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Sustain and promote Bangla language and Bangladeshi culture in South Australia, to strengthen cross-cultural bonding and to build an egalitarian and harmonious multicultural Australian Society.

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Establish closer ties among the members by showing mutual respect and by observing honesty and openness

Provide cultural, intellectual, social, spiritual and charitable welfare to Bangladeshi descendants

Strengthen the cultural ties and friendship between Bangladesh and Australia

Develop and promote awareness of Bangladeshi culture, tradition and lifestyle among the Australian society

Promote cultural exchange with any other group, organization or institution interested in Bangladeshi culture

Liaise with the Federal Government, State Government, Local Government and Private Bodies to serve the interest of Bangladeshi nationals and students living in South Australia

Provide assistance to Bangladeshi students and new arrivals in South Australia with the information and other means practically possible by the Association



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The journey of South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association (SABCA) begins with an intention to promote Bangladeshi culture in our community along with contemporary practice of multiculturalism. This opens up the opportunities to build a harmonious multicultural Australian society beyond ethnic ghettos.

In early 1970s, a very few Bangladeshi families migrate to South Australia to change their fortune. As time passes, the number of migrant increases significantly to about 5000.

These migrated Bangladeshi families not only improved their own living standards but also made major contribution to promote multiculturalism and economic growth of Australia. A peaceful, democratic and multicultural society; dignified standard of living; existence of equal rights regardless of religion, culture and gender; favourable weather and most importantly a strong economic platform have made Australia a popular destination to the Bangladeshi community.

Bangladeshi community carries an ample of cultural tradition with them. The country has a rich history of cultural custom of 2500 years old. South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association (SABCA) organises their traditional programs throughout the year in respect to their antecedents.

Multiculturalism in Australia conserves key values of respecting and promoting diversity; ensuring equal rights, democracy and rule of laws. Bangladeshi Community in South Australia articulated their cohesion to Sydney Lindt Chocolate Café incident victims and paid homage to national heroes Tori Jonson and Barrister Katrina Dawson. Bangladeshi Community is committed to protect Australia from all sorts of extremism and radicalism.

Bangladeshi people are naturally acclimatised to combat against natural disaster like flood, cyclone, and fire. Geographically Bangladesh has the similar weather and climate condition like Australia. During recent Sampson Flat Bush Fire, South Australian Bangladeshi community forms a Volunteer Response Team (VERT) to collect donations, offer mental support and provide shelter to the bush fire victims. I voluntarily worked and coordinated a team of 75 members and created a database to help victims for any future emergencies across Australia.

Each year, many Bangladeshi expats are coming to Australia either with the award of scholarship or by self-finance to pursue higher studies. On returning home country with acquired advanced knowledge and experience from Australia, they play important roles to corroborate economic, social and democratic practice of Bangladesh.



My appointment as a Justice of Peace (JP) for South Australia enables thousands of Bangla speaking people to access JP service whenever is required. The community members have expressed their heartfelt thanks to the Government of South Australia.

I gratefully thank SABCA Chairperson Dr Abu Siddique Miah and SABCA Executive Committee for nominating me as the editor of SABCA Annual Magazine 2015 and for unremitting support during whole process. My appreciation and special thanks go to the co-editor and graphics designer Mostofa M Sayeem for his eminence and creative works. My gratitude to cover designer Mrs Farhana Mahmud for designing an admirable souvenir cover and also for notable stage designing of SABCA Programs. I appreciate the photographers for their remarkable jobs to retain institutional memories of the events. My very distinctive thanks and gratitude to the Honourable Premier, Ministers and Member of Parliament (MP) for their messages. My heartfelt thanks to His Excellency Honourable High Commissioner of Bangladesh Mr.Kazi Imtiaz Hossain. My appreciation also goes to the writers of articles. I am indebted to all patrons, advertisers, SABCA members, volunteers, Bangladesh Community School students, teachers and guardians for their unconditional support, without that our dream would not come true.

Living in Australia, with people from every corner of the globe who are united under one flag, is an excellent example of the type of harmony that could and should exist everywhere. Bangladeshi Community embraces the diverse cultures and is proud to be Australian.

Happy Bangla New Year 1422 শুভ নববর্ষ ১৪২২

Mahub Bin Siraz Tuhin JP

Editor, SABCA Annual Magazine 2015

and A Justice of Peace (JP) for South Australia



SABCA greetings to Mahub Bin Siraz Tuhin JP



SABCA AGM 2014



**MESSAGE
THE CHAIRPERSON
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BANGLADESHI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

It is a matter of immense gratification to write a few words in the Annual Magazine 2015 of South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association (SABCA).

Since its inception in 2004, SABCA has blossomed into a community organisation of excellence, imparting much needed quality service of various types to the community members. SABCA has been working relentlessly to pass on our rich language, culture, heritage and traditions to our children. Our children and community members have been actively participating in the events of national days of significance of both Australia and Bangladesh organised by SABCA in a befitting manner. The benefits of exposing of children and community members to their own and other cultures are two

fold – they are learning, maintaining and thriving in their own cultures, and at the same time they are appreciating, respecting and learning wider Australian cultures too. Our activities stimulate the young community members to grow as globally and socially responsible Australian citizens. Our focus is to promote multiculturalism and hence to build an inclusive Australian Society where diversity is embraced and celebrated.

My unreserved thanks go to the editor Mr Mahub Siraz Tuhin JP and the co-editor Mr Mostofa M Sayeem for their enthusiasm and all-out efforts to publish a creative and informative Annual Magazine of SABCA. My wholehearted thanks go to the writers of articles for enlighten the readers with their views and information. On behalf of SABCA, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to the Multicultural SA for the grants to celebrate the Victory Day of Bangladesh and the Bangla New Year Pohela Boishakh. My sincere and heartfelt thanks go to the patrons and advertisers for their financial assistance without which, the publication of the magazine could not be conceived. My humble request to the respected readers and community members is to render their patronages to the advertisers.

On behalf of the Executive Council of SABCA, I would like to express our deep appreciation and thanks to the honourable Premier Jay Weatherill MP, the honourable Minister Zoe Bettison MP, the honourable Minister Stephen Mullighan MP, His Excellency Kazi Imtiaz Hossain and Dana Wortley MP for their inspirational words. Their words acknowledge our contribution to the people of South Australia. My heartfelt thanks go to the students, teachers, parents and the principal of Bangladeshi Community School for their enthusiastic participation in all events organised by SABCA. I extend my warmhearted thanks to the dedicated youths, adults, legendary performers and choreographers for presenting mind-blowing and rich cultural shows in different events. I would be failing in my duty if I do not thank the honourable members, volunteers and patrons of the past and present for their selfless contribution to the service of Bangladeshi and other Australian communities.

