitution: The final amended copy of the Constitution was given to Mr Singal for typing.

The meeting closed at 1 P.M.

Dr Singh  
Secretary

A. C. Singal  
Chairman



Minutes of the Council Meeting held at  
307 Brooker Ave, Moonah on 20th February, 1975  
at 7 P.M.

Present: Mr Singal, Mr Bose, Mr Naqvi, Mrs Bose,  
 Mr Dutta, Mr Parker

Apology: Mr Brown and Dr Hussain.

157. Mr Bose moved that the Minutes of the last Council meeting held on 5th October, 1974 be accepted. Seconded by Mr Dutta.

158. Correspondence:

① In reply to Society's invitation to His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania to be our guest for our Tagore Dinner on 17th February, the Secretary read a letter from his Aide-de-camp <sup>regretting</sup> ~~saying~~ that His Excellency is not available.

② A letter from the Secretary of Tasmanian Blue Gum Festival Inc. asking the Society to take part in an International Costume Parade on 15 March, 1975. It was decided to not to take part this year due already heavy commitments.

③ Letter from the Indian Film Company (Pte.) Ltd. in reply to the Secretary's <sup>letter</sup> asking that company to send the films by sea mail to reduce the cost. This company indicates it is willing to let us <sup>have</sup> the films for A \$85 (freight and rental included). It was decided not do anything about it as yet as more recent films are available from Mr Kanodia in Melbourne.

④ Letter from Mr Kanodia dated Nov 14 Nov. 1974 regarding the film "Shaitan". At the instigation of the Secretary to the Greek Society this film was screened by that Society in December 1974.

Another letter from Mr Kanodia dated 29/1/1975 asking the Society to screen the film entitled



"Roti Kapda Aur Makan" for \$160. The Secretary informed the Council that as a result of a telephone conversation Mr Kanodia has now agreed to \$140/- (all inclusive). This is ~~to~~ build the market as Mr Kanodia is keen to supply us films monthly and is willing to charge only \$100/- plus air freight between Melbourne and ~~Sydney~~ <sup>Hobart</sup>. The Council decided to screen "Roti Kapda Aur Makan" on 5th April.

④ The tickets will be \$3. per head (adults) and \$2/- per child under 13 years. The Secretary will book the hall and get a projectionist. Tickets will be sold by ~~the Secretary who will go~~ many Council members as possible. The <sup>co-ordination of</sup> setting of the tickets was left to the Secretary. The matter of regular movies will be discussed after the screening of this film.

⑤ Letter from the Indian High Commission seeking information <sup>on</sup> Indian students in Hobart.

Another letter from the Indian High Commission <sup>regarding</sup> ~~same~~ jobs in the Jawaharlal Nehru University.

⑥ Letter from Mr Crow, President India League of Australia in reply to our letter of 25th Sept. 1974 and re-affirming our view that there ought to be more co-operation between various Indo-Australian Societies. A list of their Executive Council was also included.

⑦ Letter from Mr Brown, Friends School asking for \$12.00 towards rental of a <sup>required</sup> lease for the screening of "Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam". The Secretary informed the Council that in the light of the Society making a loss on this film Mr Brown has ~~now~~ now decided to pay this amount from school funds and ~~no~~ The bill has been sent back to him. The Secretary urged the Council members to record appreciation



of Mr Brown to screen that movie twice free of cost to the Society despite the fact that ~~screening~~ ⑧ Letter from Good Neighbour Council of Tasmania regarding the General Council meeting on 15th March, 1975.

⑨ Invitation to our members from the Bahai community for ~~the~~ an International Buffet on 26th October, 1974.

⑩ Letter from Mr Owen re. change of address

⑪ Two circulars from Adult Education re. Migrant English Classes. This information is to be included in the Newsletter.

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159. Treasurer's Report: No expenses have been incurred since the last meeting.

The following applications for membership were approved by the Council. Full family membership to Dr Naidoo, Mr Radvansky and <sup>single</sup> Mrs. ~~Radvansky~~ Dulfer - <sup>family</sup> Hyams, Associate membership to Mr Geost, Mr McWilliams, Mr Cohen and Mr Sharma. and single membership to Miss Bailey, Miss Burgess and Miss T. Van Der Woode. In addition \$1 was received from Mr Pathik who claims that the Society owes him \$3.50 from 1973 exhibition in Friends School. Even though the Society's records show that this money has been paid to Mr Pathik it was decided ~~that~~ ~~to~~ not ~~to~~ pursue this matter any further and accept Mr Pathik's assertion in order to avoid any ill feeling.

160. Tagore Day: In the light of poor progress so far it was decided to hold this public function ~~from 17th to~~ on 24 May. The chief guests in order of choice are to be one of the following: Governor, Indian High



Commissioner and the Premier of Tasmania.  
The Secretary was asked to pursue this matter.  
Mr Parker was asked to get a <sup>second</sup> written quote from Snake Charmer restaurant including the charges for crockery, cutlery, and serving and washing up. It was decided to hold this function in Police Club as the other halls are too expensive (Greek Hall \$150/- Polish Hall \$120/-). The charges will be \$5 per person for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12 years.

161. High Commission Grant <sup>(a) Essay</sup> The topic of the essay will be "Gandhi - the Father of a Nation". They should be submitted by 30th April, 1975. Mr ~~Har~~ Singal was asked to write to schools about it. Mr McNab will be the examiner.
- (b) Public Speaking Contest: The topic for this will be "Dr Tagore's contribution to Literature". The winners will collect their prizes at the function. Mr Hardakar was asked to ring the Principals of Matriculation Colleges in Hobart and report to the Executive <sup>about</sup> the most likely venue, date and the number of participants.

The meeting closed at 10.12 P.M.

Secretary

A. C. Singal  
Chairman



Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 12 England Ave., Moonah Montrose, on 6th April, 1975, at 2 P.M.

Present: Mr Singal, Mr Bose, Mr Naqui, Mr Parker,  
Mrs Bose, Mr Dutta

Apology: Mr Brown, Dr Husain.

162. Mr Parker moved that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 20th February, 1975 be accepted. Seconded by Mr Bose.

163. Correspondence

(a) Letter from Mr Gaird in reply to the Secretary's invitation to the High Commissioner for Tagore function regretting that His Excellency is unable to be with us due to prior engagement. Also informing us that he is in touch with the Melbourne dealers with whom the order for Indian <sup>music</sup> records by the state library of Tasmania was placed. He is going to follow up this unusual delay <sup>of one year</sup> in their delivery.

(b) Letter from "World Renewal Spiritual Society" informing the society of their existence and activities.

164. Treasurer's Report

(a) Application forms for full <sup>family</sup> membership from Mr Ross Allison and Mr Selvadurai. Both were approved.

(b) A grant of \$84.75 <sup>(cheque)</sup> from the Indian High Commission <sup>for 1975-76</sup> and a letter from Mr Verma, First Secretary.

(c) Postage expenses for the Essay competition \$4.40 paid to Mr Bose.

(d) P.M.G. bill for letter box \$24.75

(e) Film "Roti Kapda Aur Makan". Total proceeds



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\$204. Paid \$10.00 for projection. Balance \$194.  
Means profit of \$54.00. The profit of \$7.50 from  
selling the cassettes has yet to be added.  
This will make the total profit \$58.50.  
(f) Subscription from Mr Hardakar \$6. for  
1975/76.  
(g) Balance of the Society \$110.74 plus  
\$500 in fixed deposit.

#### 165. Public Speaking Contest

The Secretary was asked to contact  
Mr Grover, Headmaster Friends School  
to be the Chairman. \$20 to be  
spent on the supper.

#### Remaining High Commission Grant Money

In view of the poor response to  
the essay competition it was decided  
to cancel it. Instead the remaining  
\$33 of the grant money will be  
spent in buying books for an India  
to the state library. Mrs Bose  
appointed incharge. She will contact  
the state librarian and select books  
as soon as possible.

#### 166. Tagore Dinner

Mr Parkar informed the Council that  
Snake charmer Restaurant has quoted  
\$2.60 per person. This includes \$1.40 for  
food and \$1.20 for catering service.  
This quote was accepted.

The charge will be \$5 per adult and  
\$2.50 per child 5 to 13 years.

The chief guest in order of choice  
will be Mr Nelson, Premier, Mr Miller  
Attorney General and Mr Batt, Minister for  
Education.



The following people were made incharge.

Tickets — Mr Parkar

Drinks — Mr. Brown

Door — Mr Dutta

Food — Mrs Bose & Dr Hussain

Decoration — Mr Islam Naqvi

Publicity — Mr Ikram Naqvi

M. C. — "

Seating arrangement — Mr A. Brown

Incharge of Programme — Mr Bose

Ticket printing — Mr Singal

167. Indian film "Hare Rama Hare Krishna" is to be screened in June. if still available.

The meeting closed at 4.30 P.M.

Naqvi  
Secretary

A. C. Singal  
Chairman



Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 9 Kestral st., Claremont, on 10th June, 1975 at 6.30 P.M.

Present: Mr Singal, Mr Bose, Mr Naqui, Mr Parkar, Mrs Bose, Mr Datta and Mr Browne.

Apology: Dr Husain

168. Mrs Bose moved that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 6th April, 1975 be accepted. Seconded by Mr Datta.

169. Correspondence

- (a) Application for family membership from Mr Datta, Mr Marker and Dr Epari. Approved.
- (b) Letter from The President of International Meditation Society (Tasmania) <sup>to Mr Parkar</sup> requesting an interview ~~with~~ and a talk to the members. No action.
- (c) Two letters (20/4/75 and 11/5/75) from Mr Kanodia regarding the film "Hare Rama Hare Krishna". This movie has at now been screened.
- (d) Letter from Mr Verma, Indian High Commission to Mr Singal, regarding Tagore Day. He regrets that he can not come to the Tagore function due to prior engagement.
- (e) Letter from the Good Neighbour Council (Glenorchy and Hobart Branches) <sup>inviting</sup> ~~requesting~~ the Society to participate in a "Arts & Crafts Display in October, 1975 to celebrate the "Silver Anniversary" of the Good Neighbour Council.

