Sri Guru Singh Sabah Revesby

September Newsletter

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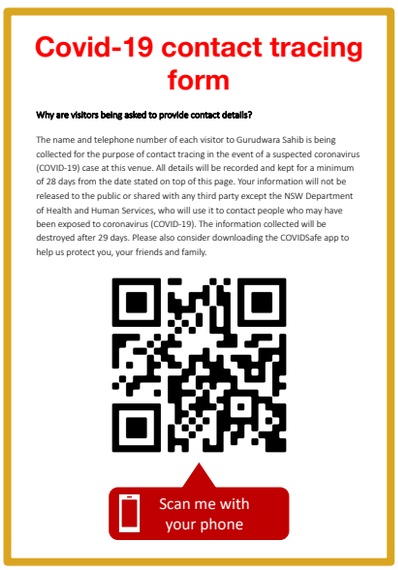
Covid-19 update

Gurpyari Sadh Sangat Ji,

As per latest government regulations, 4sqm distance is to be maintained at all times. There are still limits to the number of worshippers allowed inside the gurudwara sahib, if you cannot find a spot marked with X inside the darbar to sit on, then to maintain social distancing, you must wait outside till a spot has freed up.



The contract tracing form above has been put on the door, we would request all the worshippers to fill this in using their phones before they enter the darbar.

Newsletter / Langar update

We have redesigned the newsletter format and we hope to keep the sangat up-to-date with what's happening in the gurudwara.

Face masks are optional, but recommended as per government.

AGM / SGM cannot be held until July 2021 due to covid restrictions as per government guidelines.

We are going digital to save the environment and communicate to sangat in real-time.

Please send us your email address to secretary@sydneysikhs.com and we will add you to the newsletter list and provide you with regular updates on what is happening at the gurudwara.

Also if you have changed address recently, please email us and let us know so we can send correspondences to the correct address.

Takeaway langar has started again.

Calendar	Date
Prakash Purab – Sri Guru Ram Das Ji	2nd Nov
Jyoti Jot Divas – Sri Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji, Guru Gaddi Divas – Sri Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji	9th Nov
Guru Gaddi Divas – Sri Guru Grant Sahib Ji	16th Nov
Jyoti Jot Divas – Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji	19th Nov
Prakash Purab - Sri Guru Navak Dev Ji	30th Nov
Guru Gaddi Divas – Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji	17th Dec
Shahidi Divas – Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji	19th Dec
Shahidi Vade Sahibjadee	22nd Dec
Shahidi Divas Chote Sahibjadee ata Mata Gurjari Ji	27th Dec

Kirtan competition

This eagerly awaited competition was held in memory of the renowed Keertania Bhai Hira Singh ji (1871 – 1926), one of the great near-contemporary leaders of our community who played a pivotal role in the revival of the Sikh religion in the tumultuous days of the early twentieth century. With grace of Guru and help of the Sewadars of Sikh Kirtan Parchar Mission we have been able to organize the Kirtan Competition on the 17th and 18th July 2020.

There was prize distribution on 2nd August 2020. Despite the troubling and unprecedented situation created by the outbreak of a global pandemic, there was no question of allowing the tradition to fall by the wayside this year. Parents, gurudwara management and volunteers collaborated to create and maintain a safe environment for the participants, judges and audience, and, despite the turnout remaining as large as ever with 181 participants, strict sanitization and social distancing protocols remained consistently in effect throughout.

Kirtan competition

Following are few photos of the Kirtan competition.

Completed projects

Carpark line marking

Gurpyari Sadh Sangat Ji,

The line markings on the carpark have been repainted in July. This was done thanks to Jagdeep Singh, Rajwinder Singh, Hardeep Singh, Ramanpreet Singh and Darshan Singh.

New curtains

Gurpyari Sadh Sangat Ji,

The curtains have been replaced after over a decade with the help of Vikramjeet Singh and family who himself got the curtains custom made and installed himself with great passion.

More transparency

Meeting minutes from this year's committee meeting have been made available to all Life members via email and new minutes are sent regularly once the meetings are completed.

Completed projects

Daswandh scheme

As the gurudwara's finances have been tight due to Covid, we launched a donation scheme to help meet the funding shortfall. Thanks to the sewa of many from the sangat, we have been able to raise $13,109 since April.

Rental property update

We have moved the management of our rental property from Professionals to Advantage Plus Real Estate, saving the gurudwara management fees as this is now done by one of the sewadar's free of charge.

Finance updates

Due to Covid, the gurudwara's finances have taken a strong hit since the lockdown was implemented in March. We were able to defer the loan repayments (of approx. $14,000 per month) which has helped to balance the accounts however finances are still tight.

Current financial overview:

- Loan amount: $1,124,731.83
- GD funds: $49,176.16
- Building funds: $75,064.52

Maintenance works & updates

Maintenance:

Thanks to the sewa of many individuals, the following maintenance works have been completed:

1. The Nishan sahib
2. Plastic chairs were donated to the Gurudwara
3. Roof in the seniors room started leaking and caused damage to the internal roof. This was repaired.
4. NBN installed
5. Kitchen cleaned of all the grime
6. All halogen lights are replaced by LED lights (as part of government subsidy)

Planned projects

Gurpyari Sadh Sangat Ji,

Here is an overview of the current projects which we are planning to completing in the coming months. As there are expensive, any sangat who would like to donate money for these projects can do so using the following bank details.

Painting

Repainting of the inside of the darbar, done by sewadars (material cost only). Work on this has already begun, with upstairs hall completed and downstairs still in progress. We have already received $2,000 in donations.

Estimated cost: $3,000

Kitchen re-tiliing

The kitchen tiles need to be changed to make them more suitable for a commercial kitchen. Sample and quotations obtained, work in progress.

Estimated cost: $12,000

Gurudwara front sign

LED sign to replace the existing peeling sign. Work in progress

Estimated cost: $5,000

Completed initiatives

Following milestones of Association being achieved in 6 months' time working till date cohesively and chardi kala of Sri Guru Singh Sabah despite difficult COVID Environment.

During this time there is no income or Golak and all the expenditure like wages, water, electricity bills, council bill, insurance are still there.

Overview of initiatives:

- New IT system of confluence implemented.
- Fixing and updating PA system in Darbar sahib.
- Women's day, clean up Australia day, Bush fire appeal.
- New curtains in Gurdwara.
- Air-conditioning in Kitchen.
- Line marking in Parking area.
- Sofas for the elders.
- Set up of on-line Daswandh Donation system (to collect donations from the sangat).
- Maintaining the salaries of Bhai Sahib in COVID-via application of Job keeper allowance.
- Deferring the loan payments of Gurdwara.
- Changing of the real-estate agent to one of our sewadars for his selfless sewa with commission saving.
- Kirtan Competition in COVID environment.
- Gyprock installation after storm damage.
- Property Maintenance of Gurdwara.

Gurudwara updates

1. Bhai Sahib Gurmeet Singh has come back from India after his leave and COVID.
2. Bhai Ramanpreet has moved to Queensland for a full-time job as a Granthi.
3. Every second Saturday evening of the month will be ladies kirtan starting in October. Contact Mandeep Kaur for more information.

To donate

Account name: Sri Guru Singh Sabha
BSB: 062-185
Account number: 1030 7741

Commonwealth Bank of Australia