



India Club Inc.

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India Club AGM 2021-22 President's Report

India Club steadfastly and consistently works to enrich lives of people striving to uphold virtuous noble values, nurture friendships and mutual respect between various groups, and enhance harmony in culturally diverse Australian society.

The COVID adversity continued in first half of the year 2022 and resulted in IC events dampened & reduced; several of those were conducted via ZOOM.

The COVID confinement and social distancing caused for many to feel isolation, anxiety and sadness. This situation definitely highlighted the importance of socialisation for our well-being and impressed upon the impact of missing good friends. This also made us realise that we really need people around us for our well-being and with great enthusiasm, India Club launched a new program "Snack & Chat", to bring people & communities together to re-connect via Zoom during the restrictions. Success of this initiative prompted to continue S&C beyond COVID in a suitable venue.

We created a nice informal forum for people to regularly meet, keep in touch, participate in conversations, share their stories, ideas, concerns and inquire about whatever is on their mind chatting over tea, coffee & snacks. The forum very well served the purpose of bringing friends and wider community together, having beaten the COVID blues as well. We were thrilled to see the same enthusiasm and energy in all those who attended, as we felt.

We hosted multicultural music show via Streamyard which was a big success and watched nationally and internationally.

We hosted vibrant and glittering function of the delayed Diwali celebrating "Community Harmony and Social Cohesion" in May 2022 instead of October 2021 (postponed due to COVID concerns). The eager wait of the members and friends to celebrate & enjoy was evident by the fully booked event. The enthusiasm of the Diwali Team, the sponsors, brilliant performances, delighted members guests and the attendees hailed the experience a "marvellous fete".

India Club supported two charities – "Hills Relay for Life" & "The Sanctuary – The Hills Women's Shelter" donating \$250 to each.

India Club participated with vigour in the "Hills Relay for life 2022" after missing the year 2021 Relay due to COVID. India Club Team raised \$840 with the help of the IC donation, members' donations + IC food stall and donated the money to the Cancer Council for research.

With much greater support, initiatives and enthusiasm of several active members and friends and increasing support from other Community Organizations, together we are continuing on to greater successes. Our value adding projects are highly appreciated and admired in the Hills and beyond by the wider community and are becoming more and more popular and sought-after events in Indian, Australian & multicultural communities.

Financial Comments: The IC Balance sheet is healthy - by our emphasis on structural financial controls, values, management and adherence to principled procedures by major stakeholders of India Club and its Executives.

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We record our thanks to the honorary IC Auditor Mr. Parakh Govil, Chartered Accountant - Govil & Associates, for auditing the IC accounts and commend and thank the former treasurer Abha Gargya and to the current Treasurer Puneet Grover for managing and keeping the accounts up to date.

Way Forward: India Club stands for Inclusivity, Social-cohesion and Community Harmony and continually endeavours to invite & engage many from diverse backgrounds, improving understanding, cooperation and collaboration. To advance this undertaking we will continue on-going dialogues with various communities and promote further progress of the IC projects, including suitable collaborations with other communities. These programs and our efforts are not only conducive to, but also by involving wider communities, help foster cooperation and improve communication channels among many and thus manifest lasting harmony and social cohesion. We endeavour to introduce more diverse activities and talks to elevate the quality & appeal of our worthy projects, highly appreciated by the community members in general.

Thanking: We extend our appreciation and sincerely thank IC Executives, Sponsors, India Club Members, many Friends & well-wishers and inspiring community organizations, The Hills Shire Council and the Hills Police for their on-going support and enthusiastic participation and contributions to success of India Club and its programs. We also thank our caterer, decorator, Performers, DJ, Videographer & entertainers for their continuing enthusiastic support. All our worthwhile IC vibrant cultural programs and community projects send strong message to the wider community that India Club stands for, and strongly supports Harmony, social Cohesion and Multiculturalism.

IC Events – Year ending 30th June 2022

1	Jul-21	IC Lunch Time Karaoke
2	Aug-21	IC Snack & Chat Via Zoom
3	Sep-21	IC Snack & Chat Via Zoom
4	Oct-21	IC Snack & Chat Via Zoom
5	Nov-21	IC Snack & Chat Via Zoom
6	Dec-21	IC Snack & Chat Via Zoom
7	Jan-22	IC Snack & Chat Via Zoom
8	Jan-22	IC Multicultural music show Online
9	Feb-22	IC Snack & Chat Via Zoom
10	Mar-22	IC Snack & Chat West Pennant Hills
11	Apr-22	IC Multicultural music show Online
12	May-22	Participation in "Hills Relay for Life"
13	May-22	IC Diwali 2021 Celebration
14	Jun-22	IC Snack & Chat Castle Grand

Shubha Kumar
President