170. Treasurer's report: <sup>Paid</sup> \$140 <sup>Film</sup> for "Hare Rama Hare Krishna"

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>
Sale of tickets: \$166		
Profit from 3 cassettes: \$2.25 (0.75 for each)		Projection \$15.
	\$168.25	Film rental \$140
		\$155
<u>BALANCE</u> : \$13.25 Profit		

Tagore Dinner: The following amounts were paid to the Treasurer.



INCOME		EXPENSES	
Mr Singal	\$155.00	Snake charmer restaurant 416	
Mr Bose	205.18	Police club	195
Mr Naqui	277.50	Mrs Bose	78.82
Mrs Pasha	80.00	Mrs George	7.50
Mrs Hardakar	25.00	Mrs Naqui	6.00
Mr Brown	25.00	Mrs Parker	6.50
Mr Parker	65.00	Mr Pasha	11.00
	\$832.68	Mrs Rao	3.00
Raffle (Profit)	30.00	Mrs Singal	17.50
	\$862.68	Mr Datta	8.00
			134.32
NET PROFIT: \$107.85			

171. Annual General Meeting will precede a dinner on Friday, 18 July at 6 P.M. at A.G. Webster Travel Bureau, 63 Liverpool Hobart. Snake charmer Restaurant will cater at \$3.40 per person (buffet type dinner) and 10c per glass. Together it will cost \$3.50 per adult. Two children will count as one adult. The Society will charge \$3.50 per adult and \$1 per child (<12 yrs.). People will be asked to bring their own drinks. They will be asked send their money by 11th July. The quote for sit down type dinner by the Snake charmer restaurant was \$4.60 per adult plus \$1. per head for wine. This was not accepted.

172. Books to Library: The remaining amount (\$33) of the 1974/75 High Commission grant is to be spent in buying books on India. Mrs Bose and Mr Parker are to recommend books. A cheque <sup>together with the list of books</sup> for \$33 is to be presented to the State Librarian. Mrs Bose is to discuss this matter with Mr Brown, State Librarian.

The meeting closed at 9.50 P.M.

Secretary

Chairman



INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

TASMANIA

ANNUAL REPORT

1974 - 1975

COUNCIL

Mr. A. Singal	President
Mr. S. Bose	Vice-President
Mr. I. Naqvi	Secretary
Mr. S. Parkar	Treasurer
Dr. N. Hussain	Council Member
Mrs. H. Bose	"
Mr. B. Datta	"
Mr. A. Browne	"

HON. AUDITORS

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INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA  
TASMANIA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hobart  
18 July, 1975

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the third annual report of the Society's activities.

CONSTITUTION

In an effort to run the Society more smoothly a few amendments to the Constitution were made in a Special General Meeting on 18th November, 1974. (See enclosed Minutes).

COUNCIL MEETINGS & NEWSLETTERS

The Council met eight times to dispose of its business. In order to economise only four newsletters were sent this year as compared to six last year.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

As at 31st May, 1975 the total financial membership of the Society was 79 as compared to 73 last year and 45 the year before last.

ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER BODIES

INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION

The Society continues to enjoy warm relations with the Indian High Commission in Canberra with whom we have had frequent correspondence and assistance.

Indian High Commission Grant 1974/75

The Council had planned to hold an essay competition entitled "Gandhi - The Father of a Nation" for all High schools in Tasmania and a public speaking contest on the subject "Dr. Tagore's Contribution to Literature" for matriculation students in Hobart, in order to disburse the grant of \$113.00 received for 1974/75 from the Indian High Commission for the promotion of better relations between India and Australia. A very poor response for the essay competition forced the Council to cancel the competition and has decided to purchase books on India and to present these books to the State Library of Tasmania, Hobart.

An encouraging response was received from the Matriculation Colleges for the public speaking contest. A total of seven students from four colleges entered the contest which was held in the Wilfred Asten Hall, Friends School on Friday, 11th April, 1975 at 8 p.m. The contest was judged by the State President of the Rostrum Club. Cash prizes (1st \$25, 2nd \$15 and 3rd \$10) from the balance of the grant (amounting to \$50.00) were distributed immediately after the contest. The standard of all speeches was high and they were much appreciated by the 70 strong audience. A supper was served at the conclusion of the contest.

Grant for 1975/76

The Society was fortunate in receiving another grant from the Indian High Commission for \$84.75 for 1975/76. It will be up to the next Council to use this money wisely and effectively so that we may continue to receive such grants in the future.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR COUNCIL

We have continued to be closely associated with the Good Neighbour Council of Tasmania by receiving regular correspondence and attending their meetings. Due to lack of response from other ethnic groups the "International



Centre" project mentioned in last years report did not *eventuate*. This is unfortunate as it would have helped small ethnic groups like ours.

#### STATE LIBRARY

The State Library has recently purchased 20 LPs of Indian records on the recommendation of this Society. Their last years order of 50 LPs appears to have been lost. They have promised to place another order in the next financial year. Attempts to subscribe to Indian magazines "Filmfare", and "Illustrated Weekly" have so far failed because of the unavailability of a reliable supplier.

#### ADULT EDUCATION BOARD - COURSE ON INDIA

The Society co-ordinated with the Adult Education Board to hold a course on "INDIA - IT'S PEOPLE: THEIR CULTURE" in a total of 7 sessions at the Domain House, from 23rd September to 4th November, 1974. Sixteen people enrolled. The co-ordinator and the majority of the tutors were members of the Society.

#### OTHER INDIA-AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATIONS

This Society instigated a move for mutual co-operation between various Indo-Australian associations with a view to eventually form one body for all over Australia. The mutual benefits of such a body will be enormous as we will be able to do our job more effectively. Regular exchange of Newsletters has already started with the India League of Australia, Sydney and India-Australia Society of Adelaide.

#### SOCIAL EVENTS

##### Feature-films

The Indian movies screened by the Society this year included "Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam" "Roti Kapra Aur Makan" and "Hare Rama Hare Krishna". In addition we persuaded the Greek Society to screen "Shaitan".

Encouraged by the increased attendance to our recent Indian movies the Society is planning another latest film "AMIR AUR GHARIB" starring Dev. Anand at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 30th August in the Arts Lecture Theatre; University of Tasmania.

#### TANDOORI DINNER

This dinner comprising mostly of exotic Indian dishes (particularly Tandoori) was held in the Polish Club, Hobart on Monday, 18th November, 1974 at 6.30 p.m. The dishes were cooked by the lady members. The dinner was followed by a children's fancy dress parade for which cash prizes were awarded. This function proved very popular as it was well attended and everyone present had a good time.

#### MR. DEBU CHOWDHRY'S VISIT

We were fortunate to have the famous Indian musician Mr. Debu Chowdhry give a concert in Hobart in August, 1974. The Council entertained Mr. Chowdhry to a dinner in the Polish Club on 1st August, 1974.

#### INDIA'S REPUBLIC DAY

Hon. B.K. Miller, MLC (Former Minister for Tourism and Immigration) invited 22 members of the Society along with many other guests at 5.30 p.m. on 14th February, 1975 to a reception given by him in the Parliament House to celebrate India's Republic Day.

#### TAGORE DAY

The public celebration of Tagore Day, similar to the public functions held by the Society for Diwali and Id-Milan during the month of November in 1972 and 1973 respectively, was held in the Police Club, Hobart on Saturday, 24th May 1975 at 7 p.m. The program consisted of an Indian style dinner followed by a Cultural program and documentaries on the late Dr. Rabindranath Tagore. This was attended by nearly 200 guests including Hon. W.A. Neilson, MIA Premier of Tasmania and Mrs. Neilson. All those present had a good time.



THE FUTURE

Much of the Society's work is done by a handfull of people which must put a lot of strain on their time and energy particularly in our annual public function. Injection of new blood is vital to the healthy existance of any organization. Lack of musicians has put great restriction on our cultural activity.

Close co-operation within all Indo-Australian Associations is an exciting possibility and can be of enormous value for all of us.

The increased membership of the Society is encouraging and promises well for the prosperity and growth of the Society in the years that lie ahead.

IKRAM H. NAQVI  
Hon. Secretary



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE SALVATION ARMY YOUTH CENTRE, 73  
HOPKINS ST., MOONAH ON SATURDAY 13 JULY, 1974 AT 2 P.M.

1. Présent: Mr. & Mrs. Hardakar, Mr. & Mrs. Singal, Mr. & Mrs. Naqvi, Mr. Islam Naqvi, Mr. & Mrs. Parkar, Dr. Pasha, Mr. & Mrs. Datta, Dr. Hussain, Mrs. Dulfer-Hynes and Mr. & Mrs. Bose.
2. Apology: Miss Hewitt, Mrs. Pasha, Dr & Mrs. George.
3. Confirmation of Minutes: Mr. Singal moved that the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (as circulated) held on 16 July, 1973 be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Bose.
4. Annual Report: Mr. Singal moved that the Annual report for 1973-74 as circulated be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Bose.

Mr. Singal thanked the Président and the Secretary for doing a good job. He particularly thanked Mr. Hardaker for taking the extra responsibility of Treasurer for him.

5. President's Address: I welcome each and everyone of you old and new members to this our second Annual General Meeting. I expected to see many more members but, for one reason or another, these members have not been able to attend.

I applaud and commend the Secretary on the comprehensive report he presented so much so that I have not much more to say in this address. I have also promised to keep this meeting as short as possible to enable many of you to keep your obligatory social and business appointments.

