



## **ADELAIDE & METROPOLITAN MALAYALEE ASSOCIATION**

### **AGM - 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

'We have planted none but we nurtured and looked after it well'

It is my privilege to submit the reports, affairs and activities of the Adelaide & Metropolitan Malayalee Association for the years 2007-09 at this 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association. In the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 AMMA has continued to grow in terms of membership, quality of events and other services undertaken. We are proud to say that AMMA has reached its membership strength over 1350. Also it has been gifted the name of one of the most vibrant associations among all other ethnic associations in Australia. I am pleased to provide the following summary of activities and events of the Association for the last two years

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2008-09**

#### **KALAMELA 2009**

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Venue: Westminster School

KALAMELA 2009 created an inspiration and activity amongst the communities involved, including the artists, audiences and community organizations. This program has the potential to generate momentum over time that would see the great wealth of professional and traditional culturally diverse art presented to broad audiences, as a reflection of our rich and diverse society. There were about 800 people attended the function and more than half of the attendees were non-malayalees.

#### **FAMILY FUN DAY**

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Venue: Thorndon Park

AMMA conducted the Family Fun Day on 7th March 2009 at the Thorndon Park. About 325 community members came for this event. Sports events opened with the singing of the Indian National Anthem followed by Australian National Anthem. Community members thoroughly enjoyed the pleasant weather and participated in various events which were interesting. This year's event was outstanding with a number of new events organized for all age groups. BBQ and the ever-popular Tug-of-War made the day a memorable one. Thanks to Saji Verghese and Sports Committee, House Captains and their teams.

#### **CHRISTMAS 2008**

Date: 6th December 2008

Venue: Slovenian Community Hall Inc

Christmas 2008 was celebrated on 6th December 2008 at Slovenian Community Hall Inc. Once again, the Christmas function was a great event that captured appreciation from all our community members. Thanks to all the participants. More than 550 people attended the function. Special thanks to those who were involved in the cooking. It was a lovely dinner. Thanks to the volunteers who started working at 6 am and went through until finished

cleaning at midnight. Special thanks to Dina Giriprasad for her time and effort to decorate the Christmas stage backdrop.

### **POTLUCK DINNER**

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Venue: Cheltenham Community Center

AMMA organized a potluck dinner on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2008. This was a program, specially arranged for all the performers and their families involved in Onam-2008. It was also the releasing of the ONAM CD. Total number of participants was about 150.

### **FOOD AND CULTURAL FEST**

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Venue: Cheltenham Community Center

AMMA participated in the Multicultural Event (Food and Cultural Fest) in the Cheltenham Community Hall along with other African and Asian communities. Children from our community presented few cultural items in this show. AMMA put up a stall for Indian food and served delicious Biryani made by members of our community. 400 people attended the function (Including Malayalees)

### **ONAM2008**

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Venue: Fogolar Furlan Inc

This year's Onam celebration was an unforgettable event in terms of fabulous artistic performances, sumptuous food and participation from the community. More than 700 people attended the Onam function. A big Thank you to all volunteers who supported in areas such as Pookkalam, cooking and serving food, stage and program co-coordinators, technical support, participants and especially those who trained the small children. The program was well appreciated by all the attendees and especially the 'Onasadhya' drew a special appreciation.

### **SANGAMAM 2008**

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Venue: Westminster School

For the first time AMMA Organized a stage program which involved artists from Kerala, a comedy and musical night by Cochin Navodaya. It was a big success and attracted more than 600 people. A well-organized program which was led by a subcommittee. Support from the sponsors especially Spice Route made the event financially profitable. As part of the Sangamam, AMMA organized a dinner with the Stars at the Enfield Community Center.

## **SUB COMMITTEES**

### **SAREGAMA -TALENT SEARCH EVENING**

SAREGAMA, the orchestra of AMMA, conducted Talent Search 2008 at Parks Community Center in November 2008 for new talents of our community to join SAREGAMA and to give them the opportunities to showcase their talents in a professional way. SAREGAMA is committed to develop its members' musical abilities, organize functions and increase our community presence in other multicultural events. Talent Search was a success and saw new singers come up. Our community's participation encouraged them to perform well. Thanks to Saregama Subcommittee members, Mathew, Rajith etc.

*For Saregama subcommittee guidelines please visit AMMA website*

**Sports:** AMMA has conducted various sports competition under the house system. The Committee was led by Saji Verghese and the Subcommittee members are Sooraj Vishnu, Govind Narayan, Naveen Vinod and Jolly Joy.

*For Sports subcommittee guidelines please visit AMMA website*

The sports committee conducted bellow competitions in the year 2008-09

**SOCCER TOURNAMENT:** Conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at Woodville Oval. Four houses represented with full team members.

**CRICKET COMPETITION:** Cricket competition was conducted at the Aquatic Centre stadium on Saturday, 22nd March 2009. 4 teams participated in this event. Overall it was a successful event.

**CARD COMPETITION:** Card competition was conducted on 25th April 2009 at Cheltenham Community. Over 20 people participated.

**BADMINTON:** Shuttle badminton competition started on 9th May 2009 at the Enfield Community Centre and ended on June 2009. There were 38 participants and 43 Matched conducted. Thanks to all the captains and participants.

