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Bengali Association of Victoria Inc.

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**Bengali Association of
Victoria Inc.**

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**P.O. Box 1332, Glen Waverley
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COMING EVENT

Saraswati Puja

23rd January 2010

At

**Brandon Park
Community Centre**

**649 Ferntree Gully
Road**

**Glen Waverley
Melway 71 C8**

**Send your article for
SANKALAN**

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**Our annual magazine
'Sankalan' will be
published and distributed
at Saraswati Puja. This
year it will be edited by
Mrs Tuku Bandopadhyay.
Articles, illustrations, in
Bengali or English, from
any age group are invited
to be included in this
magazine. Please submit
your contributions to Mrs
Tuku Bandopadhyay at
chhandashi@gmail.com or
to BAV committee at
info@bavwebsite.org.au**



The year 2009 will soon be over and new year 2010 will begin. This year has been a very busy one so far. We celebrated Durga Puja on 26th & 27th September at Serbian Sports Centre, Keysborough. Preparation for FUSION DOWNUNDER and BENGAL LIVE show also started in August. The performers for both the shows rehearsed tirelessly. Many other BAV members helped in organising and promoting this unique event.

The Fusion Downunder show was staged on 26th, 27th & 28th November and Bengal Live on 29th November at Arts House, North Melbourne Town Hall. A slide show on some eminent Bengalis and brief history of Bengal was displayed in the foyer. We received a very encouraging goodwill message from Premier of Victoria, Hon. John Brumby and also from Consul General of India at Melbourne, Ms Anita Nayar. Councillor Ms Jenifer Kanis from City of Melbourne attended the show on Sunday. We have received many good feedbacks for both the shows.

Now we have started preparation work for our next event Saraswati Puja. We hope to see Bengali community to attend Saraswati Puja. We wish all of you a very happy, relaxing and safe holiday period during forthcoming Christmas and New Year period.
From BAV Committee



Councillor Jenifer Kanis(extreme right) & Avril McQueen from City of Melbourne at Bengal Live show

BAV MEMBERSHIP

Family: \$30

Single: \$20

Full-Time Students: \$10

There are many long term members who have not renewed their membership for this year.

**PLEASE
RENEW
YOUR BAV
MEMBERSHIP
FOR THIS
YEAR**

SUBSCRIPTION FOR SARASWATI PUJA

BAV MEMBERS

Family \$50

Single \$20

NON MEMBERS

Family \$60

Single \$25

Student/ Pensioner Concession

Per Person \$10

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**Please contact BAV
committee members,
if you are interested
to participate in the
cultural program
during Saraswati Puja**

By

24th December 2009

SARASWATI PUJA

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Saraswati Puja will be held at Brandon Park Community Centre (same venue of last year) 649 Ferntree Gully Road, Glen Waverley, Melway 71 C8.

DATE & TIME	ITEM
22 January 2010, 7.30 PM	Hall Decoration
23 January 2010, Saraswati Puja	
8.00 -10.30 AM	Saraswati Puja
10.30 – 11.00 AM	Anjali
11.00 – 11.30 AM	Prasad
12.30 – 1.30 PM	Khichuri Lunch
5.30 – 6.30 PM	Immersion
6.30 – 8.30 PM	Cultural Program
8.30 – 9.30 PM	Dinner
9.30 – 11.00 PM	Clean up

Sponsorship

Community members are requested to sponsor some of the items of Saraswati Puja. The members can sponsor Hall Decoration, Puja Flowers, Prasad, Lunch, Dinner

Volunteers

Volunteers are required for stage decoration, various activities and clean up during Saraswati Puja. Please help us and express your interest to any committee member.

Volunteers required for Subcommittees

We would like to have sub-committee for the following activities:

- Maintaining and managing website
- Liaison with City of Monash on Bengali books/ CDs etc. in their Public Library.

The aim of forming sub-committee is to have continuation of the quality and services in these areas

Summer BBQ Recipes

Many people will go on holiday or day trips during this time of the year. There will be many get together with family & friends. BBQ is an excellent way to have some food during those trips or get together. We tend to consume too much meat during the summer holiday period. Here is some recipes for healthy and tasty vegetable BBQ:

Barbecued Soy-Sesame Asparagus

Ingredients

1 tablespoon sesame oil
1 tablespoon soy sauce
3 cloves garlic crushed
1 table spoon dark brown soft sugar
2 bunches (12) asparagus, woody stems removed and trimmed
2 table spoon sesame seeds

Preparation method

- Pre heat BBQ for high heat
- In a shallow baking dish, mix sesame oil, soy sauce, garlic and sugar. Place asparagus in the dish, and toss to coat
- Lightly oil the grill hotplate. Add the asparagus and barbecue for 8 minutes, until tender but firm. Garnish with sesame seeds to serve.

Barbecued Corn

IngredientsMe

4 whole corn
1 tablespoon mustard oil
Seasoning salt
Lemon wedges or juice

Preparation Method

- Brush each cob with a little mustard oil and place on a large square of aluminium foil. Sprinkle seasoning salt onto each cob
- Place on the barbecue for 20 minutes, turning occasionally

Other vegetables quite good for BBQ are zucchini, mushroom, squash, tomato, grapes



YOUR SAY

Send your comments/suggestions to info@bavwebsite.org.au

Message from Premier of Victoria for FUSION DOWNUNDER



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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

It gives me great pleasure to pass on my warmest wishes to the Bengali Association on the occasion of the staging of your play, *Fusion Downunder*.

We are a diverse and multicultural community – and our Government greatly values your important contribution to our magnificent lifestyle in Victoria.

Fusion Downunder is a story about the creative interaction of cultures and traditions and will therefore resonate with many Victorians. The themes of acceptance and mutual respect for cultural difference make this play a welcome addition to our vibrant artistic scene.

I commend everyone involved with this production and I know your efforts will result in a better understanding of Bengali culture in our community. That is why this play is important – not only for Bengali people in Victoria, but for all of us.

I want to thank the Bengali Association of Victoria for the vital role you play in our community and for offering Victorians an experience of Bengali culture. Events like this play a vital role in strengthening our diverse and vibrant multicultural community.

My warmest regards once again to everyone attending this great event.

HON JOHN BRUMBY MP
Premier of Victoria



Message from Consul General of India, Melbourne for FUSION DOWNUNDER



Consul General of India Melbourne

I have always believed that real multi-culturalism lies in the fusion of different cultures to create something which is unique to the society that is home to those cultures. The play Fusion Down Under by the Bengali Association of Victoria is a path breaking attempt to create just such a cultural fusion, aiming at interpreting the migrant experience using a mix of humour, language and cultural metaphors while firmly establishing it in a contemporary setting by incorporating relevant current events such as the situation of Indian students in Victoria. The programme Bengal Live which accompanies the play adds depth and dimension to the message of the play. Together both these events will provide an unique perspective which will help in promoting mutual understanding and friendship between Indians, Indian Australians and Australians by showcasing the interaction of migrant and host cultures. I congratulate the Bengali Association of Victoria for conceiving and executing this unique project and thank the City of Melbourne for their assistance in making it possible.


(Anita Nayar)

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