May I conclude by wishing you all a splendid Bangla New Year 1422 that brings you happiness, prosperity, safety and success.



Shovo Noboborsho 1422.

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**Dr Abu Siddique Miah
Chairperson, SABCA**



SA's cultural diversity 2015



Reception of Bangladesh World Cup Cricket Team 2015



SABCA Award 2014: Awarded to Dr Abu Siddique Miah received by his daughter Mrs Kshovar Ferdousi

MESSAGE
THE HONOURABLE JAY WEATHERILL MP
PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Since its inception in 2004, the South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association (SABCA) has worked tirelessly to support its own community and to contribute to a harmonious, diverse South Australia by its commitment to intercultural engagement with the broader community.

For more than a decade SABCA has demonstrated a strong community ethos that underpins South Australia's reputation as a vibrant and diverse State. South Australia is richer for your contribution.

Many believe that the Bônggabdô, Bangla Year was created by a Hussain Shahi Sultan of Bengal by combining the lunar Islamic calendar (Hijri) with the solar calendar, which was prevalent in Bengal. This is further proof that cultures evolve through the ongoing process of engagement with other cultures.

The South Australian Government wishes members of the Bangladeshi community a Happy Bangla New Year and a safe and happy 2015. We look forward to the ongoing contribution of the SABCA and broader Bangladeshi community to the development of our harmonious South Australian society.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you on your work and thank you for your contribution.



Jay Weatherill

THE HONOURABLE JAY WEATHETILL MP



MESSAGE
THE HONOURABLE ZOE BETTISON MP
MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS



As Minister for Multicultural Affairs, I am delighted to extend my best wishes for the Bangla New Year to all members of the South Australia Bangladeshi community.

Now in its 11th year, the South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association (SABCA) and the Bangladeshi community as a whole, continue to play an important role in enriching the cultural diversity of our State.

SABCA's contribution to multiculturalism in South Australia has been a fine example for other cultural groups to follow, demonstrated by its dedication to preserving Bangladeshi language, traditions and culture through festivals such as Eid, Victory Day and Harmony Day, and through a strong volunteer ethos in assisting welfare and charitable organisations.

I congratulate all members of SABCA for their contribution to the South Australian community, most recently demonstrated by the collection of donations for people affected by the January bushfires.

May the New Year bring peace, good health, happiness and prosperity.

THE HONOURABLE ZOE BETTISON MP





MESSAGE
HON STEPHEN MULLIGHAN MP
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
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I would like to convey my warm regards to the South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association and wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

I would also like to pay tribute to the Association for the work it does to maintain the culture, language and traditions of the people of Bangladesh.

This New Year celebration provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate Bangladeshi culture and history, and to share it with others.

Maintaining language and traditions within the Australian context exemplifies what multiculturalism is all about, and I congratulate the Bangladeshi Association for its contribution to multiculturalism in South Australia.

The South Australian Government could not have achieved a successful multicultural society alone.

It is communities such as yours that should also take credit for the social harmony that exists in Australia today.

For several years, there has been a steady flow of migrants from Bangladesh settling in South Australia.

The government recognises the important contribution migrants from Bangladesh make to the economic and cultural development of the State, and we encourage you to support more new migrants and students to come to South Australia.

Once again my best wishes for your New Year's celebrations and for the future of the Association.

THE HONORABLE STEPHEN MULLIGHAN MP



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Victory Day 2014



SABCA AGM 2014



International Mother Language Day 2015



**MESSAGE
HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH**



HIGH COMMISSIONER

I am delighted to learn that South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association (SABCA) is organizing an elaborate program to celebrate Bangla New Year 1422 on 25 April 2015 in Adelaide. I would like to convey my sincere appreciation and felicitation to SABCA for organising the event.

"Nobo Borsho" (Bangla New Year) celebrations mark the day of Bengali cultural unity. It is really about celebrating the simpler, rural roots of the Bengal and is an integral part of the cultural heritage of Bangladesh.

I am also delighted to know that South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association has transcended boundary and included other communities including from South Asian countries, mainstream Australian and aboriginal communities to join the festival. This is indeed a commendable effort for building bridges across other communities. This effort, I am sure, will provide an excellent opportunity to build mutual understanding and friendship and act as a platform to project our rich culture and heritage. I hope South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association will continue its efforts to promote the rich cultural heritage of Bangladesh and contribute in creating greater goodwill for Bangladesh and Bangladeshis in Australia.

I take the opportunity to convey my best wishes to the members of Bangladesh community in Adelaide a very happy Nobo Borsho and continued peace, progress and prosperity in the New Year.

I wish the Bangla New Year Celebration a huge success.


(Kazi Imtiaz Hossain)
High Commissioner



Independence Day 2015



AGM 2014



Pohela Boishakh 2014



**MESSAGE
DANA WORTLEY MP
MEMBER FOR TORRENS**

I convey my warmest wishes to the South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year (Pohela Boishakh).

As the State Member for Torrens and in my former role as a Senator in the Federal Parliament, I have been fortunate to meet with representatives from many different cultural backgrounds, including Bangladeshi and other South Asian groups, who are well represented in my electorate.

It is both an honour and a pleasure to attend celebrations arranged by your Association where Bangladeshi cultural traditions are celebrated and shared. The focus on family and the effort put into ensuring the Bengali language is passed onto the next generation is inspiring.

I congratulate the South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association and its members for the contribution culturally, economically and socially that you make to the tapestry of multiculturalism in our wonderful state of South Australia.

Community associations such as yours contribute significantly to the social harmonies that exist today. Research reveals that eighty-five per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism is a good thing for our nation and that the benefits are great.

Once again, best wishes for your New Year celebration and for the future endeavours of the Association - Shubho Nobobarsho.