However, I would like to speak briefly on a few matters and to draw the attention of the new Council, to be elected soon, to some of these matters

Our cash assets are beginning to look healthy and we have a sum total of \$431.27 in the bank at date. Included in this sum is the amount of \$113.00 granted to us by the Indian High Commission, Canberra, for the promotion of the culture of India - our Motherland. The new Council will be required to give consideration in its deliberations this year as to the best method or methods to expend this money in the promotion of Indian culture.

Our membership is growing and I hope it will continue to grow. There are, however, a number of our present members who have not renewed their subscriptions as yet.

On the matter of membership, I ask the incoming Council to abolish the useless and unproductive type of membership known as "Associate Membership" and restructure the membership types and subscriptions - keeping inflation in view as far as our low subscription rates are concerned.

I also draw the attention of the incoming Council to the fact that our more or less established annual function encompassing the public as well as our annual membership dinner have become very popular and I ask the incoming Council to give consideration for holding two of each of these functions during the current year.

I take the word "Progress" from the context of the Secretary's report and emphasise that the Society is progressing satisfactorily and also growing in stature not only amongst its members but also in the eyes of the general public. I wish the Society unbounded success during this year and I am very glad to say that it gave me very much pleasure to be associated with the Society during the past year.

I conclude by thanking each and everyone of you, especially the Council members, for the unflinching help and advice given to me during the tenure of my office as President in the Society for the past twelve months.

6. Elections:

<u>President</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Result</u>
1. Mr. Hardaker	Mr. Bose	Mrs. Bose	Withdrawn
2. Mr. Singal	Mr. Naqvi	Mr. Bose	Elected
3. Mr. Bose	Mr. Dulfer-Hynes		Withdrawn



<u>President</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Result</u>
<u>Vice President</u>			
1. Mr. Bose	Mr. Naqvi	Mr. Singal	Elected
<u>Council</u>			
Mr. Naqvi	Mr. Singal	Mr. Bose	Elected
Mrs. Bose	Mr. Naqvi	Dr. Pasha	"
Mr. Parkar	Mr. Naqvi	Dr. Pasha	"
Mr. Browne	Mrs. Bose	Mr. Bose	"
Mr. Dutta	Mr. Hardaker	Mr. Naqvi	"
Dr. Hussain	Mr. Naqvi	Mr. Parkar	"

Mr. Hardaker was appointed editor of Newsletters.

7. General Business: Mrs. Dulfer-Hymes moved a notice of motion for the next Annual General meeting seconded by Mr. Parkar that the Constitution be altered to (a) reduce the quorum, (b) Secretary and Treasurer be elected in an Annual General meeting, (c) abolish Associate Membership, (d) outgoing President should remain part of the Council of the following year, as immediate past President.

Mr. Dulfer-Hymes moved that the "Shadow" Council should appoint a subcommittee to review the Constitution. Seconded by Mrs. Bose.

The meeting closed at 3.20 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 18 NOV., 1974 AT 8 P.M. AT POLISH CLUB, NEW TOWN.

- Present: Mrs. Allen Mr. & Mrs. Blythe, Mr. & Mrs. Bose, Mr. & Mrs. Datta, Mr. Hardakar, Dr & Mrs. George, Rev. & Mrs. Glasby, Miss Hewitt, Mrs. Dulfer-Hymes, Mr. & Mrs. McKay, Mr. & Mrs. Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Naqvi, Mr. Islam Naqvi, Mr. & Mrs. Singal, Dr. Hussain, Dr. Saha, Dr. Fernandes, Mr. & Mrs. Pearson, and Mr. Where.
- Confirmation of "Shadow" Council: Moved by Mr. Owen; seconded by Dr. Hussain. Unanimously approved.
- Acceptance of changes in the Constitution: Moved by Mr. Brown. Seconded by Mrs. Naqvi. Unanimously approved.
 

Clauses 3, 5, 8 & 9: Delete "Associate". Insert "Social".

Clause 12 : Insert "a Secretary, a Treasurer" after "a Vice-President".

Clause 24 : Delete "six" and insert "four". Delete subclause 12B.

Clause 26 : Delete "two thirds of members of the Society present". Insert "fifteen members present".

Clause 26 : Delete "not less than two-thirds". Insert "15 or two thirds, whichever number is the greater".
- Feature films: The President, Mr. Singal made a special plea to the members for their support by coming to see the Indian movies.
- Mr. Singal thanked the Polish Club, Mrs. Bose and her committee for their work in organizing the Tandoori dinner. He also urged members to support the activities of the Society.

The meeting closed at 8.30 P.M.



INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

1974-75

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ending 30th June, 1975

1975	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	\$ c	1975	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	\$ c
To	Balance B.F. 1973/74	242.47	By	<del>Essay</del> <sup>Public Speaking</sup> Competition Prizes	50.00
"	Receipts A/C film Amanat.	86.40	"	Expenses for Public Speaking Contest	34.00
"	Receipts A/C Shahi Dinner	11.40	"	Postage	30.96
"	Annual Subscriptions -		"	P.O. Box Fees	27.00
	1974/75 \$155		"	Sundry Expenses	7.26
	1975/76 \$ <u>30</u>	185.00	"	Net loss Film S.B.G.	25.58
"	Donations	7.00	"	Balance at year end	1,002.99
"	Net Proceeds of -				
	Raffle \$288.00				
	Dinner \$ 23.50				
	Tagore \$ <u>137.69</u>	449.19			
"	Net Proceeds of -				
	Film Hare \$ 13.25				
	Film Roti \$ <u>70.40</u>	83.65			
"	Grant from Indian High Commission	84.75			
"	Bank Interest -				
	Cheque A/c. \$ 9.52				
	Inv. A/c. \$ <u>18.41</u>	27.93			
		<u>\$ 1,177.79</u>			<u>\$ 1,177.79</u>

Statement of Affairs as at 30th June, 1975

1975	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	\$ c	1975	<u>ASSETS</u>	\$ c
	Cheques issued but not presented -			Balance at Bank -	
	445 \$5.82			Cheque A/c. \$500.15	
	446 \$ <u>9.75</u>	\$ 15.57		Inv. A/c. \$ <u>518.41</u>	\$ 1,018.5
	Net Capital	1,002.99			
		<u>\$ 1,018.56</u>			<u>\$ 1,018.5</u>

Accounts audited and found correct by :

B. Macklin

R. Glasby

Hon. Auditors.

M.S. Parkar,  
Hon. Treasurer.



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President : Mr. A.C. Singal

Vice-President : Mr. I. Nagvi

Secretary : Mr. S. Bose

Treasurer : Mr. S. Parkar

COUNCIL MEMBERS.

1. Mr. M. G. Hardaker

2. Dr. Miss Nurjehan Hussain

3. Dr. S. Epar

4. Mr. Brij Datta



Minutes of Council Meeting held at 307, Brooker Avenue, Moorab on 27.7.75 at 11 am.

Present : Mr. Singal, Mr. Parker, Mr. Bore, Mr. Datta Dr. Epari and Mr. Nagri.

Apology : Dr. Nujohan Ansari.

NOTE : Mr. M.G. Handaker, Council Member was absent from the Meeting being on holiday in Europe.

Minutes of the last Council Meeting held at 9 Kerbal Street Claremont was read out. Mr. Nagri moved that the Minutes be accepted seconded by Mr. Parker. This was passed.

### Business Arising

1. Mr. Parker referred to Tagon Day Accounts. An extra amount of \$1.50 was received from Mr. Bore. The amount has been returned and the Accounts reconciled.

2. Indian High Commission, <sup>Grant.</sup> 74.75 - The intention of purchasing books for presentation to the Library not having been yet fulfilled with the close of the current financial year, it was decided to co-opt a new Committee for this purpose. The names of the persons to serve on this Committee to be decided at the next Council Meeting.

In the above connection it was decided that the Indian High Commission should be informed as to the disbursement of the money received from the Commission.

3. The Secretary's and Treasurers Reports for the year ended 30th June 1975 was read and copies are enclosed with the Minutes of this



Meeting, as record.

### Treasurer's Report.

The Annual Statement of Accounts was discussed and Council members registered their pleasure at the happy state of the Society's finances.

1. A point raised regarding the non-attendance of some people who had bought tickets for the Tagore evening and whether their money should be refunded was put to the vote, it was decided not to refund as this would set up a precedent.

### 5. New Membership Applications

from.

1. Dr. Laxman Prasad
2. Dr. Navin Chandra and
3. Mr. Lawrence Kumar Mudaliar.

were read out and accepted.

### 6. Other Points Arising from Statement of Accounts

(a) An excess of \$0.50 was received from Mr Allan Brown. This has been reconciled.

(b) Quite a number of annual Subscriptions were still outstanding and it was left to the Secretary to issue a reminder. A list of defaulting members will be provided by the Treasurer from his records.

(c) These annual Petty Cash Account has passed and \$20 each has been paid by cheques to the Secretary and Treasurer.

### 7. Correspondence

(a) Letter from Mr C. Kanodia re: Jinnah Amir Garib was read out. Mr. Nagvi mentioned that he had tentatively



booked the University Arts Theatre for 23.5.75-

by Mr. Singal mentioned that the last 2 films were limited financial successes, people seemed to appreciate them and therefore we could get another film for screening. General discussion took place, Dr. Egan was of the opinion that another film should be arranged.

c) It was decided to pay for the film "Amir Garib" immediately and a cheque for \$140 was ~~sanctioned~~ and handed over Mr. Bose for further action.

d) Mr. Nagri mentioned that because of family reasons he would be unable doing much work for the film and there being no volunteers, Mr. Bose agreed to accept the responsibility for this film. In view of the Secretary's extensive work involved in running the Society's affairs it was felt that other Council members should volunteer their services if we are to keep the films going.

