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August 2025



Atam Ras Kirtan Darbar

- A spiritually uplifting program that received positive feedback from both the Sangat and the Keertani Jathas.

Special Thanks to the Atam Ras team and volunteers



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Kirtan Darbar**

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Shabad Simran Evening

- Our second annual event with 120-150 attendees. Thanks to MCs Nirmal Singh Ji and Sarjit Singh Ji, and Giani Satnam Singh Ji, Ustad Baldev Singh Sarhali and Sukhwant Singh ji for judging and vyakhya.

Top News

- Atam Ras program
- Shabad Simran Evening
- Building Update
- Theft incident at Gurdwara
- Community Awareness Initiatives
- Visits from Dignitaries



Scoring Panel | Shabad & Simran

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Updates

- Submitted the necessary building paperwork
- Theft Incident at the Gurdwara
- We kindly request all Sangat members to remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour or activities to the committee or volunteers immediately



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Building Update

08/08/2025

Dear Members and Sadh Sangat ji

Wahe Guru Ji Ka Khalsa, Wahe Guru Ji Ki Fateh

BUILDING EXTENSION PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Date: 8 August 2025

Subject: Building Permit Submission – Post-Cladding Compliance

Background

Following completion of the cladding works, the Registered Building Surveyor conducted an inspection and issued a detailed list of Requests for Information (RFIs). These RFIs identified several design issues and non-compliances, particularly in relation to fire ratings and other regulatory requirements.

Design Revisions and Compliance Measures

A new architect was appointed to revise the design in response to the identified issues. For specific non-compliances, a professional DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) consultant was engaged to prepare a design brief. This brief facilitated the resolution of certain matters through approved alternative solutions, while other items required physical modifications on site to achieve full compliance for both the Building Permit and, ultimately, the Occupancy Permit.

The revised report has been completed and approved by all key stakeholders, including:

- Access Consultants
- Project Architect
- Builder

The architectural drawings have been confirmed as complete. Supporting documentation from the Hydraulic, Fire, Mechanical, and Structural consultants has also been finalised.

Submission for Building Permit

All documentation has been collated and formally submitted to the Registered Building Surveyor on 8 August 2025 for final review and the subsequent issuing of the Building Permit.

Next Steps

- Await feedback or approval from the Building Surveyor.
- Implement any remaining site works required for final compliance.
- Proceed with completion of works upon issuance of the Building Permit.

Gas Pipe Theft



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Important Notice for Sangat – Gas Pipe Theft at Gurdwara Sahib

Dear Members and Sadh Sangat ji

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We would like to inform you about a theft that took place at Gurdwara Sahib Blackburn.

The incident occurred on 23rd July. A thief came during the early morning hours, disconnected the copper gas pipe, and removed it from the roof. He threw the pipes over the fence near the liquor shop, where he likely had his car parked.

This caused issues in preparing Langar, as there was no gas for cooking. It also affected the hot water supply used for washing utensils and laundry. Thanks to the sevadars who came together and helped, there was no disruption to the Langar.

The matter was reported to Forest Hill Police Station and is now under police investigation.

After receiving multiple quotes, a plumber was called, and new gas pipes were installed. This time, the pipe has been placed through the roof to make it harder to access and steal.

We are thankful that no one was hurt and no other damage occurred apart from the gas pipe.

We would like to thank all the sevadars for their quick response and support during this time. Special thanks to Gurdwara Sahib Hoppers Crossing and Gurdwara Sahib Keysborough for assisting with Langar while our services were affected.

We request all Sangat members to stay alert and report any suspicious activity around the Gurdwara. The committee is reviewing and improving security measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

If you have any information that may help with the investigation, or if you notice anything unusual, please contact Gurpreet Singh from the Gurdwara Office or speak to any committee member.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Awareness Programs



Community & Awareness Programs

Recent initiatives include

- Victoria Police
- ECLC session on Power of Attorney
- Aged Care
- Blood Donation Acknowledgment
- Foodfilled team working with Gurdwara Sahib for food items
- Collaboration talks with Bank of Bendigo
- Visit by Cr. Kieran Simpson - Cootamundra ward, which is where Gurdwara Sahib belongs to

Upcoming Programs

#	Special Program	Day of the Week	Date
1	Akhand Kirtan Darbar	Saturday	23rd August, 2025
2	Fathers Day	Sunday	7th September, 2025
3	Bandi Chod Divas	Monday	20th, October, 2025
4	Positive Ageing	Saturday, Friday	4th and 24th of October, 2025
5	Whitehorse Multicultural event	TBC	October, 2025
6	Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Gurdurab	TBC	November, 2025
7	350th Guru Tegh Bhadrur Ji's Gur TBC		November, 2025

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