

# Pakistanis in Australia Inc.

Annual  
Report

# 2016



Working with **P**assion, **I**ntegrity and **A**pnapan

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*The photograph on the cover page is from PIA's Bushfire event held on Australia Day 2016*

*The photograph on the back page is of the wreath laid at the Kings Park on ANZAC DAY on behalf of Pakistanis in Australia.*

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## **PRESIDENT 'S REPORT**



Dear All

One more year of outstanding performance of this group. More collaborations and connections with other groups and stakeholders have kept us busy, not to mention that all of us work full time and yet have been able to assist community as and when required.

You will also remember that I did comment last year to get fresh faces who could work for community and I am glad to report that we have some enthusiastic members on board who are helping us out with different tasks and responsibilities.

As you will see in coming months that we have a new project “mentoring without borders” launched to support the capacity development in Pakistan. This project will require active participation from those who want to establish links with Pakistan and provide much needed support for capacity development to equip future workforce.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zarrin S Siddiqui'.

Zarrin S Siddiqui

**President**

**27<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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## ACTIVITIES

### AUSTRALIA DAY

Every year we celebrate Australia Day in Pakistan. However considering the Yarloop Bushfire we decided to hold the Australia Day event as a fundraiser for the Mayors Bushfire Appeal. As part of Collaborative Communities Network, Filipino Australian Multicultural Association and Multicultural Women's Association extended their hand of support while the venue was provided in kind by Manning Senior Citizen Centre. Bindaas Beats and Expedition band entertained the guests while food was provided by Aylanto Café (Rockingham), Café Punjabi (Victoria Park) and Platinum Restaurant (Wanneroo Road).

Hon. Margaret Quirk, the Shadow Minister for Multicultural Interests provided a voucher for lunch with her at the WA Parliament House for auction. Office of Multicultural Interests and Department of Social Services assisted in disseminating the event. A number of ladies including Hina Arshee, Ifra Khokar, Tazeen Kazi, Naheed Hayat, Shehla Shah and Caroline Martin helped in collection of new and pre loved Pakistani dresses for sale, not to mention young Ayla brought her collection of story books and DVD sets for sale.

We also received balloons and flags form Australia Day Council for our regular morning tea at work which were used to decorate the venue.

In all, we raised \$1450 which will be transferred to the lord mayor distress fund. Thanks to all of you who came together with in a span of ten days and worked together. If we had more time we could have raised more but our priority at this time was to get funds as soon as possible.

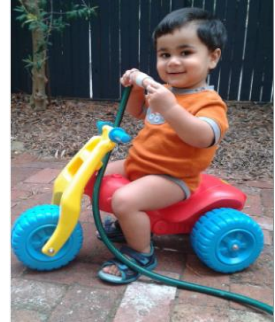


## **ANZAC DAY/ YOUME SHUHADA**

Pakistanis In Australia participated in the official dawn ceremony at Kings Park and laid a floral wreath. Our interstate members also participated in the events across the Australia.

## **PAKISTAN DAY BBQ**

The event coincided with Bike Week and PIA received a grant to arrange competition with a free Barbecue at the Matilda Bay. In addition there was an online photograph contest for kids on the bike and a number of photographs were entered



## **LUNCH WITH PRO -VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

A number of academics visited Perth as part of a medical conference. A lunch was arranged for the Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Health Sciences, Dr. Junaid Sarfaraz Khan.

## **FAREWELL TO OUR DEFENCE ADVISOR BRIG. ASGHAR**

Our Defence advisor left for Pakistan last year following the completion of his term. He has been a great supporter of initiatives undertaken by Pakistani community beside his own regular commitments. PIA is extremely grateful for his support towards our participation into ANZAC DAY/ YOUME SHUHADA as well as to facilitate our support towards the medical equipment in Baluchistan.





## EIDUL FITR EVENT



This year our special guests included Hon. Andrea Mitchell, Minister for Mental Health and Child Protection, Dr. Anis Ahmed who is the Vice Chancellor of Riphah University and was visiting Perth, Ms. Elizabeth Hoffman, the regional director of the department of Immigration and Border Protection, Assistant Commissioner Duanne Bell on behalf of the Commissioner WA Police with academics and leaders from various community organisations.



