

# THE UNITY

**AUSTRALIAN ANGLO BURMESE SOCIETY INC.**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It's that time of the year again for the Annual General Meeting which will be held at the Australian Asian Association Hall on 1st November at 10:30am. We earnestly need more new committee members who will instill fresh ideas and enthusiasm into the society. Please send in your nomination forms before October 11<sup>th</sup>.

My sincere thanks to the committee members, who have worked tirelessly during the past year. They have excelled in their efforts when working in conjunction with the Burma Cyclone Relief Fund (W.A.) since the month of May. This group has raised \$58,000 in total, with more functions to be held this year.

On behalf of the committee I wish to extend our sincere gratitude to the generous members who not only donated in cash, but also in time and deed. The sponsorship of the Yenangyaung Venerables remains strong and steady. We have dedicated to donate \$400 quarterly to Eric Trutwein for the provision of basic food items to the elderly. On-going donations to the designated charities viz, CanTeen, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Hmawbi and YWCA continue with equal fervour.

I look forward to seeing you at *A Festival of Lights* Dance, AGM, the Food Fetes and Morning Teas. Take care.

*Colin Johnson*  
*President*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All financial members are invited to attend the AGM on 1<sup>st</sup> November at the Australian Asian Association Hall from 10:30am. Lunch will be provided and members attending are asked to confirm by 25<sup>th</sup> Oct for catering purposes; contact Colin Johnson on 0412 524 372 or Glen Barrie on 0439 846 806.

Four Executive positions will be vacant at the time the AGM is held: the following people are re-nominating : **Colin Johnson – President, Glen Barrie – Vice President, John Taylor – Secretary, Caroline Hunneybun – Treasurer.** Any financial member of the Society, wishing to, can apply for the above Executive Positions. All nomination forms must reach the Secretary no later than 11<sup>th</sup> October.

**Connie Linton, Doug and Carron Bicknell, Doug and Olive Siva – are remaining as Committee Members;** five more positions need to be filled. Connie will continue as the committee member in charge of charities and social functions. Nomination forms for the Executive Committee have been attached. Members can pay their subscriptions at the door on the day of the AGM.

**'WISHING THE BEST TO ALL THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD BIRTHDAYS  
ANNIVERSARIES ETC. IN THE MONTHS OF JULY TO SEPTEMBER &  
TO EVERYONE WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THESE OCCASIONS  
IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS'**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

27<sup>th</sup> Sept, 25<sup>th</sup> Oct & 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov

**Food Fete** 11:00am – 2:00 pm at AAA Hall 275 Stirling Street Perth

27<sup>TH</sup> Sept Dance

*A Festival of Lights* Dance at Cyril Jackson Hall corner of Guildford Road & Fisher Street Ashfield, Music by Bad Habits 7:00pm – 12:00am: \$15 entry

1st Nov AGM

10:30am at AAA Hall 275 Stirling Street Perth

7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009 Morning Tea

11:00am - 2:00 pm at AAA Hall 275 Stirling Street Perth (please bring a plate)

13<sup>th</sup> Dec Children's X'Mas Party

10:00am Herb Graham: Sportsman Lounge Chesterfield Road Mirrabooka. Parents are asked to bring for each child a gift valued to \$10, wrapped and labeled with the child's name. Contact Connie or Caroline for catering purposes before 9<sup>th</sup> December. Free lunch for members' children. Adult members \$5. Non-members: \$8 adults; \$4 children.

20<sup>th</sup> Dec Members X'Mas Lunch (Buffet)

11:30am at the Pines Rendezvous Observation City, The Esplanade Scarborough. Members are asked to bring a gift to the value of \$10: males to bring a gift for a male, labeled male and females to bring a gift for a female, labeled female. Please notify Connie on 0439 901 421 or Caroline 0416620023 before 16<sup>th</sup> December if attending.

X'mas Carols

Please contact Carron on 9401 9568 for carols at your home.

### **A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DANCE**

**Cyril Jackson Hall: Cnr Guildford Road & Fisher Street ASHFIELD**

**Saturday 27th September 2008**

**7:00pm - midnight**

**MUSIC BY BAD HABITS**

**\$15.00 entry with lucky door prizes**

**Raffles, food and soft drinks on sale BYOG alcohol**

### SOCIAL

11/7/08 – Joan, Glen, Juanita, Colin, Connie, Angeline and Hazel went to the Astor Theatre to see “Mama Mia” movie. It was great and most enjoyable; the Music brought back lovely memories of the good old 60's & 70's days.

