

**ANGLO-INDIAN AUSTRALASIAN ASSOCIATION OF
VICTORIA. INC.**

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POLICY & PROCEDURE FOR EVERY FINANCIAL MEMBER

Aims & Objectives:

1. Provide board, lodge-care and security for Senior Members. (Subject to terms and conditions).
Provide low rental accommodation for senior/retired members.
2. Organise social and cultural activities and coach tours for members and non-members.
3. Provide self-contained units to retired members at affordable rental rates.
4. Provide financial help to Anglo-Indian Associations in India for their less fortunate members.
5. Free membership: Members 85 + years of age with 10 years continuous membership.
6. **Membership discounts for various tours and social functions will be received after a full year of membership.**

Must notify the Committee of any above Events/Requirements

Terms & Conditions:

1. Membership is NOT transferrable
2. Membership fees are payable from 1st Jan to 31st Dec and renewal of membership must be done before the 30th March. For New Members an enrolment fee of \$10.00 will apply.
3. Committee members are not permitted to organise any tours or dances in accordance with the Association's Constitution as there will be a conflict of interest and their Membership will be terminated. (Paragraph 7 – Discipline suspension and Expulsion of Members – Clause 10)

Booking for Socials and Tours:

1. All bookings are only confirmed with a 20% deposit.
2. Phone bookings are held for seven days only. If a deposit is not received the booking will be cancelled automatically.
3. Cancellation of a booking SEVEN days prior to the commencement of a tour will incur a loss 25% of the ticket fare.
4. Members on tours are advised to take Travel Insurance. The Association will not be liable for any claim.
5. Membership discounts for various tours and social functions can be received after a full year of membership.

Assets:

1994 – St Joseph's Home for the Aged was built, consisting of sixteen bedrooms with en-suites.

1998 – St Mary's Retirement Village – Seven self-contained units was built and funded by the Association.

2000 – Three-bedroom guest home was purchased and funded by the Association.

2010 – St Joseph's Villas consisting of five one-bedroom units.

2012 – St Joseph's Extension – Six bedrooms with en-suites, multi-purpose and common room.

2013 – Purchase of property at St Albans for future residences.

2017 – Permit received to construct 6 units at St Albans.

2019 – Property purchased at Lakes Entrance

2020 – Property purchased at Pakenham

The Association is dependent on membership fees and revenue generated from tours, dances and monthly functions to fund and develop our aims and objectives. I would like to sincerely thank all present and past members of the Committee for their interest and support over many years. I would also like to thank our many volunteers for their time and effort; I appreciate your hard work.

With a membership in excess of 2000, it is important that we adhere to and strictly adopt the Policy and Procedures of the Association. We need to be very proud of our establishment and achievements. We are the only Anglo-Indian Association in the World, excluding India, to provide housing facilities for our senior members. **UNITY IS STRENGTH**

Reminder to renew your annual AIAA membership for 2024 or even consider becoming a life member, if interested

RENEWAL OF EXISTING MEMBERSHIP

Type	Victoria
Family	\$50.00
Adult	\$25.00
Pensioner	\$20.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

TYPE	PER PERSON	PER COUPLE - FAMILY
Applicant 30 years and over (Family and dependent children)	\$300.00	\$500.00
Applicant 50 years and over	\$200.00	\$300.00
Applicant 65 years and over	\$100.00	\$200.00

Please make payment to the AIAA bank account and confirm by return email

If using the Association's Internet and Bank Account, please enter:

Name/Names:

Name of Tour/Function or Membership Fees:

Total Amount:

Please notify Rodney Almeida, Raelene Kelly on 0400 539 124 or Jeanette Veeren on your mode of payment. Phone: 9569 6034 or 0407 424 365 and email: aiaa1971@hotmail.com

Bank Account details are:

Account Name – Anglo-Indian Australasian Association of Vic

BSB – 083 357

Account Number – 39 808 0599

Bank – NAB

The trip or function must be confirmed before depositing money into the account.

Booking for Tours:

1. Phone bookings will be held for 7 days only
2. To confirm a booking, a deposit of 20% is required at the time of booking
3. Full payment must be received at least a month prior to commencement of the tour

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY IN 2023

We pray for strength for their family members and may their souls rest in peace.