DANA WORTLEY MP



Victory Day 2014



Ifter Party 2014









Pohela Boishakh 2014



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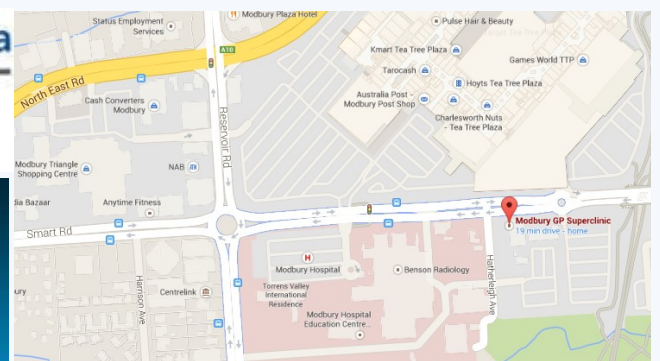


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This year, the South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association (SABCA) is celebrating its 11th year of service to the people of South Australia, in particular to the Bangladeshi community living in Adelaide. The SABCA has organized several cultural, social and sports events and observed national days of significance of both Australia and Bangladesh. A brief description of SABCA's activities and achievement during the tenure of current Executive Council is given below:

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2014:

The AGM was held on the 21st of June of 2014 at Gilles Street Primary school, 91 Gilles St, SA 5000. The election was conducted by the Election Commissioner Mr Kazi Sakhawat Hossain and the Assistant Election Commissioner Dr Anis Ahmed. On behalf of the elected new EC committee, the new chairperson Dr Abu Siddique Miah thanked the honourable members of SABCA for the trust and confidence extended to him and the team by electing them. He applauded the outgoing chairperson Dr Nizamul Islam and his team for their courageous leadership and appropriate guidance at the critical juncture of SABCA and also acknowledged their tremendous success in organising highest number of magnificent events till 2014. Dr Miah proposed the formation of an Advisory Council as per the amended constitution of SABCA. This was the first time, a 9-members Advisory Council for the year 2014 - 2015 was approved by the AGM.

Ramadan Iftar: On the 12th of July 2014, about 700 people gathered to attend the grand Iftar (fast breaking) congregation held at Goodwood Primary School. The experience of fasting transforms a person to be generous, compassionate and kind to the less fortunate. The huge participants from different cultural and religious background symbolize inter-cultural and inter-faith harmony in South Australia. The Iftar gathering gave us an opportunity to come close to each other and strengthen bonds

served at iftar and dinner were highly appreciated. We are indebted to the honourable President of legislative council Russel Wortley; honourable Minister Tony Piccolo MP, honourable Minister Zoe Bettison MP, honourable Member of Parliament Dana Wortley for their presence in the Iftar congregation and for their encouragement to work for building a fair, inclusive and harmonious society. With the relentless help from volunteers and generous contribution from kindhearted patrons, the Iftar congregation was a great success.

Eid-UI-Fitr Reunion: A post Eid-UI fitr function, called Eid Reunion is a perfect occasion for uniting families, friends, neighbours, relatives, community members and the people from



different cultures. SABCA celebrated Eid-UI-Fitr Reunion event on the 16th of August 2014 at Thebarton Community Centre, Hindmarsh, with participation of over 500 people. This Eid Reunion provides us an opportunity to meet and greet each other after the Eid celebration. In the Reunion, SABCA organized a spectacular cultural program with a variety of songs, dances, recitations, book-inauguration etc. Mouth-watering meals were also served. Mr Alex Gallacher, Hon. Senator for South Australia, Mr David O'Loughlin, Hon. Mayor, City of Prospect and President of Local Government Association of South Australia attended the function as special guests of the Association. In this program, SABCA raised concerns for Bangladeshi community members who applied for permanent residency visa and were facing various difficulties due to the longer processing time. Honourable Senator Mr Alex Gallacher contacted Federal Immigration Minister to facilitate fast processing of such visa applications.

Eid-UI-Adha Reunion and Picnic: On the 11th of October 2014, SABCA organised a program to celebrate Eid-UI-Adha Reunion and also to perform Annual Picnic at Harry Bowey Reserve, Salisbury. The natural beauty and the facilities of the venue were unique.



between ourselves. The management of the whole program, Islamic presentation, speeches, Islamic songs, delicious food

Bangladesh High Commission Consular Camp: We are privileged to host the Bangladesh High Commission consular camp in Adelaide on the 9th and the 10th of August 2014 at North Adelaide Community Centre and Library to serve our community. As our community is growing fast, SABCA strongly feel the necessity of consular facilities in Adelaide for the Bangladeshi community living in South Australia. We are grateful to Mrs Wahida Ahmed, honourable Acting High Commissioner and Miss Nazma Akther, honourable First Secretary, Bangladesh High Commission for accepting our invitation to set up a consular camp at Adelaide where around 250 local Bangladeshi people received the high standard consular services this year.

“around 250 Bangladeshi people living in Adelaide received the high standard consular services in 2014 hosted by SABCA”

The program included a few exceptional and thrilling events such as Sumo Fighting for both adults and children, Treasure Hunting for kids and friendship soccer game between SABCA Bangladeshi Australian Medical Society of South Australia



(BAMSSA). This was an outdoor event where around 400 people attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Prizes were given to the winners and participants. Dr Ahmedullah, the President of BAMSSA and the former Vice-chairperson of SABCA thanked the organisers for organising the friendly soccer match and wished to have such event more in future. The attendance of honourable Minister Zoe Bettison, Minister for Multicultural Affairs added an additional dimension to the program.

Farewell to Smriti – Syed Family: SABCA sincerely values its members as they are the driving force for every achievement it makes. SABCA organised a grand farewell party on the 2nd of November 2014 at Goodwood Primary School and showed respect to Smriti – Syed family who moved to Sydney for the interest of their family. This was the largest and the best farewell party SABCA ever had since its inception. In the classroom of BCS, Smriti was a passionate teacher. As a Cultural Secretary of SABCA, Smriti demonstrated her ability to mobilize talents and to



conduct a good number of high standard cultural functions. Mr Abu Syed has been a passionate writer. The talented two children Nabila and Sadnam were regular students of BCS and participated actively in cultural and sports programs. We are



thankful to the EC members for voluntarily providing delicious food in the event.

Appointment of Justice of Peace (JP): One of the highly potential SABCA members, Mr Mahbub Siraz Tuhin was appointed as the Justice of Peace(J.P.) on the 6th of November 2014 by the Governor of SA as a recognition of his selfless service to the welfare of South Australian. On behalf of SABCA, the EC congratulated Mr Tuhin JP with bouquet. SABCA is thankful to Mr Tuhin JP for his agreement to visit BCS in order to provide JP service to the South Australian.

Radio program: On invitation from Radio Bangla Adelaide (RBA) on the 21st of January 2015, SABCA representatives presented ideals and objectives of SABCA and made passionate pleas to the listeners to send their children to the BCS and to join SABCA in order to contribute to the service of the community.

Victory Day of Bangladesh: SABCA celebrated the 44th anniversary of Victory of our beloved motherland the People's Republic of Bangladesh on the 20th of December 2014 at Latvian Hall, Wayville in presence of about 700 multicultural audiences.



