



## ARYA PRATINIDHI SABHA QLD

### What to lookout for in 2019:

- Holi celebration
- Ram Naumi celebration
- Gayatri Maha Yag
- Musical Night
- Diwali celebrations

Please keep checking our newsletter for more updates and programs

### Welcome to 2019...

#### Namaste everyone

Welcome to 2019. As usual we have another busy year ahead of us. Our calendar will soon fill up with various vedic activities and events. Support and love we have been getting from all of you has been tremendous. Hoping for the same as we continue our journey of spreading vedic knowledge.

But before we go any further into 2019, lets take a look at the rear-view mirror and see what memories 2018 leaves behind.

### Look back at 2018

Much like every year 2018 started with the same hype around New Year. It was time for most of us to renew resolutions from previous years for personal achievements of wealth and health. However, we at Arya Pratinidhi Sabha Queensland had some very ambitious targets to meet this year. We will be hosting Arya Mahasammellan later in the year and preparations had already started. Our community hall project was also at the construction phase.

We needed all the support we would get from our members and the wider community. We got that in abundance. Every project and event on our 2018 calendar was successfully completed. Here is how it all unfolded.

### Bhawan Nirman Yag (Foundation Laying)

Construction phase of our community hall started with Bhawan Nirman yag. Hawan ceremony was conducted by our purohit mandal according to vedic rituals. As tradition dictates all our projects and events are inaugurated with hawan ceremony.

A project of such significance could never have been an exception. A grand hawan ceremony was performed at the very location where our halls stands today.

All members of APSQ participated with our friends and well wishers from the wider community.



### Holi Celebration



Holi festival was celebrated in the usual jubilant style. It was a time to colour up our monotonous daily routine.

All members participated in the festivities. Our friends from around Brisbane also joined us for celebrations and folklore holi songs.

As usual Lalta Prasad ji's songs were a super hit.



### Hall Construction

Our much awaited project of hall construction has now reached the construction stage. It has been quite a journey to get here. Raising funds, getting building approvals, organising every other details for the mammoth task that was to begin. This would arguably be the biggest project in APSQ's short history.

Our members and friends from around Brisbane donated their time effort and funds to make this a reality. We worked numerous weekends, odd hours and all hours of the day. Support was great for an even greater cause. Much of the construction work was done with volunteer help. We also hosted our annual Gayatri Maha yag in the semi completed hall.

Finally the hall was ready for its grand opening at the end of June. As per vedic rituals this was done with hawan ceremony and ved prachaar. Archarya Prabha Mitra ji from India helped us with the rituals.



### Musical Night and Diwali Celebrations

We also had our annual fundraiser musical night. This is a favourite amongst our local community. Performances from talented local musicians who have always helped us with their talent and time over the last few years. This event was enjoyed by all that attended.

Diwali celebrations were also held in the usual high spirits. This year we celebrated Diwali for the first time in our newly built community hall. Councillors, state MPs and other local leaders from our community attended the event to celebrate Diwali with us. Again a very relaxed and social celebration for all that attended.

Flags were also hoisted for the first time at our community hall on this day. We proudly fly the flags of Australia and Arya Samaj. This commemorates the pride we place in being an Australian and Aryan.

Councillor Steve Griffiths also lit the ceremonial Diwali lamp symbolic for knowledge and enlightenment.





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### Arya Mahasammellan

Arya mahasammellan was the biggest event of the year and possibly the biggest event that APSQ has ever hosted. Mahasammellan is a congregation of vedic scholars and followers from across the globe. We hosted visitors from interstate and overseas for a 3 day gathering.



As one would imagine an event of such magnitude require meticulous planning, administration and operation. This was very well managed by our hard working members and again our friends from around Brisbane.

Archarya Satish Prakash ji and Archarya Sanat Kumar ji imparted their knowledge over the course of 3 days covering various

topics that were so relevant to our daily lives. Most of their sessions were live streamed to our Facebook page and it averaged 2000 viewers per session (Please like/follow our Facebook page so you can be part of future events as well. Search "Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Queensland").

Youth participation was heavily promoted during mahasammellan and it was very encouraging to see it succeed. Youths participated in a number of activities including



yag, speeches, drama, debates and sports.

Overall it was a very successful event that was made possible by everyone's support.

## Thank You

Once again thanks a lot for being part of our Arya family. For being our friend and well wisher. You have made 2018 a success and everything that happened in it. We hope for all the support again for 2019 and we are certain that you will never disappoint us.

Please help us spread the word of vedas to as many individuals as possible. Help us tread the path that Maharishi Dayanand paved for us. Please help us thrive and succeed with our endeavours of 2019.