## 8. Blue Gum Festival

The letter from the Blue Gum Festival Committee was read out, it was voiced by Mr. Singal and Mr. Nagri that the 1976 festival would be the biggest event organised in Tasmania including the Military Tattoo, one of the additional features. Members felt that we should, as a Cultural Society, take part in the festival.

Further discussions led to the belief that we should organise a stall at the fair which would be a wonderful attraction with the sale of Indian Snacks and Savouries<sup>our</sup>, children in national costumes, and Indian recorded music.

It was decided to approach Dr. Nanjiah Hussain to take charge of the event after replies are received to queries ~~being~~ raised.



## 9. I.H.C. Letters

a. Letter no CAN/ISI/321/174 of 15.7.75 was read. The contents were in keeping with the policy we are already following. And no further action was necessary.

b. Letter no CAN/ISI/304(49)74 of 4.7.75 re: Non-Receipt of Tagore Film was read, the film having actually been returned. The Secretary would reply accordingly.

### OTHER LETTERS

c. Divine Light Mission Letter - Taken as read, no action.

d. Letter from A & G Webster re: Confirmation of facilities made available to us for holding an AGM at 60 Liverpool Street. Secretary would reply thanking them, mentioning also that their Travel Services were being subsidised amongst our members.

e. Letter from Secretary to Editor The Mercury was read and re: Our AGM, an account of which appeared, as a result, in the Saturday edition of 26<sup>th</sup> July 1975. A cutting of this account would be filed as record.

## 10. PROGRAMME FOR 75-76

The matter of fixing our programme for the current year was discussed generally and members voiced different opinions.

a. Mr. Bose felt that, firstly, a decision should be taken with regard to the big public occasions, we organise each year, we could possibly do with 2 such occasions.

b. Mr. Nagri mentioned our likely participation in the Blue Gum Festival, this in itself would be a major undertaking. In fact, he felt that he may, as a result, defer our other big occasion, to a certain extent.



3) After further discussion and taking a general consensus of opinion it was finally decided that one big public occasion be held, distinctly apart from any proposed participation in the Blue Gum Festival.

4) But Messrs Singal and Nagvi proposed the occasion be based on the festival of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi. But since Gandhi Jayanti week is in October this does not leave us much time to organise, we normally require 4/5 months to get together a successful evening.

5) Dr. Eppin mentioned the Sankranti Festival held in South India in January after the Harvest.

6) Mr. Singal felt that our next big event should be timed sometime early next year giving us all sufficient time to organise the occasion and Council Members concurred.

7) It was finally agreed that pending any untoward happening, the big public occasion was to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 1976.

8) The name of the Day and other details was left for future discussion and would appear again on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

## II Members Occasions.

Apart from the main big public Occasions, the other events, for members only, were discussed.

(a) The Annual Members Dinners organised in the past ~~have~~ have been successful and it was agreed that there should be Members Dinners this year, one at the beginning and one toward the end of the year.



By In addition it was felt that some interesting events with emphasis on children could be usefully organised to enable our members and their children to participate and enjoy. It was left to Dr. Epari and Mr. B. J. Datta to enquire and report back to the Council with suggestions at the next Council Meeting.

## 12. RAFFLE.

The Raffle held last year was a tremendous success and added some much-needed fillip to our financial position as a direct result of which, the Society, has now a respectable Bank balance.

Members thanked Mr. Singal for organising the Raffle last year and requested that he be in charge of the Raffle again this year. Mr. Singal was pleased to accept.

## 13. Other Business.

a. Stationery required to be printed. This was left to the Secretary to organise.

b. Mr. Parker pointed out that Auditors had not been appointed at the last A.G.M. This fact will be recorded in the Minutes of the A.G.M.

c. Mr. Singal mentioned that the Council of the Society should organise a few "AT HOMES" to meet local dignitaries and other officials, after all we were a Cultural Society and our work and ambition at trying to spread the message of Indian culture would be more successful if we established rapport with important people of public life in the State.

Members discussed the subject and its merits and demerits. No firm decision was reached and there being no urgency this was left for future attention.



The above minutes refers to the first Council Meeting of the new 1975-76 Committee.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 12.45 PM.

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Minutes of Council Meeting held at 11.30 AM  
on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1975 at 12 Sugland  
Avenue, Montrose.

Present : Messrs. M. G. Hardaker, B. Datta,  
A. C. Singal, S. Parkar, I. Nagri, S. Bose  
and Dr. Miss N. Hussain.

Apology for non-attendance was received for Dr. S. Epari.

14. Minutes of the last Council Meeting held at 307, Boorler  
Avenue on 27.7.75 inadvertently not being able will be  
confirmed at the next Council Meeting.

#### 15 Correspondence - Indian High Commission

(a) Letter no (AN/ISI/321(2)/75 of 14.8.75 from  
Mr. Varma, First Secretary was read out. This letter was  
a reply to CMS no VA/15/104 of 30.7.75 and contained  
a list of documentaries as also leads as to obtaining  
artists to perform at an major public occasion in  
February 1976.

Members felt that we had enjoyed the maximum  
cooperation of the High Commission in Canberra and it was  
left to the Secretary to continue the correspondence.

(b) ~~Indian~~ Indian Club of Queensland News letter of 20/1 of  
July 1975 was introduced and inspected by Members.  
The contents were read and it was felt that the format and  
edition of the newsletter was impressive and consideration should  
be given to adopting some of the ideas for our own newsletters.  
It was also recorded that the receipt of this  
newsletter would be a sequel to our earlier  
attempts at establishing closer contacts with some  
of the Indo-Australian Societies on the mainland.



(c) Copy of Fiji - Australia Association Newsletter No 13 dated 14.8.75 was read, with particular reference to the paragraph announcing the exhibition of the film "Bobby" screened by us on Saturday August 23, 1975. This gesture was deeply appreciated by all Members.

(d) Quotation from Monoton Art Printers for Stationery, Visiting Cards and Receipt Forms dated 5.8.75 was read.

Quotations for some items of Stationery, Visiting Cards and Receipt Books were obtained at the instance of the Secretary for consideration by the Council. It was felt that costs were prohibitive. Mr. Sengal drew attention to the difficulties of raising funds for the Society and the quantity of hand work that went in, in each of the events we have held so far. ~~Other~~ It was felt however that some form of metal badges identifying the Society would constitute a valuable form of publicity and would likewise constitute a permanent acquisition. The Secretary was requested to investigate this item, particularly costs and this matter would then be discussed further.

It was decided not to proceed with printing of Visiting Cards and Receipt Forms from the financial expenditure point of view.

(e) Letter from Secretary to Blue Gum Committee No 111/75/007 of 4.8.75 and their reply of 12.8.75 was read out.

Members were appreciative of the proposals put to the Blue Gum Festival Committee by the Secretary and the very encouraging response received from them. It was noted that Mrs. J.V. Howell the Secretary of the Blue Gum Festival Committee had requested a period of several weeks for



active consideration of the proposals and the matter was therefore left 'sub-judice' in the hands of the Secretary.

(f) Letter from Mr. C.R. Kanodia of 6.8.75 re: Change of film from "Amir Garib" to "Bobby" involving an extra cost of \$20 and on Secretary's reply no VI/75/112 of 18.8.75 were read. In view of the fact that the alternate film offered being one of the top rate films for 1974 it was decided to pay the extra \$20 involved and the Secretary's action in this regard as contained in his letter was approved.

19) Secretary's letter no XI/75/106 of 13.8.75 addressed to the Editor, Morning, was recorded... as a direct result an announcement re: Screening of film "Bobby" appeared in Friday edition of the Morning of August 15, 1975.

16. A report on the Screening of film "Bobby" the previous night August 23, 1975 at the University Arts Theatre was presented by the Secretary. The final takings through the sale of tickets amounted to \$225 and having paid a total of \$175 the Society made a gain of \$50.

Members discussed the event, it was recorded that this had been, by far, their best success, so far as quality of film and audience turnout was concerned reflecting on the fact that we had the maximum profit so far in spite of having paid more for the film.

Mr. Singal proposed thanks to Mr. Bose, the Secretary, who had put in considerable hard work in ensuring the success of the occasion.

Mr. Nagvi mentioned that films were good entertainment and we should try to screen 4 films a year.

Mr. Singal and members concurred with this view.



and it has decided to proceed with obtaining another film for screening during the coming "Diwali" festival which is a time for rejoicing and goodwill.

Mr. Hardaker raised the point regarding sub-titling of films in English and mentioned that this was an important consideration with regard to attendance and that an experiment should be conducted with obtaining such films and recording audience reaction.

Mr. Nagvi mentioned in this connection that he had been in contact with a Greek film distributor who had access to an Indian film "Kohinoor" sub-titled in English and in Greek. Mr. Nagvi was requested to write to the Greek film distributor in Melbourne with a view to obtaining "Kohinoor" or some other suitable Hindi film sub-titled in English for screening during the first week of November 1975. It should be mentioned that these films will be 35 mm. as stated by the film distributor and the Council will consider its implications at the next Council Meeting.

#### 17. INDIAN TRAIT COMMISSION GRANT 1974-75

The funds held in balance for the purchase of books will be disbursed ~~when~~ when Mr. S. Parkar and Mr. S. Bose, who were authorised, purchase a book each for presentation to the Library. Mr. Parkar and Mr. Bose would make independent arrangements for the purchase of these books it was agreed that there would reflect some aspect of India's ancient culture.

#### 18. 50 INDIAN L.P. RECORDS RECOMMENDED BY OUR SOCIETY FOR PURCHASE BY STATE LIBRARY

It was a wonderful gesture when the State Library authorities agreed to purchase Indian L.P.



records recommended by the Society, it was unfortunate that due to a singular lack of service from the companies in India via some company in Melbourne who were supposed to supply the records, that this did not come to fruition. Mr. Nagri mentioned that in the meantime, some Indian L.P. records available in Melbourne were recommended to the State Library by Mr. Nagri and Mr. P. Rao and some eighteen records have been already acquired.

