

INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

TASMANIA

NEWSLETTER (NO. 2) TO MEMBERS

4 May, 1973

1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As this is our last newsletter before the elections in July 1973, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard working council and other members for their support in making our activities successful.

Considering that this is our first year and our membership is small, we have been fairly active. We celebrated "Diwali" in November 1972 which was attended by over 200 people. This was followed by the screening of the Hindi feature-film "Ashirwad" in December 1972 and a picnic in January 1973. We held an exhibition of Indian arts and crafts in April 1973 which was attended by over 2000 people. Although some members made small contributions at various times the bulk of the work was done by a handful of people. I urge you to participate freely and contribute more generously to Society's activities so that the Society can benefit by your talents.

The forthcoming elections is a good opportunity to show your interest by coming to the Annual General Meeting on 15 July 1973 and elect a new Council. However, before this date I hope to see you all at our exotic "Moghul" Dinner on 26 May 1973.

On the whole, we had a successful first year and I am confident that next year will be even better and more fruitful to all members of the Society.

2. Moghul Dinner

This dinner will be held in Hobart on Saturday 26 May 1973 for all members and their children.

The main purpose of this dinner is to enable every member and his family to meet and become better acquainted with other members and their families.

Only exotic Indian dishes will be served at this dinner and will be cooked by members of the Society.

A charge of \$1.00 per adult member will be made to defray the incidental expenses of the dinner. No charge will be made for children.

Members and their families who will be attending the dinner are requested to advise their intention before the 19 May 1973 to either Messrs M. Pathik or M. G. Hardaker who will furnish them with details of the time and venue of the dinner. These two members can be contacted by telephone as follows:

Mr M. Pathik 232164 (Residential) 345966 (Business)

Mr M. G. Hardaker 284860 (Residential) 304008 (Business)

3. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, 15 July 1973 at 2 pm in the Board Room of the Union Building, University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay.

All members of the Society are requested to attend this important meeting during which the election of the new Council, consisting of eight members, will take place.

Only full members have voting rights and are eligible for election to the Council.

It is proposed to amend Clause 24 of the Constitution at this meeting.

4. Annual Subscriptions

All members are reminded that annual subscriptions become payable on the first day of June 1973.

5. Exhibition of Indian Arts and Crafts

The recent exhibition staged by the Society was not only an outstanding success, but also impressive.

The Society gratefully acknowledges and thanks all those members who valuably supported and assisted in making the exhibition such a success.

6. The Good Neighbour Council of Tasmania

The Society was admitted as a constituent body of the Good Neighbour Council of Tasmania on 7 April 1973.

The delegate of the Society to the State Council of this organisation is Mr I. H. Naqvi.

The executive of the organisation has strongly recommended that the Society appoint delegates to as many as possible Good Neighbour Branches in Tasmania. These delegates will be put to no financial outlay and will, of course, have and be in close contact with the organisation's migration and integration work particularly of Indian nationals in Tasmania.

Members who are desirous of becoming delegates to Good Neighbour Branches in Tasmania should give their names to our Secretary who will then forward these names to The Good Neighbour Council of Tasmania, Hobart.

7. Commonwealth of Nations Display

The Tasmanian Branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society intends to hold a Commonwealth Nations Display from 7 to 20 June 1973 in the display area of the AMP Society building, Elizabeth Street, Hobart.

The R.C. Society feels that the aims and objects of the Commonwealth are not realised or appreciated as well as they could be by the general public in Australia as well as overseas and hopes that the planned display will become an annual event and will play some small part in prompting closer understanding and co-operation between Australia and other members of the Commonwealth.

The R.C. Society welcomes the assistance of our Society for the display and requires the loan of items of interest that would signify India both old and new.

Members desirous of assisting the R.C. Society in any way and/or loaning any items for display should contact our Secretary in the matter.

8. Indian Magazines

A letter has been revised from Messrs Indian Enterprises, PO Box 230, WENTON, Victoria. 3194, advising that the Indian magazines of Illustrated Weekly, Dharamyug, Film Fare and Femina from the Times of India Press, Bombay, are now available in Australia for the first time. The magazines will be made available by this company to readers in Australia the same day as they are available to readers in India.

The prices quoted by the company for the magazines are as follows:

<u>Magazine</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>	<u>Half-Yearly</u>
Illustrated Weekly	\$0.60	\$7.65	\$15.00
Femina	\$0.60	\$3.60	\$ 7.00
Filmfare	\$0.50	\$3.00	\$ 6.00
Dharamyug	\$0.50	\$6.40	\$12.50

8. Indian Magazines (continued)

All prices include postage.

Members who wish to subscribe for the magazines or obtain single copies should get into direct contact with the company.

9. Overseas Editions of "The Hindustan Times"

One copy of each overseas edition of this newspaper is made available to the Society on a regular basis.

Members desirous of reading these editions should contact our Secretary for inclusion of their names on the distribution list.

10. Good Neighbour Migrant Art & Craft Competition & Exhibition 1973

This is the second art competition held for settlers in Tasmania by the Good Neighbour Council. Its purpose is to encourage individualism and creativity in newcomers and to bring these qualities before the general public.

There are two sections, junior and adult, with various categories to each of these two sections.

The competition is open to our members and full details of this competition may be obtained from our Secretary.

11. Indian History and Archaeology

A circular has been received from All India Educational Company, Delhi, through the High Commission of India, Canberra, stating that this company has recently published for sale charts of Medieval Indian Alphabets, Ancient Indian Numerals and Indian Alphabets Abroad.

Members requiring details and prices of these charts should obtain a copy of the circular from our Secretary. They should also get into direct contact with the company should they desire to purchase any of the charts.

12. Membership Directory

A comprehensive membership directory is under preparation and will be forwarded to each member upon completion.

Amongst other details, the address and telephone numbers (both business and residential) of each member will be shown in the directory.

Members are requested to notify our Secretary as soon as possible of any changes in their addresses and telephone numbers since they made their original application for membership. These changes are required for incorporation in the directory and the Society's "Register of Members".

13. Films

The Society is still vigorously investigating the possibilities of importing feature films from India, Singapore and Fiji on a regular basis for screening to members and the general public.

14. Items and Articles for Publication in Newsletters

Members who have any interesting items and articles for publication in Newsletters are requested to give these items and articles to Mr M. G. Hardaker.

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