



The Indian Cultural Society of Tasmania

2nd Quarter Newsletter

June 2008

News from the Committee

Welcome to the Q2 Newsletter for the Indian Cultural Society of Tasmania. ICS is happy to announce its success in the last quarter and has seen the support of the community grow to a new level. The committee has made some revisions to the Calender of Events (details below) for 2008. Also published below are details of our upcoming BIG July event and a snap shot of past events.

There have been some changes to the committee which is addressed by the President in the next section. The committee has also started a Group on facebook to keep in pace with today's concept of communicating online and would encourage the community to join, further details are provided below.

We look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming event and your continued support. As always, we welcome any offer of assistance and new ideas.

From the President

I am pleased with the progress and community support that has been extended to us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of our ex-committee member and welcome our newly appointed members.

Sunil Gupta treasurer has stepped down due to intentions of moving to Melbourne, Ramesh, secretary, has stepped down due to increased travel commitment at work, and Vishal Vorha committee member has moved to Brisbane to pursue a new career. I wish them well.

New appointed members - Flevy Crasto appointed as Treasurer, Rajiv Raj has offered to help with the Secretary position, and Koushik Kannan appointed as Committee member. I hope that all of you will join me in welcoming them.

ICS's Stand on Racial Discrimination

The recent (26th May) attack on Varun Khetarpal, the president of the Indian Youth Society only goes to show that we live in an environment with people having mixed feeling. ICS condemns this act and will support the fight against racial discrimination within our community and outside. Many of our members did respond to the Mercury article and we thank them for their support. The editor of Mercury has been supportive in publishing letters written in response to this article.

Annual Dinner 19-July-2008

The main event for the year 2008 Calender is the 'Annual Dinner.' This event will be held on the 19th of July at Helenic Hall, North Hobart from 6:30pm onwards. As it is the Annual Dinner dress code will be Indian Formal. We plan on having guest speakers from the Hobart community and inviting other delegates to take part. Activities will include performances such as classical, bhangra, bollywood, and fusion dances, fashion show, and lots of Indian music. There will be prizes to be won for all such as prizes for best dressed etc. There will be a well spread non-vegetarian and vegetarian dinner. Drinks will available at a nominal cost. Tickets will be sold from mid June 2008. More information will be sent to all of you later in the month and made available online.

Indian Cultural Society - Online



To keep up with the growing trend of communicating online and being in touch with the community we have created a new online group called the Indian Cultural Society of Hobart. We would encourage all of you to be a part of it by joining to the online network www.facebook.com.

This will encourage communication, exchange of ideas and things of interest to the community on an ongoing basis and as well as help us keep in touch with all of you.

Update on ICS Event Calender 2008

- 19 July Annual Dinner
- August Independence day
- September Dhandya and Dance
- October Diwali Dhamaka/ Mela
- December BBQ
- Other Events Movies, Cricket tournaments

Holi Dhamaka 22-Mar-2008 – Colours of India

ICS in collaboration with the Indian Youth Society held its first event of the year at Tolosa Park. The event was attended by over 200 people. DJ Rahul enthralled the gathering with his music, while Harsha Solanki and Amisha Patel put up a performance for us. The afternoon was filled with colours and music to the tune of which we had everybody dancing. Vegetarian Indian food was catered by Taj Palace to give it a true festive touch.





Bollywood Film 'Race' 27-Apr-2008

This event was held at the University of Tasmania – Centenary Theatre and attended by an excess of over 50 people despite the short notice. Munchies, soft-drinks, tea, coffee, and hot samosas (Taj Palace) were served during the interval time.

We would like to continue this trend and are working toward screening more movies in the year. This event gave ICS an opportunity to interact with the community. Based on your feedback we will aim at screening the latest movies, providing timely notice and movie subtitles so that we can encourage people from other communities to join us.

Annual Subscription

As you are all aware that the subscription fees is valid for the period Jan to Dec in a given year, we would encourage you to speed up the process of paying your subscription for this year and taking the benefit of getting the newsletter and discounts at various event. The fees stand at \$30 per family and \$10 for individual students.

Cheques can be made out to Indian Cultural Society and posted to GPO Box 159, Hobart TAS 7001. You can also transfer electronically to Commonwealth Bank, BSB No: 06-7028 Account No: 1009 1502 Account Name: Indian Cultural Society. Please include reference: ICSMFEE

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Any suggestions?

We would like to thank all of you for your valid inputs and feedback on the basis of which we are putting together events. We will look forward to hear more from the community.

You can write to us on icstas@gmail.com