The Secretary has requested to re-open the subject with Mr. Bywater of the State Library and he would try to lodge a new order during the current financial year.

Members requested that attention to this subject be called in the Society's next letter to the Indian High Commission, Canberra.

## 19. 1975-76 ACTIVITIES : RAFFLE

Mr. Singal who was extremely successful in organising the Raffle last year and is managing the affair again this year, reported that it was yet too early to finalise the arrangements with regard to printing of tickets, obtaining permission from Government, Selection of prizes etc. etc. Since it was the intention to hold the Raffle early next year.

Members discussed generally the selection of prizes etc. and it was felt that the subject matter would be brought up again at a later Council meeting. Mr. Singal requested members to ponder the selection of prizes in an effort at offering contestants in the raffle something new and exciting by way of prizes to be won.



## 20. New Membership

The application received from ~~Mr.~~ Mr. David Male of the College of Advanced Education was approved and the Council expressed their welcome to Mr. Male in joining the activities of our Society.

Mr. Singal exhorted all members of the Council to undertake a recruitment Campaign, treating two ~~new~~ new members as a target for each Council member as a Campaign Manifesto for the current year. All members wholeheartedly agreed.

## ~~21. SWANSEA EXCURSION~~

~~The Council has decided to postpone the Swansea excursion to a later date. The Council has decided to postpone the Swansea excursion to a later date. The Council has decided to postpone the Swansea excursion to a later date. The Council has decided to postpone the Swansea excursion to a later date. The Council has decided to postpone the Swansea excursion to a later date.~~ Cancelled 29/7/75

## 21. "GANDHI JAYANTI"

As part of Members' functions it has decided to hold a Dinner in homage to the great Indian Savant and Father of our Nation, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi ~~at the~~ on Friday 3rd October 1975 at 7 PM. In view of our excellent success at the previous A.G.M. in July this year, all members concurred on two points:

(a) That the venue be Websters Convention Room, 60 Liverpool Street, Hobart.

(b) That the catering be entrusted to Snake Charmer Restaurant.



The event was discussed at great length by the Council and the following salient points were finally established.

(a) Mr. Bue will institute the correspondence with regard to the obtaining of the premises at 66 Liverpool Street on the evening of October 3, 1975 and also announcing the Dinner in a Newsletter to be published by him as soon as possible.

(b) The Dinner evening is to be called the "GANDHI JAYANTI" evening.

(c) It will open to Members ~~only~~ plus some V.I.P. guests, a list of these guests were furnished and read:-

1. The Lord Mayor Ald. R. G. Scandry
2. Hon. Ken Wriedt, Minister, Govt. of Tasmania
3. Hon. Neil Batt, Minister, Govt. of Tasmania
4. Hon. Michael Barnard, Minister, Govt. of Tasmania
5. Mr. Alan F. Start, Manager, Ansett Air Lines.
6. Mr. A.R.C. McDermott, Travel Manager, Websters.
7. Mr. H.F. Chesterman, President - Good Neighbour Council.
8. Hon. Mr. E.M. Bringham, Leader of the Opposition Tasmania.

Mr. Bue will issue special invitation letters to the above list of V.I.P. guests.

(d) This event would be an "Adults only" gathering.

(e) Mr. Bue promised to look into the question of possibly organising a small cultural programme on the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi.

(f) There will be a cover charge of \$5 per Member and this would cover food and ~~drink~~. It was left to Mr. S. Parkar and Dr. Najeeb Hussain to settle the details of food, ~~wine~~ and seating arrangements with Mr. Lawrence Mudahai, Snake Charmer Restaurant, who it was noted happily by all members, had joined our Society as a full member.



## 22. MEMBERS PICNIC - LOWER LONGLEY - 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1975

In terms of discussions held by the Council at its last meeting vis-a-vis holding some Members events with the emphasis on children, Mr. Bone was happy to announce that Mr. Josh Owen of the College of Advanced Education and one of our most enthusiastic members had very kindly offered the Society the use of the wonderful grounds and buildings of his farm at Lower Longley for holding our picnic.

Members were enthralled and it was unanimously agreed to accept and Mr. Nagvi was requested to ~~become~~ become the Coordinator in this matter. He would contact Mr. Owen, thanking him and accepting the offer and would thereafter organise the general details of the picnic.

23. It was agreed that for the current year Mr. S. Bone would be appointed an official representative to the Good Neighbour Council of Tasmania. Dr. Miss Nurjahan Hussani kindly agreed to act as proxy for Mr. Bone at times required.

Mr. Bone was requested to inform the Good Neighbour Council accordingly.

24. It was noted by the Treasurer that the balance to the credit of the Society as on that day stood at \$1036.49.

25. It was agreed the next Council Meeting would be held ~~at 11 am~~ Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1975 at 11 am at 9, Kestral Street, Claremont.

26. The Meeting was declared closed at 2.53 PM, members were treated to an excellent tea by Mr. Jean Smigal.



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account of Council Meeting held at  
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Minutes of Council Meeting held at  
on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1975 at 9, Kestral Street,  
Claremont.

Present : Messrs. Singal, Nagvi, Bore, Datta,  
Handaker.

Not Present : Dr. Epari

Apology was received from Dr. Nuphan Hussain.

- 27 Minutes of ~~at previous~~ Council Meeting  
held on 27.7.75 was read. This had not  
been passed at the last Council Meeting of  
28.8.75, the Minutes not having been brought to  
the Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Nagvi, Seconded by Mr. Parkan  
that the Minutes be accepted, passed.

There was no further discussion on the subject.

- 28 The Minutes of Council Meeting held at Montrose  
on 24.8.75 was then read out by Mr. Bore

Moved by Mr. Handaker that the Minutes be accepted  
Seconded by Mr. Datta, this was carried.

- 29 Business Arising

1 Metal Badges : Mr. Nagvi who was  
originally opposed to the idea of Metal  
Badges as an insignia of the Society  
wished to put on record as having



re-stated his opinion. It was decided to record this point in the Minutes.

As there was no further business arising from the Minutes Mr. Nagvi moved that it be accepted, Mr. Handaker seconded the motion and this was carried.

### 30 Correspondence

(1) Letter from Divine Light Mission of So. S. 75 was taken as read. It had been decided earlier that he would not proceed further in this matter.

(2) Periodicals "Swasth Hrud" and "Link" received from the Indian High Commission, Canberra were put on record.

### 31 New Applications for Membership

Applications for Membership from the Hon. Mr. Neil Batt, Minister for Education and Hon. Mr. W. A. Neilson, <sup>Premier</sup> ~~Chief~~ Minister of Tasmania have received and approved with enthusiasm, all ~~the~~ Members felt glad that our list of VIP Members was on the increase.

### 32 GANDEHI JAYANTI DAY

Mr. Bore referred generally to the good all round progress made to date with preparation for Gandehi Jayanti Day. The location at



the Convention room of A & Webster's, the catering contract, practice for the Cultural Side of the event and correspondence concerning invitations were all well in hand.

Acceptances had come from Mr. & Mrs. R W Baker, The Lura Maya Ad Rli Soudey and the Soudey, Mr. Ken Wright and the Council was pleased to accept.

In the above connection Mr. Singal mentioned that he had rung Mr. Michael Barnard, Minister for Land & Works who had apologized for being extra busy and would be replying soon to our invitation.

Mr. Singal also agreed to phone Mr. Alan Stait, General Manager, Ansett Air Lines to confirm his acceptance.

Mr. Nagri agreed to phone Mr. MF Cherkmen, President Good Neighbour Council and confirm his acceptance.

Mr. Nagri voiced the opinion that perhaps a member from the News Media should be invited but after discussion it was felt that a list of guests had already been drawn up and we should ~~act~~ accordingly.

Mr. Bone mentioned inviting Mr. & Mrs. J. Howell with whom he was raising for the Blue Gum Festival but here also, members felt the same argument would apply and this was not therefore accepted.

It was recorded that up to date some payments had been received on account Gandhi Jayanti Day.

Other details of the occasion ratified were

(1) The Quotation for \$5 per head from the Snake Charmer Restaurant



(2) The Hon. and Mr. Singal mentioned the visit of himself and Mr. Bore to the Snake Charmer Restaurant on Friday 19th September 1975 when full discussion on the Hon. took place with Mr. Lawrence Mudahar of the Snake Charmer Restaurant.

(3) This was a sombre occasion and dinner having been finished by 9 PM there would be a small cultural programme which Mr. Bore was organising.

(4) Mr. Nagri was requested to give a talk on Mahatma Gandhi, which he agreed.

### 33 PICNIC AT LOWER LONGLEY ON SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 1975

Mr. Nagri ~~was~~ who had been entrusted earlier, confirmed having phoned Mr. Josh Owen with regard to the use of the grounds of the farm at Lower Longley belonging to the Owens and was glad to inform the Council that Mr. Owen had very gladly agreed.

~~It was~~ Mr. Nagri had also contacted Mr. Allen Browne with a view to running the children's sports on the occasion and Mr. Browne had agreed to the proposal.

Members felt that further arrangements should be taken in hand now, to make the occasion a success.

Mr. Bore who has been taking an keen interest in the affair gave an account of the variety of jobs that had to be done in order to ensure that Members could and would enjoy



themselves to the full. First and foremost at least a couple of visits should be paid by whoever was chief organizer plus the person organizing the sports. This was required to ~~be~~ respect and settle:

- (1) Car parking arrangements
- (2) Look for a patch of convenient ground to run the children's Races, then mark the lines on the ground for the tracks.
- (3) Fix sites for the Bar-b-q.
- (4) Enquire and fix arrangements for water
- (5) Make up a Treasure Trail as part of the children's sports.
- (6) Proposal to make available at site some Boes and vegetables for sale to Members so that they may not have to take the trouble of carting them from Hobart
- (7) Cut and make available some firewood for cooking.

