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July 2026



Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

With the blessings of Guru Sahib, SGNSS continues to grow and serve the Sangat with dedication, humility, and the spirit of Seva.

Over the past few months, we have reached several important milestones, including the acquisition of 393 Sayers Road at Hoppers Crossing, continued progress on our building projects, improvements to our facilities, growth of Khalsa Punjabi School, and recognition from community organisations for our ongoing service and commitment to inclusion.

These achievements are only possible because of the dedication of our volunteers, the generosity of our donors, and the continued support of the Sangat. Together, we are strengthening our Gurdwara Sahib as a place of spirituality, learning, and community connection for future generations.

We sincerely thank everyone who contributes their time, skills, and support towards SGNSS. Let us continue this journey together in Chardi Kala with unity and Seva.

Jang Bahadur Singh Pannu – Chairman
Gurmeet Singh Sethi – Vice Chairman

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Chairman's Message

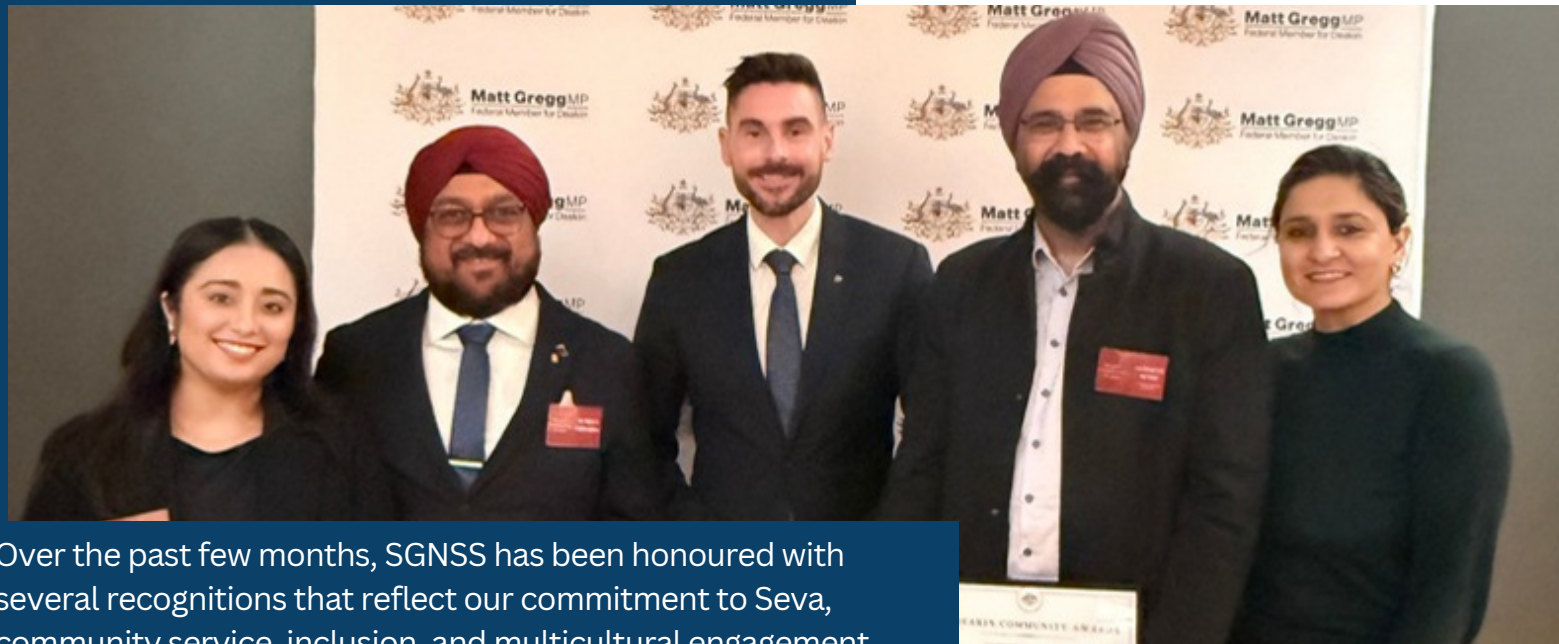
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Over the past few months, SGNSS has been honoured with several recognitions that reflect our commitment to Seva, community service, inclusion, and multicultural engagement.

