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Dear Member,

It gives me great pleasure in welcoming you to another edition of the Newsletter. Our ever vibrant Indian community had a very memorable Qawali and Pot-Curry Night at the Migrant Resource Centre on 11 October 1991. It was very nice to see the entire community participate and take part very enthusiastically in the events held that night. Our talented young children did very well in the drawing competition and the judges (everyone present in the room was asked to judge) had a very hard time in deciding the winner. Finally we had to split the prizes among all participants. One of the drawings had a -Not For Loan- sticker on it. (A budding Banker). The adults then lent a new colour to the night with traditional Indian music from every corner of India echoing from every corner of the room. I am sure that you shall all join me in thanking our ladies for the lavish feast they had spread for us on that night. (Do I hear some of the men claiming that they had cooked too?) We missed Mr Brij Datta and Mr Abnash Singal on that night. Mr Brij Datta had left for a three week trip to India and Mr Abnash Singal was away in Sydney.

Of the many things that have happened in connection with the society since the last Newsletter was printed, there are two which deserve to be mentioned specially. The first one is Mr Dinesh Patel's contribution toward the India House at Glenorchy. Mr Patel managed to convince the council that the construction of extra toilets in the India House was not necessary. On behalf of the entire Indian community I sincerely thank Mr Dinesh Patel for having brought to an end one of the major problems of the India House and thereby saving unnecessary costs to our society. The second news is for the Indian and Urdu music lovers of Hobart. Mr Iftikar Aziz, one of our very active members, now hosts a radio programme on every alternate Saturday afternoon at 1:00pm on 92.9FM. This means that we can now have a Breakfast Bonanza with Mr Mahendra Pathik's programme on the same channel at 9:00am every Saturday and an afternoon siesta with Mr Iftikar Aziz' melodies at 1:00pm on alternate Saturdays.



His excellency Mr Khaleeli and Mrs Khaleeli with some Indian friends in Hobart

The High Commissioner of India to Australia, His excellency Mr Akbar Khaleeli and his wife Mrs Rafat Khaleeli paid a state visit to Hobart last month. His excellency was here on a very short notice to attend the Conferences on Antarctica and India's role in the sub-continent. His excellency spoke as a guest speaker at a Luncheon organised by the United Nations Organisation at the Drysdale House, on Wednesday 23rd October 1991

The luncheon was attended by a few Indians, while the others apologised for not being able to attend at a very short notice. His excellency Mr Khaleeli gave a very touching speech at the Luncheon. Talking about World Peace Organisations, he explained very convincingly that World Peace can be achieved only by bringing peace in the hearts of the individuals and not by taking scores of decisions at conferences and meetings. His excellency also said that he was very much impressed with the Indian community in Hobart.

Last week we had with us in Hobart, Leander Paes - India's young and budding Tennis star. Leander was here to compete in the Tasmanian Open Championship. He won his first round in the doubles match but couldn't continue due to injury problems. Leander will be playing in Hong-Kong next week and in New Zealand after that. He has already won the Wimbledon Juniors and the U.S Open Juniors. We wish him good luck in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Deepavali and a Prosperous New Year. Our congratulations to the Hobart Tamil Association for organising a wonderful Deepavali Programme on that night. The function was held at the Polish Club at New Town



and the Programme included cultural items like dances and songs and a lavish spread of mouth watering food for dinner. The Ex-High Commissioner of India to Fiji Mr Srinivasan also attended the function and said that it was a very commendable effort. Special thanks to our Committee member Viji for having organised all the dances.

The Indian Cricket Team will be in Hobart and the One Day cricket match between India and Australia is on the 10 December at the Bellerive Oval. We are trying to get in touch with the Indian Cricket Board to find out their Programme. We shall try and organise a get-together with the Indian Cricket Team on 9th or 10th December '91; so please keep the evening free. I shall let you know of the venue very soon.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- 1) **BBQ at Tolossa Park Glenorchy at Hut No: 12** on Sunday 5th January 1992 starting at 12-00 noon followed by a cricket match. Everyone do come and join. Please bring your own meat and salad.
- 2) **Summer Holiday trip** for all the young at heart: 2 day stay at Rutherglen Holiday Village where facilities for tennis, swimming, boating, bike riding etc are available. We shall leave on Saturday 25th January and return Monday 27th January, that weekend being a long one on account of Australia Day. The cottages have been reserved, each family to arrange it's own transport and the cost of accomodation is to be shared by all families. Please let me know whether or not you shall be able to join us on this trip A.S.A.P on 29 4111 so that the total number of people and the accommodation can be finalised. From Rutherglen we intend to make day trips for BBO's to Batman Bridge, Green Point and Mole Creek etc.
- 3) **The annual Indian Function** will be held on the 22nd of February 1992. In the summer holidays we shall be organising and rehearsing the cultural items for that evening; any suggestion and ideas from you are most welcome.

Thanking you,

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