On this auspicious occasion, we gratefully remembered and paid tribute to about 3 million great sons and daughters of the soil who made their supreme sacrifice during 9-months long war in 1971 for the liberation of our motherland. We paid homage to our thousands of mothers and sisters who were violated by the occupied Pakistani forces and their collaborators. We paid homage to the intellectuals who were killed on the eve of Victory Day. We also paid tribute to the international supporters and the Australians who even fought in the battle field during the liberation war of Bangladesh. We paid tribute to the martyrs of our liberation war and to the victims of recent Sydney Siege by observing one minute silence. This is the first time we formally acknowledged and paid respect to the traditional owners of the country in the beginning of the program. Documentary films, speeches, patriotic songs, dances, recitation of poems, drama and the band songs (by TAAL) were presented befitting with the spirit of liberation war.

Radio program: On invitation from Radio Bangla Adelaide (RBA) on the 21st of January 2015, SABCA representatives presented ideals and

Blood donation camp: Commemorating 43rd Victory day of Peoples Republic of Bangladesh, SABCA organized Blood donation program with the Red Cross Society on the occasion on 16th December 2014 at Regent Arcade, Grenfell St, Adelaide. This is the second year we organized blood donation event. Fifteen members of SABCA donated their blood on this auspicious occasion. SABCA is deeply involved in raising the awareness of the importance of blood donation for saving lives.

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Australia Day Grand Parade: On this auspicious National Day, on the 26th of January 2015, the members of SABCA and the students of BCS took opportunity to demonstrate their solidarity



with the multicultural spirit of the great nation Australia. On wearing colourful Bangladeshi national dresses, the participants sang, danced, waved flags, displayed placards and 'palki. Australia Day helps Australian to uphold the values of equality by valuing ethnic diversity. The participants participated parade, enjoyed concert and viewed magnificent fireworks. The program was concluded after eating yummy snacks with compliment of SABCA.

Bangladeshi Community School (BCS): The BCS is administered by SABCA, but has its own elected management committee. A team of qualified teachers headed by the honourable principal Mr Mostak Ahmed Chowdhury has been offering quality education satisfying the accountability requirements of Ethnic Schools Board. The teachers, parents and students of BCS actively participate in all activities organised by SABCA. Moreover, the BCS conduct a few events, namely Children Day, Sports Day, Harmony Day, Basanta Utsav (Spring Festival), International Mother Language Day and Independence Day with the support from the members of SABCA. In fact, SABCA and BCS are complementary to each other. The BCS has been playing a vital role in passing our language, cultures and tradition to our children.

Basanta Utsav (Spring Festival): The BCS with the active support from SABCA, celebrated Basanta Utsav on the 15th of February 2015 at Goodwood Primary School. Basanta is the most pleasant season after winter and is termed as queen of the season. The Basanta brings colours, new leaves and festivities in the minds of people and light up the hearts of all ages. On



wearing colourful dresses, the participants were involved in recitation of poems, singing songs, dancing and delivering short speeches.

International Mother Language Day: The BCS with the active support from SABCA, celebrated International Mother Language Day on the 22nd of February 2015 at Goodwood Primary School. The struggle to establish our identity and cultural freedom began through language movement in 1952. On the 21st of February, 1952 a group of brave students and youths sacrificed their lives when campaigning for recognition of Bangla as one of the state language of Pakistan. *International Mother Language Day* was

proclaimed by UNESCO's General Conference in November 1999 in memories of the sacrifice of lives for a noble cause of saving their mother language. On this day, the students, parents and teachers of BCS and SABCA members gathered at Goodwood Primary School and gave flowers with due respect in orderly manner to the temporary 'Shahid Minar' (Language Martyr's Monument). The other features of the day were short speeches, recitation of poems and singing songs befitting to the spirit of the day. The day was celebrated to promote awareness that the linguistic and cultural diversity must be respected and preserved.

Reception of Bangladesh Cricket Team: In a few hours of notice, SABCA organized a reception party at Ghan Kabab, Prospect on the 21st of March 2015 in honour of Bangladesh Cricket Team while they were in Adelaide during a short transit on the way back to home after playing ICC World Cup 2015 matches hosted by Australia-New Zealand.

Independence Day of Bangladesh: On the 5th of April 2015, the BCS organized the celebration of Independence day at Goodwood Primary School. The aspiration of independence of Bangalis was dashed by the atrocities with unprecedented viciousness by the Pakistani army that started on the 25th of March 1971. Houses were burned, women were violated and peoples were killed indiscriminately. Independence of Bangladesh was declared on



the 26th of March and a provisional government was formed in exile with Bangabandhu as the President in absentia. The war ended on the 16th of December 1971 when 930000 Pakistani soldiers surrendered to the joint commander of the Bangladesh-Indian Allied forces. The day was observed by paying tribute to the martyrs, delivering speeches, singing patriotic songs, reciting poetry and dances.

Celebration of Pohela Boishakh 1422: Pohela Boishakh usually occurs on 14th April, which is the first day of the Bangla calendar, celebrated in Bangladesh. Ethnic Bengalis irrespective of religious and regional differences across the world celebrate this festival. It is the occasion to welcome the first day of Bangla calendar with new hope, prosperity and goodwill. Pohela Boishakh has now become an important part of Bengali culture. Various traditional handicrafts, clothing as well as various kinds of food and sweets are sold at the festival. This year we are going to celebrate the Pohela Boishakh on the 25th of April, 2015 at Latvian Hall, Wayville. This event would give us an opportunity to showcase our Bangladeshi rural culture, lifestyle, tradition and heritage to the wider Australian communities.

Annual Magazine: I would like to thank Editorial committee, Chairperson of SABCA, all EC members, writers, sponsors, and other community members for their whole hearted commitment and passionate support to the publication of Annual Magazine.

I reiterate our commitment to pass our language and cultures to our children and also to make contribution to build a fair, just and egalitarian multicultural society.

Dr Mohammad Mahmudur Rahman

Senior Research Fellow at University of South Australia
General Secretary, SABCA



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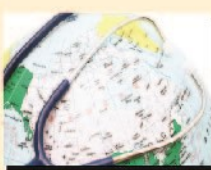
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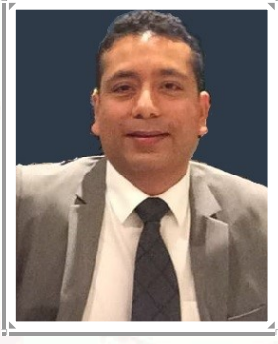
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A good number of Bangladeshis living in Adelaide are doing great voluntary job for our community. I had the privilege to take an interview with few of them. It was an initiative to explore the inspiration and motivation behind their noble job. They are dedicated and well educated Principal, Teachers and Staff members of Bangladeshi Community School (BCS)

YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT

Mostak: As soon as I arrived in Australia in 1992; I was very much conscious and cautious to maintain my culture and tradition in abroad. This is why I joined Bangladeshi Association and became one of the organisers of different type of charitable, social and cultural activities. Our objectives are to retain and promote our language and culture while living in a mixed environment in Australia. To accomplish this objectives we established a Bangla language school to teach our children our culture and tradition in the land of Australia. As a whole I can say motivation comes from my heart and from my long cherished respect to the root where I am from.