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- Appreciation Certificate from Deakin School for
 - Recognising SGNSS's ongoing support and community partnership through Langar Seva and engagement with students and staff.
- Volunteer Recognition Award from Gabriel Ng MP, Federal Member for Menzies
- Volunteer Award from Matt Gregg MP, Federal Member for Deakin for
 - Inclusion and Multiculturalism
 - Promoting diversity, and bringing communities together
- Recognition from the AFL for multicultural engagement

- Chairman's Message
- Recognition & Achievements
- Blackburn Building Update
- Hoppers Crossing Update
- KPS Update
- Community Updates
- Volunteer Opportunities
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These recognitions are a testament to the dedication of our volunteers and the spirit of Seva that continues to inspire SGNSS.

The Management Committee sincerely thanks all volunteers and members of the Sangat for their ongoing support.



Recognition & Achievements

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Blackburn Building Update



With the blessings of Waheguru Ji, the Blackburn Gurdwara Sahib's redevelopment and extension project has made significant progress over the past six months. Following the appointment of our new builder, extensive structural, fire safety, and building services upgrades have been completed to ensure the facility meets modern safety and compliance standards.

The transformation is now clearly visible, with the installation of the new façade glazing, passenger lift, upgraded electrical and mechanical services, and major internal renovations well underway. The old Langar Hall is being completely refurbished with new flooring, roof upgrades, and central air conditioning, while the Main Darbar Hall, Small Darbar Hall, Sukhasan Room, and Rumala Room are being refreshed with new paint and carpets.

Over the coming weeks, work will continue on internal finishes, external landscaping, and the installation of the Gurdwara domes, bringing a fresh new look to our Gurdwara Sahib.

The Management Committee sincerely thanks the Sangat for your patience, understanding, and continued support as we work towards delivering a safe, modern, and welcoming Gurdwara for generations to come.

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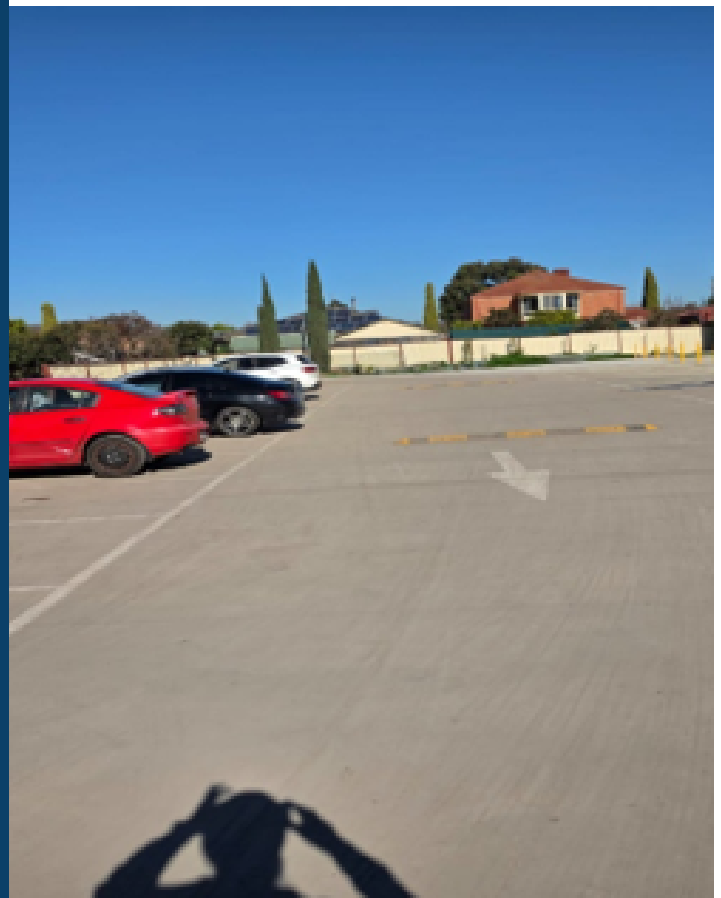


