



## Bengali Cultural Association



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Spring has arrived with its usual colours and splendour. For the Bengalis living in the southern hemisphere, it is also associated with something we eagerly look forward to every year — our Durga Puja.

As we have informed you earlier, this year's Puja will be celebrated over two days at the Mawson temple on the 26 and 27 September.

Partha Bhattacharjee and Rana Ganguli will be performing the Puja for us. From the organizing committee's prospective, we would like you all to come and celebrate the Puja together. If you wish to help the committee members with cooking bhoj, setting up for Puja, cutting fruits, making Mala, shopping or in any other way, please get in touch with our committee members. Sharing the workload not only lightens the work, but also creates the mood for fun and festivity.

Special Dates for your Diary:-

20 September— social walk organised by kuntala.

26 & 27 September - DURGA PUJA

26 September- Social Festivity - Hughes Community centre.(6pm-11.30pm)

## *Social Evening 29 August'09 (organized by Satarupa Dasgupta)*

This was the first cultural function organized by the present committee. Arnab Gupta commenced the evening welcoming all the members and guests. We were introduced to 3 very entertaining Bengali's visiting Canberra for 3 weeks.



Arka Chakrabarty started the evening with a recital. Natasha Miles spoke

about "magic of monsoon" based on her personal experience in Bangladesh, followed by a dance sequel by Liya Deonath and Anjana Banerjee. Ronny and Robin Dasgupta once again entertained us with a folk dance . Vishnupriya (Tushi), finished of the juniors section with another folkdance.



Shreya and Ayan

Chatterjee made last minute entries and played on the key board.

Seniors section started of with Swati Gupta, surprising us with her singing talent. Debjani, Rana and Satarupa entertained us with Nazulgeeti, Rabindra Sangeet and Adhunik songs.



Star performer of the evening was Dayeeta Dasgupta., She did a creative dance which was self choreographed and it was simply scintillating and sensational!!





The evening did not finish there, Avijit Deonath, Hari Iyengar and Partha chatterjee, all had their moments to sing & entertain. After all the dancing and singing, it was time for food. Many thanks to Chandana De for co-ordinating with every one and present us with a sumptuous variety. Finally, thanks to Avijit Deonath (our Quiz master), for a very informative and entertaining quiz session. We look forward to the next one.

### **Farewell to Apratim Chakrabarty**

Apratim will be leaving us for a job in England. His absence will make a huge difference to our community. To highlight some of his contributions:-

- “Mayur Pankhi Boat” as a float for Multicultural parade in 2005
- “reconstructing” Kartik Thakur’s nose( after an unfortunate accident)in 2007.
- “Hut” for the Multicultural festival in 2008
- Captain of the BCA cricket team in 2009.
- Member of the BCA debating team in 2009

We wish him and his family the very best for the future, and hope they return to Canberra .

## **6 SEPTEMBER**

***ISN'T IT LOVELY TO DO NOTHING DURING THE YEAR,  
AND THEN TO REST ON FATHER'S DAY—***

***Happy Fathers day***

### **Bijoya sanmelan**

**Due to Public holiday long weekend Bijoya sanmelan is postponed  
Exact venue and date will be announced soon.**

Please remember

*We want you all to contribute to this newsletter consistently.*

*Send your articles to*

*podeakin@grapevine.com.au*

NEXT FORTNIGHT, IF YOU ARE CELEBRATING YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY, PLEASE SHARE IT WITH US. PLEASE ALSO SHARE YOUR JOKES, RECIPES, HOLIDAY TRIPS ETC, MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOUR PRECIOUS EVENTS IN YOUR LIFE— **SHARE IT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY.**

***LISTEN TO BANGLA RADIO***

***@ 98.3 FM 2-3PM***

***Saturday 5 SEPTEMBER 2009***

**Social Walk**— Date Sunday 20 September 2009.

7km walk around lake Ginnendera.

Meeting Point:- Macdermott Place, car park.(off Joynton Smith drive).

Time:- 10.30 for 11.00 AM.

**COME ONE ,COME ALL**

Social walk is a healthy and social entertainment. Bring your bike if you want to, and bring some food and drinks for the BBQ. Please remember, to wear proper footwear, you walk at your own risk. Please RSVP to Kuntala @0409158145 or ajit@62862380.



***A COMMUNITY THAT - WORKS TOGETHER  
THAT COMMUNITY - PLAYS TOGETHER  
THAT COMMUNITY STAYS TOGETHER***

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