



Issue 1: January – March 2020

14-22, The River Road, Revesby, NSW 2212

## Covid 19 Update

Gurupyari Sadh Sangat Ji,

In line with public health advice, we had previously taken the decision to limit congregation at Revesby Gurdwara until further notice. As per the recent announcement on lockdown of places of worship and other indoor venues by Prime Minister Mr Scott Morrison in view of the current Pandemic of Corona Virus, the committee has decided to adhere with following immediate measures from March 23, 2020 in line with safety of Sikh community.

Gurdwara will be Closed for Public entry and no langar(kitchen closed). There will be Parkash, Daily Nitnem, and Sukhasan by Bhai Sahib in respect of Maryada of Gurdwara.

Going forward, we aim to update you regularly and communicate important information as soon as appropriate. It is very important that we stay vigilant, yet compassionate towards our neighbours, friends and community. In light of recent changes, it can be difficult for older people to get the right groceries. If you are having difficulty, need assistance with basic necessities, please reach out to us and we can arrange for sewadars to assist.

Daily Rehras sahib is held every day from 5:45pm to 6:30pm and recording is being shared on Gurdwara Facebook page.

## News & Events

Dr Inderjit Kaur from Pingalwara Charity Trust visited and cited awareness of their work. Donation of \$3500 made by Gurughar's Sangat.

Funds were raised to aid the recent bush fires that occurred in the state. An amount of \$2,266 was raised and donated to NSW Fire on behalf of Gurdwara community.

International Women's day was celebrated on 8 of March 2020 where in women led the kirtan, Ardas, Hukamnama in the deewan as well as Degh & Langar distribution.

## Gratitudes

- Sofa seats for seniors in the Darbar hall sewa done by Kuldeep Singh from Minto.
- New Curtains in Darbar hall sewa done by Vikramjeet Singh.
- Air conditioning - Ranbir Bedi and Ducting Contractor - Yatash for providing the free ducting service, Gajinder Singh for skills of the AC installation and Upkar singh, Gurpal Singh to assist with overall work.

## Facilities & Maintenance

In the past few months, committee sewadars have been working on identifying issues within Gurdwara premises that require maintenance and improvements.

This has progressed very well where in maintenance work was carried out for carpet cleaning in the Darbar Hall; Bathrooms fixations; Servicing of Kitchen equipment (stoves & ventilation); Audio & Sound system upgrade in both Darbar Hall and Kitchen; and other minor fixations have been addressed.

While periodic maintenance of facilities will be ongoing, initiatives have been taken to improve kitchen ventilation, waste management as well as safety measures for seniors.

Air conditioning has been installed in the kitchen free of cost with the help of skilled AC ducting volunteers and other sewadars who came on the day to assist.



## Safety

Handrails have been installed at the Langar hall entrance doors to support seniors' accessibility during entry & exit through Langar hall.

OH&S committee has been formed to ensure adherence with Council's with health and safety regulations. Members of this committee will be reviewing and carrying out measures to improve safety of our community within the Gurdwara premises.

## New Projects

**Compost Bins** - discussions have been initiated on setting up of compost bins to convert food scrap/waste collected in the premises into organic compost which can be utilised by the sangat.

**Wheelchair access** - Options are being explored to provide wheelchair accessibility between Darbar Sahib and Langar hall.

**Playground Area** - children are often found playing in the parking area and this potentially poses hazard issues such as accidents and obviously present safety concerns. Hence we are looking at closing the empty area next to Punjabi school and setup some play equipment where children can play and reduce accidental risk of playing in parking grounds.



## Revesby Punjabi School

The Sikh Association of Sydney runs the Revesby Punjabi School which is registered with the NSW Department of Education and is part of the NSW Community Languages Schools Program.

Currently, the school has approximately 120 students enrolled from ages 5 – 18 years from Early Stage 1 to Stage 6. Enrolments are held every January of the calendar year.

The following events were held in the school during Term 1:

**International Mother Language Day** – Saturday 22nd February 2020. Students presented art work, poems, models on Punjabi culture and were encouraged to communicate in Punjabi.

**Children's Program at Darbar Hall** - Saturday 29th February 2020. Children are given opportunity to perform Shabad Kirtan on every last Saturday of the month.

**Clean Up Australia Day** – Sunday 1st March 2020. We are grateful to be able to provide the opportunity to pass on Punjabi language to our younger generation.

## Bookings & Timings

### Deewan Schedule

Schedule is available at below link:  
<http://sydneysikhs.com/daily-program/>

### Punjabi School Class

Saturday 6-8PM  
Sunday 11-1PM

### Langar Booking contact:

Bhai Darshan Singh 0450224510  
Bhai Gurmeet Singh 0434681829



## Committee Corner

### Sewadars for 2020

President: Avtar Singh Sidhu  
Vice President: Sukhvinder Singh  
Secretary: S. Gurpreet Singh  
Asst. Secretary: Charan S Kooner  
Treasurer: Mandeep Singh  
Asst. Treasurer: Iqbal Singh Ginn  
Member: Charanjit Kaur Bedi  
Member: Harmeet Singh  
Member: Amanjeet Singh Sandhu

### Committee Mission & Objectives

Current committee sewadars are keen to make contributions to Gurughar by working towards the following objectives:

- *Modernise Gurdwara policies, processes & tools*
- *Working together with sangat on new projects and initiatives and promote transparency*
- *Boost sangat participation*
- *Improve Maintenance of facilities and safety within Gurdwara premises*
- *Promote attendance to Punjabi school*

### Financial Status

Summary of financial standing for January – March 2020

Total Income = \$88,710.38  
Total Expense = \$78,136.92

### Announcements:

We are currently updating the membership list details and would like to request all members to send recent contact (phone & email) to the email address: [secretary@sydneysikhs.com](mailto:secretary@sydneysikhs.com)