12/7/08 – Most of the Committee members met at AAA – BAWA's Food Fete, enjoyed the lovely food before our monthly meeting.

20/7/08 – Some of our Committee members were at the Asian Food Fete in Fremantle Esplanade, helping Burma Cyclone Relief Fund (WA) at the Mohinga Stall. Funds raised were for the Cyclone victims in Burma.

26/7/08 - Our Food Fete at AAA was a quiet affair but not a total loss.

2/8/08 - Approx 12 members & partners attended Morning Tea. As usual, everyone brought scrumptious food.

23/8/08 - A lot more people attended this Food Fete: very encouraging and I'm hoping that this is the start for more successful ones. This was, I'm sure, the direct result of letterbox drops of flyers by some of the Committee Members in different suburbs. Close enough to 1000 flyers were distributed. Thanks to everyone who helped.

6/9/08 - Father's Day Lunch was provided by the Society at \$10 per person paid by mothers, single men & women. Fathers were free. Food was cooked by courtesy of Elaine Johnson, Connie Linton and Maureen Siva. There was a good turn out of 36 people. Everyone enjoyed the food. It would be great if we could have more of these in-house lunches, as it is a friendlier way of bringing members together, but we need more volunteers to help.

We are pleased to inform all members that the society will be holding Food Fetes at “AAA” Hall every fourth Saturday of each month from now on until November and hope to continue next year. Please support your society in its endeavours to help raise funds for our charities by telling your friends and relatives about these fund raising events. The funds raised also allow the society to subsidise members' functions and outings. Please ring me if you or anyone you know can lend us a hand or would like to hold a stall. Call me on 92775801 or 0423 901 412.

Contact Carron if you wish to have X'Mas Carols at your home. Keep a note of the dates for the Children's X'Mas Party and Members' X'Mas Lunch in December. Put your name down early to avoid disappointment.

### CHARITIES

I have a list of orphans & families in Burma who desperately need sponsors. This is a *long term commitment* of \$11 per person a month paid quarterly. Anyone interested in taking on a family, please contact Connie on 9277 5801 or 0439 901 421. The children from these families in Yenangyaung are children who have lost one or both parents from HIV.

The Committee has decided to provide the YWCA financial assistance on a quarterly basis instead of the yearly one like we have been doing for years. Dr Rebecca Tapa & staff are doing a fantastic job with their programs helping to keep kids off the streets, teaching young girls to become seamstresses so they can be self sufficient, teaching them to be Carers, to look after & prepare meals twice a day for out of area people who have to come to Rangoon for a hospital stay. This is definitely a worthy cause.

We are also looking at helping an orphanage of 40 children in a remote village managed by Sr. Joanna who was previously at Hmawbi Orphanage which is still receiving financial help from this Society for basic food items.

The Society has sent \$1000 to the Save the Children Fund, through BCRF towards helping the Cyclone Victims and also to Eric who has been going out to the villages giving the victims much needed help.

Doug & Carron Bicknell and I are looking forward to going to Burma on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October & visiting all our charities. We will be bringing back up to date information on them with photos & videos.

Thank you to all the Committee Members & everyone who have given their time & effort to help this cause. Anyone who has access to internet, please visit our website at <http://angloburmese.com> you will be able to read up to date accounts of what your Society is doing.

*Connie*

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## **FOOD FETE**

- **Burmese curries, delicacies, sweets & snacks**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**25<sup>th</sup> October**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Time: 11:00AM – 2:00 PM**

**Location: AAA HALL**

**275 STIRLING STREET PERTH**

**PROCEEDS TO CHARITIES IN  
AUSTRALIA & MYANMAR**

- **CanTeen, Salvation Army, Red Cross**
  - **Hmawbi Orphanage**
- **YWCA Hospital Nutrition Program**
- **HIV Survival Aid Program in Yenangyaung**

**Anyone interested in holding a stall please contact  
Connie 9277 5801 or 0439 901 421**