Top (left to right): Fatema Sultana, Farhana Mahmood, Pompa Chowdhury, Sayeeda Shathi, Salima Akhter (Teachers);
Below (left to right): Maherina Z Sayeem (Treasurer), Mostok Ahmed Chowdhury (Principal), Nasima Rahma Aziz (Secretary);
Right: Md Motiur Rahman (Executive member)



experience and studies in Australia can effectively be utilised in educating our children in BCS.

Salima: I love children and I am passionate to their wellbeing. My involvement in BCS relate well to my personal liking and I have been working sincerely to the service of the students.

Shathi: Experience gives you more understanding of the situation, helps you to explore more option, think outside of the square. We have quite a lot limitation but working with those limitations and getting a positive outcome from your hard work is the ultimate reward. I am coming to Bangla School almost every Sunday just to share my knowledge, my experience with kidlets. It's completely a voluntary task which takes time out from my family, but at the same time it's a commitment to those little ones who loves cultural activities, eager to learn the language that their parent speaks but not them. Hope I can bring the best out of them.

Maherina: Voluntary role is as same as other duties to me. Actually I am involved in education field for long time. So while doing any work it comes with full responsibility for the sake of new generation and community of Bangladeshi People & it's culture.

Farhana: Previous years I was involved with SABCA as a guardian for my son. I have now some definite responsibilities as I am a member of the Executive Council. My past experiences laid good foundation to the current responsibilities.

Pompa: By profession, I was a teacher. At the same time Dance is my passion. So being a dance teacher in SABCA, be it for celebration, social interaction or to express a deeper concept related to the human condition that is inexpressible through other means, dance is inextricable from our existence in the same way as music and conversation.

PROCEDURE & YOUR TEAM

Mostak: Bangladeshi Community School has been running with a set of Bangla language curriculum. The school is funded by the Ethnic School Board of South Australia. We have got highly qualified and trained teachers to teach our children. At this moment we have got nine staff members including management committee members and seventy students.

ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Nasima: Our aim is to teach our students Bangla, through various types of activities such as introduction to alphabet, spelling, reading comprehension and speaking. We organise many events relating to Bangladeshi culture. For example we celebrate Victory Day of Bangladesh, International Mother's Language Day, Independence Day, Pohela Falgun, Annual Sports Day, Ethnic School day and Annual Picnic.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & ROLE

Nasima: I have been a teacher for the past 12 years at a Government High School in Bangladesh, specialising in Bangla and geography. After migrating to Australia, I have been working at various primary schools as a Student Service Officer and assistant teacher. I believe that these experiences relate to my current voluntary role.

Fatema: I was a teacher at Khulna Govt. Girls' High School back in Bangladesh and also completed a Bachelor of Teaching course in Australia. Currently I have been doing a Post Graduate Study in Primary Teaching. Teaching is my passion which I believe inspired me to take up the current volunteer role in Bangladeshi Community School. Moreover, my past teaching



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INSPIRATIONS

Fatema: As a parent it is my responsibility to provide my children with appropriate facilities to learn Bangla language and culture. When I came to know that there is an opportunity for learning Bangla and Bangladeshi culture in BCS, I enrolled my children there. When the offer came to be a volunteer teacher in BCS, I grabbed it, which added extra advantage to my profession and also to my children. This also gave me the chance to serve the Bangladeshi community. I manage all of my activities with the support mostly from my husband, who assists and encourage me

“One day when I was reciting it, my youngest son (Farih) asked me that he wants to listen the Bangla meaning of that Ayats on iPad. I realized how this Bangla Language School has encouraged/affected him to think about the Bangla translation of Quran. When I see these type of things are happening I feel to bring my children more to this school.”
- Fatema

to continue my studies, job and volunteering at Bangladeshi Community School. Though I am sunk in huge work load, I find it pleasure to go every Sunday to BCS as I am passionate about my motherland Bangladesh and Bangla culture. I hope our language and culture will flourish from generation to generation.

Farhana: It's difficult indeed to manage family, work and this volunteer job every Sunday but I am very passionate about my country and Bengali culture. That's why I want to make my next generation to know about my country and culture and this way they can convey same culture to their next generation.



Salima: When I go to Bangla School, I can feel my 'Bangladesh' among the community which inspire me to come back to the school again. As I am involved already, I have to manage everything for the sack of responsibility.

Pompa: Studies, family and job really keep me busy all day. Making time to pursue this voluntary job is challenging. My passion for dance and my desire to promote Bangla culture are the driving forces to schedule a block of time for the voluntary job every Sunday. With my husband's support and inspiration, it has been pleasant to carry out this responsibility.

SPIRITS

Motiu: Currently I am on study leave to pursue higher studies in Australia. Here in Australia, I consider it as a good opportunity to be a part of the Bangladeshi Community School (BCS). Here I can share my teaching knowledge and experiences for the betterment of the BCS. As an executive member, I oversee and advise the teaching body to teach in an innovative way so that the students are encouraged in participating in the learning process.

MOTIVATION

Sathi: I believe my motivation to drive this far (Golden Grove-

Goodwood) comes from my kids. They are too keen to go to Bangla School. It gives them a sense of pride. Due to various reasons we left our motherland and now I really feel the obligation to give something back. Just imagine, how proud we will be, knowing we have planted a seed of love for Bangladesh among our next generation. They will be creating a small Bangladesh with the help of others like me. From my childhood I was actively involved in cultural activities, my mother was always there for me. Now as a mother of two I feel the same passion and that's where my spirits are coming from.



DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Motiu: I have a plan to scaffold our syllabus/course curriculum focusing on learning about Bangla Language and Culture. On the basis of the syllabus, the teachers involved in the BCS would be instructed to drive the course in the classes. I have also a plan to employ a cultural teacher in our school so that our students can develop their cultural skills as well. It is our just beginning, so in future we hope to implement advanced curriculum and teaching methodology in our BCS. I would encourage all other Bangali families for sending their kids to our school.