Mr. Bose agreed to take over the work for organizing the Picnic and that the following people would assist him

Drinks Arrangement: Mr. Singal

Sports and general help: Mr. Browne

First Aid Post: Mrs. Handaker

In-Charge - Children: Mr. Parker and Mr. Nagri

Selling Drinks & Vegetables: Mr. Bose and Tony Bose



### 34 Blue Gum Festival

Mr Rose reported to Council that there was no further progress. The organisers Mr & Mrs J. Howell had recently returned to Hobart and we would, no doubt, be hearing from them in due course. The event was still a long way off and as such there was no particular urgency to take action of any sort.

### 35. Metal Badges

This item had been entrusted to Mr Lujal to obtain ideas on design, costing etc for presentation to the Council but as this was not yet forthcoming it was left to Mr. Lujal to do this as soon as possible.

There being no further business, it was declared closed by President Mr Lujal at 11.45 PM.

Thereafter Members were treated to an excellent tea very kindly provided by Mrs. S. Parker.

Chairman

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Minutes of Council Meeting held at  
12 England Avenue, Montrose at 11 AM  
on Sunday 9th November 1975.

Present : Mrs Singal, Mr. Nagri, Mr. Bore,  
Mr. Parkar, Dr. Mini Nijolian Hussain  
Mr. Handaker, Dr. Epai and Mr. Datta.

- 36 The Minutes of the last Council Meeting held at  
9, Kestral Street, Claremont was read by  
Mr. Bore. Mr. Handaker moved that the Minutes  
be accepted. Seconded by Dr. Hussain. This was  
carried.

### 37 Business Arising

Dr. Hussain enquired of Mr. Nagri as to  
what exactly ~~he~~ had in mind when he had  
proposed inviting some members of the Nam Medha  
to an Gandhi Jayanti function. Mr. Nagri explained  
and this was accepted by Dr. Hussain.

### 38 GRANDHI JAYANTI DAY

Members mentioned the fine account on the life  
and work of Mahatma Gandhi as read by the  
Society President Mr. AC Singal.

Mr. Handaker raised the question of returning  
the <sup>money</sup> ~~change~~ paid by some members who did not  
finally attend the dinner as they had already  
asked to be excused. The Council felt that  
in such cases, the money should be refunded.



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~~It was~~  
It was proposed by Dr. Jussani that the ~~the~~ recording of Minutes of Council Meetings held should be limited to decisions made.

The President, Mr. A. Fajal agreed and other members concurred.

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Mr. Bae then stated the Accounts for Gandhi Jayanti Day. Mr. Parkar was requested to settle Snake Charmer's Bill.

There was a general discussion on the likely guests we should invite to such occasions.

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### FILM.

The Accounts for film "Yadon Ki Baraat" read :

Cash for Sale of Tickets = \$ 72.00

Charges for Film = \$ 125.00

Loss = \$ 53.00

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### GENERAL ACCOUNT

The charges for printing of Film Posters was \$ 19.00, it was agreed that this will be debited to General charges.



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PICNIC

Mr. Bone was requested to address all members re: the Picnic to be held at Longley on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 1975.

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BILLS

The bill from Monotype Art Printers which had been inadvertently delayed and concerned the printing of Society newspapers has passed for payment.

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RAFFLE

There was no further progress.

FUTURE FILMS

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Mr. Nagri will investigate joint efforts with Jyoti Society.

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Big Function

The letter from Dr. Quist re: Artists was read.

Mr. Bone was requested to reply making the following (a) the programme would be for 1 to 1½ hours (b) It should be fully Indian background. (c) 2 Artists (d) It should be classic Indian dancing (e) he will provide (1) Accommodation at a hotel/motel he will arrange and (2) Economy Air Passage.



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NEW MEMBERSHIP

- has received and accepted from
1. Mr. Harvey ~~the~~ Sue Broadstock, 3 ~~High~~ Street, West Moor
  2. Mrs C. Leyland.
- The subscriptions have paid.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

A change in the format of the form was discussed and it was decided to do away with Social Membership.

It was decided to use the existing form till March 76 and the new one to be prepared, thereafter.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

It was decided to hold, till further notice, a Council Meeting the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM.

The next Meeting would take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1975 at 7 PM at 307 Brooker Avenue, Hobart 7009.

There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed at 1.05 PM

Chairman

SBJ/L



Moonah

Minutes of Council Meeting held at 307 Brooker Avenue, Moonah at 7.30 PM on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1975

Present : Mr Singal, Mr Nagvi, Mr Bue  
Mr Handaker, Mr Datta, Mr. Parkar.

51 Minutes of last Council Meeting held at 12 England Avenue, Moonah on 9.11.75 were read. Proposed by Mr. Nagvi the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Mr. Parkar. This was carried.

## 52 Business Arising

An enquiry was made by Mr Singal whether any reply has been received from Dr Quist of Monash University re. our big function. \$

Mr. Bue read out the letter written to Dr Quist and reported that there had been no reply so far.

## 53 Correspondence.

There had been no further correspondence during the period under review but two magazines viz. Swasth Hind and Link had been received from IHC Canberra.

## 54 LIBRARY

The Secretary will contact Mr. Bywater or Mr. Griffin of the State Library & continue an effort at lodging some Indian Newspaper, magazines and L.P. records in the Library, on a regular basis.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

The following payments were passed  
for payment \$ c

1. Snake Charmer Restaurant  
At Gandhi Jayanti Evening Dinner 229.00
2. Mr C. Kanodia At Film  
"Yadon Ke Baraat" 125.00
3. Mr. Swan At Printing of Film  
Posters 19.00
4. Wreath sent to the funeral  
of the late Mrs Grace Neilson 10.00
5. Monotype Art Printers 18.81
6. Petty cash to Secretary 20.00
7. Refund At Mrs. J. Handaker  
not attending Gandhi Jayanti 5.00

DEPOSITS.

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|---------------------------|-------|
| At Film "Yadon Ke Baraat" | 72.00 |
| New Membership Fees       | 10.00 |

The Treasurer reported a cash balance of  
approximately \$1200 which includes the  
fixed deposits.



56

New Members

New arrival Miss R. Anand would be approached to become a Member of our Society.

57.

REPORT ON PICNIC HELD AT

LONGLEY on SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1975

Mr. Longal spoke on the successful picnic which the Society held on the grounds of Mr. J. Owen's farm at Longley. After the picnic Members opted to take advantage of the beautiful weather conditions prevailing on that day and visit Kingston Beach which was handily situated on a return journey from Longley. Members had a grand day.

58

Blue Gum Festival

It was noted by Council Members that no further letters had been received from the organising committee of the Blue Gum Festival re: our participation. It was left to the Secretary to contact the officials concerned and report to the Council at the next Meeting.

59.

Our Major Public Function

General discussions were held on the subject particularly with respect to "Naming the Day" VENUE, PROGRAMME ETC., ~~but~~ no firm decision were reached but in view of our intending participation in the Blue Gum Festival



in the first week of March next year it was decided to postpone the Big Public Occasion to Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1976. This would give us ample time to organise everything and we would at the same time avoid the impossible task of organising two large functions viz the Blue Gum Festival participation and the Big Public Occasion at about the same time as each other.

60.

Mr. Singal proposed a Ladies Committee with a Chairwoman who would be in-charge of organising the Blue Gum Festival participation.

This proposal was accepted by members and the Secretary was requested to write to the undersigned Ladies to obtain their permission.

1. Dr. Nurgshan Ansari
2. Mrs. S. Bore
3. Mrs. S. Parkar
4. Mrs. A. Singal
5. Mrs. B. Datta
6. Mrs. F. Markar
7. Mrs. I. Nagvi.

61. IHC Grant 75-76

It was decided to spend the IHC grant for the current year towards organising the cultural programme for our big public occasion.

62. Venue for Big Public Occasion

Members felt that Hellenic Hall



in Federal Street, North Hobart would be an excellent venue for an public occasion and since bookings were made well ahead of time, Mr Nagri was requested to contact the Management Committee of Hellenic Hall and find out the details of charges, availability etc.

In the same connection Mr Nagri would also contact other people for eg Mr Mudahin of Snake Charmer Restaurant etc who might have useful suggestions regarding other locations for an big public occasion.

### 63. RAFFLE

Mr. Singal reported no further progress, there was still ample time. Tickets would be ready beginning of March 76 which would leave us 3 clear months for sale of 600 tickets at \$1 each. The draw as agreed earlier, would coincide with an big public occasion.

Discussion on the prizes took place & was tentatively agreed that -

(a) The First Prize could be a Return Air Ticket to Canberra where the prize-winner could meet our Indian High Commissioner.

Mr. Singal was requested to approach Ansett Air Lines in the above connection.

(b) Second Prize could be a Coles Bay Trip for Two.

(c) Third Prize could be an Indian Rug.

Final decisions regarding prizes would be made later on receipt of detailed information on the various points.



64. There being no other Business the Meeting  
was declared closed at 10 PM. Members  
were thereafter treated to Tea, kindly  
prepared by Mrs. Bone.

*[Signature]*  
S.B./h.

Chairman



Minutes of Council Meeting held at  
30<sup>2</sup>~~5~~ Brooker Avenue Moonah on Thursday  
5<sup>th</sup> February 1976 at 7.15 PM

Present: Messrs. A. C. Singal, S. Bose,  
M. Hardaker, I. Nagvi, S. Parkar,  
Dr. Nurjahan Hussain.

NOTE: Dr. S. Epari was absent as  
he is away on leave in India.

Apology: An apology was received from  
Mr. B. Jatta.

