

were organised in the Darbar Sahib on the main screens, later in the afternoon to the visitors. Guru ka Langer was served as usual, which was enjoyed by many Australian families.

Outside in the car park, a traditional Sikh Martial sports, Gataka was organised. All the guests and other visitors watched this exciting event as shown in the attached photographs. For kids, the main attraction was jumping castle organised on the beautiful lawn and also the face painting, for which long queue existed all day. Coolaburoo Neighbourhood Centre organised face pointing for this event. Families showed keen interest in the various stalls which included garments, computers and eatables besides Sikh religious items.

The fair like environment prevailed until 6.00 PM. At 7.00 Basant Raga Darbar started with Sikh youth and prominent kirtan Jathas including Bhai Gurjeet Singh Jatha, Bhai Darshan Singh Jatha, Bhai Sukhmander Singh Jatha and also members of Sangat recited gurbani in Basant Raag, which continued up to 11.00 PM

Organisers of RSL clubs and the Uniting Church visited the Harmony Day and invited the Sikh Community to participate in the ANZAC functions organised by Revesby Heights and Panania RSL. According to organisers, it was a great success and they conveyed their thanks to Almighty Supreme Lord and to the community support that helped in this project of Sikh Awareness program and to promote harmony between Sikh Community and mainstream community.

- Monjinder Singh, President, The Sikh Association of Sydney

Vaisakhi Celebration in NSW Parliament 9 May 2007

Punjabi Council of Australia with the courtesy of Hon. John Aquillina Leader of the House NSW Parliament celebrated Vaisakhi at NSW Parliament on 9 May 2007.

Various dignitaries including Hon. John Aquillina Leader of the House NSW Parliament, many Hon. State MPs, Stepan Kerkyasharian Chairperson Community Relations Commission, Consul K.N. Mohanakumaran Indian Consulate Sydney, Gambhir Watts, President Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Australia and dignitaries from the Indian & Pakistani communities, Sikh Centres, Cultural Associations, and Sports Clubs. Moninder Singh introduced the Punjabi Council team i.e. Prabhjot Singh Sandhu, Kulwant Singh, Mandhir Singh Sandha, Rajwant Singh and Rashpal Singh and thanked sponsors Ramesh Sharma from Taj Restaurant Harris Park and Ausindia Holidays Sydney.



Hon. Virginia Judge MP addressed the gathering on behalf of the Premier and Gladys Berejiklian MP represented Leader of the Opposition. Deputy Leader of the NSW Nationals Hon. Andrew Fraser who is member for Coffs Harbour spoke about Sikh farmers of Woolwoolga. Stepan Kerkyasharian Chairperson Community Relations Commission, Consul K.N. Mohanakumaran from Indian Consulate Sydney, Raj Natrajan President UIA and Ejaz Khan from Pakistani



community also shared their views about Vaisakhi.

Punjabi Bhangra & Giddha performances entertained the hosts in between the speeches. Punjabi youth was represented by Tarumpreet Kaur and Zemina Singh, who spoke on the achievements and contribution by the Sikh Community for the past 100 years or so to Australia.

- Moninder Singh, President, Punjab Council of Australia