Maherina: Actually our main vision is to focus on our Mother Language Bangla. We practice it in different ways such as song, recitation, drama, dance, sports and many more. Every year we are practicing different types of techniques to develop our learning method like peer learning.

MESSAGE

Mostak: The BCS is keen to help new immigrants and parents in their settling process by providing vital information on accommodation, jobs, resume preparation, transport system, shopping places, schools, health care and many other aspects of daily lives. We invite new immigrants and parents to come to our school premises and be introduced to the teaching staff and other parents and ask for necessary information or assistance. It is of paramount importance that the parent send their children to the BCS. The BCS is your vehicle to pass on your language and culture to your children.

The main objective of this great team is to teach and guide students with compassionate so that our future generation will keep and uphold the Bangla language and the heritage of Bangladeshi culture. I believe most of us want our kids to learn Bangla and maybe we are practicing at home; but as Albert Einstein said "Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school". I would like to request all of you to bring your children to the Bangladeshi Community School regularly. If they can do it; why not us!

Interview conducted by: **Mostofa M Sayeem**
Co-editor

Every person has a special corner of the world, a homeland. For me, that is Bangladesh; it is my homeland, my motherland, my cradle. It's where my roots are, the basis of my existence – this is where my ancestors came from and where I grew up.

Bangladesh used to be a part of Pakistan, as *East Pakistan*. The sense of our Bengali nationalism started to develop from the very beginning – just after the formation of Pakistan in 1947. Inequalities, political exclusion, economic neglect and ethnic and linguistic discrimination between East and West Pakistan led to the Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971, the shortest and bloodiest Liberation War of modern time, which resulted in Bangladesh gaining independence from Pakistan. The Pakistan army had occupied all major towns, used deadly force and weapons against civilians and slaughtered and raped villagers. These brutal tactics amounted to attempted genocide.

Australia was the first developed country in the world to recognise the newly independent country on 26 January 1972, just 40 days after Bangladesh gained their independence. Australia also undertook worldwide campaigns to drum up political support for the independence of East Pakistan and humanitarian support for the Bengali people. Earlier in the war, a committee named 'Support Group for Bangladesh' was established in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra. They ran a successful campaign to raise awareness and support from Australian citizens and government for the freedom of **Bangabondhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**, the Father of our Nation. At least 300 Australians directly or indirectly supported the war. **Herb Faith**, an Australian citizen and Professor of Politics at Monash University, was a compassionate and intensely moral person who felt compelled to speak out against abuses and injustice to the people of former East Pakistan. He, along with **Mark Raper, Charles Coppel and their colleagues**, established the Victorian Committee to Support Bangladesh. This human rights organisation raised awareness, initiated petitions, distributed educational materials about the crisis and collected donations for the relief effort; these donations were used and distributed by **AUSTCARE** and other community agencies. In 2013, Herb Faith was posthumously awarded the '**Friends of Liberation War Honour**' to express the respect and gratitude of the Bengali nation for his unique contribution to the War of Liberation of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

In 1970, **William A S Ouderland**, a Dutch–Australian commando officer, was appointed as a very high-ranking employee of the Bata Shoe Company in Bangladesh. He was so distressed

by the Pakistan Army's mass killings that he made a photo journal of the West Pakistani army's torture and genocide, which he distributed to the international media. Later on, within the Bata shoe factory, he trained guerrilla forces (MuktiBahini) and organised guerrilla operations. By becoming "friends" with Pakistani high civilian and military officials he was in a position to gather information for the MuktiBahini. Ouderland, who was recognised as one of Bangladesh's national heroes, was awarded the '**BirProtik**', the fourth-highest gallantry award of Bangladesh.

Dr Geoffrey Davis, an Australian doctor and director of the International Abortion Research and Training Centre, is best known for performing late-term abortions following the mass rapes during the Bangladesh Liberation War. At the request of the World Health Organization and International Planned Parenthood Federation, in the year following the war he set up industrial-scale abortions in Dhaka and remote areas. In addition to carrying out terminations Davis also worked with international adoption agencies, trying to find families for children who were unwanted due to cultural stigma.

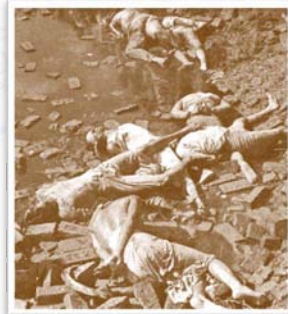


Geoffrey Davis



Professor Herb Faith

Professor John Jamieson Carswell "Jack" Smart was an Australian philosopher and academic in 1971 at University of Adelaide. He collected donations for his ex. student, Dr Abu Taha Hafizur Rahman who was an Assistant Professor at Dhaka University and target of Pakistani Army. He along with his wife (Akhter Jahan Rahman who was honorary lecturer of Dhaka university) and their five-year-old son escaped and migrated to Adelaide on 8th December 1971 and settled in Adelaide with the help of Professor Prof. Jack Smart. He is their hero; he is Bangladesh's hero.



The Australia–Bangladesh relationship started in 1971 and is still going strong. The number of Bangladeshis settling permanently in Australia has increased significantly in recent years with the support of the Australian Government. We Bangladeshis would like to express our profound appreciation for believing in us and helping us, ever since the birth of our nation. Thank you, *Australia*, for stepping forward at the right moment, when we needed you most, and helping us to materialise our dream of freedom... our humble **gratitude** to you, Australia!



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Bangladesh is one of the South Asian countries which is rich in fostering cultural heritage. Thousand years old affluent and multi-dimensional history of culture functions are held annually in this country. Charya, followed by the Buddhists, was a text of functioning cultural heritage in ancient Bangladesh. It was performed in the form of Buddha Natak (Buddhist Theatre) through songs, dances, music and theatrics across villages and Buddha Bihar's. However, Bangladesh had consequently gone



under rule of the Hindu Sen dynasty. The Buddhists at the time were bound to flee to Nepal to save their traditional identity symbolized by *Buddha Natak (Buddhist Theatre)*. Even today, we find the songs, dances and theatrics based on *Charya*

in Nepal. A direct similarity can be drawn between the masks used in Charya dance and songs in Nepal, and the masks on the terracotta inscribed upon exterior walls of Somapur Bihara built in the eighth century in Bangladesh. We can thus certainly accept the performance of Buddhist dance and songs in Nepal as the continuation of the characteristic used in materials for performance in the ancient dance and song performances here in Bangladesh. The first document of Bangla literature, the manuscript of *Charyageeti* or *Charyapada*, was discovered from the library of the king's palace in Nepal. Studying the uniqueness of the practice of Bengali Buddhist performers in



Nepal, we can comment that folklore or popular culture never became extinct, rather, it exists somewhere in the world maybe in the form of an adapted local culture.

