



The Burmese Association of Western Australia - NEWSLETTER

Mission Statement

To promote and facilitate better understanding, closer relationship and mutual appreciation among the Burmese and Australian communities by Social, Welfare, Cultural, Charitable and Educational activities

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President's Report

Dear Members and Friends of BAWA

On behalf of the Management Committee (MC), I hope you are doing well and keeping safe.

2020 was a year that affected everyone's lives, BAWA was no exception. Many of you had concerns about how BAWA would be impacted by the restrictions and laws that involved the COVID-19 pandemic

However, together with the Management Committee we have managed to continue with operations and achieved many of the goals/agendas for 2019-2020. During the State-wide lockdown Sean Lay Myint, Alberta Abreu and MC, worked hard to ensure that the Association was following COVID-19 guidelines to protect Members, volunteers and patrons. Fortunately, the AAA agreed to waive the rent for this period, and we thank them for their support. We continued our monthly meetings remotely and the MC regularly phoned members and sent letters to ensure if anyone required assistance.

In the second half of 2020, we resumed our MGT luncheons, Food Fetes, Father's Day Event, Melbourne Cup and Christmas Carol singing at the Good Shepard Church. A special thank you goes out to Rudy D'Cunha, Bryan and Denise Alexander, John Hersheen, Denzil D'Vauz, and Chris Manook for their help and everyone who attended our Welcome Back Party. Unfortunately, we agreed not to have our traditional New Year's Eve Dance in 2020 for the safety of our Members and guests. Watch this space for 2021!

We had our 55th Annual General Meeting on 7 November 2020 which had a good turnout, and a full 11 Committee Members were elected for 2021. We welcome two new MC's - April Min Din and Zaung Nau. We also say farewell Denzil D'Vauz who has decided not to continue as an MC member, instead focusing on his family and the pursuit of other interests. We appreciate his long-standing contribution to the Association including his passion, expertise and knowledge. We thank you, Denzil!

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CHRISTMAS Members Get Together



BRYAN 'Burmese 10 Guitars'

**CAROLS Musoos Hitting the Highs
Tony & Monica Francis, Peter Isaac
& Rex Hickey**

Traditional Christmas Fare



Thks to Faluda Volunteers



Ladies in Red .. (& Green)



part MC Team with newbies Nau & April



Burmese Community Christmas Carols - grounds of GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH



BAWA CELEBRATES WITH KAREN NEW YEAR



BAWA CELEBRATES WITH KACHIN HARVEST EVENT



BAWA Seniors Birthday Celebrations



Connie Allmark 90th - Inaugural BAWA President



Nonagenarians : Joyce Leeming 90th & Uncle Charles 95th

Pres Rpt contd... BAWA is a dynamic group be it participating, volunteering, researching or connecting. This includes:

- the Charity Golf Tournament in Nedlands,
- the Wheelchair for Kids,
- the Hin-Long Village in (Chin State) Burma,
- the Multicultural Future; and

inviting an SBS journalist to a Burmese restaurant or BAWA Food Fete to showcase our traditional food and culture.

Everyone has done their part for the Association.

Future events to look forward to includes the Annual/Anniversary Dance, Charity Fund Raising Event/Dance, Hoe Down/Line Dancing, Thingyan Celebrations, and the 2021 NYE Dance. Excitingly, we managed to obtain a Bingo Licence which will kick off at this month's MGT. Thanks to Alberta Abreu and Eleanor Duffy for making this happen.

Please continue to support your Association in 2021 and follow the BAWA Website for updates. Also, tune into Curtin FM and the Burmese Radio Station on 6EBA-95.3FM on Sunday afternoons for further information about our Food Fetes and announcements. Alternatively, reach out to any of the committee members for further information or queries.

Kind regards
Michael D'Souza
(President)



MC 2020/21 & Contacts

Michael D'Souza - President
Chris Manook -Vice President
Alberta Abreu - Secretary
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2021 - Food Fete & MGT dates

FF : Every 2nd Sat of Month

**13 Feb, 13 Mar, 10 Apr, 8 May, 12 June
10 Jul, 14 Aug, 11 Sep, 9 Oct, 13 Nov, 11 Dec**

MGT: Every 1st Sat of Month

**6 Feb, 6 Mar, 3 Apr, 1 May, 5 June
3 Jul, 7 Aug, 4 Sep, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec**