



## India Club Bulletin Mar'05

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**Mission: Life is Good; we enjoy the journey and enrich lives of fellow Club members**

India Club is an organization of professional and business people who meet regularly, conducting social, recreational, educational and spiritual activities, provide humanitarian service, nurture friendship and mutual respect and help build goodwill in the community.

### INDIA CLUB INAUGURAL GET TOGETHER

We had a great inaugural celebration on Saturday evening the 12 Feb'05. It was a full house and members turned it into a magical evening. Our get together was very significant, as together we embarked on a very exciting journey, to shape up our Club, "India Club" in Sydney. It has already sent many ripples in our Sydney community, very positive and enthusiastic ripples.

Members spoke from their heart, participated in singing with great delight, mingled and shared their vision about the Club with great passion and enthusiasm and cemented a bright future for the Club.

The Past and current presidents of various organizations have joined the Club. The Club membership is very cosmopolitan. We have members from all over India from Jammu Kashmir to Tamilnadu. With the enthusiasm, the energy and the talent of our members, the Club is now ready to soar in the open sky.

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When members' aspirations for the Club were sought, these expressions emerged:

Shubha Kumar > We have a pressing need to have a place of our own, a venue where we can meet regularly. A club of our own culture which has a great potential to fulfill many needs of various age groups in our community. It's not going to be easy but we are going forward to realize this long cherished dream of our community. We will establish the Club.

Sunita Anand put it very nicely early on > It gives a good feeling, we can say to friends  
"Chalo Club Chalte hain, Club mein milte Hain."

Sukhdev Jaswal > India Club members should always remember that this is a group of mature, thoughtful, well educated people. Strive to be different and lend a helping hand to fellow members of the Indian community. Leave a good impression about the Indians in other peoples minds.

Krishan Anand > Very positive move. Other groups must see the Club as a compliment and not as a threat. Inclusive to have a large membership but exclusive to allow membership to those who are willing to spread goodwill and friendship. There should be a code of conduct. Need a venue.

Dr. A M Babu > The Club is viable. Need a venue of our own, a commercial venue. Get the conviction right, the venue is achievable.

Chandra Kant Kulkarni > Bold initiative. We do not have an identity here, not even a place to get together even after 50 years. We are intellectual people but fragmented. Get united. Club is open to all, does not belong to any association. It is People's Club. For the first time I am seeing it is achievable. My friends are ready to invest and make it a success. When guests come from India, they must visit India Club.

Subba Rao Varigonda > Bid namaskarm in different languages. The Club Should not be perceived as an association. No competition with any association. The Club has a complimentary role.. Shared services concept can be tried. A physical meeting point is a long cherished dream. India Club has highly dedicated people. Presidents of different organizations coming together can offer a lot to the community.

Baskaran Gurusamy > Good to see people trying to unite without any Association. Can start at a RSL or League's Club. I would like to come to India Club.

Jaspreet Chopra > A progressive step forward.

Hemant Tanna > This is a first step towards the unity and the damage done in the past is amended tonight. Two people or two parties linking together is a positive step. It has to be Australia wide, then World wide. Desire to do good to community, towards betterment of the community.

Harmohan Singh Walia > "Great, a Club of Indian Culture for our youth."

Daljeet Flora > It (India Club inaugural get together) was indeed a very enjoyable evening We have been here 12 years and for the first time in 12 years we felt back home in Delhi - people from all different parts of India under one roof. It was such a good feeling. India Club would be perfect to maintain this for us and our children. Ever since we have migrated here, we have seen isolations in all the communities. Initially we were not comfortable with this but then got used to.

Aksheya Kumar > With the talent, desire and the enthusiasm we have here (in our community), we are going to have a Club building of our own much sooner than contemplated. Members will drive it and we will facilitate IC to be a member driven organization.



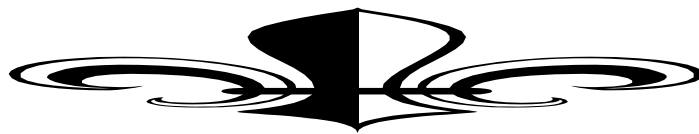
## *An Evening with the Federal Minister*

India Club Inc., taking a cue from Hon. Alan Cadman federal MP for Mitchell, hosted a cocktail party for the federal Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to meet IC members.

Dr. Aksheya Kumar and Shubha Kumar opened their house for this significant occasion and extended warm welcome to all. This offered an excellent opportunity to the vibrant Club members and their friends to meet the Minister and to convey their views on issues of importance to the Club and also make the Minister aware of our pressing community requirements.

The evening was graced by Hon. Mr. Peter McGauran, Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, Hon. Mr. Alan Cadman, MP, Federal Member for Mitchell, Mr. M. Ganapathi, Consul General of India and Hon. Mrs. Louise Markus, MP, Federal Member for Greenway. Exuberant members of the Club greeted the guests with great delight.

The Minister and Mr. Cadman listened attentively and took note of the concerns raised. All IC members and friends present on the evening admired Mr. Cadman and Mr. McGauran's relaxed and friendly attitude, their understanding of our community and forthright approach in taking and answering questions; and all enjoyed the lively chat and a frank questions and answers session. Our delightful CG Mr. Ganapathi, welcomed the move of our own venue and as always, adding value to the function, spoke cheerfully and could not resist mentioning the importance of unity in the community. This event was a very delightful and significant occasion for India Club Inc. and the Indian community, as the Club has been blessed by the presence of Australian and Indian Govt. representatives.



Our March '05 Get Together

*A musical evening with Suhas and Manjari*

*Suhas Mahajan is a banker by profession. He has Masters in Investments and Finance from USA. He is currently working with Smith Barney City Group as a Stock Broker/Financial Advisor. His wife's name is Pratibha. They are blessed with two children Aditya 15 years old and Aarti 9 years old. Singing is Suhas's hobby and he likes to sing golden hits of bygone era.*

*Manjari Kulkarni is an Electrical & Computer Engineer by profession and she has formal education in music as well. She is currently busy accommodating various singing commitments and managing the house and the small baby. Her husband Uday Kulkarni is also a Computer Engineer. They are blessed with two kids Parth 8 years Old and Raj 7 months old. Manjari's father and brother both are professional singers and on occasions her brother sings with Mangeshker family.*

*"Many of the quests for status symbols -- the hot automobile, the best table in a restaurant, or a private chat with the boss -- are shadowy reprises of infant anxieties. The larger office, the corner space, the extra window are the teddy bears and tricycles of adult office life."* ~ Dr. Willard Gaylin

*"The art of living is learning to recognize situations that will lead to trouble"* ~ Thomas Jefferson

*"The investor of today does not profit from yesterday's growth."* ~ Warren Buffett

*"Most people when they come to you for advice come to have their own opinions strengthened, not corrected."* ~ Josh Billings

*"Even a mistake may turn out to be the one thing necessary to a worthwhile achievement."* ~ Henry Ford

*"All the breaks you need in life wait within your imagination. Imagination is the workshop of your mind, capable of turning mind energy into accomplishment and wealth."* ~ Napoleon Hil

- India Club members meet every month.
- IC membership is not bound to Indian subcontinent but open to all Indians, Australians and other ethnic communities.
- We have members from over 12 states of India and other nationalities.
- IC is a member driven organization. The Club members come forward with innovative ideas, participate actively, organise activities and drive the projects.
- IC is about empowering our members, adding value to them, to our community and also to other community organizations.
- We enjoy the journey and have fun.