**COLORING COMPETITION:** Coloring completion for the community has conducted on 8th June 2009 at Cheltenham Community Center. There were over 40 people participated in the competition.

**CHESS COMPETITION:** Chess competition was conducted on 21st June 2009 at Cheltenham Community Centre Inc. We conducted the competition in two categories - Seniors & Juniors and the total number of participants were 37.

**VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT:** Conducted on 27th June 2009 at Enfield Community Center. There were participation from all four houses and event went very well.

#### **PUBLICATION:**

The Committee was led by Sreejith Kesavan.

**Newsletter:** We have sent out four newsletters in the last financial year. We have also printed AMMA member's directory 2009.

**Pravasi :** Pravasi Magazine is ready to release on Onam 2009 Function. The Magazine was looked after by Pravasi Subcommittee which involves Sreejith Kesavan, Mahesh KS, Ramkumar PT, George Varghese and George Paul.

*For publication subcommittee guidelines please visit AMMA website*

**Vazhikatti:** Vazhikatti has done a marvellous work for the past 12 months under the leadership of Jose Chacko. The Vazhikatti Subcommittee members were James Veliyath, Rajan K and Lathish Namath. More than 50 new migrant families have been helped by the Vazhikatti. A sincere thanks to all the members who have supported Jose and his team for doing this good service among our community

*For Vazhikatti subcommittee guidelines please visit AMMA website*

**Website:** We have effectively used the website for communicating AMMA members. It is regularly updated and has given a good impression about AMMA, to many Malayalees and non Malayalees. Special thanks to Rafeek Mohammed for his regular technical support.

**Networking with other communities & Media:** AMMA has created and maintained good relations with other communities in SA and around the world. We worked closely with the Indian Australian Association of SA, Kannada Sangha, Tamil Association, Sargam, Shruthi, Australian Kerala Nadam, and various Malayalee associations in Australia and around the world. AMMA is also updating the news with Malayalam Newspapers publishing in Australia such as Pravasi and Indian Malayalee and Malayalam Internet edition. Thanks to Girish V for doing regular updates.

**Networking with Councils and Community Centres.** We have continued our close relation with the City of Charles Sturt and Port Adelaide Councils. AMMA is now a member of 'Friends of Cheltenham community centre' and has celebrated a multicultural night with the Erithrean, & Zimbabwean communities.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2007-08**

### **ONAM2007**

Venue : Slovenian Club, 11 Lasalle Street, Dudley Park

Date : 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007 from 4 pm

Total No of Attendees: 550

### **SAREGAMA TALENT SEARCH -2007**

Venue: Parks Community Center, Angle Park

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2007 4.30pm.

No of participants : 7

### **BALLOONS IN THE DESERT - CLARE**

Organized by the Clare Valley Christian Outreach group in association with LLH

Venue: Clare Town Hall

Date: 13th October 2007

No of Participants : 300

### **AMMA CARROLL SINGING COMPETITION-2007**

1<sup>st</sup> December 2007 at 3pm at

Venue: Cheltenham Community Center.

Total no of participants 20

### **CHRISTMAS 2007**

Date : 6th December 2007

Venue: Slovenian Community Center

Number of Participants :450

Catering done by AMMA Volunteers

## **PICNIC**

Date: 19th January 2008

Picnic Spot: Renmark, Riverland

Total Number of Participants : 152

## **'SAHITHY ASAMV ADAM' - WITH MR.PAUL ZACHARIA**

Date: 12th April 2008

Venue: Cheltenham Community Center

No of Participants : 80

## **FAMILY FUNDAY**

Date: 20th .April 2008

Venue: Thorndon Park

No of Participants : 350

## **KALAMELA 2008**

Date: 25th May 2008

Venue: Norwood Town Hall.

No of Participants : 800

## **SPROTS ACTIVITIES 2007-2008**

AMMA organized different sports events for the members;

Cricket Match - 18th March 2008

Chess Competition - 1 st & 15th April 2008

Painting Competition - 27th April 2008

Badminton Competition - 3rd May- 23rd July 2008

## **PUBLICATION COMMITTEE:**

Published 4 newsletters and reported community activities to the Malayalam Internet edition.

## **VAZHIKATTI:**

Vazhikatti has done a marvellous work during the period of 2007-08. More than 35 new migrant families been helped by the Vazhikatti.

I would like to acknowledge and thank my Executive Committee Members, Sub-committee members Volunteers and my family for their immense support and understanding during my Presidency. It has indeed, been a great honor and a wonderful experience to lead our great Association and I would not have been able to devote the time and effort without your encouragement and assistance.

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of all those who made donations to the Association. Especially The Padmanabhan Family, Roy Colaco of APR Financial Services, Spice Route, India Gate, Mahatma Spices, Adelaide Channel Vision, Ruchi Catering and G& G Auto Repairs. They helped to maintain the smooth functioning and reduced the financial burden of our Association.

On this occasion I would like to specially thank Rafeek Mohammed.Sreekumar Madathil, George Varghese,Venugopal K V, Dina Giriprasad, Jolly Joy and Don Joseph for their outstanding support to this committee for the last two years.

Dear members, I commend the Adelaide & Metropolitan Malayalee Association to you all and trust that you will continue to support the Association in whatever ways you are able to.

Thank you.

Regards,

Biju Joseph

President, AMMA.