Building Update

- Wyndham City Council voted to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit, with support from the majority of Councillors.
- Following the public notification period, the planning application has been referred to VCAT for consideration after objections were received.
- SGNSS has appointed experienced legal and planning professionals to represent Gurdwara Sahib throughout the VCAT process.
- Discussions with all parties are continuing, with the aim of resolving outstanding matters and progressing the project.
- Planning for the next stage is already underway, including the appointment of design and technical consultants, so work can commence as soon as the planning permit is finalised.

HC Update

- With the blessings of Waheguru Ji, SGNSS has reached another significant milestone with the acquisition of 393 Sayers Road, Hoppers Crossing, for A\$2,407,000. The 4,000 sqm property will support future growth and provide additional facilities during the construction of new buildings.
- The rear section of 417 Sayers Road has been concreted, with approximately 35 marked parking bays and a dedicated loading bay for Sangat members to drop off larger Langar donations safely. This improvement will help maximise the use of the space during GURPURAB celebrations and other community events.



Hoppers Crossing Update
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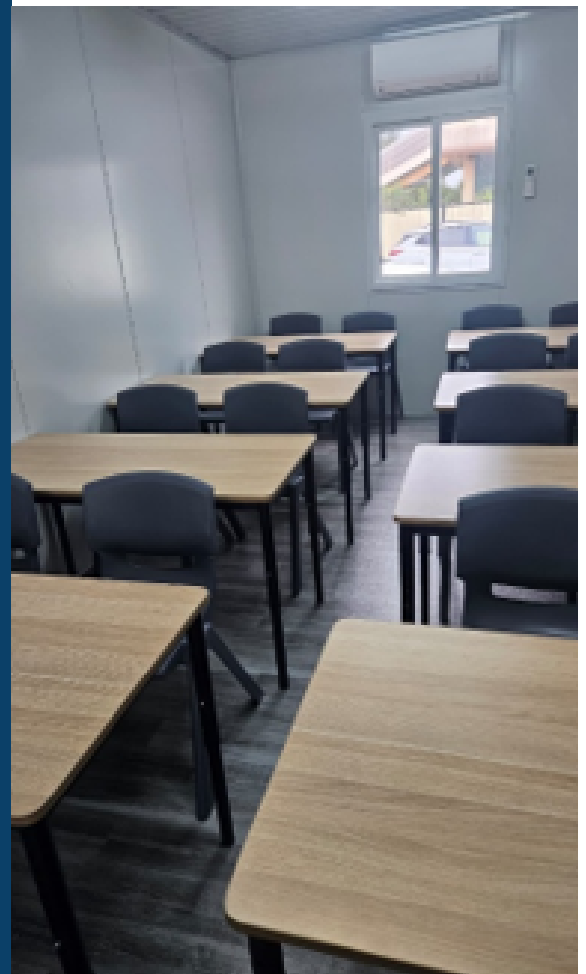


Together, we continue to build a stronger future for our children, our language, and our community.

KPS Upgrades

We are pleased to share another milestone in the growth of Khalsa Punjabi School Hoppers Crossing, with the completion of three new portable classrooms, providing students with modern, comfortable learning facilities.

- The school has also invested in 30 new classroom tables and 60 student chairs, along with improved facilities including reverse-cycle air conditioning, energy-efficient LED lighting, and provisions for future digital learning technologies.
- These improvements reflect SGNSS's ongoing commitment to promoting Punjabi language, Sikh history, culture, and values while providing a positive learning environment for future generations.
- The SGNSS Management Committee sincerely thanks all volunteers, parents, donors, and members of the Sangat whose dedication and support have made these achievements possible.



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Membership Renewal

If you have not yet renewed your membership, you can still complete your renewal by following the steps below.