1. Mrs Marlene Abraham	10. Mr John Walton
2. Mr Steven Townsend Booth	11. Mrs Susie D'Souza
3. Mr Percival Cerejo	12. Mrs Daphne Samuel
4. Mr Derek Fernandez	13. Mr Ivan D'Cruz
5. Mr Brian Dullard	14. Mr Evrrard Johnson
6. Mr Ronald Mayne	15. Mrs Andrea Rogers
7. Mr Christopher Major	16. Mr Allan Nicholas
8. Mr Alister Rouse	17. Mrs Hyacinth Bullmore
9. Mrs Mary Baker	18. Mr Denzil Considene

Future Plans:

The Association is negotiating with Bunurong Cemetery to purchase a lawn site to rest our members, after life. This will apply to the less-fortunate who wish to be rested at a minimum cost.

In 2024, we plan to construct four 2-bedroom units at St Albans. The Association will financially meet the cost.

PROGRAM FOR APRIL 2024

Sun 7th: Day trip to Divine Mercy service at Bacchus Marsh. **Cost: Members \$ 20.00**

Sun. 7th to Sun. 14th: 8 Days – 7 Nights to Tasmania by Plane. 4 Nights in Launceston, 3 Nights in Hobart. **Cost: Members \$1600.00, Non-Members \$1700.00 includes travel, daily breakfasts.**

Sun. 21st: Sunday Social – Whist, Lunch and Bingo at Oakleigh Hall, 144 Drummond Street, Oakleigh. From 12.00 noon to 6.00 P.M. Whist at 12.00 noon a two-course lunch at 1.00 P.M with unlimited tea and coffee and a glass of wine. Followed by 10 games of bingo and **live music by Locksley Meyers. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL: Cost: Members \$25.00, Non-Members \$30.00.**

Sun. 21st to Fri 26th: 6 Days and 5 Nights tour to Merimbula visiting Eden, Batesman Bay. **Cost: Members \$750.00, Non-Members \$800.00 includes coach travel, twin-share motel accommodation, breakfasts.**

Thurs. 25th: Anzac Day Trip to Bendigo and Echuca. **Cost: Members \$50.00, Non-Members \$60.00.** Only includes coach travel and lunch.

PROGRAM FOR MAY 2024

Sat. 11th: 53rd Annual May Queen Dinner Dance at Sacred Heart Hall, 19 Johnston Street, Oakleigh. From 7.00 P.M to Midnight. Indian buffet dinner, desserts tea and coffee with live music. **Cost: Members: \$40.00, Non-Members \$50.00.** B.Y.O Alcohol & soft drinks.

Fri. 17th, Sat 18th & Sun 19th: 3 days and 2 nights to Bright-Beechworth. 2 Nights at the Bright Chalet. **Cost: Members \$ 400.00 and Non-Members \$ 450.00.** The cost includes coach travel, motel accommodation, breakfasts and dinners.

Sun. 19th: Sunday Social – Whist, Lunch and Bingo at Oakleigh Hall, 144 Drummond Street, Oakleigh. From 12.00 noon to 6.00 P.M. Whist at 12.00 noon a two-course lunch at 1.00 P.M with unlimited tea and coffee and a glass of wine. Followed by 10 games of bingo and **live music by Marceau Camille. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL: Cost: Members \$25.00, Non-Members \$30.00.**

Sat 25th: Day trip to Rich River Golf club, Echuca. Spending 3 hours at the club and two-course lunch will be provided. **Cost: Members \$ 30.00 and Non-Members \$ 35.00.** Includes coach travel and lunch.

PROGRAM FOR JUNE 2024

Fri. 7th, Sat. 8th, Sun. 9th & Mon. 10th: King's Birthday Weekend – 4 Days – 3 nights to Adelaide. 1 night at Mount Gambier and 2 nights at Adelaide, visiting Victor Harbour and Hahndorf. **Cost: Members \$600.00, Non-Members \$650.00** includes coach travel, motel accommodation & breakfasts.

Sun. 16th: Sunday Social – Whist, Lunch and Bingo at Oakleigh Hall, 144 Drummond Street, Oakleigh. From 12.00 noon to 6.00 P.M. Whist at 12.00 noon a two-course lunch at 1.00 P.M with unlimited tea and coffee and a glass of wine. Followed by 10 games of bingo and **live music by Brendon Scott. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL: Cost: Members \$25.00, Non-Members \$30.00.**

PROGRAM FOR JULY 2024

Sat 6th: Christmas in July dinner-dance at Sacred Heart Hall from 7.30 P.M to 11.30 P.M with live music. **Cost: Members \$ 35.00, Non-Members \$ 45.00.** Includes dinner, tea and coffee. B.Y.O Alcohol & soft-drinks.

