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India Club AGM 2022-23 President's Report

It is my great pleasure to report India Club Inc. experienced another exciting & successful year in 2022-23 and executed the programs with great passion, fun & gratification. I delightedly reiterate that India Club has developed a prominent reputation for its integrity, well-organized cultural events, and worthy projects, continuously adding value to members and the community at large.

This year has been exceptionally busy with the events one after the other, keeping us on our toes all the time. With much greater support, initiatives and enthusiasm of several active members and friends and increasing support from other community organizations, together we continue towards greater successes. I am sharing some of the highlights in the year:

India Club Iconic Stylish Diwali Party ~ "Celebration of Multicultural Cohesion"

India Club stands for Multiculturalism, inclusivity and social cohesion, hence its annual Iconic Diwali celebration is always passionately filled with Indian and multicultural Performances delivered with gusto. A sincere admiration of "Better than last year", year after year, of this booked out event by many attending since its inception in 2009, empowers us and our devoted core Team to exhibit excellence.

India Club Science Technology & Culture Show for Kids: We have been aware that sports centres are everywhere for children and new ones emerging every so often, but "no space for them to experience technology and learn science", elevate their curiosity, explore, research, innovate, derive exhilaration, contribute to uplift of the nation and be the vanguards in this fast-developing world.

India Club, in collaboration with Community Foundation of North-Western Sydney and with strong support its President Rajiv Chaudhri, hosted and delivered "Science Technology and Culture Exhibition" a first and unique in The Hills area, aimed at show casing talents of youngsters and of primary and high school children. The attendees, 700 strong, were over the moon, seeing the exhilarated young budding scientists displaying their innovations and ideas, with great passion and pride. Their elated parents so enthused, to find an empowering space for their children to get together & display their innovations while having fun. Many parents were sharing their stories about their 5-6-year-olds, asking curious questions but no platform available for them. They were pleasantly hoping that India Club will continue this much needed space / opening to uplift morale of children. Bright & energetic Bandana Cultural School Children also participated in our event.

The comment of a young fellow "It is best and first in the world", said it all. This inaugural event was a hoot amongst Kids, parents and attendees espousing sincere admiration from every-body there.

Snack & Chat "S&C" monthly Sessions: Proudly bringing communities together enhancing inclusivity, cohesion and harmony all around; and yes, yummy snacks, tea & coffee is regarded as added bonus. These free of charge monthly sessions, conducted at Castle Grand, Castle Hill, cover a vast variety of value adding dissemination of useful and interesting information, making this forum so distinct. The selection of speakers covering a variety of



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topics, the speakers themselves and their power-point illustrations are of a very high-pitched standard. The Hills Shire Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi's local area development exposition has become a regular attractive feature. I must acknowledge on-going decent advice and worthy sincere efforts of Rajiv Chaudhri in lifting the standards. The S&C popularity is continually growing with typical numbers varying between 50 to 85. Apart from the Hills, many others come from distant places like Sutherland, Liverpool & Illawong etc. They ask to start S&C in Liverpool to cater for many lonely and isolated people in the area, who could benefit by this Forum in their neighbourhood.

S&C~ Christmas together with Multicultural Flair: We got a tick from our dear member Suman Mathur for meeting our objective of bringing & connecting people together, while the lively enthused Team and the attendees farewelled year 2022 together on a joyous note, celebrating X-MAS in December Snack & Chat session.

Our Star Speaker Year 12 Student Liana Chakraborty stole every one's heart by her inspiring talk on "How Schools can Empower Girls".

Another highlight was the Talk by our enthused member Rajiv Chaudhri, on the options of cheap energy providing vision of the Nuclear Power Energy & its benefits - a very worthwhile point to ponder upon and start a conversation. Many from the Group expressed sincere desire to join the movement to curtail the high cost of energy.

S&C~ Australia Day & Republic Day of India Celebration: With enthusiastic encouragement by Rajiv Chaudhri, India Club & Community Foundation of North-Western Sydney, together organised and celebrated Australia Day and Republic Day of India at Centenary of Anzac Reserve on 26th January. Dr Peter Ganjemi Mayor of the Hills Shire Council raised the flag of Australia while the flag of India was raised by Shubha Kumar President of India Club.

There was a huge turnout. A delightful morning ceremony with tea, coffee & snack, admired by all and expressed by many as "much needed Australia India Day annual celebration in the Hills". "It is magnificent to see a large community attendance at the joint Australia Day and Indian Republic Day ceremony at the Centenary of Anzac Reserve in Kellyville", commented Dr Peter Ganjemi Mayor of the Hills Shire.

S&C~ Budding Entrepreneurs Summit: In "collaboration with Women in "Business" and Sakhi Magazine, a big idea, suggested by the founder of WIB was another well attended and admired session. More and more non-members & well-wishers are asking to work with India Club in Collaboration with their groups. It is a win-win situation for both.

