

PIA NEWS FORTNIGHTLY

The official newsletter of Pakistanis In Australia Inc.



Team Pakistan with WA Police XI

Dear all,

A big thank you to all the patrons and members for attending the inaugural cricket match between Team Pakistan and WA Police XI. Senior Constable Darryl Mears from South East Metro led the WA Police team while Asem Qureshi led Team Pakistan. Mr. Syed Junaid was the umpire. Officer Don Emanuel Smith from the Community Engagement Division officially welcomed the two teams and appreciated the opportunity to interact with Pakistani cum Australian youth through funding from the Community Crime Prevention Grant. He emphasized that, young ones should explore opportunities to join WA Police so as to make it a diverse workforce and should not hesitate to contact if they need any assistance or information.

Dr. Zarrin Siddiqui thanked members of the Community Engagement Division for their support and specially Alex Chao who along with Asem Qureshi was working behind the scene to make it a successful event. The players were also provided medals to remember the inaugural cup by the WA Police while the CUP was provided by PIA Inc.

Last but not least thanks to all the mums and friends who helped us in managing Barbecue which was great and well appreciated by both teams. We had a discussion about keeping the momentum going and have regular opportunity among members to play cricket as we have members to form two teams. Let's see how it goes but we can definitely see that if each member takes up responsibility for one event, we can work better. The photographs of the day are uploaded at <https://www.facebook.com/PakistanisInAustraliaInc/> as well as our website. **AND WA POLICE DEFEATED US BY 100 runs.**



Senior Constable Darryl Mears receiving the First inaugural Cricket Cup from Brother Don Emanuel Smith

MEETING WITH HON. ALAN TUDGE MINISTER FOR CITIZENSHIP AND MULTICULTURALISM



It was a great opportunity to meet the honorable minister last week while he visited Perth along with Hon. Ben Morton with the WA State Director, Home Affairs Samantha Patuto and her team at the Department of Home Affairs. We have provided the feedback to the team and the Minister has committed that he will respond to our concern that BIOMETRICS is repeatedly done and costs money to our family who wants to visit us and specially the parents. We have also suggested that instead of visitors visa, a special category in times of Bereavement should be introduced for family to visit if they lost a beloved one in Australia. At this moment no such option is available.

There were two other concerns for which community is keenly waiting. The first is introduction of long stay visa for parents and the second is the fear that Permanent resident may have to pay University fee for their children on the same scale as the international students pay. There is no clarity as yet, as the first one is still in parliament. Our thanks to the Community Engagement Team, Department of Home Affairs to follow this up and keep us informed very promptly.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES HAVE ENDED



Pakistani hockey team has returned now undefeated and so is our volunteer, Rida Ahmed who is back at work. Congratulations to all the participants from Pakistan and Australia



Aspiring Pakistanis: Courtesy Talha Talib

GROUP UPDATE:

Next Week we will be laying the wreath on behalf of Pakistanis In Australia at the official ANZAC Dawn ceremony at Kings Park. Last week we have also supported *Valued Lives* in a project that we will collaborate if funding is received.

PAKISTANIS IN AUSTRALIA INC.

Morning Tea

WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO INVITE
YOU TO THE MORNING TEA ON



4.05.2018
10.30 - NOON



FUSION6 RESTAURANT
230 CAMBRIDGE STREET,
WEMBLEY 6024

RSVP | 0434841705
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This is a ladies only event, supported through
WA Police Community Crime Prevention Grant

LET'S
BOWL **OUT**
CANCER
with Wasim Akram

Fundraising Event
in support of Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer
Hospital and Research Centre

Sunday April 22, 2018 at 12 noon
Venue: The Harbour View Room, Waterfront Venues, Docklands.
For tickets and information, please contact:
+ 61 403 038 809, + 61 402 477 531

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**AND FINALLY OUR OWN COMMONWEALTH YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR:
USMAN IFTIKHAR**



<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/australian-who-empowers-migrants-in-business-takes-out-commonwealth-youth-award>

Congratulations heaps to a young inquisitive person who wants to solve the problems using creative and innovative ideas.