Sat 6th: Snow trip to Mount Buller. **Cost: Members \$50.00, Non-Members \$ 60.00** includes coach travel & entry ticket to the snow. Departs at 6.00 A.M and returns at 8.00 P.M.

Mon 15th: 16 days tour to Bali and Vietnam. Including 4-star hotels, cruise, motel, meals, air tickets, guided tours. **Cost: Members \$ 4,250 per person. For booking, contact Masood on 1300 66 20 34.**

Sun 21st: Sunday Social – Whist, Lunch and Bingo at Oakleigh Hall, 144 Drummond Street, Oakleigh. From 12.00 noon to 6.00 P.M. Whist at 12.00 noon a two-course lunch at 1.00 P.M with unlimited tea and coffee and a glass of wine. Followed by 10 games of bingo and live music. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL: Cost: Members \$25.00, Non-Members \$30.00.**

PROGRAM FOR AUGUST 2024

Sun 4th: Celebrating Anglo-Indian Day at Sacred Heart Hall Oakleigh. Mass at 12.30 P.M. followed by **live music by Don's Party** until 5.00 P.M. **Cost: Members \$ 25.00 and Non-Members \$ 30.00** Includes Lunch, coffee, tea. BYO Liquor & soft drinks.

Sat 10th and Sun 11th: Weekend at Echuca-Tocumwal- **Cost: Members \$ 200.00 and Non-Members \$ 250.00.** Includes coach travel, motel accommodation, breakfast and lunch.

Sun 18th: Sunday Social – Whist, Lunch and Bingo at Oakleigh Hall, 144 Drummond Street, Oakleigh. From 12.00 noon to 6.00 P.M. Whist at 12.00 noon a two-course lunch at 1.00 P.M with unlimited tea and coffee and a glass of wine. Followed by 10 games of bingo and live music by **Brendon Scott. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL: Cost: Members \$25.00, Non-Members \$30.00**

Sat 24th and Sun 25th: Weekend trip to Shepparton and Tocumwal. 2 days and 1 night. Saturday night dinner and dance for 3 hours at the Tocumwal Golf club. Visit the Big Strawberry and the fruit farm. **Cost: Members \$ 120.00 and Non-Members \$ 150.00** Includes coach travel, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch and twin-share motel accommodation.

Fri 30th Aug to Sun 1st Sept: 3 days and 2 nights at Corowa Golf Club Music Festival.

Cost: Members \$ 400.00, Non-Members \$ 450.00. Includes coach travel, motel accommodation, daily breakfast and 2 lunches. **Additional cost for Festival entry tickets to be advised.**

PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun 8th: Our Lady of Velankanni Feast at Sacred Heart Hall Oakleigh. Mass at 12.30 P.M. followed by lunch, bingo and music. **Cost: Adults \$ 20.00**

Sun 22nd: Sunday Social – Whist, Lunch and Bingo at Oakleigh Hall, 144 Drummond Street, Oakleigh. From 12.00 noon to 6.00 P.M. Whist at 12.00 noon a two-course lunch at 1.00 P.M with unlimited tea and coffee and a glass of wine. Followed by 10 games of bingo and **live music by Col Perkins. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL: Cost: Members \$25.00, Non-Members \$30.00**

Mon 23rd: Tour to India and Sri-Lanka- 24 days for \$ 6,395. Tour to India only \$ 5,695, Sri-Lanka only \$ 2,995. Including Airfare, coach and most meals. **For Booking, contact Masood on 1300-66-20-34.**

Fri. 27th, Sat 28th, Sun 29th: AFL Finals Weekend, 3 days and 2 nights to the Grampians, staying at the resort. **Cost: Members \$ 350.00 and Non-Members \$ 400.00** Includes coach travel, twin-share motel accommodation and breakfast.

Mon 30th Sept to Mon 7th Oct: Senior Week free travel using Public Transport. Tour to Lakes Entrance for 3 nights. **Cost will be notified.**

Sept-Oct: 21 days trip. Fly, drive to Darwin- Katherine Mount Isa-Cairns- Airlie Beach-Rockhampton - Brisbane- Melbourne. Fly to Darwin and return by coach. **Cost and dates to be notified.**

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 2024

Sat 5th: Day trip to the Rich River Golf club, Echuca.

