

Channel 7 - India Club showcased Indian Community LIVE on Sunrise Program

Sean Flynn, producer from Channel 7's Sunrise TV program contacted Shubha Kumar to setup a "special- showcasing the Indian community of Sydney to the rest of Australia". Sean takes care of the LIVE weather segments, with Sam Mac.

Thrilled with his proposal we confirmed our participation and organised three good items to be filmed at Arthur Whitling Park in Castle Hill, for the LIVE morning show broadcast in their weather presentation segment. They had showcased 4 other multicultural communities in that same week, finishing off finally with Indian community.

It was great opportunity for us to show how lively vibrant and happy community we are, to showcase our rich culture, food, dance and enjoy being on live broadcast, across Australia.

We thought everybody would be as excited as we are, but getting people at 5:30 am was no easy feat, still we managed to get enough enthused people in the park. Throughout the event our group present there was continuously receiving texts from their friends watching at home and enjoying seeing them on the Sunrise Program, I wish they also had been with us in the park.

Sean arrived with a crew of four including Sam Mac, camera man and the lighting expert. Sam gives the LIVE weather report on Sunrise. We presented 3 impressive segments showcasing - **yoga led by Abhishek Guru of Sadhna Yoga, Food display by Sony Kaur and Paul Mckenzie, Bollywood Medley by Mona Grover Deepti Dole Smita Gosavi and Sharayu** and finally finishing off with a lively group dance. It was an exhilarating experience for participants in the park and the ones watching on their devices in comfort.

Sam settled the group at ease using his humour and imparted confidence while facing the camera live. Congratulations to the participants enjoying and showcasing their lively segments so very well. Afterwards every one enjoyed Sony's home-made cheese naan, snacks, butter chicken and more. **Puneet Grover** as always, was there on time helping me and the group.

Sam Mac at his Weather Report Segment announced India Club's heartfelt collective effort for Bushfire volunteers and the collection of \$22,000. Team India Club were elated with this Australia-wide promotion.

Here is the link for everyone to enjoy the show:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/b6y14fnrcwbg7hc/Sunrise%20Weather_Friday%2031%20Jan%202020.mp4?dl=0.

It was pleasing to see AHIA members joining this India Club organised showcase. If they had informed us earlier, we could have requested them to bring dhol and perform a vibrant bhangra dance. I very proudly would like to remind that Aksheya and myself both are two of the founder & life members of AHIA and working very hard and actively, with successful new initiatives, took AHIA to its peak & made most effective Association. I have the honour of being its very successful president (yr 2001-03), of course with strong support from Aksheya and of enthusiastic reliable team of AHIA Members. We liked and appreciate AHIA's lively presence for the Channel 7 program in the park and hope for their coming forward with supportive participation in IC future programs; thus contributing to a greater harmony in the society.

Sean wrapped up the morning well, thanking Shubha and India Club for organising this early morning lively Party & the presentations and all participants for coming out in early morning.

It was exciting watching bubbly & cheerful Team India Club's buoyant performance on live TV and the presence of more was also gratifying.

Shubha Kumar
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