The harmony between the practice of cultural heritage of Bangladesh and the mentioned two

countries was once very profound and I think it is a present need to research and identify the unity from new perspectives. This is important because, like other South Asian countries, rural Bangladesh enjoys epic performances based on *Ramayana*, *Mahabharata* and other mythical epics all the year round. As *Ramayana*, in the form of culture, is acted across rural India in Tamil, Telegu, Marathi, Oria, and Ohamia languages, similarly, folk performances like '*Ramamongol*', '*Ramalila*', '*Kushangaan*', '*Ramakirtan*', '*Ramajatra*', '*Dhhopjatra*' etc. based on *Ramayana* are performed in the regions of Kushtia, Rajshahi, Dinajpur, Lalmonirhat, Rangpur, Kurigram, Sylhet, Dhaka, Mymensing, Khulna, Gopalganj, and Faridpur in Bangladesh. But we know that *Ramayana* based cultures are not limited within the greater Indian

sub-continent; it also exists in Nepal, Srilanka, Bhutan, and the Maldives.

Traditional artists of Bangladesh *Boisnab Kirtanias* vividly describe Mathura, the birthplace of Krishna and Brindaban and the place for *Krishnaleela*, in their performance of *Leelakirtan*. The performance shows how division between nations or states disappears through cultural heritage practice.

The Bengali poet laureates of Middle Ages Doulat Kaji and Alaoal had created immortal epics such as the '*Sati-Mayna*', '*Lor-Chandrani*', '*Padmabati*', '*Soyfulmuluk Badiujjamal*' etc. with the patronization of Arakan kings. The stories of these epics became so popular that they turned into traditional performances and were acted in the form of '*Kichhagaan*', '*Palagaan*', '*Jatra*' etc. in rural Bangladesh.

On the other hand, being a Muslim country, Bangladesh exposes a trait of Islamic Culture. Among the Islamic culture, there is *Tazia* of Muharram, mournful *Jarigaan* etc. In addition, there are different forms of Sufi Songs that have intense similarity with those of India and Pakistan.

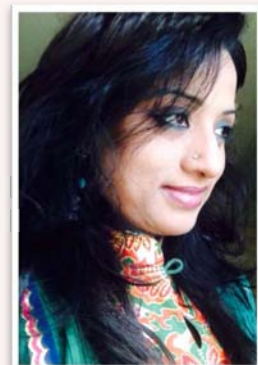


One other example can be found as to how Bauls

all over the world find Bangladesh as the place for pilgrimage. This is nothing astounding, as Bangladesh had been his Lalon Sain's of birth and death. Even then, places such as Nadia, Birbhum, Bakura, Chabbishpargana in India are also considered holy places by the Bauls.



Finally, a common feature found in the knowledge, songs, dances and tunes of the cultural heritage practices in the greater folklore or popular culture of the South Asian countries show they are passed on to disciples one generation to another by *Gurus*. There exists no institutional base of such cultural education like the colonial knowledge practices.



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Prevalence

Obesity is a medical condition in which excess body fat accumulates in the body. It is measured by a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 kg/m² or greater. Over the past 30 years, prevalence of overweight and obesity in Australia has been steadily increasing. Most worryingly, national data on the prevalence of overweight and obesity among children indicated 17% of 2-16 year-olds were overweight and 6% were obese.

At this current rate of increase by 2020, 75% of the population will be overweight or obese and 65% of young Australians will be overweight or obese. Obesity and overweight levels are predicted in Australia to continue to rise within the next decade. These increases are expected to occur across all age groups and affect approximately two-thirds of the population.

The Cost of Obesity

Research states that the total direct cost of overweight and obesity in Australia is at least \$21 billion a year. Obesity causes serious comorbidities, shortens life expectancy, reduces quality of life, and increases health care costs. An effective solution that is broadly acceptable is clearly needed.

Facts and Figure

In this day and age, Australia has ranked as one of the fattest nations in the Western world, with fourteen million Australians either overweight or obese. In the last 20 years, the prevalence of obesity in Australia has more than doubled. If weight gain continues at current levels, one third of all children will become overweight or obese by 2025. Obesity has overtaken smoking as the leading cause of premature death and illness in Australia. It has become the single biggest threat to public health in Australia. On the basis of present trends we can predict that by the time they reach the age of 20 our kids will have a shorter life expectancy than earlier generations simply because of obesity.

Secondary Complications

Obesity can have a negative impact on both children's mental and physical health. It can cause diseases as following diabetes mellitus, heart diseases, strokes, vascular diseases, chronic kidney disease, hypertension and sleep apnea. It also affects the mental health of a child by lowering their self-esteem and can cause depression. It limits their physical abilities in participating in sport and enjoying various activities.

Prevention

We need to identify preventive strategies that can be implemented in the community. The community organization can play a dominant role by educating parents and engaging children to participate in various physical activities.

Both parents and children are required to be educated on the effects of obesity and preventions which can be adapted into their daily lives as following:

Regular physical activity of at least 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week to prevent weight gain.

Healthy Diet modify diet by regular intake of fresh fruits and vegetables, less fatty foods, moderate amount of carbs and incorporate a protein diet. Regular soft drinks should and replace with water.

Limit intake of unhealthy foods fast foods, takeaway foods, and traditional rich foods (served during social gatherings and events).

Reduce stress levels encourage children to avoid comfort foods and binge eating

Avoid sedentary lifestyle reduce television, internet and "sitting" time.

Be consistent stick to healthy diets and lifestyle.

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Bangladeshis in Adelaide had some wonderful time recently. Courtesy to World cup cricket and outstanding performance by Bangladesh cricket team .

We were thrilled to see Bangladesh playing England at the wonderful Adelaide oval. It was really festive atmosphere. Many of the local Bangladeshis got a chance to meet their favourite players at a local Afghan restaurant. The organisers really did an wonderful job.



It was really a nice gesture from SA premier to meet the Bangladeshis and wishing victory for Bangladesh. It was really good to watch Bangladeshi cultural programme outside the oval immediately before the match. No need to mention the excitement of the match and the celebration after the memorable victory.

Some of us got a chance to meet Khalid Omar Rummy, one of our best cricketers from 70's. Rummy bhai was regarded as one of the best Bangladeshi batsmen when Bangladesh started its international journey around mid 70's.

Bangladeshis in general are always peace loving. But we never tolerate unfair unjust actions which affects our national pride. After what happened with Bangladesh in this world cup

it became very obvious. The reaction of the whole nation spoke for itself.