Cost: Members \$ 30.00 and Non-Members \$ 35.00. Including coach travel and lunch.

Sat 12th: 53rd Annual Anniversary Dinner Dance at Sacred Heart Hall Oakleigh. Non-stop music from 7.30 P.M to 11.30 PM, buffet dinner. **Cost: Members \$ 40.00, Non-Members \$ 50.00.**

Sat 12th: 19-day tour to Europe and cruise. **Cost: \$ 9,350 per person includes flights, accommodation and meals.** For Booking, contact Masood on 1300-66-20-34. Masood will accompany the tour.

Sun 20th: Sunday Social – Whist, Lunch and Bingo at Oakleigh Hall, 144 Drummond Street, Oakleigh. From 12.00 noon to 6.00 P.M. Whist at 12.00 noon a two-course lunch at 1.00 P.M with unlimited tea and coffee and a glass of wine. Followed by 10 games of bingo and **live music by Brendon Scott. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL: Cost: Members \$25.00, Non-Members \$30.00**

Sun 27th: 4 hours Yarra River Cruise from 1.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M. **Live music by Brendon Scott**, buffet lunch, tea, coffee and wine. **Cost: Members \$ 70.00, Non-Members \$ 80.00.** Please book early as there are limited seats.

PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER 2024

Fri. 1st to Tues 5th: Melbourne Cup Weekend. 5 days and 4 nights weekend to Sydney-Canberra, 2 nights in Sydney at the Rydges Motel, 2 nights in Canberra at the Pavilion Hotel. **Cost: Members \$ 900.00, Non-Members \$ 1,000.00.** Includes coach travel, motel accommodation, daily breakfast and 2 dinners.

Sun 10th: Food Festival at Oakleigh Sacred Heart Hall. Members are welcome to run a stall. Food or bric-a-brac. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.**

Sun 17th: 53rd Annual General Meeting of the Association. Commencing at 11 A.M to 4 P.M. including lunch, bingo and live music by Marceau Camille. **The meeting will start 4.00 P.M, all financial members are welcome to attend.**

Fri 29th, Sat 30th and Sun 1st Dec: First Carols Singing Trip to Lakes Entrance. 3 days and 2 nights. **Cost: Members \$ 400.00, Non-Members \$ 450.00.** Includes all your travel, twin-share motel accommodation, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, lunch and a 2-hour cruise on Gippsland Lakes.

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER 2024

Fri 6th, 7th and 8th: Second Carols Singing Trip to Echuca-. 3 days and 2 nights staying at the Moana Resort. **Cost: Members \$ 400.00, Non-Members \$ 450.00.** Includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch, Paddle-steamer Cruise down the Murray River.

Sat 14th: Annual Carol Singing Dinner Dance at Sacred Heart Hall, Oakleigh. From 7.30 P.M to 11.30 P.M. Live music by two famous bands. **Cost: Members \$40.00, Non-Members \$50.00.** Includes buffet dinner, music, tea and coffee. **BYO Alcohol & soft drinks. Ladies and gents must wear Christmas Colours.**

Sun 15th: 1.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M. Free Children's Christmas party for members children, who are under 12 years of age. **Cost: Adults Members \$ 15.00, Non-Members \$ 30.00 and Non-Members children under 12 years of age pay \$ 20.00.** Includes dinner for adults and children. All parents need to bring a gift for Santa to give to their children; all children will receive a Santa bag for Christmas from the Association.

Thu 26th: Boxing Day Reunion of families and coach-tour groups conducted during the year. **Cost: Members \$ 10.00.** B.Y.O plate to share the goodies, with music, bingo and dancing. A Night to meet and reminisce.

Tue 31st: Gala New Year's Eve Dinner Dance at Sacred Heart Hall, Oakleigh from 7.30 P.M. to 1.30 A.M. Non-stop live music by two famous bands. **Cost: Members \$ 50.00 and Non-Members \$ 70.00.** Includes buffet dinner, wine, tea and coffee. **BYO Alcohol & soft drinks. Kids under 12 years not permitted.**

PLEASE NOTE:

Trips will only go ahead if we have 30 people or more. Please do not transfer money into the account unless the trip and function has been confirmed. Please book your seats early.

Costs published in this newsletter may be subject to change, if costs increase nearer to the date of the planned event.

For those members who have not yet renewed their annual membership for 2024, Non-Member fees will apply to all events.

Members are requested to update their email address to aiaa1971@hotmail.com to ensure that they receive regular updates.