- Transfer the membership fees of \$20 per member to the below bank account: - Account Name: Sri Guru Nanak Satsang Sabha BSB: 083091 Account Number: 515193630
- Use your membership number as payment reference
- Email the receipt to membership@gurdwarablackburn.com.au

Financial Update

SGNSS financial statements for the past five years are now available on the Gurdwara Sahib website for the Sangat's information and transparency.

As part of our ongoing open-door policy, the Treasurer will be available in the office from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on 30 August, 13 September, and 25 October 2026 to answer members' queries regarding the financial statements.

General Updates

- SGNSS policies are now available on the Gurdwara Sahib website.
- Financial statements for the past five years are available on the Gurdwara Sahib website.
- Follow our new Instagram page to stay updated with the latest news and events.
- Turban and Patka Tying Workshops are held every Wednesday at the Gurdwara Sahib.
- Khalsa Youth Program is held once a month on Friday evenings.

Academic Excellence



Congratulations to Giani Surinder Singh Ji of Hoppers Crossing Gurdwara on receiving the Gold Medal for completing a Master of Sanskrit.

General Updates
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We are seeking volunteers to join several important sub-committees. This is a wonderful opportunity to use your skills and experience in the service of the Sangat (Seva).

Grievance Sub-Committee

SGNSS is establishing a Grievance Sub-Committee to assist in mediating disputes within the Sangat and the broader community. We encourage members with strong communication skills, mediation experience, legal knowledge, or other relevant expertise to express their interest.

Constitution Amendments Sub-Committee

Help shape the future of SGNSS by contributing to the review and improvement of our Constitution. We welcome members with experience in governance, legal matters, policy development, or project management to be part of this important initiative.

Maintenance Sub-Committee

As we approach the completion of our exciting renovation project and prepare to open the new wing, we are looking for volunteers to help maintain and enhance our Gurdwara facilities. If you have practical maintenance skills, trade experience, or simply enjoy hands-on Seva, we would love to hear from you.

When submitting your interest, please include:

- Your full name and contact details
- The Sub-Committee you would like to join
- A brief overview of your skills, experience, or interest in contributing to that area
- Any relevant background that may assist the Sub-Committee

We encourage all members of the Sangat to come forward and participate in Seva. Your time, skills, and commitment can make a meaningful contribution to the continued growth and success of SGNSS.



Volunteers for Sub-Committees

If you would like to contribute to the Sangat and join one of these sub-committees, please send your expression of interest to Chairman@gurdwarablackburn.com.au by 30 August 2026.





Transparency & Open Communication

- SGNSS remains committed to open, transparent and accountable governance.
- Important financial and governance information is made available to the Sangat through official channels.
- Members are welcome to seek clarification and engage directly with the Management

Building Projects – Sangat Support

The continued development of both Gurdwaras is supported by the generosity and seva of the Sangat. Sangat wishing to contribute can do so through the dedicated accounts below. Every contribution helps build our shared spiritual home for future generations.

Gurdwara Blackburn Sahib

BSB: 083-004 | Account No: 886671347

Gurdwara Hoppers Crossing Sahib

BSB: 083-004 | Account No: 752018967

Transparency and Good Governance

SGNSS is committed to the highest standards of transparency, accountability, and good governance. Many important documents, including financial statements, annual reports, AGM minutes, and other governance information, are available to members through our official communication channels and the Gurdwara website.

From time to time, members of the Sangat may receive information or enquiries from various sources regarding the affairs of SGNSS. We encourage everyone to verify information through official SGNSS channels and to approach the Management Committee directly if they have any questions or require clarification.

As part of our commitment to transparency and open communication, SGNSS follows an open door policy where members of the Sangat are welcome to seek clarification and discuss matters relating to the Gurdwara's operations and finances.

The Treasurer had designated specific days and times during the previous quarter when members could meet and discuss any financial matters, and this initiative will continue during the current quarter. Members are encouraged to refer to the Financial Update section for the available dates and times.

As we enter the final stages of our major building projects, we remain focused on delivering these important milestones for the benefit of the entire Sangat. We sincerely thank the community for its continued trust, support, and commitment to Seva.