



UNITED INDIAN ASSOCIATIONS Inc.

Incorporation No: Y 2133 744

PO Box 9682, Harris Park NSW 2150 Australia

www.uia.org.au

Over 25 years of Community Service



President

Dr. Sunil Vyas

president@uia.org.au

Vice President

Mr. Dave Passi

vicepresident@uia.org.au

Secretary

Mr. Satish Bhadranna

secretary@uia.org.au

Joint Secretary

Ms. Dimple Jani

jt.secretary@uia.org.au

Treasurer

**Mr. Onkaraswamy
Goppenalli**

treasurer@uia.org.au

Joint Treasurer

Mr. Kiran Desai

jt.treasurer@uia.org.au

Public Officer

Mr. Vijaykumar Halagali

publicofficer@uia.org.au

Honorary Legal Adviser

Mr. Mohan Sundar

Sunlegal-Blacktown

mohan@sunlegal.com.au

Member Associations:

- Australian Indian Medical Graduates Association.Inc
- Basava Samithi Australasia. Inc
- Bengali Assn. of NSW Inc.
- Gujarati Samaj of NSW
- India Sports Club Inc.
- Indian Senior Group Hornsby
- ICSOA
- Marathi Assn. Sydney Inc.
- PB Group
- Sandalwood Arts & Entertainment. Inc.
- Sydney Kannada Sangha Inc.
- Sydney Malayalee Assn. Inc.
- Sydney Sindhi Assn. Inc
- Sydney Tamil Manram
- Telugu Association Inc.

UIA Media Release

Date : 29-01-2021

United Indian Associations Inc (UIA) held its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 6th December 2020 at Wenty Leagues Club. Election of a new Executive Committee and Office Bearers was carried out under supervision and Chairmanship of UIA Legal Advisor Mr Mohan Sundar.

The following were declared duly elected by the Returning Officer:

President: Dr Sunil Vyas	(Australian Indian Medical Graduates Association AIMGA)
Vice-President: Dave Passi	(Indian Senior Group Hornsby)
Secretary: Satish Bhadranna	(Basava Samithi Australasia)
Joint Secretary: Ms Dimple Jani	(Sydney Sindhi Association)
Treasurer: Mr Onkaraswamy Goppanahalli	(Sydney Kannada Sangha)
Joint Treasurer: Mr Kiran Desai	(India Sports Club)

AGM unanimously appointed the following:

Public Officer: Mr Vijaykumar Halagali (Sydney Kannada Sangha)

Honorary Legal Advisor: Mr Mohan Sundar (Sun Legal Blacktown)

Dr Sunil Vyas: President



A long-term Specialist General Practitioner in South-West Sydney, Sunil has also been involved in community service over many years. Born and brought up in Kenya, educated in the UK and finally settling in Australia, Sunil is very proud to be a member of the multicultural fabric of Australia and combines it with great passion and love for India - his nation of origin and heritage.

Amongst various leadership roles, Sunil has been a three-term President of Australian Indian Medical Graduates Association (AIMGA) and a two-term President of Gujarati Brahman Samaj of NSW (GBSON) through which he has had the pleasure of being able to carry out various philanthropic activities outside of medicine. Apart from direct medical work he also enjoys teaching future doctors.

UIA is a respected body serving the community for over 25 years and Sunil is very humbled to have been elected as President and looks forward to working with a very talented Executive for the further progress of UIA and the Indian-Australian community.



UNITED INDIAN ASSOCIATIONS Inc.

Incorporation No: Y 2133 744

PO Box 9682, Harris Park NSW 2150 Australia

www.uia.org.au

Over 25 years of Community Service



Mr Dave Passi JP: Vice President



Dave Passi has been a passionate worker for community since his immigration to Australia in 1972. He established an Ethnic School teaching Punjabi to children in seventies and eighties during the weekends. Dave started SBS Radio Punjabi program as a broadcaster between seventies and nineties and forked for 9 years. During his long years, Dave had been helping the community by volunteering for Red Cross, Crestwood Fair, Australia Paralympic and True Blessings, etc. He had been serving UIA as Secretary and Joint Secretary for 4 years. Dave still has been serving the Indian Seniors Group Hornsby as a President for the last 11 years.

Mr. Satish Bhadranna: Secretary



Satish Bhadranna is a community volunteer with metacognition skills serving the Indian community through various organisations holding both Executive and non-Executive positions.

Satish helped many victims of domestic violence by guiding them regarding counselling support services provided by the Government and various agencies. Many women/victims of domestic violence and victims of crimes were helped to get crisis accommodation services, legal services and referral to other support services.

Satish has been instrumental in bridging the gap between the newly arrived migrant Indian community and Australian community by organising various settlement seminars through UIA and BSOA.

Satish had been re-elected as a secretary of UIA and he is thankful to the members of UIA for believing in him and once again providing him an opportunity to serve the community.

