

Dear Members,

What a wonderful day it turned out on Holi Mela. It was a day full of sunshine, excitement and merriment.

All the ingredients of fun times were there food, colours, music, friends and family. On behalf of IAAC Executive Committee I thank you all for making it such a successful event.

The Mela was not only well attended but was well covered and exposed by the local media. ABC and WIN News respectively covered the colourful event in their evening news slot thus promoting the rich Indian culture and festivities, which is one of the key missions of IAAC 'to promote understanding and appreciation of the cultures of India and Australia.'

Beside lot of fun, this was the day for a number of our members and their friends to win the prizes! The lucky winners were:

Paul Tarrant; winner of Breville fountain juicer Sanjay Sharma; winner of LG Hi Fi MP3 music system Mr & Mrs Mohan Singh; winner of fun game 'Hum Dono'

gift voucher worth \$100.

Three lucky raffle winners, who won gift voucher worth \$150.

There were other lucky winners who won prizes for acting on the characters from the movie 'SHOLAY'

Gabbar Singh, Basanti, Veeru and Soorma Bhopali. It was a bonanza for the people who were present there.

Total of \$600 worth of prizes were won.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for making the event successful and ask where possible for you to support them in return.

They were

Main sponsor:

Exotic Spice Centre

Supported by:

The Good Guys Fyshwick (juicer & music system) Flavours of India, Civic & Gungahlin (gift voucher) Kitchen of India, Ngunnawal (gift voucher) Spice Market, Philip (gift voucher) Spiceland Downunder, Florey(gift voucher) Bharat International, sweets

IAAC committee would also like to thank SBS Radio (Melbourne/Sydney), ABC Radio, Mandir FM 98.3, Indian Voice, ABC and WIN TV, who extended their cooperation by publicising the event.

Further exciting functions are planned for later in the year so stay tuned. Please also visit our website at www.iaac.org.au for all information on IAAC activities and contacts.

Thank you

Deepak-Raj Gupta

President

IAAC

Other Announcements/Events

Another exciting upcoming event is CSA's Bhangra Night on 9th April at Queenbeyan Bicentennial Function Centre. Program starts at 6pm followed by sumptuous 4-course dinner and DJ 'Desi' from Sydney. More information is available on IAAC website under the event section.

IAAC executive committee welcomes Sunita Dhindsa and Sujata Randev to their new roles in the executive committee. Both Sunita and Sujata actively participated in organising Holi Mela.