India Club HOLI Festival - Celebrating Friendship, Inclusivity, Harmony & Goodwill:

India Club & Community Foundation of North-Western Sydney jointly celebrated Holi - delightful fun day for families, friends & visitors in Rouse Hill Town Centre. Enjoying happy people, cheerful kids, and the visitors from the shopping mall complimented our effort to take it to Rouse Hill GPT.

We Thank Mr Moreton Regional General Manager the GPT Group for giving us the opportunity to celebrate Social Cohesion and Harmony Festival "Holi" in the town centre bringing the communities together.

S&C~ Entrepreneurship, Properties & Financial planning post Covid-19 Special Snack & Chat Session: This very special Snack & Chat Session, in collaboration with Community Foundation



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of North-Western Sydney was a huge success with a great turnout. Our well-versed guest speakers Elaine Roach CEO Spark Homes, Atul Kumar CEO Signature Projects & Fernando Casanova CEO Midelca Financial Solutions provided invaluable insights into their respective industries and spoke to a very smart audience that asked intelligent questions to make the event a purposeful one. The amazing speakers shared the priceless information and with much clarity in India Club's friendly forum; people have to actually pay for seminars to get this information. The Feedback – “the bar keeps raising with such invaluable sessions”.

S&C~ Session with three renowned International Guest Speakers covering 3 diverse topics: India Club in collaboration with Community Foundation of North-Western Sydney hosted an amazing session of Snack & Chat providing quite value adding information to our everyday life.

Three diverse topics covered by the eminent guest speakers Ambassador Skand Tayal, Dr Sanjay Chaudhri and Dr Davendra Gupta were: "Indians Abroad from Success to Significance", "From Ship to Shore & Bowel Cancer Cure" and "Alcohol Use & Abuse"; empowering and dedicated to the wellbeing of the community, respectively.

S&C~ "Uluru Statement from the Heart" Special S&C: India Club hosted this session to get better understanding about the "First Peoples of Australia" and the Uluru statement as well as the Voice Referendum -Yes or Know.

Financial Report: The IC Balance sheet is in a healthy state, resulting by our continual emphasis on structural financial controls, values, management and adherence to principled common-sense approach.

This year the IC membership increased by 33 to 347 members.

We record our thanks to the honorary IC Auditor Mr. Parakh Govil, Chartered Accountant - Govil & Associates, for auditing the IC accounts.

We also thank the treasurer Puneet Grover for managing the up-to date accounts.

Way Forward:

1. Aksheya & myself, founded India Club in December 2004 with courage and confidence to take on board innovative ideas with new outlook of sharing our rich and vibrant Indian heritage with combined Indian and Australian community, harnessing multiculturalism to bring diverse communities together and spread harmony & goodwill all around; and also further to build our own India Club establishment. Though together we all have had quite a successful journey so far, achieving better than anticipated results in spreading goodwill; after 19 years this year, we do have the lingering thought of that physical establishment on our minds. The murmur of India House /Retirement village is raising its head again. Aksheya & myself, we both believe it has to be a unique establishment where we not only meet & socialise and nurture friendships, it should be of a standard to qualify in minds as a must visit destination in Sydney for tourists from the sub-continent. It should ideally be a place of sharing & learning Vedic Culture & Science, significance of “yog” and meditation and a joyful place for kids to play & learn science unleashing their creativity & innovations in a harmonious multicultural environment, in this fast-moving technological world. Imagine, what an amazing legacy that would be.



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With great delight & enthusiasm, the Chairman & myself invite you to put your thinking hats on so we can take first step forward in this direction in the 20th birthday year celebration of India Club.

2. This year our focus will be to further enhance the standards of IC programs and secure greater community participation.

Thanking: We extend our appreciation and sincerely thank active IC Executives, sponsors, India Club members, friends, well-wishers, various inspiring community organizations, esteemed parliamentarians, The Hills Shire Council and the Hills Police for their on-going support and enthusiastic participation and contribution to success of India Club and its programs. We also thank our caterers, decorator & entertainers for their continuing enthusiastic support. I extend my sincere appreciation to Rajiv Chaudhri for brilliant guidance, support & empowerment, Puneet & Mona Grover, Ram Ramamurthy & Nalini and Zarir Bamji & Sandra for their continuing active support in advancing India Club forward.

Working together in collaboration in harmony always enhances the quality of the events and the impact of the messages on the community for its wellbeing, harmony and happiness.

IC Events – Year ending 30th June 2023

1	S&C July -2022	India Club Breaking Barriers & Sparking "The Change"
2	S&C Aug -2022	Science, Technology & Culture fun day
3	S&C Sept.- 2022	WIB & Sakhi Magazine Launched "Happiness & Success" from the IC S&C forum
4	Diwali Oct - 2022	Grand Celebration
5	S&C Dec.- 2022	Christmas Celebration
6	S&C Jan -2023	Australia Day & India's Republic Day
7	S&C Feb - 2023	Budding Entrepreneurs Summit
8	S&C March -2023	Festival of Holi
9	S&C April -2023	Entrepreneurship, Properties & Financial planning
10	S&C- May 2023	International Guest Speakers
11	S&C June 2023	Uluru Statement from the Heart

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