## **MATTERS OF THE HEART: A LITERARY EVENING FUNDED THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES**

Due to health issues Sir Azhar could not preside the evening this year while Mr. Nazar Khan had other commitments.

Miss Rita Kaushal kindly accepted our request to host the first part of the evening. The poets who presented their work beside Ms. Kaushal were;

- a. Hassan Gillani
- b. Kauser Saad
- c. Piyush Mathur
- d. Saad Saleem
- e. Shahid Tirmazi
- f. Prem Mathur and
- g. Ashraf Khatoon

The second half of the evening was devoted to the musical segment. Tasnimul Ghalib with Gurpreet Singh entertained the guests with ghazals from famous poets of Indo Pakistan Sub continent. The evening finally ended with Saad Saleem's musical performance.



## **INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT**

- a. 216 requests for employment*
- b. 63 requests for accommodation*
- c. 5 requests related to visa and passport*
- d. 4 requests for assistance with immigration queries*
- e. 1 referral for support to victims of domestic violence*
- f. 2 requests to support the music bands*

## **GRANTS RECEIVED**

### **CITY OF JOONDALUP**

The grant has been provided to arrange cultural display. Everything was arranged however at time due to the sickness of vendor who was providing us with mannequins the program has to be postponed and with different commitments and regular programs we have not been able to organise the event.

The program is now scheduled for September.

### **AUSTRALIA POST**

We received postage stamps worth \$500 which are currently being used.

### **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

We have been able to purchase first aid kit, audio equipment and outdoor accessories.

### **SENIOR'S WEEK**

The grant was used to organise annual literary evening.

## **MULTICULTURAL RESEARCH GROUP OF WA**

Two submissions were prepared and submitted. The first submission was with reference to long stay visa for parents while the second one was prepared for the State Minister for Multicultural Interests.



## COLLABORATIONS

Collection of Sleeping Bags provided to deserving people through Abdul Rahman who works with the Perth Homeless Run.

A number of indigenous community women were provided support in terms of cash and items of daily needs.

Female clothing was provided to one of the Refugee who was in need.



Participated in the Christmas lunch for homeless people organised by the Filipino Australian Multicultural Association.



## BEENAI PROJECT: ONGOING

The reading glasses are regularly collected and taken back to Pakistan. We are regularly looking for volunteers who can offer us collection points. We have so far delivered 352 reading glasses to different institutions in Pakistan.

## MAKING US PROUD: AUSTRALIA PAKISTAN FRIENDSHIP INITIATIVE

Following recipients were acknowledged in 2016 by the chief guest Hon. Andrea Mitchell who was the member for Kingsley.



### 1. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Earlier this year the historic WA town of Yarloop was wiped out by a bushfire that razed at least 95 homes, with another six towns under immediate threat. This tragedy touched everyone's hearts and like all fellow Australians, Pakistani community also came forward for a fundraising dinner. This dinner would have not been possible because of the generosity of three key collaborators who provided the food for the event and were acknowledged.

- a. Café Punjabi: Mrs. Naveed Mirza
- b. Platinum Restaurant: Mr. Ankit Chopra
- c. Curry Corner: Mrs. Mahvish Zahid

### 2. EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS: HIRA NAVEED

While cricket and hockey are well known sports from Pakistan, there are other games where community members have excelled. This category recognises one of the most talented young player from Western Australia. She won at both the 2015 Dunes Medal and Victorian Junior Masters events, was second at the 2015 Tasmanian Open and 2015 Victorian Junior Championships and third at the 2015 Srixon International. She was the top 17-year-old at the 2015 Aaron Baddeley International Junior Championship, and helped Australia to the team victory. She competed at the 2015 Western Australian Open, a men's event, and set course records at Cypress Lakes Golf Club (-7) and Rockingham Golf Club (-8). She also went undefeated in the 2015 Australian Teams Interstate Series. Currently in the United States of America, her certificate of Excellence was received by her sister Alina Naveed.

### 3. EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS: ASIM SHEHZAD

With WA going through employment crisis, there is need for local businesses to create employment opportunities. A number of Pakistanis are involved in businesses and have taken lead in the innovative projects. One such business that has created d opportunities for fellow Australians and has led to replication of similar projects around Australia is Perth After Hours Medical Service which was also nominated for the Ethnic Business Awards 2016.