Ms Dimple Jani: Joint Secretary



Apart from being a professional Control Systems Engineer and an Entrepreneur, Dimple takes great pride in her cultural roots. To fulfil her desire to serve and support the progress of her community, she has been involved in voluntary service with Sydney Sindhi Association and Harman Foundation.

Dimple is inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's maxim "be the change you want to see in the world". With that vision in mind, and to serve the community on a wider scale, she is excited to have been elected to the Executive Committee of UIA as Joint Secretary.

Mr Onkaraswamy Goppanahalli: Treasurer



Mr Goppanahalli is an IT Professional who has been involved in community service in various ways and capacities for over 30 years.

Founder Member of Sydney Kannada Sangha Inc (SKS) and previous 2 term President.

Founder Member of Basava Samithi of Australasia Inc (BSOA) and past President. Vice-President of Veerashaiva Samaja of Asia-Pacific Inc (VSAP)

Served as GC member for UIA 2 years and has actively supported many different UIA teams over many years for various events and also produced UIA's Annual Souvenir for 7 years.



UNITED INDIAN ASSOCIATIONS Inc.

Incorporation No: Y 2133 744

PO Box 9682, Harris Park NSW 2150 Australia

www.uia.org.au

Over 25 years of Community Service



Executive Producer of Chandana Community TV for over 8 years. Involved in SBS Kannada Radio broadcasting over 15 years. Over more than 15 years Mr Goppanahalli has been supporting Australian Indian Medical Graduates Association (AIMGA) as Executive Administration Officer with his expertise in IT, Administration and Community organisation management. As Treasurer and Governing Council Member, Mr Goppanahalli looks forward to serving UIA and taking it forward.

Mr Kiran Desai: Joint Treasurer



Kiran migrated to Australia in 2003 and is an Energy & Insurance Consultant to help Business reduce their energy needs. From his previous work in Mumbai, Kiran also brought a wealth of extensive experience in Media Production and Marketing. Soon after coming to Sydney, he used these talents to support community organisations and since 2005 he has helped UIA as well as other organisations with their media requirements.

With his commitment to community service he has also served on the Executive of the Gujarati Samaj of NSW as Executive Member from 2014 to 2018 and has also been active on the Governing Council of UIA.

His passion for our heritage has led to him organising many performances in Australia by renowned Artistes from overseas.

Kiran looks forward to further serving our Community by using his various talents for the benefit of UIA as Joint Treasurer on the Executive.

Mr Vijaykumar Halagali: Public Officer



In addition to his fulltime work in the manufacturing industry, Vijaykumar has been providing unstinting service to the community over the past 30 years in various roles.

He has been actively involved with UIA since its inception in 1994 and is a previous two-term Public Officer. Moreover, he has also served on its Governing Council and successfully run its India-Australia Friendship Fair as Co-ordinator for stall booking. Vijaykumar has also served on the Members Forum of Ethnic Communities Council of NSW.

He is a past as well as the current President of Sydney Kannada Sangha (SKS) and has also undertaken various other Executive roles for it.

Vijaykumar is a Founder Member of Basava Samithi of Australasia and has previously served as President for four years. Additionally, he is also a Founder Member of Veerashaiva Samaja of Asia-Pacific (VSAP) and is its current Public Officer.

Vijaykumar's diverse community activities also include serving on the National Committee of Hindu Council of Australia. With his passion for a clean environment, he has co-ordinated and led Clean Up Australia Day activities for over 15 years. Vijaykumar was presented a plaque at the 2018 Deepavali Fair by Prime Minister Morrison for "Excellence in Community Work".

Vijaykumar looks forward to serving the community as UIA Public Officer. Not surprisingly, his many years expertise in constitutional matters and running of community organisations should be of immense benefit for UIA.



UNITED INDIAN ASSOCIATIONS Inc.

Incorporation No: Y 2133 744

PO Box 9682, Harris Park NSW 2150 Australia

www.uia.org.au

Over 25 years of Community Service



Mr. Mohan Sundar: Legal Advisor



The Annual General Meeting of UJA unanimously requested Mr Mohan Sundar to continue to act as UJA's Honorary Legal Advisor and he kindly consented to do so. Mr Sundar is a Solicitor and Migration Consultant and Founder Principal at Sun Legal Blacktown. In spite of his very demanding and responsible commitments at work, Mr Sundar has not only provided pro bono help to victims of domestic violence but also over many years he has always given freely of his time and professional expertise to UJA whenever called upon to do so.

His generous support to UJA also includes sponsorships over many years for many of UJA's major events. Not forgetting his heritage, Mr Sundar has over the years promoted Indian art forms and languages for the benefit of the contemporary society.

UJA is very privileged to have a person of Mr Sundar's high repute who is recognised both professionally and for philanthropic service agree to be its Honorary Legal Advisor.

UJA Team 2020-2022



UJA AGM 6-12-2020



www.uia.org.au