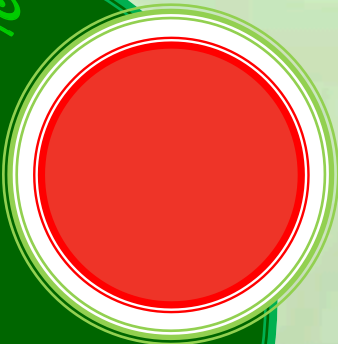
It is time for us to continue the sporting enthusiasm. We should regularly conduct sporting activities among our community members. It is really important to keep ourselves fit and healthy .Also it will bring more harmony and unity among our community members.



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- ◆ On 27 December 2003 (venue was not recorded), prior to the formation of a new association, a meeting was held and the attendees were Dr Abu Siddique Miah, Mrs Raihan Saad Ferdousi, Miss Kishowar Ferdousi, Dr Abul Hossain, Mrs Raihatun Nahar, Mr Sakhawat Hossain, Mrs Latifun Nesa Hossain, Dr Mustaque Ahmed, Mrs Shaheen Ahmed, Mr Riaz Ahmed, Mr Khandakar Azad, Mr M A Gaffar, Dr Iftekher Ahmed and Mrs Tasnima Ahmed. The meeting adopted following resolutions:
 - ◇ A new association will be formed
 - ◇ A committee headed by Dr Abu Siddique Miah was formed to formulate a constitution of the new association
 - ◇ Dr Miah was appointed as the applicant and the Public Officer of the new association
 - ◇ Dr Miah was asked to collect information regarding launching a Bangladeshi Community School
 - ◇ The office of the new association will be the residence of Dr Miah (37 Norseman Avenue, Hillcrest, SA 5086)
- ◆ On 11 January 2004, first formal meeting of the founding members was held at 5 Toorak Avenue, Bellevue Heights, SA 5050 and the attendees were Dr Abu Siddique Miah, Mrs Raihan Saad Ferdousi, Dr Abul Hossain, Mr Sakhawat Hossain, Mrs Latifun Nesa Hossain, Dr Mustaque Ahmed, Mr Abdul Gaffar, Mrs Marufa Gaffar, Dr Iftekher Ahmed and Mrs Tasnima Rahman. Adopted resolutions were:
 - ◇ The new association would be named as 'South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association' with its acronym 'SABCA'.
 - ◇ The meeting endorsed the decision of previous meeting and approved the draft constitution of SABCA
 - ◇ First ad-hoc Executive Council (EC) of SABCA was selected for a period until the first Annual General Meeting.
 - ◇ Chairman: Dr Abul Hossain, Vice-Chairman: Dr Mahfuz Aziz, General Secretary: Mr Khandaker Azad, Finance Secretary: Mr Iftekhar Ahmed, Public Relation Secretary: Mr Kazi Sakhawat Hossain, Cultural Affairs Secretary: Mrs Marufa Gaffar Helen and Student Affairs Secretary: Mr Ashrafal Alam
 - ◇ Dr Mustaque Ahmed was selected as an auditor of SABCA
 - ◇ The founding school committee of Bangladeshi Community Schhol was selected as follows: Principal: Dr Abu Siddique Miah, Secretary: Mrs Raihatun Nahar, Treasurer: Dr Mustaque Ahmed
- ◆ Inauguration ceremony of SABCA was held at Indian Community Hall, Enfield on 13 March 2004
- ◆ SABCA received formal approval from the Office of the Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA) on 24 January 2004.
- ◆ First Annual General Meeting was held on 27 June 2004 at Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Rd, Enfield
 - ◇ The office bearers of first elected EC: Chairman: Dr Abul Hossain, Vice-Chairman: Dr Mahfuz Aziz, General Secretary: Mr Khandaker Azad, Finance Secretary: Mr M A Gaffar, Public Relation Secretary: Mr Kazi Sakhawat Hossain, Cultural Affairs Secretary: Ms Akhter Jahan and Student Affairs Secretary: Mr Ashrafal Alam
 - ◇ First election Commissioner of first AGM was Dr Mustaque Ahmed
 - ◇ First elected auditor of SABCA for the year 2004–2005 was Dr Mustaque Ahmed
- ◇ The same school committee as in 2(e) was elected for the year 2004–2005
- ◇ 25 out of 45 full members and 4 out of 4 associate members were present in the first AGM
- ◆ First time, on 22 February 2004, the International Mother Language Day was observed by SABCA and BCS at Goodwood Primary School
- ◆ First time on 17 April 2004, Pohela Boishakh was celebrated by SABCA at Witonga Botanical Garden
- ◆ First Newsletter "BANGLADESH BULLETIN" was published on 13 March 2004 and the editor was Dr Iftekhar Ahmed
- ◆ Mr Riaz Ahmed designed SABCA logo in 2004
- ◆ Bangladeshi Community School started its journey on the 8th of February at Goodwood Primary School with 39 students headed by the principal Dr Abu Siddique Miah and with four experienced teachers Mrs Raihatun Nahar, Mrs Raihan Ferdousi, Mrs Marufa Gaffar and Mrs Marjia Sultana
- ◆ Blood donation campaign was launched by SABCA first time on 15 December 2013
- ◆ SABCA attended Multicultural Food Festival, first time in 2013
- ◆ First time on 16 December 2013, SABCA members sang national anthem at 4:31 pm Bangladesh time in front of the Parliament House reminiscing the signing of the surrender document by the occupied Pakistani Forces on 16 December 1971
- ◆ First time on 22 December 2013, the Victory Day of Bangladesh was observed at large scale at Latvian Hall, Wayville
- ◆ On 13 January 2013, SABCA was the host of a dinner party in honour of the legendary cricketer Shakib Al Hasan
- ◆ First time in April 2014, the EC of SABCA granted 'SABCA Award' to the distinguished persons
- ◆ First time in April 2014, SABCA published a magazine to celebrate her 10th anniversary
- ◆ First time on 21 June 2014, SABCA declared an Advisory Committee in the AGM
- ◆ First time on 20 December 2014 in the event of celebrating Victory Day of Bangladesh, 'Indigenous acknowledgement' was read out
- ◆ First time on 6 November 2014 SABCA member Mahub Bin Siraz Tuhin was appointed as the Justice of Peace
- ◆ First time on 21 January 2015, SABCA participated a discussion programme organised by Radio Bangla Adelaide (RBA)
- ◆ First time on 9 March 2015, a few members of SABCA joined a reception party hosted by the Premiere of SA prior to a World Cup match between Bangladesh and England

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