#### 4. EXCELLENCE IN VOLUNTEERING: ANITA KINKELA

Anita Kinkela has worked tirelessly for community. Whether it is supporting Earthquake victims in Nepal, Yarloop Bushfire victims or collection of reading glasses for Pakistan, she has been a support that we can count on.

## CONNECTIONS

### DEPARTMENT OF BORDER PROTECTION

Meetings were attended to discuss relevant issues as well as briefings including Hajj Briefing. There were also other issues which were highlighted at various times and were promptly conveyed to the department.



### WA POLICE



WA Police arranged a morning tea for women with the Commissioner of Police Karl O'Callaghan which was attended by Hina Arshee, Umneea Khan and Zarrin Siddiqui

Mrs. Shireen Qamar was nominated to represent on the support group for the Victims of Domestic Violence however no meeting has so far being held.

Zarrin S Siddiqui was invited to join the WA Police Muslim Advisory Group which was restructured later in the year with new members.

### **YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Ms. Areesha Ateeq is selected to represent on the Multicultural Youth Advisory Network.

### **MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT**

Ms. Liz Behjet and Ms. Andrea Mitchell invited to discuss the issues with the community. The meeting with Ms. Behjet was attended by Rida Ahmed, Zarrin S Siddiqui and Shireen Qamar Haider Zaman and Sherry Sufi.

Ms. Alana Mc Tiernan arranged a meeting with Hon. Richard Marles who was visiting from interstate in relation to changes to citizenship laws.

### **MULTICULTURAL SERVICES OF WA**

We are part of the steering group for the project “MY HEALTH OUR HEALTH” funded by the state government to Multicultural Services centre of WA.

## **MULTICULTURAL RESEARCH GROUP OF WA**

Two submissions were prepared and submitted. The first submission was with reference to long stay visa for parents while the second one was prepared for the State Minister for Multicultural Interests.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

All modes of communications have been active throughout the year with regular email.

PIA NEWS: 26 issues

An issue has been identified with uploading the newsletter on Scribd's platform that with recent changes only registered subscribers can access the newsletters.

MEDIA RELEASE: 2 One for the facilities for Muslims at Perth Airport and the other one for the parent visa for deceased Siddiqui.

FACEBOOK: 8230 members

TWITTER: 305 followers

YOUTUBE: 2 videos added



## TREASURER'S REPORT



Here is my fourth report as the treasurer and am as always pleased to present the accounts for approval.

All the grants received in year 2016 have been acquitted except city of Joondalup Community grant as that event did not happen because of the sudden sickness of the vendor who was providing us the display.

Maria Farooq

**Treasurer**



## STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

Jan 2016 – Dec 2016

ITEMS	INCOME	EXPENSES
Opening balance as of 1st January, 2016 148.22		
WEST CYCLE Bike week Grant	330	330
City of Joondalup Grant	951.55	154.57
DSS Grant	2500	2500
Eid ul Fitr	3300	3300
Bendigo Seniors week grant	880	880
Membership	220	42
Donation: Sleeping bags	240	240
Dinner for Defence Advisor in Canberra		220
Donation for Bushfire Appeal	1450	1450
Donation Gen	250	141
Interest	0.68	
Fee		1.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,270.45</b>	<b>\$9,259.07</b>
Closing Balance as of 31st Dec 2016		\$951.38

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

1. Hon. Andrea Mitchell *State Member for Kingsley in 2016*
2. Brigadier Asghar, *Defence Advisor, High Commission of Pakistan* in 2016
3. Ms. Anita Kinkela
4. Mrs. Ashraf Khatoon
5. Ms. Caroline Martin
6. Mr. Hassan Gillani
7. Mrs. Hina Arshee
8. Mrs. Ifra Khokar
9. Mrs. Kauser Saad
10. Mrs. Lee Tran
11. Mr. Saad Saleem
12. Mr. Shahid Tirmazi
13. Expedition Band
14. Aylanto Café
15. Bindaas Beats Dance Group
16. Café Punjabi
17. City of Joondalup
18. Manning Senior Citizen Centre
19. Platinum Restaurant
20. Sanskriti WA





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