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NEWSLETTER #7

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

We apologise for the long gap since the last newsletter. The committee has been busy with numerous administrative matters, such as getting sponsorship status with the Immigration Dept. since introduction of new legislation, getting a charity status, applying for the GNST as place of religious worship with the Brisbane City Council, planning the kitchen extension, vetting applications for new Kirtan Jattha for 2014, planning for the Diwali celebrations, etc.

Now the good news:

1. GNST is now a recognised Charity as from 01/07/2013., which means we are tax exempt, GST exempt, and can claim any ranking credits (though at present we do not hold any investments!). We are still waiting consideration by ATO for Donor Gift Recipient , which is being assessed. If and when we get this, all donations to the GNST will be tax deductible to the donor.
2. GNST is now an approved sponsor for religious workers (Kirtan Jatthas). Under new legislation, only approved sponsors can nominate Jatthas for coming to Australia. We have now submitted the name of a Jattha to start in Mid-Dec. this year. As soon as it is approved, we will notify you all.
3. We have engaged a town planner to submit plans for GNST to be legally registered as a place of religious worship. We are also renovating and extending the kitchen, and plans are being drawn and submitted to the Brisbane City Council.
4. As mentioned before there is Kirtan followed by langar every evening from 6.30PM. Everyone is welcome.
5. The Punjabi school on Sundays needs more input from parents to bring their children regularly. At present the attendance by children is very variable. This makes it difficult for teachers to plan a smooth running of the school.

6. Diwali is being celebrated on Sunday 03/11/13 on a big scale. In the morning from 8am to 1PM the usual programme will take place. The Deg and Langar for the morning programme is sponsored by Mrs. Kashmir Kaur Soomal and family.

A jumping castle and Robin balls will be erected from 1 PM for children (and adults who are game). There will be lighting of candles and sparkles in the evening at the tennis courts.

There will be a lot of games, goodies, sweets, cakes, etc. for the kids.

At 6.30PM the evening Rehras, Kirtan and smapti will be held. Following this there will be langar by the GNST Sangat.

Please come in force and enjoy the day (and night!) Bring along your friends, relatives etc. to liven the celebrations.

7. There are two Akhand Patths arranged for 8-11/11 (Gurgadhi) and 15-18/11 (Guru Nanak's Birthday). There will be continuous langar on all the days. Please make a special effort to attend on all the days.

We now have a central contact point for bookings, info@brisbanegurdwara.org.au, for functions (public and private). **PLEASE NOTE THAT FUTURE BOOKINGS CAN ONLY BE MADE ONLINE AS ABOVE.** Anyone making a booking has to provide the necessary form, which includes information as to how much the person wants to this be displayed on the site, (name, what the function is for, venue, date etc.) The website shows future bookings so that the Sangat can plan and book accordingly. **However, the booking will not be confirmed until it is accepted by the management committee, and the person making the booking is so notified.**

Please open our website: www.brisbanegurdwara.org.au regularly for the latest news, announcements, bookings etc. However if you do not have access to the internet, some information will be available in the Gurdwara newsletters.

PLEASE DO NOT GOOGLE BRISBANE GURDWARA AS IT TAKES TO OTHER SITES. Use the URL. I am in the process of contacting the various Sikh sites in Australia and overseas to add the Inala Gurdwara to their databases.

Upcoming events/programmes: These will now be posted on the website.

For those getting this newsletter for the first time, the previous newsletters are found on the website. The Sangat is humbly requested to pass this info to all their friends, relatives etc. who you think may not be receiving this newsletter. If they contact info@brisbanegurdwara.org.au , I will add their names to the email list

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