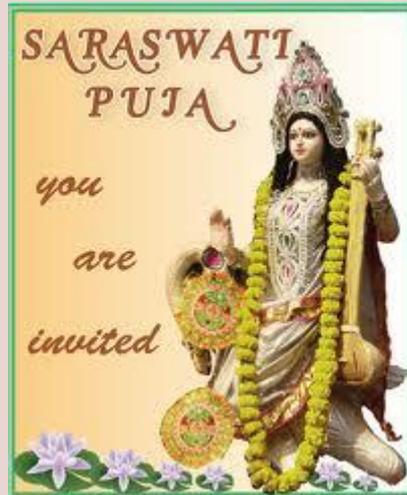


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BAV Newsletter: SaraswatiPuja Edition



**Venue:** Glen Waverley Community Centre (700 Waverley Rd–corner of Springvale Rd and Waverley Rd)

**Main Events:** 10.30 – 1 pm: Puja, and Pushpanjali; 1 pm– 2.30 pm: Lunch; 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm: Cultural Program; 8.30 pm: Dinner

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## *Thanks from the General Secretary:*

Greetings! Hope you had an enjoyable break.

Like other years, 2012 Durga Puja was a communal event. On behalf of the Executive Committee members, I express my sincere gratitude to all participants in this event, including volunteers, sponsors and other who were associated directly or indirectly to make these two days joyful and auspicious to all

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of us. Please click the following links for Durga Puja photos and Video:

<http://www.bavwebsite.org.au/gallery4.php> – photos

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/6oshrvrem9ygcpv/BAV%20pujo\\_video2012.mpg](https://www.dropbox.com/s/6oshrvrem9ygcpv/BAV%20pujo_video2012.mpg) – video

I have received many phone calls and emails after the puja with positive feedback; these are rewarding to us and give encouragement to others to be on the committee in future.

My personal thanks to all close friends who sacrificed their Friday night to prepare for the puja. I am glad to report that I did not receive a single negative response from anyone whom I approached for any help; this shows your sincerity, passion and enthusiasm towards the BAV activities and the community at large.

Mita Bhattacharya

January, 2013

## *From the Cultural Secretary...*

The cultural events during the Durga Puja and Bijoya Sanmeloni have been planned from the month of July. We had requested for expression of interests for participation in these events from the community and received too many responses to accommodate all.

DurgaPujo cultural evening was a mixed bag of programs, portraying the devotion to Maa Durga. The Durga Strotas were beautifully recited and translated for the first time in the BAV history. Agomoni songs, Tandav – Durga dance pieces portrayed the energy Maa Durga brings with her. Kids dance took us to the fun-filled nostalgia days of childhood. The SrutiNatok– Mahisasurpala depicted a funny side of the Durga–Asur relationship. Finally our Guest from Sydney, Indrani Mukherjee, took us to a new world with her melodious voice and beautiful songs.

The presence of the honorary guests also made the evening very special as they enjoyed the show to the fullest along with the houseful audience.

Bijoya Sanmeloni was celebrated in Melbourne after five years. This is one of the occasions Bengalis love the most. This year we wanted new members of the community to participate in the cultural events so that they contribute each time in our program. The cultural program was designed in two parts.

First part was with some traditional & modern really beautiful recitations and a couple of solo dance and song pieces. A mesmerising jugal-bandi with Sarod was played to end the first part. Second part of the show was a Game show 'Dugga No. 1', where the audience took part very enthusiastically.

Finally great food was served to finish the long & entertaining evening by the 'Monash Curry and Tandoor' at Glen Waverley.

I hope this enthusiasm will remain and grow over the years in our community.

Pallabi Basak

January, 2013

## *Message from the President ...*

Welcome to the February 2013 edition of our BAV newsletter. I hope that the summer holidays have brought you a lot of happiness and you have had the time to reflect on the year gone by.

Since starting office, my committee has aspired to bring you several quality cultural and sporting events. Many hours of hard work and dedication have been behind the organisation of these programs and I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has been involved.

### **Sports BBQ Day, January 27, 2013**

This year we decided it was time to showcase the athletic talents of our community. The BAV kicked off 2013 with a Sports BBQ Day, which was received by the wider-community. This free event for BAV members consisted of multiple sporting competitions including a much-anticipated senior vs. junior cricket match. In the end, the youth triumphed over the oldies, in what was a very competitive and exciting 20-over match. There were many other events for ladies and children as well. All involved had a wonderful day with delicious barbequed food and we look forward to making this an annual event in the future.

## Dance Concert, February 2, 2013

BAV recently hosted 'Bengali Dance Opera', led by internationally acclaimed Indrani Dutta and her troupe 'Sristi'. The group presented a grand show at Monash University's Alexander Theatre Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013. It was a night to remember.

Comprising in total of nine overseas artists, and backed by musical and stage production teams, this dance drama was one of the first of its kind to be staged in Melbourne. For those fortunate to attend, it was unanimous that Indrani Dutta and her troupe created an overwhelming impression of professionalism, quality and innovation through their colourful and heart winning Bengali Dance Opera. With less than ten-minute costume-change intervals, multiple acts and a cocktail of group dances, solo performances, dramatic interludes and extravagant music, it was certainly a night that will be etched in our memories for a long time.

I am very much thankful to Chhandashi and Pratish Bandopadhyay, Malobika and Abhijit Banerjee and Manorama Palit for providing accommodation and support for our overseas artists without which this program would not have been possible. Indrani Dutta spoke of fondly of being overwhelmed by the hospitality shown towards her entourage and greatly appreciated the high appraisal from the audience.

I express my sincere thanks to each and everyone who helped make the show a great success.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support of the BAV and I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Saraswati Puja on the 16th of February at Glen Waverley Community Centre (700 Waverley Rd-corner of Springvale Rd and Waverley Rd).

Dr Sajal Palit

February, 2013

## Saraswati Puja on February 16, 2013

Please click the following link for Saraswati Puja:

<http://www.bavwebsite.org.au/saraswati.php>

Saraswati puja reminds us of the school days. Here we are celebrating Saraswati puja in a brand new academic year. Congratulations to all boys and girls who just completed High School, an important chapter of their life. On behalf of the BAV, we wish all students every success in their future. Please follow the links below to enjoy some Saraswati Bandanas:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3yfQe8p94o&feature=related>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tshl\\_mO6OWA&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tshl_mO6OWA&feature=related)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yn63FmYw8pY&feature=related>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=J4TDG3\\_zCAw&feature=endscreen](http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=J4TDG3_zCAw&feature=endscreen)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLN1sSTIFSg&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HP3MRA5Dim8>

### Saraswati Puja Subscription:

Member Family \$55

Member Single \$25

Member Student/Pensioner \$15

Non-Member Family \$65

Non-Member Single \$35

Non-Member Student/Pensioner \$20

All kinds of sponsorships will be appreciated for the forthcoming Saraswati Puja. Any amount is welcome, no amount is too small.

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