65. Minutes of the last Council Meeting held  
at 307 Brooker Avenue Moonah on  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1975 were read out by  
Mr. Bose.

Proposed by Mr. Nagvi and seconded by  
Mr. S. Parkar that the Minutes be accepted.  
This was carried.

## 66 Business Arising.

It was advised by Mr. I. Nagvi that  
Hellenic Hall in Federal Street, North Hobart  
had been booked by him for Sunday  
29<sup>th</sup> May 1976 for the big public Occasion.  
The charge was asked at \$150.00.



67. Mr. Siegal raised the subject of our Members being invited to the Republic Day Function and Members concurred with the exceptional good gesture shown by the Government of Tasmania in the anticipation of the official observance of the Day.

68. Mr. Bore mentioned his interview with Mr. Murray Ficker, Private Secretary to the Minister Mr. Michael Barnard and the discussion held with him.

(a) with regard to preparation of a list of proposed guests to be invited to the Republic Day function; and

(b) with regard to our request that the Tasmanian Government give consideration to providing us with a Headquarters housed in some building owned by Government and which we could obtain as a "gift lease".

69. Mr. Handaker and Mr. Nagri joined in the discussion and supported the proposal of obtaining a Headquarters. Mr. Nagri mentioned a building called "International House" which Government had bought for housing the United Nations body in Tasmania. Discussion was held on various ways of approach the Minister concurred in this connection.

70. It was decided that no written draft would be submitted to help the Minister give a speech on the occasion of the Indian Republic Day 1976.



## 71. Correspondence

(a) Letter to. CAN/151/321 (22) 75 of 27.11.75 from F.H.C. Canberra was read.

### Business Arising from Above Letter

(1) Discussion took place on the best method of circulating newspapers and magazines on India received from F.H.C. Canberra it was decided that they would be brought to Council Meetings and distributed to people who were desirous of reading them.

(2) Re: Musical Instruments: No action was considered necessary at this juncture.

(3) Other Subjects (various) mentioned in the letter — no action was considered necessary.

(b) Letter from Dr. Rajesh Quist of 24.12.75

(c) Letter from SKD Films, Sydney of 2.12.75 was read and it was decided that the following information would be sought and Mr. Bere would write

1. Brochures of Films
2. Further List of Films
3. Can we plan a year ahead and with guarantee
4. How many films will be shown and subtitled in English
5. Costing and freight arrangements
6. Will we be supplied Posters and publicity Material



72. Mr Singal referred to an G.P.O. Box address and enquired whether every member was in accordance with the charges levied.

The General Consensus was in favour of carrying on with our Post Box address and the expenditure was authorised.

### 73. Blue Gum Festival

Mr. Bone reported on the discussions held with Mrs. Howell at her office on 13.1.76 on the Blue Gum Festival and our likely participation in the various events being held.

Mr. Bone mentioned that he had written letters to some of the Ladies and approached the other Ladies with a view to the forming of the Ladies Sub-Committee to organise our likely participation in the Blue Gum Festival.

Mr. Singal enumerated the various events held under the auspices of the Blue Gum Festival and as a result of discussions held on our likely participation ~~that~~ it was decided that we should participate, by running a STALL at the Village Fair to be held in the grounds of the Royal Botanical Gardens on Saturday 20th March 1976.

It was further decided that a Volunteer in-charge of Co-ordinating activities for the Stall would be Mr. Nagry, and he would coordinate with the Ladies in organising the food and the decorations.



74. With regard to future events of the Society, Members unanimously supported that we should have our major public event in May 1976, as decided earlier.

It was left to Mr. Sengul and Mr. Nagvi and Mr. Bose to work out the details and the format of the programme.

Dr. Hussain mentioned the visit of Artists from Melbourne and suggested that we sell tickets for the show and thereby ascertain ~~how~~ what sort of funds we could raise for the occasion.

With costs rising fast in all directions, particularly with regard to food and catering arrangements it was felt by certain members that we could dispense with the dinner and, if we were able to get the Artists from Melbourne to perform "Music and Dances" on the stage, then we might as well have a Cultural Evening only, without reference to any major dining arrangement, possibly providing some snacks only as an added attraction. No final decision was taken.

75. The Treasurer Mr S. Parker mentioned briefly that the financial position of the Society being:

1) Current Account - \$501.43

2) Savings Account - \$518.41

There were no transactions during the period under review.



76. It was decided that the  
Next Council Meeting would be  
held on Thursday 12th February 1976  
at 9, Kentral Street, Claremont as  
a Special Meeting to consider urgent  
matters concerning the booking of film, the  
Major Public Occasion and the Raffle.  
No notices regarding the Meeting would  
be given.

77. There being no other business the  
Meeting closed at 10 pm. with Tea being  
served by Mrs. Bore which was greatly  
appreciated.

Chairman

S/S/h



Special

Minutes of General Meeting held at  
12 England Avenue, Montrose on Thursday  
12<sup>th</sup> February 1976 at 7.30 P.M.

Present: Messrs. A.C. Singal, I. Nagvi, S. Bose,  
~~Mr.~~ Hussain, B. Datta and M. Handaker.

78.

Film

The letter from PKD Films Sydney was  
tabled and it was decided to accept a  
film from them as soon as possible. Mr. Bose  
has requested to write and confirm the  
various details with them as quickly as  
possible. The relevant points were

(a) We would accept a film out of  
the 6 films offered by them.

(b) The Date of Screening would be,  
either Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April or Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
1976.

~~for~~ Mr. Nagvi would in the meantime  
book the Hall and make arrangements for  
the Projectionist.

79.

Major Public Occasion

Various aspects of the major public  
occasion was discussed with a view



to investigating the best arrangements we could arrive at and thereafter make a firm decision.

Mr. Singal drew attention to the various points that had already been settled

(a) the locale would be Holkeme Hall, North Hobart and this place had been booked for

(b) the date of the occasion would be 29.5.76 and the cost of the stall was

(c) \$150 for the evening

These points were confirmed by all Members.

80. It was proposed that we write further to Dr. Rajesh Quist and try to obtain the visit of 3 Artists from Melbourne.

81. ~~It~~ It was proposed that the Adult charge for the evening could be \$7 per head but no firm decision was



taken pending the outcome of the findings vis-a-vis the artists from Melbourne.

82. Dr. Hussain mentioned that her landlady Mrs. Gibby whose husband was in the Entertainment business had proffered her help in organising part of the showing during an public occasion evening and this was gratefully noted for future reference.

83. Various matters of Dinner Service was discussed and it was left to Mr. Nagri and Mr. Handaker to find out further details from the Snake Charmer Restaurant.

84. It was proposed that the Evening be termed "DHAN A' BHARAT" but no final decisions were taken on this regard.

85. Chief Guest

It was decided unanimously that the Premier of Tasmania the Hon. W.A. Neisen be approached to accept our invitation to be Chief Guest for our major public occasion.



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86. RAFFLE

The arrangements are proceeding in keeping with details finalised earlier and in stating this, Mr. Singal mentioned that the tickets would soon be printed and distributed for sale to members of the Council ~~as~~ quickly as possible.

Efforts to be continued by Messrs. Singal, Bae and Nagvi with obtaining the first prize per kind favour of Ansett Air Lines being Economy Return Class Air Tickets for two to Canberra. It was also left to them to plan and obtain suitable second and third prizes for the Raffle.

There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed at 9 PM and Members enjoyed an excellent Tea provided by Mr. A.C. Singal.

President

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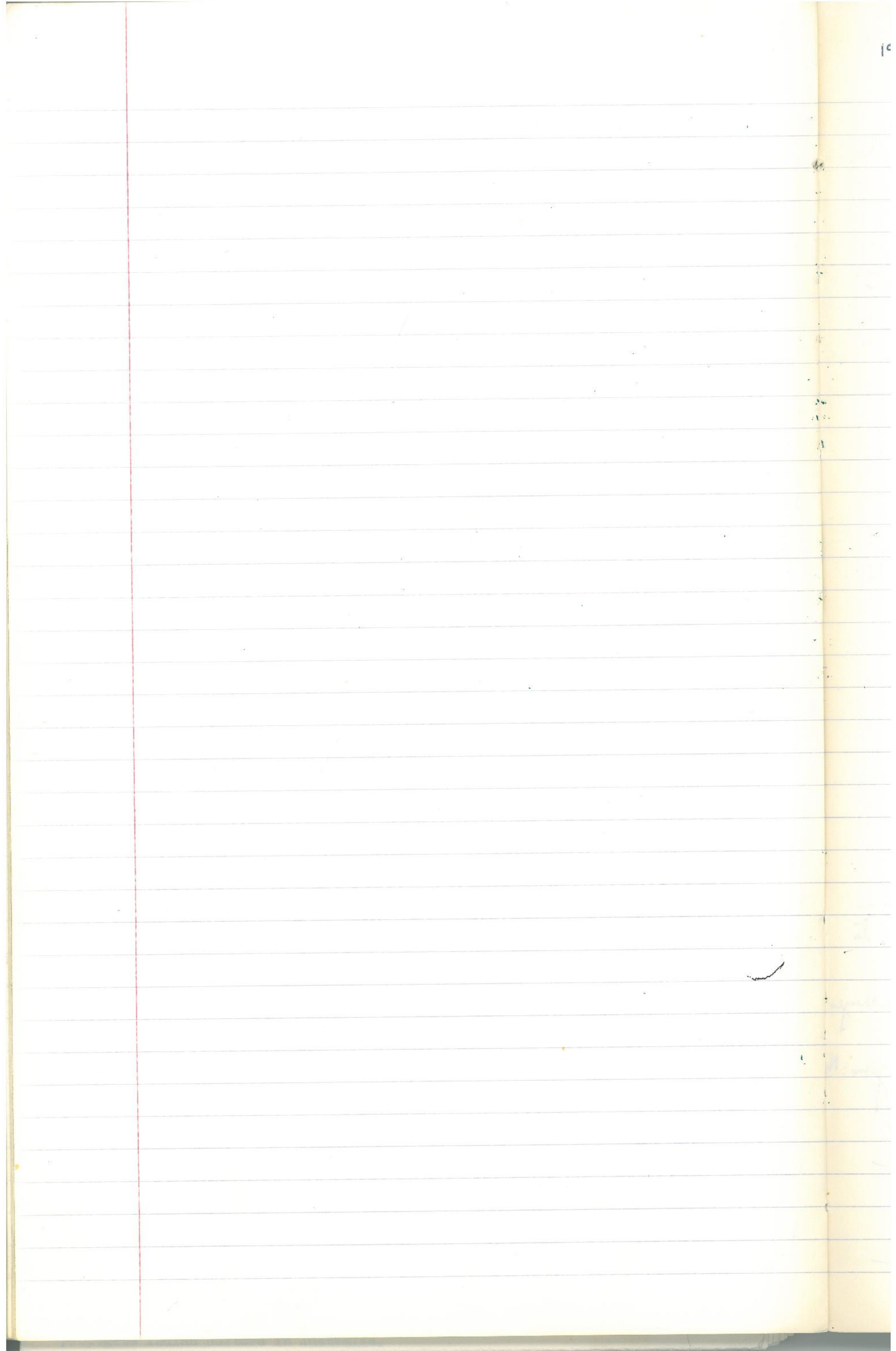
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Minutes of Council Meeting held at  
9 Keshal Street, Waverley, on Sunday 16 April 1976 at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. A.C. Singal, I. Nagji, S. Santar, M.G. Panteter and  
 Dr. (Mrs) Nijeham Ansari.  
 A letter from the Council was received from Dr. D. Satta.

