

World Goa Day 2014 celebrated in Sydney Australia 17/8/2014
“GOA – a land of pristine beaches”



The Goan Overseas Association (GOA) NSW celebrated Goa and all things Goan with its annual WORLD GOA DAY event on Sunday, 17 August 2014, at St Benedict’s Church Hall, Smithfield.

The GOA NSW has been organising this event since 2006 to focus on our rich cultural heritage, our beautiful Konkani language, to unite the community and for a few hours on this special day, reminisce all things GOAN with good food and music.

This year was spectacular as Mother Nature also came to the party and provided the attendees with typical Goan monsoon showers. The showers did not dampen the true Goan spirit and there was a house full of over 450 young and old enjoying the many culinary delights and music.

Authentic Goan food will coax a Goan to travel many a mile and a record of 11 speciality food stalls wetted the taste buds of every attendee with delicacies like Sorpotel , Chorice Pao , Recheado Bangdo, Alle Belle, Goa Sausages, Bebinca, Doce and Dodol. It was a foodie’s delight.



The theme this year was “GOA – a land of pristine Beaches” with each stall holder assigned an aptly named, famous Goan beach. This transported many people to their childhood days with walks along Calangute, Baga, Anjuna, Colva, Dona Paula to eat some traditional Goan food. The smiles on the faces said it all !



Music is in the blood of every Goan and excellent entertainment was provided by Malcolm Britto and our very own Roy Rosario of Margao fame. The Mandos , Dekhnis and other Konkani songs had everyone toe tapping, getting up to dance or simply making you feel you were at a beach in Goa, Feni in hand, palms swaying enjoying the Goan music. The “open mic” day drew a number of X-Factor contestants who gave the community a few good old favourites – Well done!

What would a World Goa day be without the traditional BINGO & RAFFLE. The Bingo had everyone participating with the usual – “anyone sweating” and “false alarms”. The full house was won by 92 year old Rita who proved that you are never too old to attend a Goan event and be a winner at the same time. Hats off to Rita!!!

The festivities of World Goan Day can be viewed on www.facebook.com/GOA.NSW.Australia or on <http://www.goansw.org/> a great time was had by all, during those few hours the attendees were transported back to Goa experiencing authentic food, traditional music and a flutter thrown in for good measure.



A whopping BIG Goan Thank you – Deu Boren Korum to all our stall holders, volunteers, committee members , Malcolm Britto and the many nameless who just put up a hand to help, without who this event would not have been possible.

Viva Goa! Proud to be Goan!

World Goa Day Team 2014

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