87. Minutes of Last Two Council Meetings.

The minutes of the last two council meetings were not recorded in the Minutes Book or presented by the Secretary who did not attend this meeting.

88. General Business

The President tabled the following correspondence:  
 (a) Letter dated 4 April 1976 from Dr. Santosh Dose resigning as Secretary with effect from 4 April 1976 and also requesting time for preparation of minutes of last two council meetings.  
 Moved by Dr. Nagji and seconded by Dr. Nijeham Ansari that Dr. Dose's resignation be accepted in writing, and for this letter, he be thanked for the help and active support he gave to the Society during his tenure of office.

(b) Letter dated 16 March 1976 from Shri Sub. Newcastle inviting one representative of the Society, along with Dose, to the "Dinner in Aid" Indian Style to be held on 22 May 1976.

89. Appointment of Acting Secretary

Moved by Dr. Nijeham Ansari and seconded by Dr. Santar that Dr. M.G. Panteter be appointed Acting Secretary for the remaining portion of the current year.  
 Dr. Panteter accepted the position of Acting Secretary and was given a cheque for \$20.00 for petty cash expenditure.

90. New Members

An application for membership was received from Dr. S. Gilroy.  
 Their application for membership for the full year of 1976/77 was accepted.



91. Blue Gum Festival Fair

The President, on behalf of the Society and Council, extended thanks to Dr. Jingchen Assarian for organising and running a successful stall at the Blue Gum Festival Fair.

The accounts for the stall were presented by Dr. Assarian who reported a net profit of \$24.09 after having met all known and claimed expenses.

92. Feature Movie

In the screening of "Grand", Dr. Nagji reported a net profit of \$4.00 after expenses were met.

Dr. Nagji also reported that the next 35mm colour feature film, in Hindi, would be screened at 2 P.M. on Saturday 12 June 1976 in the Lakes Theatre, University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay. It was decided that future admission charges to feature movies would be:

Adults	: \$3.50
Students	: \$2.00

93. Appointment of Librarian

Dr. Grij Datta, a member of the Council, was appointed the Society Librarian.

94. Annual Major Public Function

Various topics were discussed in relation to the function, known this year as "Shamé Sahar" (Lobing Evening), to be held in Pellicane House, North Hobart, on Saturday 5 June 1976.

A decision was made on the proposed admission charges for the function. These charges are to be:

Adult: \$7.00; Children between 13 and 18 years: \$3.50; children below 13 years: No charge.

Dr. (Miss) Jingchen Assarian was appointed Chairwoman of the Ladies Committee for the function. She was authorised to form the necessary committee and to inform the Council, at its next meeting, of the names of the ladies on this committee. Dr. Nagji was requested to ensure the



existing correspondence in relation to the attendance of the  
 of Indian dances as well as to obtain details of the  
 artistic background for publicity purpose.

95.

Close of Meeting

There being no other business, the meeting was  
 declared closed at 11 P.M.

James J. Hantke 17/4/76  
 ACTING SECRETARY.

A. C. Sengel  
 PRESIDENT.



Minutes of Council Meeting held at 401, Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay, on Saturday 11th 1976 at 10-30 A.M.

Present: Messrs. H. C. Singh, S. Nagji, S. Datta, S. Elam, S. Pantar & H. J. Antstater & Dr (Miss) Margherita Gussino.

96. Minutes of the last Council Meeting

The minutes of the last Council meeting held at 9 Keshal Street, Claremont, on Thursday 16th April 1976 were read by the Acting Secretary.

Proposed by Dr. Nagji and seconded by Dr. (Miss) Margherita Gussino that the minutes be accepted. This was carried.

97. Correspondence

The following correspondence was tabled and read:

(a) Outward

Letter dated 21st April 1976 to Dr. S. Gore accepting his resignation.

(b) Inward:

(i) Two quotations from Satterthwaite Restaurant, Hobart, dated 15 and 22 April 1976 for preparing at annual major public function.

(ii) Letter dated 13 April 1976 from Dr. S. M. Nadson, West India House requesting financial help and support in seeking an Indian temple in the South, West India House.

(iii) A letter from Dr. Rajesh Dutt and a letter from Yum Ganemali Singh in connection with their impending visit to Hobart to perform their dance programme at the annual major public function.

(iv) A letter from SKD Film Distribution, St. Louis regarding hire of feature film.

98. Feature Movie

A decision was made to screen the next film on Saturday 12 June 1976 and to advertise the film in "The Mercury".

It was also decided that Dr. Nagji should write to SKD Film Distribution, St. Louis, to advise them that:

(a) the next film would be screened on 12 June 1976 and not in May 1976 as suggested by these distributors and (b) that the Society would screen a film every two months on official basis and not monthly.



## 99. Annual Major Public Function

### (a) Name Change

The name of the function was changed to "Gharadiya Sangeet Sammelan".

### (b) Accommodation for Dance Troupe

Accommodation for the three members of the dance troupe was kindly offered by Messrs. Singal, Nagji and Giani. Their offers were accepted. Dr. (Miss) Nijeha Hussain & Mr. G. H. Hatcher also offered accommodation shall any of the young members be unable to provide accommodation.

### (c) Return Air Fares for Dance Troupe

A decision was made to pay the Society's half share of the return air fares for the three members of the dance troupe to A.U.S. Travel, University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay, for kind favour of Mr. Nagji. The half share of these fares amounted to \$126.90.

### (d) Publicity for Dance Troupe

Messrs. Nagji and Hatcher were appointed to publicise the dance troupe on the two T.V. channels and in "The Mercury".

### (e) Ladies Committee

Dr. (Miss) Nijeha Hussain advised the names of the ladies on this committee. They are Mesdames Jane Nagji, Flora Rao, Nina Dose, Mrs. Singal, Betty Hatcher, Rishi Sacha and Indoo Datta.

### (f) Fashion Parade

A decision was made not to hold a fashion parade.

### (g) Betty Door Prize

Dr. (Miss) Nijeha Hussain donated without charge a ladies jute short coat as the Betty door prize. Dr. Hussain's donation was gratefully accepted.

Dr. Giani was appointed to organise the sale of the Betty door prize tickets as well as to present the jute coat in an attractive manner.

### (h) Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Nagji was appointed as Master of Ceremonies.

### (i) Programmes

Messrs. Singal, Nagji and Hatcher were appointed to set out the format of a programme and to arrange for its printing.

Continued



(g) Sales Distribution of Admission Tickets

Mr. Sauter and Mr. (Mrs) N. Hansen were appointed to organise the sales distribution of admission tickets and to account for these tickets. They were authorised to seek the assistance of other Council Members in the performance of these duties if they so desired.

(h) Door Duties

Mr. Sauter and Mr. Hansen were appointed for door duties and sale of tickets at doors.

(i) Decoration of Hall

It was agreed that Mr. Glen Hagen is to be in charge of the decorations.

(j) Bar

Mr. Singh agreed to approach Mr. D. MacArthur with the request to manage the bar which is to be organised by the Society. It was decided to purchase liquor for the bar on a wholesale basis from Webster Trading Pty. Ltd., Angell Street, Hobart.

(k) Raffle

Mr. Singh requested Council members to account for all raffle tickets, previously given to them for sale, at the next Council meeting to be held on 22 May 1976.

(l) Invitation to the High Commissioner of India, Canberra

A decision was made to the effect that the Acting Secretary be directed to write to the High Commissioner and invite him and his wife or his nominated representatives to the function.

The letter to the High Commissioner was to also contain, firstly, advice to the effect that the grant of \$84.75, given in April 1975, would be utilised to help defray costs of the cultural programme of the function, secondly, a request for publicity material on India in the form of notices, travel posters, brochures and other artifacts particularly on Manipuri as the main dances of the function would be based on Manipuri dance themes and thirdly, to request that the overseas edition of the



"Hindustan Times" be forwarded on a regular basis as copies of this newspaper have not been received since last February.

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Minutes of Meeting

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed at 12-45 P.M.

Minutes of Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> 1/16  
ACTING SECRETARY

A. C. Sengal  
PRESIDENT.







